

MARANATHA BAPTIST ACADEMY

Parent and Student Handbook

MBA School Verse

“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

Romans 12:2

MBA COLORS

Royal Blue/Gray/White

MBA MASCOT

Warriors

MBA THEME

Christ Centered Education

MBA MISSION

MBA partners with parents to make and train disciples of Christ through biblical instruction, godly educators, rigorous academics, and the influence of Christian students.

“Reaching Families for Christ”

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Introduction

*“Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.”
Romans 8:37*

WELCOME

Welcome to the Maranatha Baptist Academy family! We are thankful for the opportunity to work with you concerning the education of your child. We have committed our lives to provide families the best Christian education available in the Fort Leonard Wood area. MBA, a ministry of Maranatha Baptist Church, is a private institution offering a challenging educational program in a conservative Christian environment for members of MBC and, as space permits, other selected families.

To better acquaint you with our mission and focus, please take a few moments to read this handbook. It will help explain the policies and procedures by which we operate.

WORTHWHILE PURPOSE

The purpose of MBA is to bring glory to God by assisting parents in the biblical training of their children by providing an environment in which students can grow spiritually as they learn to conform to the image of Christ. We believe we can accomplish this goal through the integration of biblical principles in the classroom, the example of godly teachers, and the positive peer pressure of other Christian students.

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Our students are expected to demonstrate self-discipline, high morals, good habits, respect for others, responsibility, and a love for God and country. The Bible, while not being the only textbook, will be taught, and its principles will be guidelines for all learning.

OUR HISTORY

MBA began in 1981 as a ministry of Maranatha Baptist Church. Since its founding, the school has enabled Maranatha Baptist Church to serve our community by providing families with quality Christian training through a balanced academic program. The Lord has greatly blessed the ministry of the school which now includes students from preschool through twelfth grade.

MBA is known throughout the community as an excellent school and is currently the largest private school in area.. We are an active member of the American Association of Christian Schools and the Missouri Association of Christian Schools.

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

The Statement of Faith of Maranatha Baptist Church is the doctrinal statement of Maranatha Baptist Academy. A brief summary is as follows:

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God and our final authority for faith and practice.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in the persons of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood on the cross, 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 all men are sinners by nature and that salvation is only obtained by the regeneration of the Holy Spirit.
4. We believe in the resurrection of both saved and lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
5. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.
6. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Maranatha Baptist Academy, a ministry of Maranatha Baptist Church, exists to bring glory to the Lord by reaching students and their families with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and providing an environment where students can grow spiritually as they learn to conform to the image of Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:18-20, Rom. 12:2).

PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

We believe God gave the biblical mandate for education to the home and the church. (Genesis 6:7; Eph. 6:4, Matt. 28:19-20) MBA, as a ministry of MBC, desires to be an extension of the home and church in reinforcing the biblical and academic training provided by these two institutions.

MISSION

MBA partners with parents to make and train disciples of Christ through biblical instruction, godly educators, rigorous academics, and the influence of Christian students. (Col. 3:16, Ecc. 9:10, I Tim. 4:12)

GOD'S DESIGN FOR GENDER AND SEXUALITY

We believe that God created the human race male and female, and that these two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as either male or female at the time of conception, and that all conduct with the intent to adopt a gender other than the biological gender of one's birth is immoral and therefore sinful. We further believe that the rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person. Because of this belief, we will refer to all students and faculty with the pronouns associated with their biological gender. We will also require that all students and faculty abide by the dress code established for their biological gender. (Gen. 1:26-27; Deut.22:5)5.)

Maranatha Baptist Academy is a distinctly Christian educational institution dedicated to providing instruction in accordance with the inspired Word of God, which serves as the final authority for faith

and practice (2 Tim. 3:16–17).

The Academy affirms that God created human beings in His image as biologically male and female (Gen.1:27; Ps. 139:13–14), and that this distinction reflects His intentional and unchanging design. The Academy further affirms that marriage is ordained by God as the exclusive covenantal union of one man and one woman (Gen. 2:24; Matt. 19:4–6; Eph. 5:31).

In accordance with Scripture, all forms of sexual activity are reserved for the marriage relationship. Any sexual conduct outside of this context—including but not limited to fornication, adultery, pornography, and homosexual behavior—is considered sinful and inconsistent with biblical teaching (1 Cor. 6:9–10, 18–20; Heb. 13:4; Rom. 1:26–27; 1 Thess. 4:3–5).

Maranatha Baptist Academy requires that students and parents/guardians affirm and support the school’s mission and doctrinal positions. The Academy reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to deny admission or to suspend or terminate enrollment of any student whose conduct, or whose parent/guardian’s conduct, is inconsistent with the school’s stated beliefs, or who demonstrates an inability or unwillingness to support the moral and spiritual standards outlined in this handbook.

GOALS

Because MBA’s goal is Christlikeness, there are four areas we seek to help parents develop in their young people. (Rom.12:2)

SPIRITUALLY

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly” (Col.3:16).

- To lead each child to a personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as Savior
- To enrich the child’s devotional life

- To awaken a realization that God has a purpose and plan for each life
- To develop the ability to find answers from the Scriptures on his own
- To give knowledge, love, and understanding of the Bible
- To instill a sense of responsibility for the lost that will lead to effective witnessing

MENTALLY

“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 2:5).

- To impart a command of common knowledge and skills
- To discover and develop individual aptitudes
- To cultivate analytical thinking and a priority-directed life

SOCIALLY

“None of us liveth to himself” (Rom. 14:7).

- To instill a loyalty to Jesus Christ in all things and at all times
- To develop an understanding of the student’s place and obligations within the family
- To help the child share his Christian responsibility as a citizen
- To awaken and foster missionary responsibility toward all men

PHYSICALLY

“Present your bodies a living sacrifice... unto God” (Rom. 12:1).

- To develop a respect for the body as the temple of the Holy Spirit
- To teach intelligent care of the body
- To encourage the yielding of the body as an instrument for God’s use

Policies and Procedures

*“Let all things be done decently and in order.”
1 Corinthians 14:40*



ADMISSION POLICY

Students are tentatively accepted at Maranatha Baptist Academy after a successful interview with the parents and administration. A student must be the appropriate age on or before October 1st in order to enter preschool or kindergarten. All students going into the K3 program who are not 3 by October 1st must wait until their third birthday to apply for admission. Final acceptance is contingent upon a review of the permanent records of the student's previous schooling and the results of any necessary testing. The school administration assumes the final responsibility for the grade placement of any student.

