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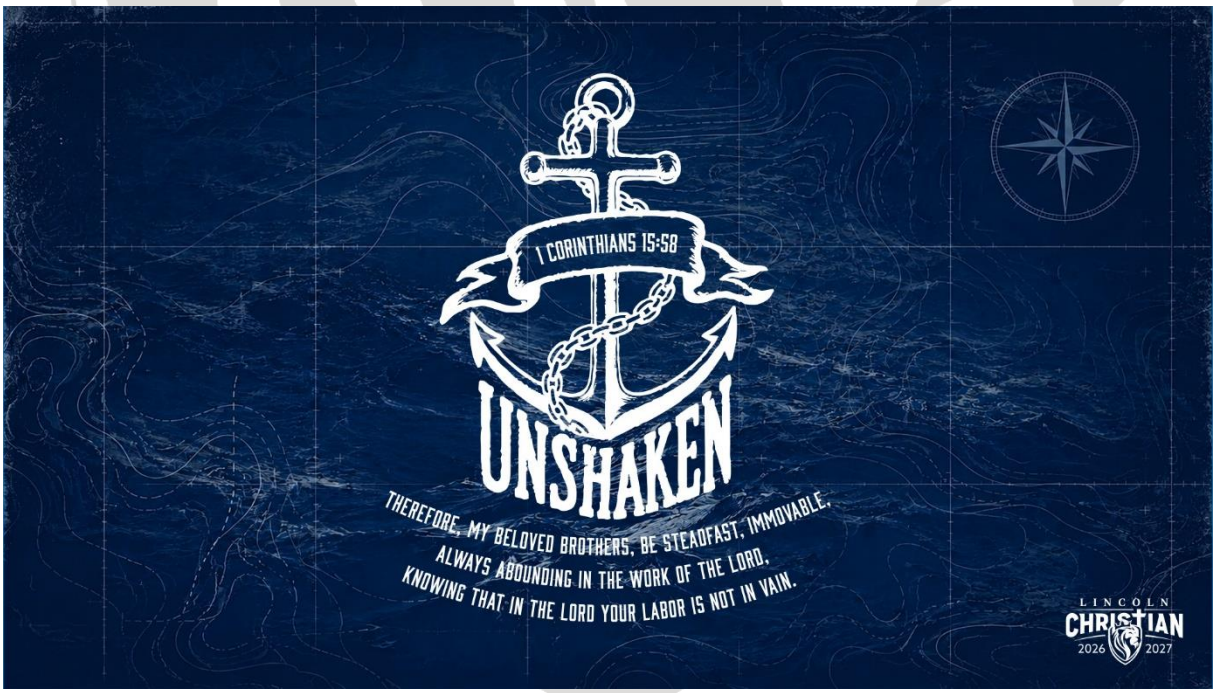

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As the 2026-2027 school year begins, I want to welcome you to Lincoln Christian School! We are prayerfully committed to serving you and your child as they grow intellectually, physically, socially, and spiritually—all to the glory of God. We pray that your child has a transformational, life-changing experience and comes to believe that they are deeply loved by God. Through meaningful opportunities and experiences, our desire is for your child to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. We are excited to see how God will move in your child's life this year at Lincoln Christian School.

Our staff is deeply dedicated "to teach the Truth, through learning about God's world in the light of God's Word." We long for God's Word to be alive and active in the hearts of all our students. We will hold fast to the Truth in our instruction, our activities, and in the daily opportunities we have to point students to Christ. At Lincoln Christian, we are blessed to partner with our families and be on mission together—pointing our students to the transformational power of the Cross.

The pages of this handbook outline the policies, procedures, and expectations that allow us to keep God at the forefront and pursue excellence in all that we do. The items established in this handbook are vital to helping your child function as well as flourish in our Christ-centered learning environment. Please take time to become familiar with the different parts and if you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. By God's grace and provision, we are excited for a fantastic year!

In Christ,

Ben Manley, Elementary Principal

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MISSION

To teach the Truth, through learning about God's world in the light of God's Word.

VISION

Every student will experience a life-changing Christian education which intentionally integrates the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ into every aspect of intellectual, physical, social, and spiritual life.

CORE VALUES

Lincoln Christian School is guided by our Core Values.

TRUTH

- We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
- We train students in a Biblical worldview by learning about God's world through the light of God's Word.
- We anchor all instruction and activities at Lincoln Christian School in God's Truth.

RELATIONSHIPS

- We partner with parents in pointing students towards a personal relationship with Jesus, continually encouraging them to recognize their identity in Christ.
- We serve as an extension of the family in partnership with the local church in training up the children entrusted to our care.
- We build deep personal connections through grace-based relationships as we model the love of Christ.

EXCELLENCE

- We pursue excellence in everything we do – all to the glory of God.
- We provide opportunities for students to maximize their God-given potential.
- We encourage and celebrate the development of our students' unique gifts and talents.

TRANSFORMATION

- We seek continued transformation in the lives of our staff, families, and students as we surrender daily to the leading of the Holy Spirit to become more like Christ.
- We equip and empower students to be transformational influences as they engage the culture to expand God's Kingdom.
- We prayerfully commit Lincoln Christian School as a "light" in the community, through the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit, to impact countless lives for Christ.

ENDS STATEMENT

Through the work of the Holy Spirit, students reach their God-given potential spiritually, intellectually, socially and physically, becoming transforming influences in the world for Jesus Christ.

1.0 Spiritually - Students trust Jesus Christ as Savior and embrace their identity in Him. (Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3:3, 5-8, 16, Romans 3:23, 6:23; 5:8, Matthew 16:15-16, 1 John 2:15-17, John 15:5, Galatians 5:22-23)
1.0.1 Students abide in Christ.
1.0.2 Students articulate and defend a biblical worldview understanding how this defines their identity, values, beliefs and personal choices.
1.0.3 Students identify and utilize their unique spiritual gifts bearing fruit as part of the body of Christ.
1.0.4 Students are disciples of Christ and disciple others.

2.0 Intellectually - Students achieve their God-given academic and creative potential. (Colossians 3:1-3, 3:23, Proverbs 1:7, 2 Timothy 2:15, Romans 12:2, 1 Corinthians 12:4-28)
2.0.1 Students are measurably proficient in all academic disciplines.
2.0.2 Students think critically and discern truth.
2.0.3 Students develop their God-given talents and independently steward their gifts, talents, time and resources to glorify God and further His kingdom.
2.0.4 Students affirm the gifts and talents of others.

3.0 Socially - Students exhibit the fruit of the Spirit. (Galatians 5:22-23, Matthew 22:37-39; 28:19, Proverbs 27:17, Colossians 3:12-17, Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 3:16-17)
3.0.1 Students uphold the dignity and respect due everyone as God's image bearers.
3.0.2 Students serve in their family, church and community.
3.0.3 Students boldly share the Gospel.
3.0.4 Students demonstrate a Christ-like attitude toward sportsmanship and competition.

4.0 Physically - Students steward their bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 12:1, 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, 6:19-20)
4.0.1 Students embrace biblical purity.
4.0.2 Students value physical discipline and nutritional health.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

- We believe that Salvation is by Grace alone through faith alone, in Jesus Christ alone.
- We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
- We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth and His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
- We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
- We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- We believe in God's design for marriage and the family and the parents' role in educating and equipping their children.
- We believe in the sanctity of human life.

PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

Lincoln Christian School partners with families in their calling to train up their children in the way of the Lord. We equip students in a Biblical worldview by learning about God's world through the light of God's Word, so in return, they can go out into the world and become transforming influences for God's Kingdom.

