



Student Handbook

225 East Court St. - Marion, NC 28752

**It is required of every student to have a signed copy of this form on file with the school office. Forms must be returned to the office within one week of admission into the school or one week after school starts. Each student of the same family may sign one form.

By signing the bottom of this page, I realize that I am agreeing with all that follows:

- I have read and understand the handbook in its entirety.
- I understand the rules, policies, and statement of faith stated therein and that I and my child are expected to be in compliance with them all.
- If I disagree with how my child was treated, I have the right to meet with the administration regarding the matter.
- The contents of this handbook are to be used as a guide. It does not pretend to be a complete statement of philosophy, rules or standards. The administration reserves the right to determine acceptable actions, behavior and conduct as well as the punishment for actions, behavior and conduct.
- If mine or my child's lifestyle choices fall outside of the parameters of New Manna Baptist Church or New Manna Christian School, the administration has the right to determine acceptable punishment.
- If I find I cannot cooperate with the school in its dealings with my child, I will withdraw my child quietly and in a timely manner

Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

Dear Parents and Students,

We feel that since the Bible commands us to train our children in “the way they should go”, that we as parents will be responsible for what we allow our children to be taught. In the past, the public school system, founded on Christian principles, could be trusted to properly train our children. However, the spread of evolution, the removal of prayer and the Ten Commandments, and the continual infiltration of sin into our public schools has led to the need for churches to take on the task of educating our children. In this spirit, New Manna Christian School was started. Our goal is to provide a quality, God-centered atmosphere in which students will be given a first rate education.

We at NMCS greatly desire your support for our school, especially in prayer. Remember, “Only one life will soon be passed. Only what’s done for Christ will last.”

Serving the Lord with gladness,

Anthony Shirley, Administrator

Lam. 3:22

INTRODUCTION

School Verse:

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6

School Motto:

“Striving for Excellence”

Mission Statement:

Our mission is to partner with New Manna Baptist Church in assisting parents as they fulfill the biblical command to “train up a child...” by providing academic excellence and the spiritual guidance that will prepare each student to be a fruitful Christian and a productive citizen in the 21st century!!!

“Doctrinal Statement of New Manna Baptist Church of Marion, Inc.”

Bible:

We believe that the Bible (the Authorized 1611 Kings James Version) is the complete revelation from God and its contents are verbally inspired. Holy men of God, qualified by the leadership of the Holy Spirit, wrote in obedience to the divine command, and were kept from all error, so that the Bible can actually be classified as the very Word of God, and the books of the Bible are of divine origin and authority. As the result of believing this, we also believe what the Bible teaches about doctrine, history, prophecy, and stewardship. We believe the plenary or full inspiration of the Word of God and it is our source of faith and practice. It is the final authority in all spiritual matter.

God:

We believe that God is supreme in His person, eternal in His being, absolute in His attributes, glorious in His perfection, and sovereign in His will. God is clearly distinguished from things which have no life, He is a person. God is the creator of man and the universe and upholds all things by the word of His power. We believe also, in the Trinity. The Father is the fullness of the Godhead invisible; the Son is the fullness of the God manifested; and the Spirit is the fullness of the Godhead in His executive agency. God in His person possesses Omniscience, Omnipotence, Omnipresence, and Immutability.

Jesus Christ:

We believe that Jesus Christ is God manifested in the flesh, eternal in His existence, creative in His might, and life-giving in His power. He was born of a virgin, sinless in His life, vicarious in His death, powerful in His resurrection, and glorious in His coming. Divine worship is ascribed to Him and divine attributes are possessed by Him. We believe that He is now exercising His high priestly work and He is soon coming. We believe in the pre-tribulation rapture of the church and the pre-millennial coming of Christ.

Holy Spirit:

We believe that Christians receive the Holy Spirit at salvation and He is their constant source of strength and power. The Holy Spirit possesses the attributes and deity of God, so He is God. We believe the Holy Spirit convicts and regenerates the sinner to salvation; He also indwells the believer as the means of assurance, power, wisdom; He

guides the believer in his life and anoints him for service. We believe that the Holy Spirit possesses the characteristic of personality, so He is a person. The Bible refers to Him as a person and not merely an influence.

Fall of Man:

We believe that man was created in the image of God and by his own choice and willful decision fell into sin. By this act, he became a sinner and was put under the condemnation of God. He was severed from the life of God and became spiritually dead. Man is now totally depraved and does not possess any qualities whereby he might reconcile himself to God or save himself.

Salvation of Sinners:

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace. The lost person does not possess any means of saving himself. God has provided a way through the death of Christ to save sinners. He is saved by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Man is quickened by the new birth to a position of justification before God which consists of the forgiveness of sins and the removal of its guilt and punishment. Through this he is reconciled to God and made a new creature in Christ Jesus.