Maranatha Baptist Academy admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges,

programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. Children with special needs such as physical, mental, emotional, behavioral, or learning disabilities that require significant accommodation may be accepted on an individual basis.

Parents are required to sign the Statement of Cooperation. No student will be admitted or allowed to remain in MBA who does not agree to cooperate with the overall purpose and program.

All new students are admitted on a nine-week probationary standing. Once the student demonstrates Christian character, academic competence, and self-discipline, the probationary standing will be dropped.

Students who are expelled or asked to withdraw from MBA become eligible for enrollment consideration after two full semesters following their dismissal from school.

7th-12th grade students must not hinder the mission of the school to make and train disciples of Christ. Students must agree to attend a minimum of two church services a week at a Bible-preaching church that practices water baptism by immersion, unless an exception is made by school administration. They also must agree not to listen to ungodly music of any kind both at and away from school. These policies apply to both new and returning middle and senior high students.

ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES

A student may register for school in the office during regular office hours. All transfer students are asked to bring a copy of their most recent school records to their interview with the administration. Enrollment is not finalized until the following steps have been completed:

1. Personal interview
2. Registration fee paid
3. Signed statement of cooperation
4. Student record forms completed
5. Photocopy of student's birth certificate or passport on file
6. Current immunization records
7. Any necessary testing completed

RE-ENROLLMENT

During the month of March, reenrollments for the fall term for current students are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Reenrollment forms should be completed and returned with the reenrollment fee to the office. Enrollment is open to the public beginning April 1.

HEALTH CONCERNS

Illness or Injury—

Students who become ill or injured during the school day will be assisted by one of our school office staff. If a determination is made that paramedic assistance is necessary, 911 will be called and the child will be taken to a nearby hospital. Any student with a temperature of 100 degrees or above, or who has experienced vomiting or diarrhea within the previous 24 hours, will not be allowed to remain in school. The parents will be contacted and asked that the child be taken home or to a doctor.

Medication—

Whenever possible, medication should be administered in the home. At times when medication must be given during the school day, parents are responsible to ensure that all medication, along with written orders from a physician, be turned in to the school office as soon as the child arrives at school. Written permission from the parent or guardian is necessary for a child to receive medication during school hours. Whenever feasible, the child should self-administer medication under adult supervision.

Physical Examinations—

Before participating in the interscholastic sports program, a student must have a physical exam within two years of the start of the specific sport.

Immunizations—

All immunizations must be current according to the requirements of the State of Missouri. Students who fail to comply with these requirements may not be allowed to attend. Transfer students are expected to meet the same requirements.

Records—

All required health records are due by the beginning of school. If they are not submitted by November 1, a student may lose his privilege to attend Maranatha Baptist Academy.

Participation—

As a general rule, if a student is well enough to attend school, he is well enough to attend physical education classes and recess. With written parental verification, a child may be excused from physical education or outdoor activities for up to three days following an illness or injury.

Insurance—

It is the policy of MBA that any student injured on school grounds will need to submit an insurance claim through the parent's insurer first. If the claim is rejected, the school does have a limited accident policy so that the office can submit a claim on behalf of a student.

Communicable Diseases—

Maranatha Baptist Academy desires to maintain a healthful school environment by instituting controls designed to prevent the spread of communicable diseases. The term "communicable diseases" shall mean an illness which arises as a result of a specific infectious agent which may be transmitted either directly or indirectly by a susceptible host, infected person, or animal another person.

Any student or employee with a communicable disease for which immunization is required by law or is available, shall be temporarily excluded from the school while ill and during recognized periods of communicability. Students and employees with communicable diseases for which immunization is not available shall be excluded from school while ill. If the nature of the disease and circumstances warrant, Maranatha Baptist Academy may require an independent physician's examination of the student or employee to verify the diagnosis of communicable disease. Maranatha Baptist Academy reserves the right to make all final decisions necessary to enforce its communicable disease policy and to take all necessary actions to control the spread of communicable diseases within the school. A teacher or administrative official who reasonably suspects that a student or employee has a communicable disease shall immediately notify the school principal.

The reportable diseases include the following:

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)
AIDS Related Complex
Amebiasis
Anthrax
Botulism
Brucellosis
Chancroid
Chicken Pox
Conjunctivitis
Dengue
Diphtheria
Encephalitis
Giardiasis
Gonorrhea
Granuloma Inguinale
Hansen's Disease
Hepatitis
Herpes Simplex
Histoplasmosis
Human Immunodeficiency Virus
Legionaire's Disease
Leptospirosis
Malaria
Meningitis
Meningococcal Disease
Mumps
Pertussis
Poliomyelitis
Psittacosis
Rabies
Ring Worm

Rocky Mountain Fever
Rubella congenital
Salmonellosis
Schistosomiasis
Shigellosis
Smallpox
Syphilis
Tetanus
Toxoplasmosis
Trichinosis
Tuberculosis
Tularemia
Typhoid Fever
Typhus
Vibrio Cholera
Yellow Fever

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A tuition and fee schedule has been established for the convenience of our school families. The registration fee is non-refundable.

Maranatha Baptist Academy receives its income from tuition, fees, and scholarships and does not receive any income directly from state or federal funds. Parents are expected to pay their tuition and fees when due.

Parents that fall behind in their monthly payments and make no attempt to work with the administration concerning the matter may forfeit the right to enroll their student for the following quarter/semester.

Records will not be processed and report cards will be withheld until all bills are paid in full. Students with delinquent accounts may not be allowed to participate in semester exams, final exams, graduation exercises, or any extra-curricular activities.

Families who choose to use our monthly payment plan have the option of spreading out the payments over a 10 month period with each payment due on the 1st or 15th of the month unless other accommodations are made through the school office. A late fee of \$30.00 will be added if payment is not received by the due date.

If a student attends one day or more of school during any month, he will owe the full month's tuition. Students who are suspended, expelled, or withdrawn from school will receive no refund for the portion of the month they did not attend. No refunds will be given for days off school that were not specified as days off on the school calendar.

SOLICITATION

Soliciting is forbidden at MBA without the permission of the administration. This includes the selling of tickets, candy, etc. and the distribution of political materials or the circulation of petitions. Any promotion of events outside of MBA, religious or not, must be approved through the school office.

