

FIDELIS ACADEMY

COMPETENCE • CHARACTER • COMMITMENT

STUDENT & PARENT HANDBOOK

Pre-K4 through Grade 8

Academic Year 2026–2027

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

— Proverbs 22:6



Fidelis Academy

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WELCOME TO FIDELIS ACADEMY

Welcome to Fidelis Academy, a community of faith, scholarship, and purpose. We are honored that you have chosen to partner with us in the education and formation of your child. We do more than educate; we shape lives. Guided by our mission, we partner with families to develop students who are prepared not just for the next grade level, but for life.

Please read this handbook carefully and keep it as a reference throughout the year. The signed Acknowledgment of Receipt must be returned to the school office during the first week of school.

Mission Statement

The mission of Fidelis Academy is to develop students with **“Strong minds, strong character, and deep faith to impact the world for Christ.”**

Vision Statement

The vision of Fidelis Academy is to raise a generation of spiritually grounded, academically excellent leaders who shape culture and influence the world for Christ.

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

— Jeremiah 29:11

Our Institutional Pillars

- **Competence:** We build strong academic skills and intellectual discipline.
- **Character:** We cultivate integrity, humility, courage, and compassion.
- **Commitment:** We develop ownership, resilience, and purposeful leadership.

Core Values

Five core values define who we are and how we operate at Fidelis Academy:

- **Biblical Truth:** We anchor all learning and living in God’s Word, rightly dividing the truth and applying it with wisdom.
- **Academic Excellence:** We pursue mastery, critical thinking, and intellectual discipline in all we do.
- **Christlike Character:** We cultivate integrity, humility, courage, and compassion in our community.
- **Personal Responsibility:** We take ownership of our actions, growth, and commitments.
- **Purposeful Leadership:** We prepare students to serve, influence, and impact the world for Christ.

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.”

— Colossians 3:23

The Fidelis Academy Learner Profile

At Fidelis Academy, we do more than educate; we shape lives. Here is what you can expect your child to become:

- **A Confident Thinker:** Your child will develop strong academic skills, critical thinking ability, and intellectual discipline. They will learn to communicate clearly, solve problems effectively, and pursue excellence in every subject. We build competence that prepares students for high school, college, and beyond.
- **Rooted in Biblical Truth:** Your child will grow in a deep understanding of Scripture and learn how to apply God’s Word to everyday life. Faith is not an add-on; it is the foundation. We nurture deep faith that shapes convictions and decisions.
- **A Person of Strong Character:** Integrity, humility, courage, and compassion are intentionally cultivated. Students learn to treat others with respect, take responsibility for their actions, and do what is right, even when it’s hard. We build character that lasts a lifetime.
- **Responsible & Self-Disciplined:** Students are taught ownership. They learn to honor commitments, manage their time, accept feedback, and grow from challenges. We develop commitment that produces maturity and resilience.
- **A Purpose-Driven Leader:** Your child will discover their God-given gifts and learn how to use them to serve others. We prepare students to influence culture with wisdom and conviction, not simply follow it. We raise students ready to impact the world for Christ.

Graduate Declaration

A Fidelis Academy graduate is:

A Fidelis Graduate Is	What This Means
Intellectually Equipped	Prepared for rigorous secondary and post-secondary study.
Spiritually Grounded	Firmly rooted in biblical truth and Christian conviction.
Morally Courageous	Guided by integrity in thought and action.
Personally Disciplined	Demonstrating responsibility and resilience.
Prepared to Lead	Equipped to impact the world for Christ in every sphere of influence.

Our Promise to Families

We believe education works best in partnership. When school and home are aligned, children flourish. At Fidelis Academy, we are committed to walking alongside you, building strong minds, strong character, and deep faith in your child.

“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.”

— Proverbs 22:6

Non-Discrimination Policy

Fidelis Academy admits students of any race, color, national origin, and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities available to students at the school. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of our educational policies, admissions policies, financial aid, athletic and arts programs, or any other school-administered programs.