Freeness of Salvation:

We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to sinners by the gospel. We believe that the Bible teaches a "who-so-ever will" salvation and nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner but the voluntary rejection of the gospel.

Security of the Believers:

We believe that those who believe and receive Jesus Christ as Savior are eternally secure. We are now in possession of eternal life and shall never be in danger of condemnation or the loss of our salvation. This assurance rests on the finished work of Christ which places us as a son of God in our relationship.

Doctrine of the Church:

We believe that the visible church is a congregation of baptized believers, practicing New Testament principles, believing its doctrines, observing its ordinances, and exercising its autonomy. We believe that it is the responsibility of the local church to propagate the gospel to the world. Every church and Christian should have a part in this ministry.

Heaven and Hell:

We believe that every person is a soul of eternal duration. Therefore, heaven is a place of eternal happiness for those who are saved by the grace of God. It is a place of God's preparation for His people. Those who refuse God's grace and remain in their lost condition are punished in an eternal hell forever.

Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality:

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Gen 1:26-27.) Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person. We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Gen 2:18-25.) We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (1 Cor 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb 13:4.) We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of sexual immorality (*including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior,*

bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. (Matt 15:18-20; 1 Cor 6:9-10.) We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of the New Manna Baptist Church of Marion, Inc. as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the New Manna Baptist Church of Marion, Inc. members and the community. It is imperative that all persons employed by New Manna Baptist Church of Marion, Inc. in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality. (Phil 2:14-16; 1 Thess 5:22.) We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. (Acts 3:19; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 6:9-11.) We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31.) Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of the New Manna Baptist Church of Marion, Inc.

Sanctity of Human Life

We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life. (Ps 139.)

Core Values:

Obedience (I Samuel 15:22); Wisdom (Proverbs 4:5-8); Service (Mark 10:44); Separation (II Corinthians 6:17);

Honesty (Psalm 15:1-2); Balance (Proverbs 11:1)

A. HISTORY

New Manna Christian School was founded in 1995 as a ministry of New Manna Baptist Church. The Lord's hand has continually been upon this school throughout the years as we ever strive to make improvements in all areas. NMCS has K3 thru 12th grade classes as well as a full sports program including basketball, baseball, softball and volleyball.

B. RELATIONSHIP OF THE SCHOOL TO THE CHURCH

New Manna Christian School is a ministry of New Manna Baptist Church. The school belongs to the church. This means that the pastor of the church, Bro. Tony Shirley, is ultimately responsible for the school. This also means that the principal, teachers and other staff members of the school are, in reality, employees of the church.

C. STAFF

- Administrator: Bro. Tony Shirley
- Principal: Mr. Aaron Wagner
- Office: Louann Styles, Miranda McDaniel
- Teachers will be introduced and their qualifications given on orientation night before the beginning of the school year.

ADMISSION INFORMATION

School office: 828-652-7729

A. STATEMENT OF ADMISSION POLICY

Selection of students is based upon achievement, standardized testing results, interview with the administration, available space in that particular classroom and with prayerful consideration. New Manna Christian School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. The church and school have a racially nondiscriminatory policy and, therefore, shall not discriminate against members, applicants, students and others on the basis of race, color or national or ethnic origin.

B. ADMISSION PROCEDURE

- Application is submitted to the office.
- Application and transcripts are reviewed. The student may be placed on a waiting list, depending on available space in a particular classroom.
- Students between the grade levels of 7-12 are interviewed by the administration.
- If your son/daughter has been accepted, you will be contacted by phone.

C. ENROLLMENT

Returning students may pre-register as early as May in order to guarantee that they will have a spot for next year. This early enrollment period gives priority to current NMCS students before enrollment is open to the public. New students will be provided the opportunity to register for enrollment in June. Information concerning registration fees and other enrollment materials may be secured from the NMCS office.

D. TUITION AND OTHER FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- Call the school for tuition amounts.
- Registration is \$120 per year. It is paid in two installments of \$60, one each semester.
- Tuition is due on the first of the month. If payment has not been received by the 15th of the month, a \$10 late fee will be added to your account balance. A late notice will be mailed to your home. If payment has not been received by the 20th, another letter is sent home. If by the 25th, the payment still has not been made, a verbal warning will be made by phone. **IF PAYMENT IS NOT RECEIVED BY THE END OF THE MONTH, THE STUDENT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO CLASS.**

E. FEES

The student will be required to pay for their books as well as any supplies that may be required by the individual teacher. Fees will vary based on the grade of the student.