WITHDRAWAL

Withdrawals from school must be made in writing through the school office. It is understood that the tuition is due and payable until the official withdrawal form has been completed and delivered to the school office. Textbooks and other school-owned materials are to be returned at the time of withdrawal.

VISITORS

Visitors are welcome at Maranatha Baptist Academy. We do, however, ask that all visitors report to the school office immediately upon arrival. We also ask that visitors dress in a

conservative manner. Some basic dress guidelines are as follows: no shorts, no low-cut blouses or shirts, and no tight-fitting clothing. Students are allowed to visit in classrooms only if they are prospective Maranatha Baptist Academy students. Permission must be obtained from the school administration prior to the visit. In order to provide uninterrupted instruction, we ask that such classroom visits and teacher conferences be scheduled in advance through the school office. Teachers are happy to arrange conferences with parents as needed, but please be considerate of the classroom learning environment.

DONATIONS

Maranatha Baptist Academy endeavors to keep tuition rates low for the benefit of our families. Many individuals have helped us maintain our low tuition profile by contributing in one or more of these suggested ways: (1 gifts to special building and remodeling projects; (2 gifts for special equipment purchases; or (3 gifts for the scholarship fund. For further information, contact the business office.



CLOSING OF SCHOOL

As soon as a decision is made to close school for inclement weather, we will notify families by email and text. Closing information will also be posted on our school Facebook page.

We will additionally report all school closures to KY3 in Springfield. You can visit KY3.com to view their full list of school closings.

If our school remains open but you do not feel safe driving, your child will be excused from school.

CELL PHONES

Students bringing cell phones (or other electronic devices) to school must abide by the following guidelines. All cell phones must be dropped off at the school office immediately upon entering the school building. Cell phones must be powered off (not just in silent or vibrate mode) before a student enters the school and must remain off until the student leaves the school building. Students may not turn on or use cell phones during the school day unless they have first obtained permission from the school office. The office will grant permission for a student to use his cell phone only in an “emergency” situation. Once permission has been granted, a student may use his cell phone in the school office or lobby only and must power the phone off and return it before leaving the school office or lobby.

Students may pick up their cell phones only as they leave the building on their way home. Cell phones may not contain anything of a prohibited nature such as ring tones that include ungodly music, inappropriate photos, etc. Maranatha Baptist Academy will not be responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged cell phones.

SAFETY DRILLS

Safety drills are scheduled periodically at different times during the school year. It is important that students move quickly and in an orderly manner to the assigned area as soon as the alarm is sounded. Specific directions are posted in all classrooms. In case of severe weather or other emergency, students will remain in the building in safe areas. In full cooperation with the local and state safety officials, precautions will be taken for the safety and protection of the students.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are taken at various times during the school year to places of educational interest. Students are required to maintain the same level of discipline away from the school as is expected at the school.

PARENT CHAPERONES

There are times throughout the school year when parents may serve as chaperones or assist in the classroom. In such cases, parents are asked to follow the same code of dress and conduct as is required of the students. Parents serving as chaperones are asked to assist the teacher in maintaining the school's expected standards of safety and behavior. Generally, the parent chaperone should not bring non-school-age children to the activity.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

The school is intended to be an extension of the home. Maranatha Baptist Academy recognizes the importance of the home and the school working together to obtain spiritual and academic growth for the student. Therefore, dates are scheduled following the end of first and second

quarters every year for parents to come to the school and meet with teachers to discuss the needs of the student.

Parent-teacher conferences may be necessary throughout the school year in order for parents to know first-hand their child's progress. The school asks that all students and parents participate as needed in these beneficial conferences.

HOME VISITS

Preschool through sixth grade teachers may ask to visit the homes of new students early in the school year. The purpose of the visit is to become acquainted with each child's family and to discuss his/her individual needs at school. Teachers will arrange their home visits in advance.

TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

Every teacher in MBA must be qualified spiritually and professionally. All teachers and staff employees are born again Christians who have dedicated themselves to Christian education. They are all active members of Maranatha Baptist Church. Teachers are required to have adequate preparation in their subject areas and are supported in their pursuit of graduate studies.

LUNCH PROGRAM

MBA offers a lunch program throughout the school year which provides a meal and milk or juice. Students can either purchase this school-provided lunch or they may bring their lunch from home.

Our lunches are catered from Colton's in St. Robert Mondays through Wednesdays and on Fridays. Students may choose from a selection of main meals and sides. On Thursdays, Little Caesar's in St. Robert caters pizza, and the school provides chips and fruit snacks.

STUDENT DRIVERS

Any student who possesses a valid driver's license may drive to school. However, permission must be obtained from the administration before the student may drive on a regular basis.

Any student who demonstrates careless or reckless driving habits will forfeit the privilege of driving on campus. As soon as students arrive at school in a car driven by a student driver, they must leave the car and go into the building. Even if a student drives only himself to school, he must park, exit, and lock the car immediately upon arrival.

Students may not return to their car until they are dismissed at the end of the day. Under no circumstances are students to transport anyone other than those assigned by parents to ride with that student driver. And, under no circumstances will mixed couples be allowed to leave the school grounds or a school function/sporting event without an adult present with them serving as a chaperone. All automobiles are to be locked while parked on the school grounds.



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students who participate in bands, choirs, program groups at MBA are required to attend all functions in which these groups participate. Students and parents should plan their individual schedules to minimize conflicts.

Participation in extracurricular activities and athletics requires students to meet the following standards:

- Fewer than 25 demerits in a semester (students receiving 25 demerits are placed on disciplinary probation and are removed from participation for the remainder of the semester)
- A minimum grade average of "C-" for the marking period
- No failing ("F") grades
- A current family account balance

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (NON-ATHLETIC)

Eligibility for non-athletic activities (such as field trips and school events) is determined by progress reports and report cards. Students who do not meet the above requirements may not participate until the next progress report or report card reflects eligibility.

Students who are absent (unless for an approved class cut) may not participate in after-school activities on the day of their absence. Students must arrive by 9:00 a.m. and remain for the full school day to be eligible, unless excused by administration.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (ATHLETIC)

Maranatha Baptist Academy offers athletics in basketball, volleyball, cross

country, baseball, soccer, and track.