DAILY SCHEDULE & SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Daily Schedule – Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8

The following schedule governs the school day for all grade school students. Please plan arrival, pickup, and family commitments accordingly.

Activity	Time
Drop-off	7:45 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
Breakfast	7:50 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
Instructional Time	8:10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Pick-up	2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
After Care	2:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Arrival & Dismissal

School begins promptly at the designated start time. Students who arrive late must be signed in by a parent or guardian at the school office before proceeding to class. Students arriving habitually after 8:30 a.m. may not be permitted to attend school for the day. Unaccompanied students who arrive late will not be admitted to class.

Students dropped off before the designated start time will be placed in Morning Care and charged \$10.00 per day for supervision, unless they are enrolled in the Before/After Care program.

Drop-Off & Pick-Up Procedures

The school entrance is located on 9th Avenue. The 20th Street gate is a designated exit only. Please follow the flow of traffic to avoid confusion and ensure a safe environment for all parents, students, and staff. Please note that the 9th Avenue gate closes promptly at 8:00 a.m. and will remain closed until pickup begins at 2:30 p.m. Late arrivals must call the front office at 954-712-1707 to arrange entry through the 20th Street gate.

Students may not wait unsupervised in front of the gate or in the parking lot at any time.

Late Pick-Up

Students not picked up by 3:00 p.m. will be placed in After Care and charged the daily drop in rate for supervision if they are not enrolled in the Before/After Care program. If a student remains on campus after 6:30 p.m., the Fort Lauderdale Police Department will be contacted to assume temporary supervision until a parent or guardian can be reached, as required by the Department of Children and Families (DCF).

Early Pick-Up Policy

For safety and instructional reasons, early pick-ups between 2:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. are not permitted unless there is a verified family emergency. In such cases, parents must notify the school office (not the classroom teacher) at 954-712-1707 before arriving. This policy minimizes classroom disruptions and maximizes end-of-day learning time for all students.

Students may only be dismissed to individuals listed on the authorized pickup list on file with the school office. Photo identification is required at all times.

Tardy & Absence Policy

Any student arriving after 8:00 a.m. will be marked tardy and must be signed in by a parent at the office to receive a “tardy slip” before being permitted to class. Tardiness disrupts the learning process for all students.

If your child is absent, please submit a written note or doctor’s note upon their return, indicating the reason for the absence. Extended absences must be reported directly to your child’s teacher. Only an administrator can determine whether extended absences will be marked excused or unexcused, and whether makeup work will be permitted. If a pattern of non-attendance or excessive tardiness develops, the school will contact the family.

School Supplies & Backpacks

A school supply list is provided at the beginning of the year. All supplies must be delivered and signed in by the first day of school.

Due to safety concerns and space limitations, students are required to use a standard backpack. Wheeled bags are discouraged. If a medical concern requires an accommodation, please notify Dr. Davilmar with documentation from your child’s physician.

Communication

Your child’s teacher will provide a contact card with their email address at the start of the school year. Parents may communicate with any staff member via email or through the student’s planner. For urgent matters, please contact the school office directly at 954-712-1707.

Fidelis Academy uses PraxiSchool as our primary digital communication platform. Please ensure your account is active and your contact information is current at all times. Login at: app.praxischool.com/parent_login.php

School Safety

All parents and visitors must report to the school office upon entering the campus. As part of the Jessica Lunsford Act, any parent wishing to attend a field trip or volunteer in a classroom must complete a Volunteer Form and submit to fingerprint screening. The parent is responsible for the cost of fingerprinting.

“The Lord is my light and my salvation — whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life — of whom shall I be afraid?”

— Psalm 27:1

Weather Conditions

In the event of dangerous weather, including hurricanes or tropical storms, please refer to local news and radio for Broward County school announcements. Fidelis Academy follows all county

directives in emergency declarations. If Broward County Public Schools are closed, Fidelis Academy is closed.

Extracurricular Activities

All extracurricular activities and specials are scheduled on Fridays during school hours. Additional information about specific programs will be communicated throughout the year.