WITHDRAWAL POLICIES

Withdrawal from the school must be made through the school office. Tuition continues until the office is informed of the withdrawal. It is the policy of NMCS not to issue report cards or records if an account is not current. Likewise, NMCS has the right to ask any student to withdraw, again with notice. **However, a student may be expelled or suspended without notice.** Decisions in these matters are the full and sole responsibility of the administration.

GENERAL POLICIES

A. CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Church attendance is not a requirement for a student to attend New Manna Christian School. However, we want it to be clear that our school is a Christian school which is owned and operated by an Independent Baptist church. Therefore, we will be emphasizing to your child the importance of faithful attendance to a Baptist church. We also greatly encourage the parents of our students to faithfully attend a Baptist church.

B. ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

- Elementary students arriving before 8:10 are to go to the gym. Kindergarten and 1st grade students are to be taken to the cafeteria. No one is allowed in the classrooms or hallways before 8:10. Horseplay or sports is not allowed at this time.
- Jr. high and high school students arriving before 8:10 are to report to the gym as well. They sit on the opposite side of the gym from the elementary students. Students are not to go to their classroom, loiter in the halls, stay outside in the parking lot, etc. They are to go directly to the gym.
- Students need to be picked up by 3:15. Teachers will be leaving at this time.
- Teachers are only required to be here from 7:45 until 3:15. **CHILDREN LEFT BEFORE OR AFTER THIS TIME WILL BE UNSUPERVISED!**

C. ABSENCES

Regular attendance is essential to successful class work. A pupil who is absent must bring a written excuse from his/her parent or guardian to the office. This statement should be on a full sheet of paper and should list the date of the absence and the reason for the absence.

Grades K5 – 6th: A maximum of 25 absences per year are allowed for elementary students. More than 25 absences could result in the student being retained in that grade. Any absence over 25 days will have to be made up after school. Each absence will require 4 hours of make-up time. The cost is \$10.00 per hour and there is a 4 hour minimum. This fee will have to be paid BEFORE the student will be allowed to stay.

Grades 7 – 12th: A maximum of 10 absences per semester are allowed for 7th-12th grade. If any of the total absences are unexcused, every absence over 10 days must be made up. Each absence (over 10) will require 4 hours of make-up time. The cost is \$10.00 per hour and there is a 4 hour minimum. This fee will have to be paid BEFORE the student will be allowed to stay. Because of the Junior High/High School schedule, a student may have more absences or partial attendance in a specific class period. . If a student has more than 10 days missed in a given class due to early dismissal or absence, the student will lose credit in that class for the semester and these will also need to be made up after school with the same fees.

D. ABSENCES EXCUSED

***Excused absences will not be granted without written notes from parents. Any sickness requiring a student to miss multiple days of school will also require a doctor's note. Excused notes need to be turned in no later than one week after the absence.**

The following shall constitute valid excuses for being absent for a part or all of a day. This is providing satisfactory evidence of the excuse is provided to the school office.

- Illness or injury
- Death of immediate family member
- Sickness; student must be free of a fever for at least 24 hours before returning to school. **(We will require students with a fever to be picked up.)**
- Medical or dental appointment
- Court or administrative proceedings
- Educational opportunity with advance notice
- Inclement weather conditions agreed upon by administration
- Pre-approved family trip with the necessary form on file prior to absence.

E. ABSENCES UNEXCUSED

Any absence from school which is not listed in the absences excused section is classified as an unexcused absence. Absences do not exempt students from work assigned before their absence. For example, a spelling quiz is assigned at the beginning of the week for Friday. The student is absent on Thursday. Since the student was present when the assignment was given, the student will not be exempt from the quiz. **NOTE: STUDENTS WHO DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL ON A CLASS FIELD TRIP DAY WILL BE COUNTED ABSENT ON THAT DAY.**

F. SCHOOL INITIATED ABSENCES

Absences, which are school initiated and administratively approved, are coded as releases from class and are not counted toward the ten absences allowed per semester. School scheduled field trips, an athletic team's early dismissal for a game, etc., are examples of school initiated absences.

G. MAKE UP WORK

A student who is granted an excused absence will be responsible to arrange with his teachers to make up his work. A student will be given a total number of days to turn in his work which will be equal to the number of days absent plus one. For example, 1 day absent = 2 days to make up work. 2 days absent = 1st days work due by day 2 and 2nd days work due by day 3. **Remember, it is the student's responsibility to see that the work is done before the deadline expires, not the teacher's.** Parents calling the office to request assignments should do so before 9:30 a.m. These arrangements may then be picked up by 2:45p.m.