In addition to the requirements listed above, athletic eligibility is determined by a student eligibility list issued every 2–3 weeks. Coaches receive these lists, and only students listed as eligible may participate in games. Students not meeting eligibility requirements may continue to attend practices but may not compete until the next list is published.

The schedule of eligibility list publication dates (not student names) is provided at the beginning of each sports season and posted in the locker rooms.

Student-athletes are expected to demonstrate Christ-like character in conduct and attitude. A current physical examination is required prior to participation; exams completed after June 1 are recommended for full-season coverage.

Athletes are expected to attend all practices, games, and the year-end awards ceremony. Coaches may remove athletes for poor attendance, inadequate performance, or improper attitude. Awards are based on participation, effort, sportsmanship, cooperation, behavior, and attitude.

FINE ARTS

The purpose of our music program is to develop within our students an appreciation for music that honors the Lord. For the 7th-12th grades, choir must be taken for credit at Maranatha Baptist Academy. Band is also a mandatory class for all students from 5th-12th grade. Students taking music classes will have opportunities to perform at various school programs, contests, concerts, and in chapel. Participants in fine arts performances are expected to meet eligibility requirements.

4th-6th grade students may also be

given the opportunity to attend the Mid-America Association of Christian Schools' (MAACS) Bible, Academic, and Fine Arts (BAFA) Competition held in Ottawa, Kansas. 7th-12th grade students may be given the opportunity to perform in the MAACS BAFA competition held in Ankeny, Iowa. All students taking choir and band for credit must be available to attend the Fine Arts Competition when our school participates. We ask that parents make sure to keep these dates open for their student.

CHILD CARE AND EARLY ARRIVAL/ LATE STAY

Maranatha Baptist Academy provides child care service for our students in preschool through 12th grade. Child care hours are from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Teachers will be on duty at 7:40 a.m. each school day. The aftercare program provides a safe, structured, and purposeful environment that extends the school day. This program is designed to support students academically and spiritually, not simply to provide supervision.

Students receive assistance with homework and have opportunities to strengthen their understanding of classroom material, along with participating in supervised recreational activities.

The aftercare program serves as a valuable support for families by providing a dependable environment where students continue to learn, grow, and be cared for after the school day ends.

K3-6th

Students from K3-6th grade arriving before 7:40 will need to go to early care.

Aftercare is available from 3:00-5:30 for an additional fee.

The early morning child care opens at 6:30 a.m., and students should not arrive prior to that time. Students who remain at school after the regular dismissal time must be involved in an official extra-curricular activity or be in the after school child care program. No student is to be in the school building without adult supervision.

Parents that have students who do not utilize the child care programs and arrive at school after 7:40 and picked up before 3:05 will not be charged for child care.

7th-12th

Students arriving at school after 7:30 will go immediately to their homerooms. Students arriving before 7:30 a.m. must report to the gym. Students arriving early or staying past 3:05 p.m. must go to early/afternoon care programs or be involved in an official extra-curricular activity. No student is to be in the school building without adult supervision.

Parents that have students who are not enrolled in before/after school programs and arrive at school after 7:25 and picked up before 3:05 will not be charged for child care.



CLOSED CAMPUS

Maranatha Baptist Academy operates on the “closed campus” principle. This simply means that attendance at school is required from the regular start of classes to the regular dismissal time, regardless of the number of free periods a student may have. Students may not leave campus for lunch.

TARDINESS

Students will be expected to be on time to school and all scheduled activities during the school day. Students who come to school late or who are delayed in going to class, should go directly to the office to sign in. Please help your child learn responsibility by insisting that he arrive on time for school. Three tardy days constitutes one absence. Habitual tardiness may result in suspension from school.

APPOINTMENTS

Parents arriving during class time to pick up students for dental and doctor’s appointments, or other excused absences, should report to the office. If a student must leave school early, the need must be communicated to the office.

ATTENDANCE/ABSENCE

In order to gain the most from school, each student must be regular in attendance. Absences will be excused for the following reasons:

1. Illness
2. Death in the immediate family
3. Medical appointments
4. Excused class cuts

Parents should notify the school office in advance of the absence whenever possible. In the case of illness, parents are asked to call the school office before 9:00 a.m. stating the specific reason for the absence.

Unless notified, the school may attempt to call the home of the absentee. After an absence, the returning student should bring a note explaining the reason for the absence. No refunds on tuition are made because of absences.

Unexcused absences may result in a two point deduction from each class at the end of the quarter, and unexcused absences will not be able to make up any work missed.

Any student absent for 10% or more of school days during the school year may be retained at the same grade level unless administrative approval is given. For 7th-12th grades, this would result in a loss of credit for any course in which the student has not been present for at least 90% of the class period days.

CLASS CUTS

A maximum of five days of class cuts are permitted each semester for unavoidable absences. These are for non-school-sponsored parent-attended activities including church-sponsored functions, college visits, and family vacations. Family vacations should be restricted to days when school is not in session. Individual student vacations or other activities that do not include parents will not be approved.

Class cuts are to be arranged at least two school days prior to the absence. Parents of elementary students are asked to arrange class cuts through both their child's teacher and the office. 7th-12th grade students arrange class cuts through the school office by completing an "Anticipated Absence" form.

Class cuts may not be taken during the first two weeks of the school year or the final week of each semester. Transfer students may not take class cuts within two weeks of their admission date.

GENERAL PRACTICE

No visitor may speak or perform in any program or class unless permission is secured in advance from the administration.

No student may use the name of the school on any radio, television program, social media post or in any publication without prior authorization from the school administration.

REQUIRED EVENTS

The following days are required as mandatory attendance days for all Middle and Senior High students:

- Leadership Conference
- Christmas Concert
- Spring Concert
- Fine Arts Competition
- Awards Banquet
- High School Graduation

Any student who fails to appear at these events without preapproved administrative approval will be subject to academic penalties, and/or disciplinary action in the form of demerits, suspension, or expulsion.



Dress and Appearance

*“...for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.”
I Samuel 16:7*



GENERAL INFORMATION

It is the position of Maranatha Baptist Academy that Christian young people should act and dress differently from the world (Rom.12:2).

In order for students to mature spiritually, the teaching of Biblical separation is a vital part of our school's program. I Corinthians 10:31 commands Christians to do all to the glory of the Lord. In today's society, this command has special reference to the fact that God may be honored or dishonored by our personal dress and grooming.