Birthdays & Party Invitations

If your child wishes to distribute birthday party invitations at school, all students in the class or grade level must be included without exception. If the entire class or grade cannot be invited, please make arrangements to distribute invitations outside of school to protect the feelings and dignity of every child in our community. Birthday celebrations held at school must first be scheduled through the school office at least two weeks in advance; the classroom teacher will be notified by the office upon confirmation. All celebrations must take place during lunch or recess only and may not interrupt instructional time.

UNIFORM POLICY

Uniforms are mandatory for all students and will be strictly enforced. A proper, clean uniform reflects the dignity, discipline, and community identity of every Fidelis Academy student. All uniform tops including polo shirts and t-shirts must be purchased exclusively through the school office to ensure authenticity and consistency. Order forms are available at the school office throughout the year. The Fidelis Academy name, logo, and all related school branding are the exclusive property of the institution. Unauthorized use or reproduction of the school's identity, logo, or insignia on any clothing, merchandise, or materials — whether for personal or commercial purposes is strictly prohibited.

“Let all things be done decently and in order.”

— 1 Corinthians 14:40

Elementary School Uniform Requirements

- **Tops:** Official uniform polo shirt with embroidered school logo, or gray dress-down shirt (on designated days only).
- **Bottoms:** Pants, skorts, shorts, or jumpers — no shorter than 3 inches above the knee. Tight-fitted pants and very loose pants worn without a belt are not permitted at any time, per safety and etiquette protocol.
- **Shoes:** Closed-toe, full-coverage comfortable shoes with socks are required at all times.
- **Belts:** Belts are required for all students where appropriate.

Dress Down Days

Dress Down Days are announced exclusively by the school office. On these days, students must wear the attire specified in the announcement or report in their standard school uniform. Dress Down Days are a privilege and will be revoked for students who do not comply with the announced guidelines.

Uniform non-compliance

Students who arrive out of uniform without a written excuse from a parent will be addressed by administration. Repeated non-compliance will result in escalating consequences. If a family is experiencing financial difficulty that affects uniform compliance, please contact the school office confidentially. We are here to help.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS & EXPECTATIONS

Academic Philosophy

At Fidelis Academy, academic excellence is an act of worship. We believe every student has been uniquely gifted by God, and our role is to draw out that potential through rigorous, faith-integrated instruction. We pursue mastery, critical thinking, and intellectual discipline in all that we do.

“The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out.”

— Proverbs 18:15

Testing, Grading & Progress Reporting

Teachers are required to record grades weekly in each subject area. Parents may schedule a conference with their child’s teacher at any time to review the student’s portfolio and academic standing.

Fidelis Academy is committed to keeping parents informed. Parents will be notified when a student is performing below proficiency through the following channels:

- Teacher communications and written notices
- Interim Reports
- Report Cards
- Conference requests, phone calls, and/or emails

Grading Scale

- A = 90–100 (Excellent)
- B = 80–89 (Above Average)
- C = 70–79 (Average)
- D = 60–69 (Below Average)
- F = Below 60 (Failing)

Standardized Testing

All students in Grades 1 through 8 will take the MAP Growth Test three times per year to monitor academic progress and growth. Results are used by teachers and administration to guide instruction and identify students in need of additional support.

Homework Policy

Homework expectations are established by each teacher and communicated through the course syllabus at the start of the year. Students and parents are expected to follow the policy as outlined by their teacher. Homework is an extension of classroom learning and must be completed thoroughly and on time.

Textbook Policy

Each student is responsible for all textbooks issued in their name. Lost or damaged textbooks must be paid for by the parent before a replacement will be provided.

Academic Probation

A student whose cumulative average falls below 70 in any core subject may be placed on academic probation. During this period, performance will be closely monitored and support provided. Continued academic difficulty may result in retention, modified placement, or a review of continued enrollment.