H. TARDIES TO SCHOOL

There is a scheduled 8:15 tardy bell that rings on a daily basis. Any student who is not in class by this bell will be counted tardy to school. Three tardies will count as one absence. This absence will count toward the maximum of 25 allowed for elementary and 10 per semester for 7th – 12th. Students who are tardy must get a tardy note.

I. TARDIES DEFINED FOR 7TH – 12TH GRADE

A. A student is tardy to school when they are not in homeroom by 8:15, as stated earlier. Every three tardies will equal 1 absence. This absence will count toward the 10 absences that you are allowed in the semester before losing credit. If the tardies are excused, the resulting absence will be excused. Conversely, unexcused tardies become unexcused absences.

B. A student is tardy to class when they do not make it from one class to the next before the bell rings.

J. EARLY DISMISSALS

Students needing an early dismissal from school because of medical or dental appointments should bring a note from their parents. Early dismissals for any reason must be approved in advance whenever possible. **Students should never leave school without written or verbal permission given to the school by the parents, and the school must give permission to the student.**

K. SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

ALL PROGRAMS, OUTINGS, CLASS PARTIES, SKITS AND ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES NOT SCHEDULED IN THE OFFICIAL SCHOOL CALENDAR ARE TO BE APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATION AT LEAST ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE.

- Musical selections should be consistent with the standards of our church music program. All music must be approved by the administration.
- Class parties are to be approved by the administration. Any students wanting to bring other students a birthday cake may do so during regular lunch period.
- Birthday parties must be arranged with your child's teacher in advance.

L. TELEPHONE USAGE

Students needing to make phone calls must first get permission from their teacher. Then, they must have permission from office staff.

M. STUDENT VEHICLES

Students who drive to school should remember that many young people are in the parking lot before and after school. Therefore, please use extreme caution while driving on the school grounds. In addition, the following guidelines will have to be observed at all times.

- All students must park in the designated student parking lot.
- The pedestrian always has the right of way.

- Reckless driving will not be tolerated. (This includes all school activities.)
- Students are not allowed to go to their vehicles during school hours without permission from the office.
- Lock doors and leave vehicle immediately upon arrival.
- No one is to leave the school grounds without permission from their parents and the school office. This includes before, during and after school.
- School speed limit is 10 mph.
- The penalties for breaking the vehicle guidelines are listed on a later page.

N. PARENT VISITS

When parents wish to visit a classroom for any reason, they are asked to notify the administration in advance and to sign in at the office.

O. VISITORS

ANY PERSON WHO ENTERS THE BUILDING THAT IS NOT A STAFF MEMBER OR STUDENT, must go directly to the office upon entering and receive a badge which will have your name and your picture on it. If you are seen on the property without this ID, you will be asked to return to the office to take care of it. NMCS students may bring visitors to school on the following conditions:

- Permission must be secured from the administration one day in advance. This includes visitors for lunch.
- The visitor must sign in at the office.
- Each visitor must abide by all the school rules as to conduct.
- Visitors will not be permitted during exams in 7th – 12th grade.

P. ACADEMICS

Below is a classification of students for academic purposes:

- Elementary grades 1st – 3rd: A student who receives a grade of “F” in math or reading, or a “D” in both as a final average for the year, **WILL NOT BE PROMOTED TO THE NEXT GRADE.**
- Elementary grades 4th – 6th : A student who earns 2 grades of “F”, one “F” and 2 grades of “D” or four grades of “D” as final averages for the year in any academic subjects **WILL NOT BE PROMOTED TO THE NEXT GRADE.**
- Junior High grades 7th & 8th : Before a 7th or 8th grade student can advance to a higher grade, the following guidelines must be followed. The student must finish the year with at least a C- average. If a student fails two or more subjects, that student must take summer school before moving up to the next grade.
- High School grades 9th – 12th : Each course must be passed. Repeating the course, Summer School or being retained is determined on the individual’s accumulated credits and the required courses that are necessary to graduate.

Q. GRADING SCALE

The following grading scale is used in preparing report cards for the students of NMCS.

A+ (99 – 100); A (96 – 98); A- (93 – 95)

B+ (91 – 92); B (88 – 90); B- (85 – 87)

C+ (83 – 84); C (80 – 82); C- (77 – 79)

D+ (75 – 76); D (72 – 74); D- (70 – 71)

F (69 OR LOWER); I (INCOMPLETE); S+, S, S- (KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL)

R. PROGRESS REPORTS

K-5 through 12th grade will receive 5th week progress reports in each nine week grading period. Report cards will be given out at the end of each nine week grading period. These dates are listed on the school calendar. Teachers are always ready to meet with parents, (by appointment only), to discuss the student's progress.

