

UNITED CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
Basic Code of Conduct Policy (Updated for the 2020 tutorial year)

In an effort to put into words a basic, reasonable policy concerning code of conduct, this letter has been constructed and should be reviewed and signed by all parents and students attending UCA.

Concerning Relationships:

It is not beneficial to a tutorial environment to have a “boyfriend/girlfriend” mentality on campus, or at any UCA function. Relationships are, and should remain, the domain of the parents. UCA therefore will not tolerate actions by students that take place on campus, or at a UCA function, that are deemed to be inappropriate displays of affection. Students should not pair up and be in locations where supervision is not available, i.e. wandering around campus or in an empty classroom.

REMEMBER - 1 Timothy 5:1-2 - “Treat younger men as brothers,...younger women as sisters, with absolute purity”

Concerning Hair and Dress:

As a UCA parent or student, please remember that we are trying to create an atmosphere where hair, dress, and/or jewelry do not become a distraction. With this in mind, the board members have set a few simple guidelines.

Regarding the girls:

1. Skirts or dresses should reach to or around the knee level, even if worn with leggings.
2. Shorts worn to class should be at or just above knee length which is typical of dress shorts. Shorts worn to sports practices or to an outdoors event should reach to below the longest finger when the arm is dropped by the side.
3. Clothing should not be torn or low cut. No tanks or spaghetti straps worn alone or under see through tops.
4. No athletic shorts or pants except while attending sports practices.
5. Pants should not have holes nor should they be skin tight.
6. With the exception of basic earrings, no other body piercing jewelry, gauges, or tattoos.
7. Hair should not be of an unnatural color, for example purple or pink.
8. No undergarments should be showing.

Regarding the boys:

1. Jeans or shorts should be clean, worn in place - no underwear showing.
2. Hair should be appropriately worn, reasonably short, not unnaturally colored, not in the eyes.
3. There should be no hair accessories worn in the hair.
4. Face should be clean shaven while performing, but can be trimmed and neat if not.
5. Shirts should be preferably collared, but if not, then nice T-shirts, no muscle shirts or tank tops.
6. No athletic shorts or pants except while attending sports practices.
7. Pants should not have holes nor should they be skin tight.
8. No body piercing jewelry, gauges, or tattoos.
9. No hats or hoodie tops pulled over the head worn indoors.

We appreciate your help in creating a nice environment with our dress.

REMEMBER - Galatians 5:23 “meekness, temperance, against such there is no law”
Temperance means >> MODERATION and SELF RESTRAINT.

Concerning Speech:

While on campus, or at a UCA function, students should use their mouths wisely. Foul language, use of the Lord's name in vain, coarse jesting, sharing inappropriate gossip, or belittling other students are examples of an unwise use of the tongue and will not be tolerated.

REMEMBER - Psalm 39:1 - "I will guard my ways that I may not sin with my tongue"

Concerning Cell Phones:

Students should not use cell phones while on campus. If, due to family circumstance, they need to have one on campus, it should be put away and not in use during tutorial hours. Using a phone after tutorial hours is acceptable. I-pods, and other similar electronics, should not be brought on campus at all.

Concerning Trips Off Campus

Students should not leave campus prior to the end of their scheduled day for any reason without express written or texted consent from the parents to Mr. Counts. Please keep trips off campus to a minimum encouraging the students to stay on campus wherever possible. Other students should not leave campus with a student who is making a parent approved trip.

Concerning Study Halls

Parents and students must help us keep the proper focus at our tutorial by agreeing to have all students who are on campus during class hours, but not enrolled in any class, attend one of our study halls. Each study hall will have an assigned teacher who will be the authority of all students who are in need of using a study hall. Students must not be resistant to going to study hall, wander the campus, develop study hall classes of their own choosing, or fail to recognize the study hall supervisor as their teacher during these instances. Parents need to make sure that all students who need to attend a study hall come prepared with school work to do while in that class. School work will be assigned to them by the study hall monitor if they fail to prepare properly. It is most important that all students fully understand that they are to be in study hall if they are not enrolled in a class at any given time, but there are classes going on. This would include in instances where they are carpooling or waiting for long periods after their last class to be picked up.

Concerning Matters of Faith

Regardless of the trends happening in the popular society, the UCA board and staff intend to support Biblical doctrine on all matters. At UCA, we believe and will teach that:

- 1) Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the only way in which man can be saved.
- 2) The Bible is the inerrant Word of God and is our guide to all matters concerning life.

Our recognition and belief of these concepts would mean that as a tutorial we support the concept of protecting all human life including the unborn, we support following the gender assignment given by God at birth, we believe that God created the heavens and the earth as well as man in His own image, and we support the Biblical definition of marriage as being between one man and one woman. The Bible does not waver on issues such as these and neither will our tutorial.

Concerning Academics

All parents should understand fully that UCA is a homeschool cooperative tutorial and NOT a homeschool umbrella or a private school substitute. Every student that attends UCA is a homeschool student and is thus required by law to register with the state as such. This is usually done by either registering with your local public school board or by using a private umbrella school. Two of the closest umbrella schools in our area that you could use to register your child are Aaron Academy, located in Hendersonville, or Daniel One Academy, located in Cookeville. These umbrella schools keep the academic records of your child's progress towards graduation and also serve as a location by which colleges or other institutions can obtain your child's school transcripts.

UCA, as mandated by our UCA school board, desires to maintain a conservative, Christian-based atmosphere to assist our families in enriching their homeschool experience. To achieve this goal, we cannot serve students and families who are not self-motivated to do their school work, who need some kind of school-provided discipline as an incentive to behave on campus, or who are unable to willingly comply with our school standards of hair, dress, and conduct.

All parents who enroll their child(ren) in classes at UCA must do so with the knowledge that it is the sole responsibility of parents to oversee their child(ren)'s completion of homework assignments and that their children are learning the material covered. The student will be involved only one day per week in any specific class offered at UCA; therefore, a parent must be fully engaged during the other four days to ensure that the learning process is successful. These parental responsibilities are not transferred to UCA when a student takes a class on campus. Parents are also responsible for assigning the final grade for the class.

The UCA school board has set a minimum standard of work completion and test comprehension for each of our academic classes. Any student making less than a 75% overall in any class (based on completion of work assignments, class attendance, and test scores) will not be permitted to take that subject matter the following semester. The second semester's tuition bill would be adjusted if a student is required to drop a class in mid-year.

I have read and can live by the codes of conduct presented above:

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