We build deep personal connections through grace-based relationships as we model the love of Christ; recognizing that each individual is fearfully and wonderfully made by God with unique gifts that impact the Body of Christ.

We strive to prepare each student to make a defense to anyone who asks them for a reason for the hope that is in them. **1 Peter 3:15**.

We provide opportunities for each child to maximize his or her God-given potential, and we believe that we honor God by striving for excellence in everything that we do -all to the glory of God.

SCHOOL PROFILE

SCHOOL BOARD

The school is controlled by a Board of individuals elected by the members of the Lincoln Christian School Association. They make all the policies of the school and have final authority in all matters. Members of the Board clearly demonstrate spiritual leadership in their homes and workplace and have a working knowledge of good educational practices.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Each person who works at Lincoln Christian School is a Christian who has exemplified Christian living and has a concern for the academic and spiritual growth of the children. Each teacher is certified to teach where that is required and is competent in his/her area of teaching.

ACCREDITATION

Lincoln Christian School is accredited by the State of Nebraska and the State Department of Education as an educational institution. Credits earned at the school are transferable to any other school. Lincoln Christian School is also a member of the Association of Christian Schools International.

ENROLLMENT

A student who wishes to enroll must complete two online forms – application and enrollment. This is followed by a church reference, testing, and a parent interview. Families will be notified of acceptance following the interview. No applicant will be seriously considered as a prospective student who has had a serious scholastic or discipline problem. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Families withdrawing for any reason must notify the Director of Admissions. Families who withdraw a student after the July 1 withdrawal deadline will be assessed a late withdrawal fee equal to ten percent (10%) of the annual tuition for that student.

If the student withdraws after July 1, but prior to the start of the school year, the fee will be calculated as ten percent (10%) of the total annual tuition. If the student withdraws after the school year has begun, the fee will be assessed in addition to any **tuition already paid for the portion of** the school year attended. This fee is intended to offset costs the school has already incurred in reliance on the student's enrollment. To view the late withdrawal policy, please see the "Late Withdrawal Policy" link on the documents page of the website.

PRESCHOOL

Lincoln Christian School's Preschool program is for students at least three years of age. Information is available through the Preschool Handbook.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

TERMS OF ANNUAL INSTRUCTION

1. The annual school calendar of Lincoln Christian School shall include enough days to meet the statutory requirements set forth for each grade level.

2. The annual term of instruction for each student attending Lincoln Christian School shall be held between July and June 30, the following year.

3. Annual instruction time will meet all criteria that is necessary to comply with NDE Rule 10 requirements. All students will be enrolled in a Bible class each semester. Accommodations may be made at the administrator's discretion.

Lincoln Christian School is not a recipient of federal funding and therefore does not have to function under federal regulations, not limited to but such as Special Education Services, Rule 51, IDEA, FERPA, etc.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

PROMOTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

To be promoted to the next grade, a student must make satisfactory progress in mastering the material presented during that year of study. Children will only be allowed to repeat a grade based on the determination of school administration and the LCS Student Support Team. In most cases, repeating a grade level will not be allowed as educational and developmental research does not support this strategy under most circumstances. Specifically, it is highly unlikely that a kindergarten student will be allowed to repeat kindergarten.

GRADING

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Exceeding Goal	**Meeting Goal**	**Approaching Goal**	**Below Goal**
Student demonstrates advanced understanding and application of learning goal.	Student demonstrates a proficient understanding and application of learning goal.	Student demonstrates a basic understanding of learning goal.	Student demonstrates a limited understanding of learning goal.
Student displays high-order thinking by applying information in real-life situations. Student processes information through a biblical worldview.	Student meets grade-level expectations	Student meets grade-level expectations in some areas but not all	Student is not meeting grade-level expectations.
Percentage Conversion: Demonstrate proficiency above grade level standards AND scores 85-100% on grade-level assignments.	Percentage Conversion: 85-100%	Percentage Conversion: 70-84%	Percentage Conversion: 0-69%

REPORT CARDS

Report cards are sent home to the parents at the end of each nine-week period. These grades are recorded on the student's records. Progress may be monitored through FACTS. Grades should be updated at a minimum every other Friday.

HONORS

The Presidential Academic Award

The **Gold** award is presented to each sixth-grade student who has earned a 90% average or higher in all subjects and has an average percentile rank of 90% or higher on the most recent Measures of Academic Progress® (MAP®) score in reading or math.

The **Silver** award is presented to each student who has earned an average grade of 85% or higher in all subjects and has displayed growth, improvement and work ethic.

ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

All students starting in second grade are given the MAP® Assessment each year to measure their academic progress. Results are available to parents after scoring has been completed.

HOMEWORK

Homework may be assigned to further the learning of students and/or to complete work not finished at school. As a general practice, homework will not be assigned on Wednesday nights. Students utilizing the time provided in the school appropriately should have limited homework, however, this can vary dependent upon extenuating circumstances: special projects, special needs, etc.

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Individual student supplies such as paper, pencils, rulers, etc., are to be provided by the student. A student supply list is available online or by request.

Textbooks are loaned to the student by the school. It is important that these books be used respectfully and with care because they are used for several years. Book covers may be required for use on textbooks. If a book is damaged or lost, the students will be required to pay for it.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

Search and Teach is an early intervention, research-based program that is developed to help young learners before they experience frustration in school. SEARCH is a 20-minute individual test designed to identify 5 and 6-year-old's strengths and weaknesses in the readiness skills necessary for reading success. TEACH is a program of 55 learning activities (tasks) designed by Archie Silver, M.D. and Rosa A. Hagin, Ph.D. that address the individual needs revealed by the SEARCH scan. These tasks are organized into visual, visual-motor, auditory, body-image, and intermodal skill clusters which relate to the results of the SEARCH scan. All Kindergarten students are given the SEARCH scan in the fall and results are shared with the parents. Parents of children who qualify will be given the option to enroll their student in the TEACH program for $50 for the school year.

RX for Reading builds success and confidence through directed reading instruction in small peer groups. It includes activities for phonological processing, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension development. A student can be referred by a parent or a teacher after a Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) and/or Measures of Academic Progress (MAP®) score that indicates below grade level performance. After meeting with parents, the Kaufman Test of Educational Achievement (KTEA-3) will be given. This intervention is provided at no cost to the family aside from a fee of $75 for Reading RX for consumable student materials and KTEA testing.

RX for Math builds success and confidence through math instruction in small peer groups. It includes activities for strengthening number sense, math fluency, math vocabulary, and problem-solving strategies. A student can be referred by a parent or a teacher after a Measures of Academic Progress (MAP®) score that indicates below grade level performance. After meeting with parents, the Kaufman Test of Educational Achievement (KTEA-3) will be given. This intervention is provided at no cost to the family aside from a fee of $50 each year for consumable student materials.

RX for Writing Language, higher-level thinking skills, and written expression are developed as students implement grammar, spelling, and usage rules when editing their own written work as well as the written work of others. The Kaufman Test of Education Achievement (KTEA-3) will be given. This intervention is provided at no cost to the family aside from a fee of $50 each year for consumable student materials.