Academic Integrity

Honesty is a foundational value at Fidelis Academy. Academic dishonesty including cheating, plagiarism, unauthorized collaboration, or any falsification of information is a serious violation of our community standards. Students found guilty of academic dishonesty will receive a zero on the assignment, a disciplinary record notation, and a mandatory parent conference. Repeated violations will result in escalating consequences.

“The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in people who are trustworthy.”
— Proverbs 12:22

Parent-Teacher Communication

Fidelis Academy values transparent, ongoing communication between home and school. Parents are encouraged to:

- Monitor grades, attendance, and school communications through the PraxiSchool Parent Portal
- Respond promptly to all teacher and administration correspondence
- Attend scheduled parent-teacher conferences
- Contact teachers for non-urgent matters via email or the student planner

Concerns about a teacher should always be brought first to the teacher directly, then to administration if unresolved. We ask that all communication remain respectful and solution-focused.

STUDENT CONDUCT & DISCIPLINE

Behavioral Philosophy

Fidelis Academy is a community shaped by the love of Christ and the pursuit of godly character. We hold every student to a high standard of conduct not as a burden, but as an invitation to grow into the men and women God has called them to be.

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”
— Romans 12:2

Student Code of Conduct

Every student at Fidelis Academy is expected to:

- Show respect for God, self, teachers, peers, and school property
- Follow all directions from faculty and staff promptly and respectfully
- Use honest and uplifting speech at all times
- Resolve conflicts peacefully and seek adult guidance when needed
- Represent Fidelis Academy with integrity in all on campus and off settings

Prohibited Behaviors

The following behaviors are not permitted and will result in disciplinary action:

- **Disrespect:** Verbal or physical disrespect toward any faculty, staff, student, or guest
- **Bullying & Harassment:** Any behavior intended to intimidate, demean, or harm another student, whether in person or online
- **Dishonesty:** Cheating, plagiarism, lying, or any form of academic or personal deception
- **Violent Conduct:** Physical aggression, fighting, or threatening behavior of any kind
- **Profanity:** Offensive, vulgar, or disrespectful language or gestures
- **Unauthorized Devices:** Unapproved use of personal electronic devices during school hours
- **Theft or Vandalism:** Taking or damaging the property of the school or another person

“Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up.”

— Ephesians 4:29

Disciplinary Process

Fidelis Academy’s approach to discipline is corrective, restorative, and age-appropriate. The severity of the incident may accelerate the following progression:

1. Verbal correction and redirection by the classroom teacher
2. Documented warning with parent notification
3. Detention or loss of privileges, parent conference
4. In-school suspension with written reflection assignment
5. Out-of-school suspension
6. Expulsion — reserved for severe or repeated violations

Parents will be notified of any suspension. Expulsion decisions are made by school administration and are final.

Bullying & Cyberbullying Policy

Fidelis Academy takes a firm and compassionate stand against bullying in all forms — verbal taunting, physical aggression, social exclusion, and cyberbullying via electronic devices or social media. Any reported or observed instance of bullying will be investigated promptly. Students found to have engaged in bullying will face disciplinary action up to and including expulsion. Students who witness bullying are encouraged to report it to a trusted adult immediately.

“Love one another as I have loved you.”

— John 15:12

Personal Technology & Cell Phone Policy

All personal technology devices are prohibited, including iPads and personal gaming devices. While personal cell phones are strongly discouraged, if a student brings one to school it must remain on silent and turned into the phone box at the front desk daily. Any device that is visible, in use, or causing disruption will be confiscated and held in the school office until a parent retrieves it. The school is not responsible for any personal device that is lost, damaged, or stolen.

Personal Possessions

Please label all of your child's belongings in permanent black marker, particularly lunch boxes, jackets, sweaters, and sweatshirts. The school will not be held responsible for any personal items that are lost, damaged, or stolen.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Attendance Philosophy

Regular, on-time attendance is essential to academic success and community participation. Every day missed is instruction, relationships, and growth that cannot be fully recovered. We ask that families guard school attendance carefully and plan vacations, appointments, and travel around the academic calendar.