S. CURRICULUM

The A Beka Book curriculum is our primary curriculum. It is traditional with a strong emphasis on phonics. The A Beka approach to Christian education keeps learning lively, interesting and memorable. We may from time to time incorporate other materials from Bob Jones University Press.

T. GRADUATION

The administration of NMCS schedules, organizes, and presents two graduation services. Both graduations are held in the auditorium of New Manna Baptist Church.

- Kindergarten: A graduation ceremony will be held for those students completing our Kindergarten program.
- 12th grade: The Friday evening ceremony will be held in the auditorium of New Manna Baptist Church. Diplomas will be presented at the conclusion of the graduation program.

U. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS – GENERAL

Before a student can graduate from NMCS, the following requirements must be met.

- School account must be current and graduation fees paid.
- All required courses must have been successfully completed.
- Students who lack more than two credits may not march in the commencement services.
- *****THESE REQUIREMENTS MAY CHANGE SLIGHTLY IF A STUDENT TRANSFERS TO NMCS DURING THEIR HIGH SCHOOL YEARS*****

V. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS – SPECIFIC

Before a student can graduate from NMCS the following courses must be successfully completed.

- Bible 1 unit per year
- English 4 credits
- Math(1 must be Algebra 1) 3 credits
- Science(Bio. 1 unit; A Physical Science 1 unit) 3 credits
- Social Studies (Gov. & Eco., US Hist., World Hist.) 4 credits (INCLUDES 8TH GRADE)
- Electives 6 credits
- ***These electives may include any additional courses such as math, science, etc. that is not necessary to fulfill requirements for graduation. Two foreign language credits are recommended for college entrance. These are included in the electives.***

W. STANDARD ACHIEVEMENT TESTING

NMCS has chosen the Iowa Assessment Test. The Iowa Assessment Test is used in Kindergarten through the 12th grade and provides measurements of a student's performance in the basic skills areas. Students are required to take the exam on scheduled dates. S.A.T. testing dates are posted on the school calendar. Parents are asked not to schedule vacations, doctor appointments, etc. on the dates that conflict with the exams.

X. VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN SELECTION

Selection of the valedictorian and salutarian is made on the basis of the cumulative grade point average beginning in the 9th grade and ending with last semester of the 12th grade. The senior with the highest cumulative GPA (a minimum of at least a 3.5) will be the valedictorian. The senior with the second highest GPA (at least a 3.0) will be the Salutarian of the graduating class.

Y. SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS

Teachers may plan a field trip for their class. Chaperones are expected to abide by the same standard of dress and conduct as the students.

Z. HOMEWORK

Homework is an integral part of the school program. Each teacher is at liberty to give homework to aid each student in their studies. **STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO COMPLETE HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS ON TIME.** Homework is not given on Wednesdays.

AA. ACADEMIC PROBATION

A student may be placed on academic probation for extremely low grades. This action will restrict a student's extracurricular activities in an effort to promote stronger study habits and the attainment of a higher grade average. **AN OVERALL AVERAGE OF "C" MUST BE MAINTAINED FOR A STUDENT TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR**

PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS. ALSO, A STUDENT WITH AN F OR TWO D'S IN ANY OF THE CORE CLASSES WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS.

BB. MERIT SYSTEM

The positive influence of many NMCS students is to be acknowledged and rewarded. The NMCS Merit System is a program administered to give exemplary students the recognition they justly deserve. Areas of merit are as follows.

- A Honor Roll (All grades are 93 and above.)
- A & B Honor Roll (All grades are 85 and above.)
- Perfect attendance

CC. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

NMCS students are encouraged to participate in extracurricular activities. Each year NMCS participates in interscholastic sports with other Christian schools. A varsity cheerleading squad is also offered. **STUDENTS WHO ARE ABSENT OR LEAVE BEFORE 6TH PERIOD ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT DAY'S EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. IF A STUDENT QUILTS A SPORT AFTER THE 2ND FULL WEEK OF PRACTICE, WITHOUT ORDERS FROM A DOCTOR TO DO SO, HE/SHE WILL BE INELIGIBLE FOR SPORTS FOR ONE CALENDER YEAR.**

DD. CHAPEL SERVICES

NMCS has regular chapel services each week. Attendance is required and no student is to be excused from regular attendance of chapel programs. Parents are invited to attend all chapel services. K-3 through 5th grade chapel is held each Wednesday at 9:30a.m. in the school cafeteria. Chapel for the 6th through 12th grades is held each Wednesday at 11:00a.m. in the church auditorium.