NILD Educational Therapy is a partner program with Lincoln Christian School. This intervention is for students from grades 3-12 with average to superior intelligence who continue to struggle in the classroom due to one or more difficulties in perception, cognition, processing speed, working memory, fluency or academic skills. Educational Therapy differs from tutoring in that the cognitive and perceptual weaknesses are strengthened to support independent and individual learning. An educational battery of formal and informal tests are used to determine areas of strengths and weaknesses and to identify the presence of specific learning difficulties. The goal of Educational Therapy is to move the student toward independence and success in the regular classroom and to realize his/her God-given abilities. Parents who are interested in this program may contact Tabitha Hill for more information.

*A note on students receiving intervention support: Intervention receives high priority as the statistics show that students grow and improve in their abilities based on the instruction that they receive during intervention time. Teachers will use wisdom and discernment in having students complete items that they missed during their intervention sessions. Teachers reserve the right to waive or exclude formative opportunities for intervention students. As intervention students are working towards improving key skills or ability areas,

it is critical to emphasize overall academic improvement and not assessment scores in relationship to academic success.

LIBRARY, COMPUTER LAB, AND TECHNOLOGY

Resources in the library are available for the student's use. Books may be checked out. Lost or damaged books and materials must be replaced by the person responsible.

The mobile labs are available for use by students under the supervision of their teachers, for research, keyboarding instruction, and other uses. Unsupervised use is not permitted.

DISMISSAL TIMES

	Normal Dismissal	Half Day Dismissal
Kindergarten:	3:15 PM	11:50 AM
First Grade:	3:18 PM	11:53 AM
Second Grade:	3:21 PM	11:56 AM
Third Grade:	3:25 PM	12:00 PM
Fourth Grade:	3:18 PM	11:53 AM
Fifth Grade:	3:21 PM	11:56 PM
Sixth Grade:	3:25 PM	12:00 PM

FIELD TRIPS

Educational trips are occasionally planned to various museums, businesses, government agencies, or other locations which enhance the teaching going on in the classroom. The school bus may be available for transportation. Sometimes parents are requested to drive.

Below are Screening Requirements for ALL Volunteers:

- Be sponsored by a school employee.
- Be able to present a form of current government-issued photo identification.
- Complete and submit volunteer forms and application.
- Sign in at the school office on the "Volunteer/Visitor" sign in forms.
- Volunteer drivers for field trips must have a current driver's license and provide proof of liability insurance. Volunteer drivers are encouraged to notify their insurance agent of the general nature of providing volunteer school transportation to ensure appropriate coverage is in place. Lincoln Christian School reserves the right to request higher coverage limits in order to adequately protect students and staff from potential risks when traveling with a volunteer. All volunteer drivers must have an approved background check in order to drive. The background check has to be completed yearly. Please use this link to complete the form.
- Follow field trip guidelines: Familiarize yourself with the teacher's field trip guidelines and routines, adhering to them to minimize disruptions and maintain consistency.

- All field trip details, groupings, and travel arrangements will be finalized seven days prior to the trip. Requests for changes after that time may be considered at the discretion of the teacher or administration.
- Engage Actively, But Discreetly: Engage with students and assist where necessary while avoiding disruptions during the teacher's instruction time.
- Respect Teacher's Authority: Acknowledge the teacher's authority on the field trip and follow their lead in maintaining discipline and order.

ACTIVITY FEES

We are grateful for the involvement of parents at Lincoln Christian School. As we continue to look at how we can make things more efficient throughout the year for our parents, teachers, and the elementary office, one of the areas we identified was with elementary class funds. Again, this year, instead of classes sending out multiple requests throughout the year for parents to donate items needed for different parties or class events, we have incorporated these needs into the Elementary Activity Fees. Each grade has an identified representative who will work with the three elementary classroom teachers, room parents, and the elementary office staff to help with managing these resources. Parents will continue to be asked to volunteer and help in the classroom in a variety of ways, including shopping for items needed for parties and events. Those parents who volunteer to go shopping for the items needed will work with the teacher/class representative to use the funds designated for the events from the class accounts. Our desire in creating this process is to minimize the number of asks we make of parents to purchase items throughout the year and to best manage the class funds.

Student Activity Fees are automated and accessible on FACTS. Student Activity fees are costs that cover your child's class celebrations, field trips, planners, recorders, and more. We utilize FACTS for the activity fees. The fees will be added to your FACTS incidental expenses on Wednesday, August 19. FACTS will automatically send you an email with an invoice. Then it will add on the fees to your account selecting an auto-pay date that is about 14 days from August 19. You have the option to change the automatic payment date if you wish or you can cancel the automatic pay date and pay immediately. If you do not change anything, it will make a withdrawal from your bank account (checking or savings account, depending upon which one you have selected within your account). This is NOT in the prepay account area. That is only for a hot lunch. Below you will find the instructions on where to view this information. Also below is the breakdown per grade for cost and what is covered. **To View the Charges:**

- Log into your FACTS account at FACTSMGT.com
- On the top right select Family Log In and then FACTS Family Portal
- Then enter our district code, LCS-NE, your username, and password.
- Once logged in select Financial on the far-left side all the way at the bottom.

- Once on this page select Financial Home under Financial Links on the far-right side.
- *Select the 26-27 school year and then you will be able to view the charges.

Grade-Level Costs:

- Kindergarten Activity Fees - $50 includes field trips, Fun with Fathers, Boy Jesus, Mother's Tea, Thanksgiving Feast, class parties (including a teacher birthday party), and graduation.
- 1st-grade Activity Fees - $35 includes multiple class parties (including a teacher birthday party), a picnic, and field trips throughout the year.
- 2nd Grade Activity Fees - $30 includes Night at the Museum and animal display boards, multiple class parties (including a teacher birthday party), and field trips throughout the year.
- 3rd Grade Activity Fees - $40 includes multiple class parties (including a teacher birthday party), an Array Bakery event, MAP testing snacks, and field trips.
- 4th Grade Activity Fees - $50 includes field trips throughout the year, recorder, and recorder book, multiple class parties (including a teacher birthday party), and MAP testing snacks.
- 5th Grade Activity Fees - $75 includes gingerbread houses, mystery dinner, Pi Day, Thank You Banquet, field trips throughout the year, and multiple class parties (including a teacher birthday party).
- 6th-grade Activity Fees - $115 includes THEME shirt, multiple class parties (including a teacher birthday party), Ancient Market Day, Recognition, field trips throughout the year, and planner. (note: this amount DOES include end-of-the-year activity for up to $30 per student).

CURRICULUM

The purpose of Lincoln Christian School is to teach the truth by studying each subject from the viewpoint of God's Word.

Teachers are committed to this purpose and desire to have each student see that God created and sustains all things, and that He controls and works in the affairs of people. True wisdom can only be obtained through God's truth as He is the Truth. Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth and the life."

Textbooks are chosen from a variety of publishers, Christian and secular, that best meet the goal of agreeing with God's Word and also being strong academically.

LCS CURRICULUM AND TEXTBOOK PUBLISHING COMPANIES

Subject	Grade	Company
Language Arts	K	Variety of resources
Language/Reading	1-6	Daily 5/ BJU Press
Spelling		
Mathematics	K-6	ACSI (Purposeful Design)
Science	K	Variety of resources
	1-6	BJU Press
Social Studies	K	Community Helpers
	1-3,5-6	BJU Press
	4	Gibbs Smith-The Nebraska Adventure
Bible	K	Variety of resources
		Deep Roots Bible
	1-6	

MORNING PROCEDURES

Students maybe be dropped off for the day starting at 7:45 AM. Students must then go to their designated waiting areas until the first bell rings at 8:05 AM. Kindergarten through 3rd grade will wait in the library. 4th through 6th grade will wait in the activity room.