“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time.”
— Ephesians 5:15–16

Reporting Absences

All absences must be reported to the school office on the day of the absence. Upon return, a written note from the parent or guardian must be submitted indicating the reason for the absence. A doctor's note is required for medical absences.

Any extended absences must be reported to your child's teacher in advance. Only an administrator can determine whether extended absences will be marked excused or unexcused, and whether makeup work will be permitted. If a trend of non-attendance or excessive tardiness develops, the school will contact the family.

Tardiness

Students arriving after 8:00 a.m. are marked tardy and must be signed in by a parent at the school office before proceeding to class. Tardiness is disruptive to the learning process for all students and will be addressed through the disciplinary process if it becomes habitual.

HEALTH, SAFETY & EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Health Records

Parents are required to ensure that the school office has current, accurate health information on file for every student at all times, including:

- Florida-required immunization records
- Known allergies and medical conditions
- Current emergency contact information (minimum of two contacts)
- Authorization for emergency medical treatment

Medication Administration

Students who require medication during school hours must have all required forms completed prior to administration. A completed form from the student's physician must be on file specifying

medication dosages and daily administration times. All medication bottles must be new and unopened, containing the amount listed on the prescription label. Medications are stored in a secure location in the school office and may only be administered by appropriately trained personnel.

Illness at School

When your child is feeling ill, please keep them home until they have fully recovered. Contagious ailments spread quickly in a classroom setting, and keeping an ill child home is one of the most important ways a family can protect the health of our entire school community. Students who become ill during the school day will be cared for in the school office while a parent or guardian is contacted for pickup. If the school is unable to reach a parent or guardian directly, we will proceed to contact all individuals listed on the student's emergency contact list in the order provided. We ask that all efforts be made to arrange prompt pickup, as a sick child is best cared for at home. It is therefore essential that emergency contact information be kept current in PraxiSchool at all times.

Emergency Procedures

Fidelis Academy maintains and regularly reviews emergency procedures for fire, severe weather, lockdown, and other critical incidents. All staff are trained in emergency response protocols. Parents will be notified promptly via PraxiSchool messaging and other channels in the event of a school-wide emergency.

Please ensure your contact information in PraxiSchool is always current. In an emergency, this is how we reach you.

Weather Emergencies

In the event of a hurricane, tropical storm, or other severe weather event, Fidelis Academy follows Broward County Public Schools directives. If Broward County Public Schools are closed, Fidelis Academy is closed. Please monitor local news and radio for announcements.

Child Safety & Mandatory Reporting

All faculty and staff of Fidelis Academy are mandatory reporters under Florida law. Any reasonable suspicion of child abuse, neglect, or exploitation will be reported to the Florida Department of Children and Families immediately. The safety of our students is our highest obligation.

“For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, ‘Fear not, I am the one who helps you.’”

— Isaiah 41:13

LUNCH & SCHOOL SERVICES

School Lunch Program

Fidelis Academy operates a full-service kitchen. The following meal services are available to all students:

- **Breakfast:** Provided free of charge to all students.
- **Snack:** Provided free of charge to all students.
- **Lunch:** \$3.00 per day.

Information about Free and Reduced Meal eligibility will be communicated to families. Please contact the school office for more details.

“And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

— Philippians 4:19

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Tuition & Financial Commitment

We are committed to making a Fidelis Academy education accessible to every family who shares our vision. Tuition revenue directly supports the quality of education and resources our students deserve. We ask all families to honor their financial commitments as outlined in their enrollment contract.

“The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.”

— Proverbs 21:5

Enrollment Contract

All enrolling and re-enrolling families must sign an annual enrollment contract before the academic year begins. This contract includes the comprehensive fee schedule and a copy of the current Student Handbook. Enrollment is not considered complete until the signed contract is returned.