EE. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Various means are used to keep the student body up to date on activities and important information. Some of the tools used to keep the students informed are as follows:

- New Manna school calendar
- School sign
- School Cast call system
- Memos/mail outs

FF. LUNCH

NMCS has a hot lunch program available to all students. High school lunches are to be paid for daily. K-5 through 6th grade may purchase meal tickets at the office. Students are not allowed to have pizza or any other fast foods delivered to the school without permission from the administration. **High school students will not be allowed to charge** in the lunch room, please provide your child with lunch money for each day.

GG. COMPUTERS

Computers are never to be moved from the computer lab. Students must always secure permission if using computers other than during class time. Guidelines for computer usage are available from the computer teacher.

HH. LOCKERS

Students may use magnets to hold appropriate pictures, schedules, etc. in their individual lockers. All locker walls and doors must be kept neat at all times. Books are to be in order. Students are not to be in any locker other than their assigned locker. Switching or trading is not permitted. Periodic locker checks will be conducted throughout the school year. Students will not be allowed to slam locker doors. Lockers will be issued the first week of school.

II. SENIOR HALF DAY PROGRAM

Seniors that have enough required credits must follow the given rules to maintain this privilege as follows:

- Must attend school until 11:50 everyday.
- On chapel day, **THEY MUST ATTEND UNTIL THE END OF CHAPEL.**
- Work schedule must never conflict with the two requirements listed above.
- If you return to school later in the day, you must follow the dress code.
- You are not to miss school for your work schedule.

JJ. PHYSICAL EDUCATION DRESS CODE

All students must be dressed in proper P.E. attire designated by NMCS. Proper attire consists of the following:

- Boys: wind pants or shorts to the knees, t-shirt and tennis shoes
- Girls: shorts to the knees while sitting down, t-shirt and tennis shoes

KK. STUDENT CONDUCT

NMCS must provide an environment conducive to the spiritual growth and development of the young people that concerned parents have placed in our care. We feel Christian students should avoid practices which cause the loss of sensitivity to the spiritual needs of the world and loss of the Christian's physical, mental or spiritual well-being. NMCS provides the following guidelines as directives for our young people.

- Students are to be kind, courteous, moral and honest.

- Students are always to show respect for those in authority.
- Students are to demonstrate service to others.
- Students are encouraged to show the influence of Christ upon their lives.
- Students must refer to their teachers and adults as Mr., Miss, Mrs., or Brother/Sister. They must also reply as yes ma'am, no ma'am, yes sir, no sir when answering a question.

LL. SECULAR MUSIC POLICY

The purpose of NMCS is to work hand-in-hand with the home to “train up a child in the way he should go”. This training includes academic as well as character growth. Since secular music seeks to undermine the authority by implanting seeds of rebellion in a young person’s heart and mind, NMCS considers listening to this music to be detrimental to the spiritual, moral and intellectual life of a young person. It is recognized that NMCS does not have the authority to tell the home what type of music the young person can listen to. However, it is also recognized that students who exist on a steady diet of this kind of secular music hinder the growth of other students. Therefore, the policy of NMCS is to be opposed to all forms of rock music and its culture. DVD’s, iPods, mp3 players, CDs, pictures, magazines, emblems or any other worldly music paraphernalia are not to be brought on to the campus of NMCS. This includes the singing or whistling of any secular song or the drawing of an emblem or group’s name on any text book, text book cover, notebook, etc. So called Christian rock music, the mixing of religious terminology with the rock music, is also considered by NMCS to be detrimental to the spiritual growth of the students and will be dealt with in the same manner as the secular music mentioned before.

MM. CONDUCT AT SPORTING EVENTS

Students, teachers, parents and fans are asked to observe the following guidelines during sporting events.

- Have respect for your school
- Derogatory remarks should never be yelled to opposing players, coaches, spectators or the officials.
- Christian conduct from our fans is important to the testimony of NMCS.
- The cheerleading squads are worthy of fan’s attention and support.
- We desire our students as players or spectators to be examples of the believers. “Let no man despise thy youth. But be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.”
- No smoking or use of vulgarity or profanity will be tolerated.
- **STAFF AND STUDENTS ARE TO OBEY SCHOOL DRESS CODE IF THEY ARE NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE EVENTS.**

NN. CONDUCT IN THE HALL

The following rules are to be observed in the hallways.

- No running at any time.

- Keep hands and feet off the walls.
- Students are not to be in the halls or restrooms during class periods without permission.

OO. DRESS

NMCS has a responsibility, based upon Bible principles, to establish dress guidelines which are modest. These guidelines take on added significance since the Christian school shares the campus with the New Manna Baptist Church. NMCS also has a desire to help each student reach his or her full potential. If a student comes to school without observing the school dress guidelines, a faculty or staff member will send that student to the office. The office will explain the dress problem in an attempt to have the student fully understand the infraction. The words "modesty" and "neatness" and the phrase "be thou an example of the believer" are keys to determining the appropriateness of dress; (1 Peter 3:3-4).