ABSENCES

All Absences require a call, note, or email from the parent or guardian. Notification from the student or siblings is not permissible. Calls should be made prior to 8:00am and may be made through the voicemail system at any time of night or weekends, (402) 488-8888 x 1.

Regular attendance is essential for student success. Establishing clear routines and procedures (regular attendance) helps students enjoy school, reduce anxiety, and flourish academically.

Student absences require responsibility in completing make-up work to ensure that learning can remain at a high level without producing gaps in understanding. Our teachers will ensure that materials needed to complete work are provided when students are absent. Extended absences will be met on a case-by-case basis to ensure that students are able to complete the necessary work. In order to preserve valuable classroom time with all students, teachers are available by appointment to work alongside students before (7:45AM) or after (up to 4:00PM) school. As a part of the Lincoln Christian partnership with families, we ask that parents work diligently alongside their students to help them with any work to be completed.

Students will be allowed one day per absence to complete assigned work (ie. 2 days sick with an additional 2 days to complete work). After this timeframe, any remaining work will be entered as a zero in the gradebook.

An unexcused absence is defined as a student not being present at school with no communication from the parent. As our intent is to partner with parents, we will use the following procedures when excessive unexcused absences occur:

- After 8 unexcused absences, parents will be notified via email. This email will serve as an official warning.
- After 10 unexcused absences, parents will be contacted directly via phone by the elementary principal to discuss a plan of attendance improvement.

If a student is taken from school during school hours, the parent needs to notify the teacher and the school office by phone or a note ahead of time. A student who arrives after 10:30 a.m. or leaves before 1:30 p.m. will be considered absent half a day.

HEALTH OFFICE

The Lincoln Christian School Health Services Office makes the students' health a priority. The State of Nebraska provides Guidelines and has state laws and regulations governing medical record-keeping. Provided services include but are not limited to: Health screening and immunization monitoring, controlling the spread of communicable diseases, nursing consultations, a system for dealing with medical crisis situations, medication administration, and evaluation of the health program.

The State of Nebraska requires certain health records to be on file for the enrolled student:

- Immunizations: All students will have a current immunization record updated as needed. Kindergarteners (and 1-6th graders) are required to have: 3 DTP (at least 1 after 4 years old), 3 Polio, 2 MMR, 3 Hepatitis B, 2 Varicella (chicken pox). Exemptions may be Religious or Medical in nature but must either be notarized or signed by a physician.
- Physical exams: All incoming kindergarteners must have a physical exam signed by a physician, PA-C; APRN. This also must include a vision exam, as well as a dental report. Any student that transfers in from out of the state of Nebraska must also comply with the above.
- Health Screenings. The student Health Services will conduct a health screen for students Pre-K through 6th. All will have height, weight, BMI, and dental screens performed and selected grades will also include audio screening and vision screens for distance and near acuity.

ILLNESS

If a child is ill, parents should call the school by 8:00am to let the administrative assistant know of the absence. Students shall be "symptom-free" for 24 hours before returning to school. If there are questions regarding a student's attendance at evening activities in the

event(s) he is absent due to an illness, please understand that if the student is home for the school day with a communicable disease, they are not allowed to participate in the afterschool activity due to the risk of exposure to others to potentially contagious or communicable diseases. Return to school means temperatures are < 100 degrees F without fever-reducing medication, no vomiting, or diarrhea episodes of <2. If the child becomes ill at school, the teacher will refer the student to the school nurse for assessment. No self-texting or calling home for pick-up is allowed without the school nurse's assessment and referral. The nurse will notify parents as necessary if an injury needs follow-up by a medical practitioner, an illness with temp > 100, evidence of contagiousness, or no improvement in condition. Emergency contact information is to be current for these notifications. A cot is available for the child to lie down on and wait for pick-up. Pick-up should take place no longer than 30-45 minutes after notification. If this is not possible the next emergency contact will be notified.

Any medication either over-the-counter or prescribed must be kept in the health office with a request form signed by the parent. If prescribed and on-going, further paperwork is required and will be submitted to the health office.

If your child should not participate in PE or Recess due to a specific physical problem, a note should be sent to the teacher and school nurse stating the reason.

CONCUSSION

Return to Learn: A "Return to Learn" protocol is available for students who have experienced a concussion. This protocol involves the Health Services Office, Principal, teachers, and families working in collaboration to monitor symptoms and allow the student a safe way to ease back into the learning/classroom environment. Students who are suspected of having a concussion should immediately notify the Health Services Office or Athletic Trainer.

LEAVING CAMPUS

Students are not allowed to leave the school building during the day unless directly supervised and permission has been granted by a school employee.

PLANNED ABSENCES

Lincoln Christian School believes in the importance of regular attendance that keeps students progressing both spiritually and academically. It is our desire to partner with families and this includes planned absences during the course of the school year.

The Administration reserves the right to determine whether the amount or duration of planned absences has a negative impact on student learning and achievement. Excessive planned absences will be addressed on a case-by-case basis with families.

Planned absences should be cleared with the teacher and the school office ahead of time. As stated above, students are responsible to complete any missing work or assessments

over the course of their absence. Teachers are available before and after school by appointment to help with any reteaching or completion of work as well as assessments.

TARDIES

Parents should make every effort to get children to school on time. Students arriving late should stop at the office. A tardy is defined as student arrival to the school building after the final 8:15AM bell which commences the school day.

As our intent is to partner with parents, we will use the following procedures will be used for addressing tardiness:

- After 5 tardies, parents will be notified via email. This email will serve as an official warning.
- After 8 tardies, parents will be contacted directly via phone by the elementary principal to discuss a plan of attendance improvement.

COMMUNICATION

FACTS DIRECTORY

FACTS directory information is for school purposes only and is not to be used for personal/professional business and/or gain.

The first step in addressing concerns should always start in the classroom with the classroom teacher.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

These are held at least twice a year for the purpose of evaluating each student's work and progress. Throughout the year, parents and teachers are encouraged to have conferences as needed.

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION

Classroom teachers will communicate classroom specific information each week of the school year.

CRUSADER NEWSLETTER

LCS sends out an online newsletter every Friday with important announcements and school information. The newsletter can be accessed online through the school website or can be delivered to your email. You can sign up for the newsletter on the school website under the "**resources"** tab. https://lincolnchristian.org/newsletter-signup/

LCS ADMINISTRATIVE SOFTWARE/EMAIL AND WEBSITE

Information about the school can be obtained by going to the school's web site: http://www.lincolnchristian.org

CPS OR DHHS CHILD VISITS

The administration retains the right and authority to determine when in the process parents/guardians should be contacted in the case of a CPS and/or DHHS request to interview a student. If due to safety concerns, it is deemed necessary for CPS and/or DHHS to meet with a child with the parent(s)/guardian(s) not being notified in advance and/or being present, a school official will always be present and assume loco parentis.

VISITORS

All visitors are required to sign in at the office upon arrival, wear an identification lanyard while in the building, and sign out when leaving.

Parents are welcome to visit classrooms. It is encouraged that all visitation is arranged in advance with the teacher and elementary office. Parents and other visitors are welcome to join students for lunch during the student's designated lunch period. Visitors may bring food or have the student order a school lunch. Lunch visitors must sign in at the office upon arrival.

Students from other schools may visit only upon prior approval of the administration or teacher.