Payment Options via PraxiSchool

All tuition and school payments are managed through PraxiSchool, our secure all-in-one Student Information System. Through the PraxiSchool Parent Portal, families can view account balances, make payments, and review their complete financial history — anytime, from any device. Families may select from:

- Annual — single payment
- Semester — two payments
- Monthly — recurring scheduled payments

Payments are processed as automatic deductions from a designated checking or savings account, or charged to a credit card of your choice. A convenience fee applies to credit card transactions. Additional charges — including transportation, extended session, athletics, and supplemental music classes — are also viewable and payable through your PraxiSchool account. Login at: app.praxischool.com/parent_login.php

Financial Obligations & Outstanding Fees

Parents receiving a scholarship from the State of Florida (StepUp for Students or AAA Scholarships) must approve scholarship payments in a timely manner. A late fee will be assessed after one week of delay. Any outstanding financial obligations must be addressed with the school office. Students with unresolved financial obligations:

- May not receive report cards
- May be dismissed from the school for failure to pay
- Will not have academic records released until the balance is paid in full

Families experiencing unexpected financial hardship are encouraged to contact the school office promptly and confidentially. We are committed to finding solutions together.

School-Funded Financial Aid

Financial Aid information and applications are available by contacting the school office. All aid determinations are made through a third-party financial needs assessment to ensure fairness and objectivity. No financial assistance will be awarded without a completed application on file.

State-Funded Financial Aid

Fidelis Academy is an approved provider for many of Florida’s scholarship programs. Award amounts are determined by the state, and families are responsible for any tuition balance not covered by their scholarship. Contact the school office to learn which programs your student may qualify for.

PRAXISCHOOL – YOUR FAMILY PORTAL

Welcome to PraxiSchool

Fidelis Academy uses PraxiSchool as our all-in-one Student Information System — a secure, cloud-based platform that keeps your family organized, informed, and connected throughout the school year. From enrollment to graduation, everything you need is in one place.

What Parents Can Access

- **Enrollment & Re-enrollment:** Complete and submit enrollment paperwork online, on your schedule.
- **Grades & Attendance:** Monitor your child’s academic progress and attendance in real time.
- **Report Cards & Transcripts:** Access official academic records whenever you need them.
- **Tuition & Financial Statements:** View balances, invoices, payment history, and outstanding fees securely.
- **School Announcements & Messaging:** Stay connected to teachers and administration through the portal.
- **Document Uploads:** Submit required forms, evaluations, and records digitally with ease.

Security & Privacy

PraxiSchool is 100% cloud-based nothing to download or install. Your family’s information is protected by encrypted connections, role-based access permissions, and daily backups. Only authorized individuals may access your student’s account.

Getting Started

Families will receive login credentials from the school office. Access your parent portal at:

app.praxischool.com/parent_login.php

For questions about the portal, contact our school office at 954-712-1707.

Parent Responsibility

Families are responsible for maintaining accurate and current contact information, emergency contacts, health data, and payment details in PraxiSchool at all times. PraxiSchool is Fidelis Academy’s primary communication channel. Families who do not maintain portal access may miss critical school communications.

PARENT PARTNERSHIP & EXPECTATIONS

The Parent-School Partnership

Education at Fidelis Academy is a partnership. We bring professional expertise, a structured Christian environment, and deep commitment to every student. We ask that parents bring active engagement, consistent follow-through, and a spirit of collaboration.

“Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him.”
— Psalm 127:3

Parent Responsibilities

Fidelis Academy parents and guardians are expected to:

- Ensure their student attends school regularly, on time, and in proper uniform
- Support and reinforce school rules and values at home
- Take an active role in their child's academic success by providing a structured home environment for homework completion, test preparation, and daily review of schoolwork
- Review and respond to all school communications promptly via PraxiSchool
- Attend required conferences, events, and school meetings
- Maintain a current and active PraxiSchool parent portal
- Take an active role in their child's academic success by providing a structured home environment for homework completion, test preparation, and daily review of schoolwork
- Honor all financial commitments as outlined in the enrollment contract in a timely manner
- Model respectful, Christ-honoring behavior in all interactions with the school community on campus, at school events, and online

Respectful Communication

All communication between parents and school personnel must be conducted with courtesy and mutual respect. Confrontational, threatening, or disrespectful behavior toward any faculty, staff, or student will not be tolerated and may result in a review of the student's enrollment.