In dress, as well as doctrine, the Christian is to "prove all things, hold fast that which is good, and abstain from all appearance of evil" according to I Thessalonians 5:21-22. I Timothy 4:12 exhorts, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example

of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

Maranatha Baptist Academy believes that these commands have a practical application to the dress and appearance of students.

The underlying principles of MBA's dress code are modesty (I Tim. 2:9, II Tim. 2:22), appropriateness (Phil. 4:5), identification (Col. 3:16-17; I Jn. 2:15-16), and distinction of sexes (Deut. 22:5; I Cor. 11:14-15). In light of these principles, we must set an institutional standard for our school and our students that must be met in order for us to be consistent in our enforcement.

Clothing or accessories identified with worldly fads, fashions, activities, or anti-Christian characters are prohibited.

The administration reserves the right to determine what is acceptable or unacceptable in matters of appearance. Students are to dress according to the prescribed uniform guidelines and are to adhere to the appropriate dress code during all school functions, on or off campus, including athletic events, unless otherwise instructed. Students will be counseled privately about any violations, assessed demerits, and may be required to call home for parents to bring a change of clothing or be sent home to change into acceptable attire.

Parents have the prime responsibility in teaching their student to live by standards of Scripture and are responsible to send their children to school in the correct uniform dress and properly groomed.

Students are to arrive according to dress code and remain in dress code while on campus, unless participating in a school-related activity.

Students may not have on their clothing, lunch boxes, backpacks, folders, notebooks, vehicles, etc. anything dealing with secular music stars, movie/TV stars, or cartoon characters. There is to be no discussion of questionable movies, TV programs, or music.

Please refer to the complete student dress code standards on file in the MBA office or download a copy from the school website.



PERFORMANCE DRESS:

7th-12th

During the year, various special performances will be scheduled such as band concerts, choir concerts, and fine arts performances. The dress code for these events is as follows:

Performance Dress - Boys

Pants: Black dress pants

Shirts: White long-sleeved dress shirt; vest/bow tie: rented through the Academy.

Shoes and Socks: Dress shoes and dark socks

Performance Dress - Girls

Dress: Skirt and shirt rented through the Academy.

Shoes and Socks: Black dress shoes

Academic Information

*“And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.”
Luke 2:52*



SCHOOL DAY

K3-K5 (Half-Day)

8:00am - 12:00pm

K3-6th Grade

8:00am - 2:50pm

7th-12th Grade

7:45am - 2:50pm

Child Care

6:30am - 5:30pm

Office Open

7:30am - 4:00pm

PRESCHOOL (K3-K5)

The preschool is an excellent early childhood learning program teaching children through creative projects in academics, music, art, and poetry. Our preschool classes are designed to provide

a happy learning atmosphere where the teacher can lovingly meet each child's personal needs. Both preschool classes offer a half day program.

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten is an integral part of the total school program. It is not a baby sitting service or play-school, but an enjoyable opportunity to learn phonics-based reading, numbers, printing, music, and art. Students completing the program participate in a beautiful cap and gown graduation ceremony. The kindergarten class offers a half day program.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The elementary program is designed to help students excel in all subject areas. The reading program focuses on mastering phonics. Mathematics, grammar, spelling, science, history, geography, and penmanship are important elements of the curriculum.

7TH -12TH SCHEDULE

Homeroom 7:30am - 7:45am

God and I Time 7:45am - 8:00am

First Hour 8:00am - 8:50am

Second Hour 8:55am - 9:45am

Third Hour 9:50am - 10:40am

Fourth Hour 10:45am - 11:35am

Fifth Hour 11:40am - 12:30pm

Lunch 12:30pm - 1:00pm

Sixth Hour 1:05pm - 1:55pm

Seventh Hour 2:00pm - 2:50pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL

The course of study for students entering middle school provides challenge and motivation to help provide stability in a time of physical and emotional transition. Dedicated Christian teachers and active participation in Christian activities provide students leadership, stability, encouragement, inspiration, and direction.

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Maranatha Baptist High School offers a college preparatory education in a conservative Christian atmosphere. Graduates of our high school have attended colleges and universities all over the United States. Our teachers are known for their willingness to help students learn and for their genuine concern for students' individual needs. Students are given the opportunity to participate in a variety of music, sports, and social activities.

CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

Maranatha Baptist High School requires the successful completion of an academic program accumulating 24 units of credit (4-English; 3-Social Studies; 3-Math; 3-Science; 4-Bible; 2-Music; 1-Physical Education; 1-Foreign language; 1/2-Health; 1/2-Personal Finance; 2-Electives) A passing grade in Bible class is required every semester.

All students in grades seven through twelve must follow the course of study recommended to them by the administration. Listed here are the suggested courses of study for each high school grade level; however, the final class schedule for each year of study may be change based on the number of students in each class.

Ninth

Bible 9
English 9 Algebra
I Geography
Physical Science
Choir/Band
P.E.

Eleventh

Bible 11
English 11
Algebra II or
Geometry
World History
Foreign Language
Health
Choir

Tenth

Bible 10
English 10
Algebra II or
Geometry
U.S. History
Biology
Foreign Language
Choir

Twelfth

Bible 12
English 12
Government
Choir
Personal Finance
Elective 1
Elective 2

In addition to these classes, other electives are offered on a rotational basis including the following:

Band, Business Math, Chemistry, Typing, Physics, Advanced Math

SENIOR CREDITS

Seniors who lack more than one credit will not be permitted to march in commencement exercises. Arrangements must also have been made to earn this credit in an approved program before the student may march. Maranatha Baptist Academy cannot be held responsible for the inconvenience caused by a senior's failing courses during the last days of school.

REPORT CARDS AND GRADES

Our reporting system is designed to give parents and students an indication of the progress (or lack of progress which is being made. Each student's ability, attitude, and application should be taken into account when reviewing your student's grades.

Students are evaluated in their academic subjects and on their conduct. Academic grades are based on the quality and accuracy of work done on homework, quizzes, tests, exams, projects, etc.

Grading is on the following scale:

90 - 100.....A – Outstanding
80 - 89.....B – Above Average
70 - 79.....C – Average
60 - 69.....D – Below Average
0 - 59.....F – Failure

In addition to the academic letter grade, each student will also be assigned a conduct grade for each quarter. The conduct grade, an important part of the report card, represents the student’s conduct and the degree of cooperation and effort displayed.

“A” indicates that a student is doing work consistent with his ability level, completes work on time, and is no particular discipline problem in the classroom.