INTERNET AND PERSONAL ELECTRONICS USAGE

Lincoln Christian School recognizes the importance for students to use and build skills using technology for their application to learning, problem solving, production of work, and presentation of information in age-appropriate ways. We also recognize that while these resources provide incredible learning opportunities, they also provide avenues for misuse. The use of school technology is a privilege, which may be revoked at any time. Students are only allowed to conduct electronic network-based activities that are classroom related. Students are not allowed to play games during school time except by a teacher's permission for their specific class.

Students are discouraged from bringing personal electronic devices to school. Cell phones and smart watches may only be used when directed or approved by a teacher for instructional purposes. Students may not use cell phones or smart watches before school or during the school day unless directed by a teacher. Smart watches with texting, calling, or messaging capabilities are not permitted during the school day. Students may use their phones after school to contact a parent or guardian regarding transportation once they have exited the building. With teacher permission, students may make necessary phone calls during the school day.
Teachers and administrators reserve the right to confiscate personal electronic devices, including smart watches, if they are used inappropriately or become a distraction to learning.

Chromebook Checkout Form

INTERNET USAGE

Lincoln Christian School recognizes that it is important for students to have access to electronic based research tools and master skills for their application to learning, problem solving, production of work, and presentation of information.

Lincoln Christian School also recognizes that while these resources represent extraordinary learning opportunities and enriching educational materials, they also offer persons with illegal, immoral or inappropriate motives avenues for reaching students, teachers, staff, parents/guardians and members of the community. Additionally, these resources present tempting opportunities for users to explore areas that are confidential, have restricted access, are inappropriate, and are disruptive to the classroom or workplace. It is the purpose of the school policy and regulations to outline acceptable student and employee behavior with respect to use of school technology and electronic resources.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Access to electronic research requires students and employees to maintain consistently high levels of personal responsibility.

One fundamental need for acceptable student and employee use of school electronic resources is respect for, and protection of, password/account code security, as well as restricted databases, files, and information banks. Personal passwords/account codes may be created to protect students and employees utilizing electronic resources to conduct research or complete work. These passwords/account codes shall not be shared with others; nor shall students or employees use another party's password except in the authorized maintenance and monitoring of the network. The maintenance of strict control of passwords/account codes protects employees and students from wrongful accusation of misuse of electronic resources or violation of school policy, state or federal law. Students or employees who misuse electronic resources or who violate laws will be disciplined at a level appropriate to the seriousness of the misuse.

ACCEPTABLE USE

The use of school technology and electronic resources is a privilege, which may be revoked at any time. Staff and students are only allowed to conduct electronic network-based activities that are classroom or workplace related. They are not allowed to play games during school time except by a teacher's permission for his/her own class. Behaviors which shall result in revocation of access shall include, but will not be limited to: damage to or theft of system hardware or software; alteration of system hardware or software; placement of unlawful information, computer viruses or harmful programs on or through the computer system; entry into restricted information on systems or network files in violation of password/account code restrictions; violation of other users' rights to privacy; unauthorized disclosure, use or dissemination of personal information regarding minors; using another person's name/password/account to send or receive messages on the network; and use of the network for personal gain, or commercial purposes.

Students and employees may not claim personal copyright privileges over files, data or materials developed in the scope of their employment, nor may students or employees use copyrighted materials without the permission of the copyright holder.

Access to electronic mail (email) is a privilege and designed to assist students and employees in the acquisition of knowledge and in efficiently communicating with others. School email system is designed solely for educational and work-related purposes. Students are allowed to use school issued email addresses for educational purposes.

EMAIL FILES ARE SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY DISTRICT AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Students or employees who engage in "hacking" are subject to loss of privileges and school discipline, as well as the enforcement of any school policy, state and/or federal laws that may have been violated. Hacking may be described as the unauthorized access to data in a system. This is not limited to school data, but also other students' electronic devices, or outside entities.

To the maximum extent permitted by law, students and employees are not permitted to obtain download, view or otherwise gain access to "inappropriate matter," which includes materials that may be deemed inappropriate to minors, unlawful, abusive, obscene, pornographic, descriptive of destructive devices, or otherwise objectionable under current school policy or legal definitions

Lincoln Christian School and school administration reserve the right to remove files, limit or deny access, and refer staff or students violating the board policy to appropriate authorities or for other disciplinary action.

PRIVILEGES

The use of school technology and electronic resources is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in the cancellation of those privileges. Loss of privileges will not excuse you from assignments due during classes such as collaboration with other students, research, or online assignments and therefore could result in a 0.0% score for those assignments missed.

NETWORK ETIQUETTE AND PRIVACY

Students and employees are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of electronic network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- System users are expected to be polite. They may not send abusive, insulting, harassing, or threatening messages to others.
- System users are expected to use appropriate language; language that uses vulgarities or obscenities, libels others, or uses other inappropriate references is prohibited.
- System users may not reveal their personal addresses, their telephone numbers or the addresses or telephone numbers of students, employees, or other individuals during email transmissions or over the Internet.

- System users may not use School's electronic network in such a manner that would damage, disrupt, or prohibit the use of the network by other users.
- System users should assume that all communications and information is public when transmitted via the network and may be viewed by other users. The system administrators may access and read E-mail on a random basis.
- Use of School's electronic network for unlawful purposes will not be tolerated and is prohibited.

SERVICES

While Lincoln Christian School is providing access to electronic resources, it makes no warranties, whether expressed or implied, for these services. Students are not allowed to print except for an assignment. School may not be held responsible for any damages including loss of data as a result of delays, non-delivery or service interruptions caused by the information system or the user's errors or omissions. School specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy of information obtained through Internet services.

SECURITY

The Board recognizes that security on Lincoln Christian School's electronic network is an extremely high priority. Security poses challenges for collective and individual users. Any intrusion into secure areas by those not permitted such privilege creates a risk for all users of the information system.

The account codes/passwords provided to each user are intended for the exclusive use of that person. Any misuse may result in the suspension or revocation of account privileges. The use of an account by someone other than the registered holder will be grounds for loss of access privileges to the information system. Users are required to report immediately any abnormality in the system as soon as they observe it. Abnormalities should be reported to the classroom teacher or system administrator. School shall use filtering, blocking or other technology to protect students and staff from accessing Internet sites that contain visual depictions that are obscene, child pornography or harmful to minors. Any attempt by students to bypass the school's Internet filtering software or the computer security system will be subject to disciplinary action. This includes the use of VPN and cellular Hotspots to access the internet. School shall comply with the applicable provisions of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and the Neighborhood Internet Protection Act (NCIPA).

VANDALISM OF THE ELECTRONIC NETWORK OR TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM

Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to alter, harm, or destroy equipment or data of another user, School information service, or the other networks that are connected to the Internet. This includes but is not limited to the uploading or the creation of computer viruses, the alteration of data, or the theft of restricted information. Any vandalism of School electronic network or technology system will result in the immediate loss of computer service, disciplinary action and, if appropriate, referral to law enforcement officials.

CONSEQUENCES

The consequences for violating the School's Acceptable Use Policy include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following:

- Suspension of school network privileges
- Revocation of network privileges
- Suspension of internet access
- Revocation of internet access
- Suspension of computer access
- Revocation of computer access
- School suspension
- Expulsion; or
- Appropriate disciplinary action as determined by Lincoln Christian administration.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

An essential aspect of Christian life is that of service. Our goal is to provide students with the opportunity to follow the Colossians 3:23 model ("Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for man.") as they pursue excellence all to the glory of God. Students will be presented with opportunities throughout the course of the school year to serve classmates as well as staff members and grow in stewardship of our building. This takes shape in different ways including lunchroom cleanup, set up as well as tear down of events, and class service projects which vary based on grade level and/or classroom. We encourage the partnership of service opportunities and welcome communication on potential activities.