PP. DRESS GUIDELINES ENFORCEMENT

The entire staff is asked to monitor student dress. Discipline is given for the wearing of clothing to school and/or school functions that is not appropriate. In summary, these are the steps for enforcing dress guidelines:

- Student is sent to the office where the infraction is explained to the student.
- If necessary, a change of dress will be required before the student can return to class. The parent will be called to bring a change of clothing. If the dress offense is not flagrant, the student may simply be told not to wear the clothing to school again.
- A student who chooses to continually dress inappropriately may lose the privilege of attending NMCS.

QQ. DRESS GUIDELINES AND PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Cooperation between the home and school regarding the matter of dress guidelines will strengthen the school. Anytime a parent does not understand a dress infraction, that parent should feel free to contact the administration. All parents working or volunteering in the school must follow the NMCS dress code. This includes attending sporting events.

RR. DRESS GUIDELINES: K3 – K5 BOYS AND GIRLS

Students are permitted to wear long shorts (to the knees), pants and appropriate shirts. All clothing should be neat, modest, and with no questionable pictures, slogans or markings.

SS. FEMALE STUDENTS: 1ST – 12TH GRADE

The guidelines listed below are to assist parents and students in the selection of clothing appropriate for school.

- **1st through 6th grade:** Dresses, jumpers or skirts to the bottom of the knee while standing or sitting are allowed. They are not required to wear collared shirts until the 7th grade. No tank tops or sleeveless shirts are allowed.
- **7th through 12th grade:** Skirts or dresses are to be worn at all times. They must come to the bottom of the knee while sitting or standing. If the skirt or dress has a slit, it must also come to the bottom of the knee. No tank tops or sleeveless shirts or dresses are allowed. Denim is permitted except on Wednesdays. Collared shirts should be worn with all skirts and should be buttoned with no more than a 2 and a half inch neckline even if an undershirt is being

worn underneath. Shirts should not be tight fitting or see through. Round neck style shirts may be worn under dresses. Furthermore, the definition of too tight, too short or too low cut, is ultimately left to the discretion of the administration. Pants or shorts are not acceptable at any time. This includes sporting events where the student is not playing, PTF meetings and any activities that take place on school property. Long, loose shorts to the knee and dark colored t-shirts may be worn for P.E. Pullover hoodies are not permitted unless they are NMCS hoodies. No hoodies are to be worn on chapel days.

- Properly applied makeup enhances beauty and is permitted. However, extreme or overdone attitudes with makeup will be considered inappropriate for school attire. Extreme hair color will not be permitted. Extreme is defined as any color that could not be acquired naturally. The administration reserves the right to decide what is considered “extreme.”
- The wearing of jewelry by girls should be age and grade appropriate. There are to be piercings only in the ears with a maximum of three per ear. No rings are allowed in the tongue or nose. If the student has other piercings and is caught showing or bragging about them, she will be required to remove it or go home. Hats are not permitted to be worn inside the school. Occasionally, we may allow exceptions on field day and spirit week.

TT. MALE STUDENTS 1ST THROUGH 12TH GRADE

- **1ST through 6TH grade:** Students must wear long pants. Shirts should have a collar but do not have to be polo. Belts must be worn with shirt tails tucked in. Dress shirts and ties are to be worn on chapel days. Hair guidelines are the same as for 7th – 12th grades listed below.
- **7th through 12TH grade:** Students must wear collared shirts. Shirt tails should be tucked in at all times except during P.E. Sweaters with a neat appearance are acceptable. Collared shirts must be worn under sweaters. The staff and administration will decide if it is sweater material. Jeans are permitted that are in good repair, except on chapel days. Pants must be worn at the waistline. Pullover hoodies are not permitted unless they are NMCS hoodies. No hoodies are to be worn on chapel days.
- **SAGGING OR BAGGY PANTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED. BELTS MUST BE WORN WITH ALL PANTS THAT HAVE LOOPS.** Jeans are not permitted on chapel days. Students must wear a dress shirt with a tie on chapel days. **Ties are to remain tied and worn properly the entire school day.** The only exception would be during P.E. Male students that participate in sports must wear a dress shirt and tie to school on game days and to the game that evening.
- **No jewelry allowed for male students. This includes necklaces, earrings, tongue rings or piercings of any kind.** These are not to be worn to school or to any other activity that takes place on school grounds or at away ballgames.
- Hats are not allowed to be worn in the school. The school may occasionally allow hats on field day or during spirit week.
- Hair should be cut so that it does not touch the ears or shirt collar. Also, the front of hair should not touch the brow. If the style is thick in front it should be able to be pushed down and still not touch the brow. Hair should be thinned and contoured to the shape of the skull in back and be neatly trimmed. Long side burns below the ears, mustaches, goatees or beards will not be allowed. Students must have no facial hair. Students will be warned the first time. Extreme haircuts (such as Mohawks or carvings) and extreme hair color will not be permitted. Extreme is defined as any color that could not be acquired naturally. The administration reserves the right to decide what is considered “extreme”.