“B” indicates that a student is working somewhat below his ability level, has some inconsistency in completing assignments, or is developing disciplinary problems in the classroom.

“C” indicates that a student is doing less than is expected of him, is often inconsistent in completing assignments, or is a discipline problem in the classroom.

“D” indicates that a student is doing far below his ability level, does not complete assignments on time, or is a regular discipline problem in the classroom. Any student who receives a “D” will be placed on probation.

“F” indicates that a student is making little or no effort in the classroom, has a pattern of not completing assignments, or is consistently a discipline problem and/or a disruption in the classroom. Any student who receives a “F” will come under a

review process for potential dismissal from school.

Students may consult their teachers about their course progress at any time.

HONOR ROLL

An honor roll is compiled each nine-week grading period and is made up of the following:

- Pastor's Honor Roll - Students who have made all “A’s” or “A-’s”
- Principal's Honor Roll - Students who have made a “B” average
- Teacher's Honor Roll - Students who have made a "C" average with no "D's" or "F's"

Incomplete grades on a report card not made up by the time the Honor Roll list is due automatically disqualify that student from the Honor Roll for the grading period.

MAKE-UP WORK

Students who are absent must check with classroom teachers immediately upon returning to school to get all missed assignments. Students should use the lesson plans posted online to find out what assignments were expected to be done during the days absent. Students are allowed up to three days to make up work in the case of an excused absence. Work not made up will go on record as a 0.

Students are expected to be in school unless ill. No test or examination will be given early so that a student may leave school before the normal dismissal time without an anticipated absence.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Student progress reports are emailed weekly to the parents of 5th-12th grade students. Parents receive notifications when their students receive a "Missing" or a grade below a 60%.

COURSE CHANGE

Any courses that are dropped or added must be approved by the administration and processed during the first two weeks of the school year. Unless unusual circumstances prevail, a student will retain the same courses throughout the entire year.

No schedule changes may be made at the semester break. Any course with fewer than two students registered may not be offered due to financial considerations.

TEXTBOOKS

For several classes, textbooks are furnished by MBA and rented to students for a small fee. Learning to accept responsibility in regard to proper care of books and equipment is an important aspect of character development. In case of the loss of textbooks or workbooks, students will be billed for the total price of replacement books. Damaged books will be assessed accordingly.

REFERENCE AND TEXT MATERIALS

Each student will provide himself with a King James Version of the Bible. It is suggested that each student have a good dictionary.



P.E. UNIFORMS

Each middle school and senior high physical education student is required to wear a gym uniform consisting of solid colored knee-length shorts and a Warrior spirit-wear or solid-colored t-shirt. Any student who does not have the required shirt will be given one on the first day of class, and parents will be billed for the cost of the shirt.

HOMEWORK

Homework is a necessary part of each child's education. All students will be assigned homework by their teachers. Parents should oversee these assignments nightly.

The purposes for homework are as follows:

For Drill—most students require solid drilling to master material essential to their educational progress.

For Practice—following classroom explanation, illustration, and drill on new material, homework is given so that the material will be mastered.

For Remedial Activity—as instruction progresses, various weak points in a student's grasp of subject matter become evident. Homework is given to overcome such difficulties.

Students are expected to accept the responsibility for completing their homework as follows:

- Have the necessary materials to complete their homework.
- Ask questions as needed to clarify their assignments.
- Work as independently as possible.
- Complete their assignments with minimal help from parents.

- Complete their homework in a thorough and thoughtful manner.
- Complete their homework by the due date.

We request that parents assume the responsibility of ensuring that assignments are completed on time. However, this does not mean that parents do the work for the child. The maximum amount of learning, along with the development of personal responsibility, is attained when children are encouraged to recognize that completion of homework is primarily their own responsibility. Repeated delinquent or unfinished homework will result in disciplinary action.

Homework Policy: 1st-6th Grade

There may be a grace day/warning per quarter for any homework not done. After that a student may be subject to disciplinary action for each subsequent day the homework is not completed.



Homework Policy: 7th-12th Grade

Students failing to complete their homework assignments will receive an academic penalty. Teachers will drop the two lowest homework grades in each quarter. Once the two drops are used, the student will receive the grade for the homework as the homework is that day. (Example: Work not turned in would receive a zero. Work partially completed would be graded as is.) Your child's teacher will communicate with you regarding any issues your child is having in this area.

PROMOTION/RETENTION

In kindergarten through sixth grade, a student's report card will contain a notation as to whether the student has been promoted or retained. Elementary students receiving three "D's" for the second semester in academic subjects will be promoted on a probationary trial period only if they complete school-approved summer studies. Students who received "D's" in three or more academic subjects are required to successfully complete Language Arts in summer school before being promoted. If one of the "D's" is in math, the student must also successfully complete math in summer school before being promoted.

Students receiving an "F" in three academic subjects, including math and either reading or English, are automatically retained.

7th-12th grade students who fail either semester of math or English or who earned "D's" both semesters are required to attend summer school. Students who fail both semesters of any two academic subjects will automatically be retained.

Discipline Code

*“Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.”
Proverbs 20:11*



BEHAVIOR

Maranatha Baptist Academy expects students to establish and maintain a Christian testimony with teachers and students. Students are asked to follow school rules to the best of their ability while displaying respect for God, country, family, faculty, and fellow students.

Students are expected to be responsible for their own actions in spite of the actions of others. Disorderly conduct such as horseplay, disruptive talking, bullying, and/or intimidation of others is not conducive to Christian character development. Such behavior lends itself to classroom disturbances which disrupt the learning process. Therefore, this type of behavior will not be tolerated.

ATTITUDE

All students are to do their best to maintain a Christ-like spirit of cooperation at all times. Constructive suggestions are always welcomed, but complaining, griping, or sullenness will not be tolerated.

Making light of Bible classes, Chapel programs, or guest speakers is always unacceptable. No student will be permitted to ridicule or mock school rules or personnel. If improper attitudes persist after parents have been contacted, probation, suspension, or expulsion may result. Suspensions lower a student's nine-week grade by three points in every subject for each day of suspension.

FUNDAMENTAL RULES

At Maranatha Baptist Academy, these four fundamental rules must be followed:

1. Students will ask for permission to leave their seat.
2. Students will ask for permission to speak out in class.
3. Students will always address and reply to teachers with utmost respect.
4. Students will always follow instructions carefully.