TEACHERS

All teachers are Christians who have put their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior from sin. Their desire is to see students grow in their relationship with Christ. They are available for help and counsel.

INSTRUCTION

All subjects are taught from the viewpoint of God's Word. Bible classes are taught to both increase a student's knowledge of the Bible and also to encourage growth in faith and obedience.

CHAPEL

Weekly chapel programs provide opportunity for student participation. They provide a means of group worship and spiritual challenge.

PRAYER TIMES

Teachers meet regularly for prayer times. Students have regular prayer times in the classrooms. Mothers of students also meet weekly for prayer at the school.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

Occasionally, K-12 students will have the chance to gather together as a community. These are opportunities for our students to support and encourage one another (Hebrews 10:24-25). Events such as, Enrollment Day Pep Rally or Crusader Walks are opportunities to display Christ-like attributes with each other. We encourage our students to not only cheer appropriately but also physically by keeping hands and feet to themselves and respecting those participating in the events as well as the facility.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT AND DRESS

CONDUCT

God tells us in His Word, "Let no man despise your youth; but be an example of the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity." (I Timothy 4:12)

It is the goal of Lincoln Christian School to maintain high standards of behavior. It is important that students show respect toward spiritual things, as well as to teachers and others in authority. Students should be courteous and respectful toward each other.

Profanity and abusive or unwholesome language must not be a part of a student's vocabulary. Our goal must be: "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer." (Psalm 19:14)

The Bible speaks of our body as the temple of the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 6:19, 20). Nothing should be put into the body that could harm it. Therefore, the use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages and harmful drugs shall not be a part of a student's life, either on or off campus, and will be considered serious misconduct.

Conduct in the building, halls, restrooms, and classrooms should be quiet and orderly. When entering the building, students should become quiet and move in an orderly manner to their classroom or activity.

Bicycles are to be parked in the designated parking areas. There is to be no riding, sitting on, or meddling with them before, during, or after school except to arrive and to go home.

Damage to or loss of school property must be paid for by the student responsible.

Other procedures may be added if the need arises. These standards apply to any school related activity.

WEAPONS AND PARAPHERNALIA LOOK A LIKE

Lincoln Christian School is dedicated to integrity and Godly character and strictly prohibits the possession, display, or use of any items that resemble weapons or illegal substances (including associated paraphernalia). These items are defined by any object that appears, is

packaged, or functions in a manner that could be reasonably mistaken for a firearm, knife, explosive or any other weapon (operable or not). This also includes illegal or controlled substances that represent marijuana, pills, powders, rolling papers, vape pens, containers resembling alcoholic bottles, or any other item designed to mimic drug or substance use. Staff members are expected to utilize discernment and uphold standards of conduct as Christ-like models to students. Violations of this policy will be addressed promptly and may result in disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from Lincoln Christian School. Any staff member who becomes aware of a violation or is uncertain about the appropriateness of items should report the matter directly to school administration.

STUDENT HARRASSMENT AND BULLYING

It is the desire of Lincoln Christian School to maintain a safe learning and work environment that is free from sexual harassment and/or bullying. Students, parents, and staff are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is glorifying to God, to demonstrate respect and love for each other. (1 Thessalonians 5:11, John 13:34-35)

Any form of sexual harassment and/or bullying is absolutely prohibited. Any incident of possible sexual harassment and/or bullying should immediately be brought to the attention of a teacher and/or principal, who, if deemed necessary, will notify the superintendent. A thorough investigation shall be made by the superintendent and/or his designee. Parents will be notified immediately. After reviewing all the facts, upon the recommendation of the principal, the superintendent will make a determination concerning whether reasonable grounds exist to believe that harassment has occurred. Disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion will be taken against any student found to have engaged in harassment. In addition, local law enforcement will be notified to investigate if the administration believes that a criminal offense may have been committed. The superintendent may, in his discretion, suspend the alleged perpetrator during the course of the investigation, if he deems such action is in the best interests of all parties.

Any party who reports a complaint of alleged harassment and/or bullying in good faith may do so without fear of harassment or retaliation. The confidentiality of the complaint will be protected to the greatest extent possible, however, subsequent information which may be reasonably revealed as part of a thorough investigation and the privacy of the individuals involved cannot be guaranteed.

Bullying occurs when a person or group is intimidated, frightened, excluded, hurt, or suffers mental distress as a result of a pattern of behaviors directed at them by others. The following is a list of behaviors that may fall within the boundaries of what constitutes bullying:

- Physical aggression – including hitting, punching, shoving, biting, hair pulling, scratching, spitting, touching, or kicking.
- Teasing or verbal abuse – including putdowns, insults, names, racial and sexual remarks.
- Exclusion from activities, groups, conversations, and shunning.
- Gossip or slander.

- Setting up humiliating circumstances and experience.
- Damaging a person's property/possessions or taking them without permission.
- Threatening gestures, actions, or words.
- Retaliation for reporting bullying behaviors to adults.
- Written or electronic (cyber) messages that contain threats, insults, teasing, or put downs.

Sexual harassment includes:

- Unwanted sexual advances.
- Making or threatening reprisals after a negative response to sexual advances.
- Visual conduct: leering, making sexual gestures, display of sexually suggestive objects or pictures, cartoons, or posters.
- Verbal conduct: making or using derogatory comments, epithets, slurs, and jokes.
- Verbal sexual advances or propositions.
- Verbal abuse of a sexual nature, graphic verbal commentaries about an individual's body, sexually degrading words used to describe an individual, suggestive or obscene letters, notes, or invitations.
- Transmitting or posting any harassing comments or other allegations of a sexual nature, or inappropriate pictures or graphic images via text, email, social media, or the internet.
- Physical conduct: touching, assault, impeding, or blocking movement.
- Any conduct of a sexual nature which creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.

This policy shall be reviewed not less than annually to ensure compliance with local, state, and federal laws.

DRESS STANDARDS

Lincoln Christian School requests the parents' support by instructing their children in Christian modesty and appropriate dress. Our personal appearance reflects on our Lord as well as the name of Lincoln Christian School. Our appearance can relate to our personal testimony for Jesus Christ. Therefore, each student is expected to evidence Christian discernment in this area (I Timothy 4:12).

Simply put, a student's appearance should be neat, clean and modest. Tight-fitting and/or extremely loose garments are not appropriate.

HAIR

- No unnatural hair colors or highlights of unnatural colors.
- No extreme hairstyles will be allowed.
- Additionally for boys:
    - Hair length in back should not extend beyond the collar.
    - "Extreme hairstyles" include ponytails, buns, and/or shavings/ designs in the hair.

- Hair length in front and on top should be styled and not excessively long.

All of the dress code standards will be enforced during classroom hours, as well as when students participate in school activities, exempting athletic uniforms and costumes approved by the activity director and activity sponsor.

As objective as we would like to make the dress code, it is an area that some subjectivity will always exist. Our goal is to partner with parents in helping to provide an environment in which they can be confident that "dress" does not become a distraction or create contention. The administration reserves the right to make discretionary judgment regarding the appropriateness of student dress, hair, and fashion not explicitly covered in this dress code. We appreciate your support in this area.

The final interpretation of this code remains the responsibility of the administration.

Overarching Standard: Question on dress not specifically addressed in these standards will be clarified by administrators as they arise.