UU. DISCIPLINE

A. STUDENT CONDUCT

It would be impossible to make rules to govern every type of infraction. Good behavior must come from the heart, in love and obedience to Jesus Christ.

- Proper respect to the administration, faculty and all other staff members is expected.
- Improper speech – vulgarities, profanity, slang and lying shall have no place in this school.
- Proper respect for the properties of New Manna Baptist Church and school is expected.
- Anything damaged by a student will be paid for by the student.
- Proper conduct is to be demonstrated as a student at NMCS. Christian kindness and unselfishness should characterize all dealings with faculty and fellow students.

B. INNAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT

Misconduct will be handled by the individual teacher and/or the administration according to the seriousness or persistence of the offense. **OFFENSES NOT LISTED ARE UP TO THE DISCRETION OF THE ADMINISTRATION.** Students are to refrain from profanity or vulgar language, smoking, drinking of alcoholic beverages or non-alcoholic imitations, the illegal use of drugs in any form, gambling, dancing or attendance at establishments where such takes place. This includes Involvement in worldly music such as country, rock, rap or so called Christian rock, and **any other type of behavior considered by the administration of NMCS not to be honoring to Christ.**

C. ELEMENTARY DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

Various methods of training and correction are used in elementary classes.

- Elementary teachers will be required to keep a simple record of a student's improper behavior.
- If the action is unchanged or repetitive, the student may be separated or isolated from the other classmates to assist him in correcting his behavior. The loss of a privilege may result if separation fails to bring about a change in the student's behavior.
- Consistent behavior problems will be brought to the attention of the administration and parents will be notified.
- Parents will be called at home or work at the discretion of the administration to assist with major behavioral offenses or continued discipline problems.
- Students in grades K5 through 6th grade are subject to any other applicable guidelines listed in the student handbook.

VV. STUDENTS OFFENSES AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR GRADES 7TH THROUGH 12TH:

All discipline related issues will be handled through the office of the Principal.

A. EXPULSION WILL BE ASSESSED ON THE FIRST OFFENSE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- Possession of any type of firearm
- Drugs (including alcohol)
- Pornography (as defined by the administration)
- **It would not be possible to list all offenses that may result in expulsion. Therefore, the administration of NMCS reserves the right to expel a student for offenses not listed above that they deem worthy of expulsion.***
- ****A student's behavior outside of the school deemed to be detrimental to the environment and testimony of the school, will result in a meeting with the administration and punishment as deemed appropriate by the administration.****

B. AFTER SCHOOL DETENTION

After school detention is from 3:05 until 4:00. Misbehavior in detention will result in the student being assigned another day. The school requires that each student pay \$10 for each day of after school detention.

C. OFF CAMPUS SUSPENSION

Serious discipline problems may result in students being assigned off campus suspension. Off campus suspension involves the following:

- Students are not allowed to be on school campus without the permission of the administration.
- Work given or graded that day, including tests, will be graded as a zero.
- Students will not be allowed to participate in any extracurricular activities on suspension day.

D. RULES REGARDING EXPULSION/READMISSION

Readmission after expulsion is solely up to the discretion of the administration.

E. IMPROPER AFFECTIONS

- Boys and girls must sit a modest distance apart from one another. Staff of NMCS will determine what is and is not modest and appropriate.
- There should be no inappropriate contact, (hugging, petting, etc.), of any kind between students.
- NMCS will not tolerate any homosexual behavior, rhetoric or support of the homosexual agenda in any way, shape, form or fashion. Any violation of this policy will result in expulsion.

***NOTE:**

NO STUDENT OR PARENT MAY USE THE NAME OF THE SCHOOL ON ANY RADIO OR TV PROGRAM OR IN ANY PUBLICATION WITHOUT PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FROM THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION.

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CLOSING STATEMENT:

The contents of this handbook are to be used as a guide. It does not pretend to be a complete statement of philosophy, rules or standards. The administration reserves the right to determine acceptable actions, behavior and conduct. The administration also reserves the right to modify, add or delete elements of this handbook as deemed necessary.