FOUL LANGUAGE

The use of foul or vulgar language, either in jest, anger, or absent-mindedness, will be dealt with firmly, even on the first offense. Repeated use will result in immediate suspension or expulsion. Suggestive remarks or actions will be dealt with similarly.

MUSIC

Much of today's music promotes humanistic philosophies, rebellion to authority, alcohol use, drug use, immoral behavior, violence, and foul language. This type of behavior is directly opposed to what we are attempting to incorporate into the lives of our students. With this in mind, we ask that 7th-12th grade students refrain from listening to such music at and away from school. Students are not permitted to attend dances or participate in social dancing. Parents are asked to ensure the enforcement of these policies.

PROHIBITED ARTICLES

In an attempt to provide a safe environment for students, staff, and visitors, the possession of weapons of any kind, including guns, knives, explosives, and other objects intended to look like or be used as weapons, is strictly prohibited at school or at activities sponsored by the school. Other prohibited articles include: tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, dice, playing cards, electronic games, radios, music/video players, and any ungodly music related item.

Magazines and books not related to classwork are not permitted at school. Any literature that is brought to school must be approved for content by the English teacher.

LOITERING

Loitering in corridors, restrooms, and parking lots is prohibited. A student is expected to be in assigned areas during the student's scheduled school day.

GUM

Because of the problems gum chewing can cause, students are not to chew gum at any time they are on the school grounds.

This restriction includes lunch hour, P.E. classes, and before and after school.

NON-SCHOOL FUNCTIONS

The school is not responsible for any party or social function that is not officially approved or sponsored by the school. For all school-sponsored functions, school rules and regulations, including dress standards, apply both for students and their guests.

COUPLES

The following are some regulations that may be of interest to both students and parents:

No couples or mixed groups may be on any part of the school grounds, inside or outside of buildings, unless they are under the general supervision of a school staff member.

There is to be no physical contact between any male and female student before, during, or after school, or at any school or church function. Each student is to be above reproach in his behavior at all times.

OFFICE REFERRALS

Minimum penalties for 7th-12th grade students who are sent to the office for disciplinary reasons in the same school year are as follows:

1st Referral – 5 demerits

2nd Referral – 10 demerits

3rd Referral – One-day suspension

4th Referral – Two-day suspension

5th Referral – Three-day suspension

6th Referral – Expulsion

PROBATION

Students may be placed on probation for academic, social, disciplinary, or spiritual reasons. Parents will be notified of this action by the school administration. Failure to consistently improve in the area of

concern will result in dismissal from school. Types and definitions of probation are listed below:

DISCIPLINARY—A student is placed on disciplinary probation when he repeatedly or flagrantly ignores, disobeys, or flaunts school regulations and/or teacher instructions. If a student fails to respond to this action, suspension or expulsion may follow.

SPIRITUAL—A student is placed on spiritual probation when he demonstrates little spiritual growth or a general apathy toward spiritual concerns.

ACADEMIC—A student is placed on academic probation when he is failing in all or almost all of his academic classes or when he is showing little effort in assigned class work or tests.

SOCIAL—A student is placed on social probation when he exhibits an inability to comply with the overall social values of the school and/or his interaction contributes to an unreasonable negative behavior in himself or others. This disciplinary action may limit a student's social contact with one or more other students.

SUSPENSIONS/EXPULSIONS

Attendance at MBA is a privilege, not a right. It is never our desire to suspend or expel a student from school. But, unfortunately, situations arise that leave us no alternative.

Students that are given an out-of school suspension for disciplinary reasons will not be allowed to make up missed test or quizzes. Although no make-up work will be accepted for a grade, students will be responsible to get their daily assignments and complete all homework for the suspension period. Out-of school

suspensions lower a student's nine-week grade by three points in every subject for each day of suspension.

Students that are given in-school suspensions for disciplinary reasons will not be allowed to make up missed tests or quizzes. Although no make-up work will be accepted for a grade, students will be responsible to get their daily assignments and complete all homework for the suspension period. In-school suspensions do not lower a student's overall nine-week grade by three points, but students will receive zeros on all missed homework, quizzes, and tests.

No student will be retained in MBA who becomes involved with alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, tobacco use, lewd or immoral behavior, or pornographic or lewd material. This applies to the students' conduct at and away from school.

A student will be dismissed from school at any time his lifestyle is found to be out of harmony with the overall spirit, goals, policies, and direction of MBA, or if he has displayed a consistent disregard for the rules and regulations of the school. Decisions in these matters are the responsibility of the administration.

Students who have been expelled or asked by the administration to withdraw



from MBA may not attend school or any school function until the completion of two full semesters following the expulsion or withdrawal. During this period, he/she is restricted from attending any MBA function (including athletic practices or games, fine arts rehearsals, or performances, all programs, graduations, etc.) These restrictions apply to activities both on and off campus. Of course, the child is always welcome to attend the services and activities of Maranatha Baptist Church.

DISCIPLINE: PRESCHOOL THROUGH SIXTH GRADE

Expecting perfect behavior from children at all times is simply an unrealistic expectation. In order to help children learn to take responsibility for their own actions and reactions, there are various methods of discipline that can be used to reinforce good behavior: a stern look, warning or reminder, change of seating, or contacting parents. The school follows a structured, progressive discipline plan designed to address behavior concerns and encourage improvement through increasing levels of intervention. This system emphasizes partnership between school and home, with increasing accountability to correct behavior and promote student growth.

Classroom behavior that may result in equivalent consequences is detailed below:

1. Disorderly Conduct:

General goofing around when he/she should be listening and obeying

2. Out of Order:

Running in the halls, hitting, putting hands/feet on others, pushing, etc.

3. Work Not In:

Not finishing homework, not bringing back tests or folder

4. Intentional Disobedience:

Lying, stealing, cheating, disobedience, etc.

5. Attitude:

Bad attitude, uncooperative, talking back, etc.

6. Courtesy:

Disrespectful, inconsiderate, rudeness, etc.

7. Talking:

Talking without permission at any time.

Contacting the Parents: If other means of discipline have not been effective, teachers will contact the parent of the student by phone call, note or through email and let them know about the concerns. It is the parents responsibility to use the appropriate disciplinary measures to correct the issues.

Trip to the Principal's Office: If the concerns are still ongoing, the student will be sent to the principal's office which may result in the parent coming in and/or the administration of corporal discipline.