Writing and Graphics: Any writing or graphics worn to school on any article of clothing or accessory must represent a message that does not run in opposition to Godly character or against the core values of Lincoln Christian School.

Shirts: Skin on the stomach and back must be covered at all times. No undergarments (slips, camis, etc.) may be worn as shirts.

Sleeveless dresses and tank tops are permitted for girls. Straps should represent a shirt and not an undergarment. A two-finger width is a good guideline. Tank-tops are not allowed for boys.

Shorts & Pants: Shorts and pants must have a hem, rips and holes are not allowed. Athletic shorts may be worn, but the student must be able to place their palm so that their index finger touches their knee and their wrist touches their shorts. If the hand can't reach both, the shorts are too short to be worn in school.

Cotton sweatpants may be worn to school as long as they are neat, clean and modest.

Tight clothing must be worn under something. We encourage the concept of "layering." Such clothing items that require layering are leggings, yoga pants, etc.

Tighter fitting, non-transparent pants are allowed with long shirts that are a length that promotes modesty by extending fully below the waistline and fully covering the buttocks.

Skirts & Dresses: When standing, students must be able to place their palm so that their index finger touches their knee and their wrist touches their skirt or dress. If the hand can't reach both, the skirt or dress is too short to be worn in school. Students are encouraged to wear shorts or leggings under dresses and skirts in order to be modest while sitting and on the playground.

Hats and or head coverings may not be worn during school.

Extremes – No extremes are allowed such as hair color, piercings, etc. as they can quickly turn into areas focused on challenging accepted standards or seeking individual attention. Earrings are not permitted for boys.

All requirements of dress (other than offensive clothing and clothing that is not modest) may be subject to change on a particular day or special event.

DISCIPLINE

Discipline is designed to teach. High expectations and standards will be in place. These are desired and justified. While there are certainly consequences for sin, Lincoln Christian School takes a grace-based approach as our Lord and Savior did for all of us!

The atmosphere of the school must be conducive to learning, safe for each student physically and emotionally, and encourage respect toward God and His Word. When student behavior or attitudes dishonor God and are harmful to the atmosphere of the school, appropriate teaching will take place along with the appropriate consequences.

Students who exhibit negative behavior or attitudes will be counseled regarding their response to God's standards and encouraged to grow in their relationship with God and their obedience to Him.

ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

Actions which show evidence of disobedience to school rules, disrespect, lack of courtesy, general disturbance, and other such misconduct will be first handled by the teacher. Situations which are chronic or flagrant will be referred to the administration.

Each situation will be dealt with on an individual basis. No two situations are exactly alike. Proper teaching and discipline require great discernment and wisdom based on all factors of each situation. Consequences will be applied as appropriate, ranging from simple one-on-one counseling all the way to expulsion from the school.

DISCIPLINE FOR MISCONDUCT

Category I

Category I involves activities that create minor disturbances, prevent classroom order and instruction. Repeated Category I offenses will move to Category II and eventually Category III.

Response to Category I Violations:

Each situation will be dealt with on a case by case basis. Typical consequences for Category I Violations include but are not limited to the following: parent contact, loss of privileges, parent-student conference with teacher, etc.

Category II

Category II includes activities and attitudes that are not God honoring and lacking of respect for authority, for other students, and/or for Lincoln Christian School. Repeated or frequent Category I violations will constitute a Category II or III violation. Repeated Category II violations constitute a Category III violation.

Response to Category II Violations:

Each situation will be dealt with on a case by case basis. Typical consequences for Category II Violations include but are not limited to a combination of the following: parent contact, loss of privileges, parent-student conference with teacher/administrator, detention, etc. The administration may determine the behavior warrants a separation from other students including but not limited to being sent to the office, in-school suspension or sent home (suspended). Repeated Category II Violations may constitute a Category III violation.

Category III

Category III involves any substantial disruption to the school day including but not limited to any violation of U.S., Nebraska, or local laws; activities that threaten the physical, emotional or spiritual safety of the student or other students and staff; activities that show a consistent lack of respect for authority or property; and/or activities that violate Biblical moral codes of conduct. Repeated Category II violations also may constitute a Category III violation.

Response to Category III Violations

Each situation will be dealt with on a case by case basis. Typical consequences for Category III Violations include but are not limited to a combination of the following: Parent Conference with teacher and administrator, in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, expulsion, financial compensation, probation, school service.

Referral Procedure for Misconduct

Category I

This type of misconduct will be dealt with by the teacher in charge and/or other staff members, including the giving of consequences. If the misconduct is flagrant or continues, the principal and/or school counselor should be notified.

Category II

This type of misconduct should be dealt with by the teacher in charge and/or other staff members, who should notify the principal of the misconduct. The teacher and principal shall work together, but the principal will determine the necessary consequences if the child was removed from the learning environment. The teacher should notify the principal, counselor, and parents for a category II violation if it requires the removal from the learning environment or any substantial loss of privileges.

Category III
The principal shall be notified immediately of this type of misconduct. The principal, with input from the teacher, will choose the necessary and appropriate response to this violation(s).
Parents shall be notified by the principal if there is a student/principal conference.

PARENT-TEACHER RESOLUTION
When a dispute or complaint arises, the aggrieved should first go to the source of the grievance in an effort to resolve the grievance. Many times grievances can be resolved at this level; students/parents should speak with a teacher about classroom/activity issues; teachers should speak with the Principal, Principal should speak with the Superintendent about a policy problem.

Other than situations involving exceptional or extenuating circumstances, the aggrieved will be directed to the appropriate point of contact.

PROCEDURES

LUNCHES
Costs are subject to change throughout the 2026-2027 school year.

- All lunches include a drink and are $6.50.
- Chick-fil-a original, includes chips and a drink - $6.50
- Chick-fil-a Spicy, includes chips and a drink - $6.50
- Chick-fil-a Gluten free/Grilled, includes chips and a drink - $8.00
- Milk/juice/water – $.75

FOOD DELIVERIES
Due to safety and security concerns, the elementary office will no longer accept food deliveries during school hours. This includes during the lunch periods. Families/Students should not make purchases through UberEats, DoorDash, Grubhub, Pizza Hut, etc. These services will be turned away at the door and you will be out the money. Thanks for your understanding.

Monday-Thursday hot lunches will be available for purchase. Fridays will either be pizza or Chick-fil-a. Pizza Lunch helps support the sophomore class. The monthly lunch calendar can be found on the school website.

SELLING ITEMS AT SCHOOL
The sale by students of fund-raising items for groups outside of school is discouraged. However, permission may be granted by the office under extenuating circumstances.

WRITTEN INVITATIONS TO STUDENTS
If a student wishes to invite classmates to an activity outside of school, and the invitations are given at school, they must be for the entire class (or their fellow boys or girls).

USE OF GYM AND COMPUTERS

Students should not play in the gym or with computers or devices before or after school unless permission has been granted and supervision is provided.

STORM AND SCHOOL CLOSINGS

The school will be closed if the weather makes it dangerous or impossible to travel. Cancellations will normally be made the morning of school or the night before. On such days, announcements will be made to local outlets. An email will be sent to school families. We will typically follow Lincoln Public Schools regarding school cancellation, but at times there may be exceptions.

If a storm occurs during the day, parents are encouraged to come and get their children when they feel it necessary to do so. If the school closes during the day, it will be announced though the same media outlets. A staff member will stay until the last student is picked up.