We are on the same team. When concerns arise, we ask that you come to us with a spirit of partnership, not adversity. Together, we can resolve almost anything.

Volunteer Participation

We warmly welcome parent volunteers. As required under the Jessica Lunsford Act, all volunteers who work with students must complete the Volunteer Form and submit to fingerprint screening. The parent is responsible for the cost of fingerprinting. Volunteer opportunities are communicated throughout the year.

Social Media Policy

Parents and students are expected to represent Fidelis Academy with integrity online. Posting content that is disrespectful, defamatory, or harmful toward the school, its faculty, staff, or students is inconsistent with our community standards and may have consequences for continued enrollment.

“In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.”
— Matthew 7:12

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES & RIGHTS

Student Responsibilities

Students at Fidelis Academy carry the responsibility of representing Christ and their school community well, in all places and at all times. Every student is expected to:

- Come to school prepared, focused, and ready to learn
- Treat every person with dignity and kindness
- Take ownership of their academic progress and behavior
- Speak truthfully, even when it is difficult
- Honor school rules and the spirit behind them
- Use technology responsibly and only as directed
- Care for school property and shared community spaces

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.”

— **Philippians 2:3**

Student Rights

Every student at Fidelis Academy has the right to:

- A safe, orderly, and respectful learning environment
- Be treated with dignity and fairness by all faculty, staff, and peers
- Receive a quality, Christ-centered education
- Express concerns to teachers or administration through appropriate channels
- Access support services and resources available at the school

Media Release Policy

Fidelis Academy periodically captures photos, videos, and other media of students during school activities, events, field trips, performances, and daily campus life. These images and recordings may be used for institutional purposes including, but not limited to, the school website, social media platforms, newsletters, promotional materials, recruitment publications, and press releases.

By enrolling a student at Fidelis Academy, the parent or guardian grants the school a blanket, ongoing authorization to photograph and/or record their child and to use such media for the purposes described above, unless a written opt-out request is submitted to the school office prior to the start of the academic year or at the time of enrollment.

Parents and guardians who wish to opt out must submit a completed Media Opt-Out Form, available at the school office. Opt-out requests will be honored and documented; however, the school cannot guarantee that a student will never appear incidentally in group or crowd photography. The school will make reasonable efforts to exclude opt-out students from intentional individual or small-group media use.

The following terms apply to all media captured by Fidelis Academy:

- Student media will never be sold, shared with third parties, or used for commercial advertising without separate, explicit written consent from the parent or guardian

- Full names of students will not be published alongside photos on any public-facing platform without written parental authorization
- Media depicting students in sensitive situations including disciplinary matters, health-related events, or any circumstance that could compromise a student's dignity will never be captured or published
- Parents and guardians who share school-produced media on personal social media accounts do so at their own discretion and are encouraged to be mindful of the privacy of other students who may appear in the same image

Fidelis Academy reserves the right to update this policy. Any material changes will be communicated to families through PraxiSchool.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

— TO BE SIGNED AND RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE —

We have received, read, and understood the Fidelis Academy Student & Parent Handbook for the academic year 2026–2027. We agree to abide by the policies, expectations, and procedures outlined within, and we commit to upholding the values of Competence, Character, and Commitment as members of the Fidelis Academy community.

We understand that the school reserves the right to amend this handbook during the school year. Parents will be notified of any significant changes, and the updated handbook will be made available through PraxiSchool.

“As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

— **Joshua 24:15**

Student Information

Student Full Name (Print): _____	Date: _____
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Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent / Guardian #1

Parent / Guardian Name (Print): _____	Date: _____
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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Relationship to Student: _____ Phone: _____

Parent / Guardian #2 (if applicable)

Parent / Guardian Name (Print): _____	Date: _____
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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Relationship to Student: _____ Phone: _____

Please detach and return this signed page to the school office by the end of the first week of school.