DISCIPLINE: SEVENTH THROUGH TWELVTH

The demerit system is a discipline guide for 7th-12th grade students at Maranatha Baptist Academy. The positive side of discipline is stressed in Proverbs 22:6. The administration expects students at MBA to maintain the highest standards of behavior at all times.

Failure to comply with the standard of conduct will result in the issuing of demerits. Demerits for a student are recommended by the teacher or other staff personnel. The administration makes the final decision regarding demerits. Students must sign or initial each demerit slip to acknowledge that they have received it.

Students receive demerits according to a written guide that is posted. Students who accumulate fifty (50) demerits in a semester may lose the privilege of attending MBA for a minimum of two full semesters.

A student who accumulates a total of fifty (50) demerits or more in successive semesters, may not re-enroll without approval of the administration.

Any student accumulating thirty (30) demerits in one semester will be required to attend a mandatory meeting along with their parents and a member of the administration before being allowed to return to classes.

Any student accumulating twenty-five (25) demerits in one semester will be placed on probation. This means the student cannot participate in any extra-curricular activities including athletics, etc.

Students who receive five (5) or fewer demerits in a semester will have no record of this on their permanent file. Students who receive more than five (5) demerits in a semester will have these recorded but will start the next semester with no demerits.

CORPORAL DISCIPLINE

Maranatha Baptist Academy believes that parents bear the primary responsibility for the discipline and training of their children. As a ministry that seeks to partner with the home, the school desires to support and reinforce the Biblical principles of correction established by parents.

Maranatha Baptist Academy, like Missouri public schools, permits the use of corporal discipline. When a situation requires, parents may be called to the school to address disciplinary matters involving their child. In such cases, parents are permitted to administer corporal discipline in a manner that is reasonable, controlled, and intended for correction rather than harm.

In certain circumstances, and only when there is clear understanding and agreement, a member of the school administration may administer corporal discipline in the place of a parent. This will be done only when the administration is confident that such action is consistent with and reinforces the wishes and authority of the parent.



All use of corporal discipline at Maranatha Baptist Academy must be carried out in accordance with biblical principles. Discipline should be:

- Motivated by love (Prov. 3:12; Heb. 12:6)
- Measured and controlled (Prov. 25:28)
- Directed toward correction and restoration (Prov. 22:15; 29:15)
- Administered without anger or retaliation (Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21)

The goal of all discipline at Maranatha Baptist Academy is not merely behavior modification, but heart change—leading the student toward Christlike character and obedience.

A parent's refusal to partner with the school on this matter will necessitate a student's immediate withdrawal from school.

DEMERIT PENALTIES

Our 7th-12th grade demerit system addresses, but is not limited to, the following:

OFFENSE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1. Tardiness	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	Thereafter
2. Littering	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	Thereafter
3. Disorderly conduct	1	1	1	3	3	3	5	Thereafter
4. Failing to follow instructions	1	1	1	3	3	3	5	Thereafter
5. Candy, food, gum, etc.	1	1	1	3	3	3	5	Thereafter
6. Hall violation	1	1	1	3	3	3	5	Thereafter
7. Dress code	1	1	3	5	5	5	5	Thereafter
8. Cellphone/electronics	1	1	3	5	5	5	5	Thereafter
9. Disrespect	3	3	5	5	10			Thereafter
10. Disobedience	5	5	5	10				Thereafter
11. Unexcused absence	5	5	5	10				Thereafter
12. Prohibited article	5	5	10	10				Thereafter
13. Horseplay	5	5	10	10				Thereafter
14. Vulgarity or profanity	5	10	15	20				
15. Inappropriate internet post ²	5	10	15	20				
16. Defacing property	5	10	15	20				
17. Music infraction ^{1,2}	5	15	25					
18. Cheating or lying	15	25						
19. Skipping class	25	25						
20. Tobacco infraction ¹	50							
21. Drugs/alcohol ¹	50							
22. Pornography/lewd material ¹	50							
23. Stealing ¹	50							

¹ At/away from school

² Entire school year (more than three offences is cause for dismissal)

TECHNOLOGY GUIDELINES

We believe the internet can be a very useful tool for academics and communication, but we also realize that the unsupervised use of the internet, especially relating to social media apps such as *TikTok* and *Instagram*, can result in damaging the testimony of MBA and our students. Therefore, the administration reserves the right to discipline students that post information and pictures that are contrary to the policies of MBA regarding moral standards and student conduct. Because of the potential of severe damage to the testimony of students and the school, the administration will need to enforce these policies whether the student is in school or out of school. Failure to comply with the school regarding this policy will necessitate a student's immediate withdrawal from MBA.

The following policy not only applies to the Ministry's computers and technology, but also to personal electronic devices while on school grounds. Students are not allowed to connect to the Ministry's network, and should a wireless connection occur, students must follow policy to protect the network. This agreement does not give permission for students to connect Wi-Fi-enabled devices to the Ministry's network.

Students enrolled in a class located in the computer lab will receive instruction regarding the computer use policies, expectations, and network use while at school. Below is the outline of the instructions they have received for your reference. Students will be reminded that computer access is a privilege. Students are expected to use school technology as a tool for learning and informational research that supports their academic growth and aligns with the mission of MBA.

All use of computers and digital resources should reflect a commitment to honoring God in both content and conduct. This means seeking out information that is truthful, appropriate, and beneficial, while avoiding material that is distracting, harmful, or inconsistent with Christian values.

OFF-CAMPUS CONDUCT

MBA students are reminded that they represent the Lord and the school when they are away from MBA as well as when they are on campus. Student are to present a good testimony to everyone who sees them. MBA students represent the school every day of the year and are disciplined for indulging in smoking, drinking, drugs, sexual misconduct, pornography, dancing, and attending ungodly music concerts. Both students and parents are expected to maintain a Christian testimony during athletics events.

A CLOSING WORD

God has ordained two institutions to educate the child: the home and the church. The education given by our school is based upon the foundation laid by parents at home. The Word of God is clear that education begins in the home (Gen. 18:19; Deut. 6:7; Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:4; II Tim. 1:5; 3:15). It is our desire to work in cooperation with parents who understand their God-given responsibility to teach their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

The families of our students are always welcome to attend the services of Maranatha Baptist Church. Our administration invites parents to contact us at any time to discuss the educational or spiritual needs of their children.