AIR QUALITY PROTOCOL

In most cases, Lincoln Christian School will adhere to the protocols outlined below in relation to Air Quality and outdoor activities. However, it's important to understand that the administration retains the final decision-making authority, considering all relevant factors in each unique situation. If Air Quality exceeds a specified threshold and outdoor activities are planned, parents are responsible for communicating with the coach or the school if they prefer that their child not participate in these activities.

100 and below – normal

- School – proceed as normal.
- Outdoor Activities – proceed as normal.

101- 150 –

- School – proceed as normal – keep an eye on any flagged students by the nurse's office. (Unless parent(s) initiate communication with the school with a specific request for their child not to participate. This would only apply to students that have a documented medical issue impacting breathing, etc.)
- Outside Activities – proceed as normal; (Unless parent(s) initiate communication with the school with a specific request for their child not to participate. This would only apply to students that have a documented medical issue impacting breathing, etc.)

150- 200 –

- School – shorten recesses to 15-20 minutes. Unless parent(s) initiates communication with the school with a specific request for their child. This would apply to all students. Teachers will be monitoring all students. Monitor for students showing distress symptoms, coughing, etc. Extra attention will be given to students with any form of breathing difficulties.
- Outside Activities **–** reduce the duration and intensity of strenuous activity. Monitor students more closely for symptoms of distress. Specifically, reduce the duration and

intensity of activity for students with breathing concerns. Parents have the right, without penalty, to ask for their child not to participate outdoors. This would apply to all students.

201- and above –

- School – recess/activities moved inside.
- Activities – activities moved inside.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers helping in small groups, or one-on-one, or driving for field trips must have an approved background check. The background check must be completed yearly. Please use this link to complete the form. We welcome and encourage your participation. We ask that no preschool-age children be with you when you volunteer in the classroom and on field trips. We ask that you follow school dress code as a volunteer.

- Follow Classroom Guidelines: Familiarize yourself with the teacher's classroom guidelines and routines, adhering to them to minimize disruptions and maintain consistency.
- Engage Actively, But Discreetly: Engage with students and assist where necessary while avoiding disruptions during the teacher's instruction time.
- Respect Teacher's Authority: Acknowledge the teacher's authority in the classroom and follow their lead in maintaining discipline and order.

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

Protocol for Individuals on the Sex Offender Registry

Notification and Communication

- Law Enforcement Notification - The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office or Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) may notify Lincoln Christian of registered sex offenders residing near school property, per Neb. Rev. Stat. §29-4013. The school maintains a confidential record of such notifications.
- Community Notification - Lincoln Christian may inform staff about the existence of the Nebraska Sex Offender Registry. Specific offender information is not disclosed unless necessary for safety, as determined by the school administration.
- Confidentiality - Information about registered sex offenders is handled confidentially by school administration, shared only with staff on a need-to-know basis to ensure safety and compliance.

Restrictions on School Property Access

- General Prohibition - Registered sex offenders are prohibited from entering Lincoln Christian School property or attending school-sponsored events unless they meet the exemptions outlined below. This includes offenders under probation, parole, or lifetime registration, particularly those convicted of offenses involving victims under 18.
- Loitering Prohibition - No registered sex offender may loiter on or within 500 feet of school property, per Lincoln Municipal Code §9.50.050. Loitering is defined as

remaining without a legitimate purpose or beyond the time necessary to fulfill that purpose.

Exemptions for Parents or Guardians

- Parental Participation - A registered sex offender who is a parent or legal guardian of a student enrolled at Lincoln Christian School may be permitted to enter school property or attend school-sponsored events involving their child (e.g., parent-teacher conferences, school plays, athletic events) under the following conditions:
- Written Authorization - If under probation or parole, the individual must provide written authorization from their probation/parole officer and obtain approval from the school headmaster/principal. Approval is not guaranteed and may be denied based on the nature of the offense or safety concerns and is determined by the superintendent.
- Advance Notification - The individual must submit a written request to the school superintendent at least 72 hours before entering school property or attending an event, specifying the purpose, date, and time of the visit. Request forms are available in the school office.
- Supervision - The individual must be escorted by a designated staff member at all times while on school property or at school-sponsored events. The superintendent will establish monitoring procedures to ensure safety and discretion.
- Limited Purpose - Access is restricted to activities directly related to the individual's child. The individual must leave school property immediately after the activity concludes.
- Offenders Not on Supervision - A registered sex offender no longer on probation or parole may attend their child's events with prior approval from the superintendent, provided their offense did not involve a victim who attends or previously attended the school. They must still submit a written request and comply with supervision requirements.

Enforcement

- Violations - Unauthorized presence on school property or failure to comply with this policy may result in: Immediate removal by school staff or law enforcement.
- Criminal charges for trespassing or loitering, per Neb. Rev. Stat. §28-520 or Lincoln Municipal Code §9.50.050.
- Notification of the individual's probation/parole officer, if applicable.
- Reporting Concerns - Staff, parents, or community members who suspect a registered sex offender is on school property without authorization should contact the superintendent immediately or the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office at (402) 441-6500.

Legal References

Nebraska Sex Offender Registration Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §29-4001 et seq.
Lincoln Municipal Code, Title 9, Chapter 9.50 (Sexual Predator Residency Restriction Act)
Nebraska Penal Code, Neb. Rev. Stat. §28-520 (Criminal Trespass)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

CLASS PARTIES

Parties celebrating Christmas, Thanksgiving and Valentine's Day may be held. All activities should be honoring to the Lord and include all students. No emphasis should be placed on Santa Claus, the Easter bunny, Halloween, or other secular concepts. Each teacher may determine the most appropriate time to celebrate birthdays.

COMPETITION OPPORTUNITES

Students in grades four through six may compete in contests involving knowledge in geography, handwriting, and spelling.

OPEN HOUSE - August 18, 2026 at 1:00 PM

On a designated day prior to school starting, students will have an opportunity to briefly visit their classroom, meet their teachers and drop off school supplies.

CLASSROOM CONNECTION NIGHT – August 25, 2026 from 6:30 – 8:10 PM

One evening is scheduled in the fall for parents to meet with the teachers in the classrooms to discuss the operation and procedures of the classes.

SPECIAL EVENTS

GRANDPARENTS DAY – Friday, October 9, 2026 1:00 PM dismissal

Grandparents are invited to spend a day at school, visiting their grandchild's classroom, and eating lunch with him or her. This typically occurs in the fall.

ELEMENTARY MUSIC PROGRAMS

All the students have the opportunity to participate in a larger public performance in music & drama, at Christmas and/or in the spring.

- **December 17, 2026** — **1st-6th Grade Christmas Concert**
- **December 14, 2026** — **PreK-K Christmas Concert**
- **April 29, 2027** — **1st-6th Grade Spring Concert**

K FOR A DAY - TBD

Interested families with kindergarten-age children are invited to meet the teachers and visit the classrooms, to become acquainted with our kindergarten program. K for a Day takes place on various days in February and March.

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION – Tuesday, May 25, 2027 at 7:00 PM

A special program is presented to honor the kindergarten students for completing their first year of school. This program is usually presented during the last week of school.

FIELD DAY/ALL SCHOOL PICNIC – Friday, May 7, 2027

All the elementary students take part in a morning of activities, followed by an all-school picnic. This event takes place in May.

SIXTH GRADE RECOGNITION – Tuesday, May 25, 2027 at 10:00am

This program is presented by the sixth-grade students. They are recognized for completing their elementary school years, and awards are presented. The program is usually followed by a social event for the class.