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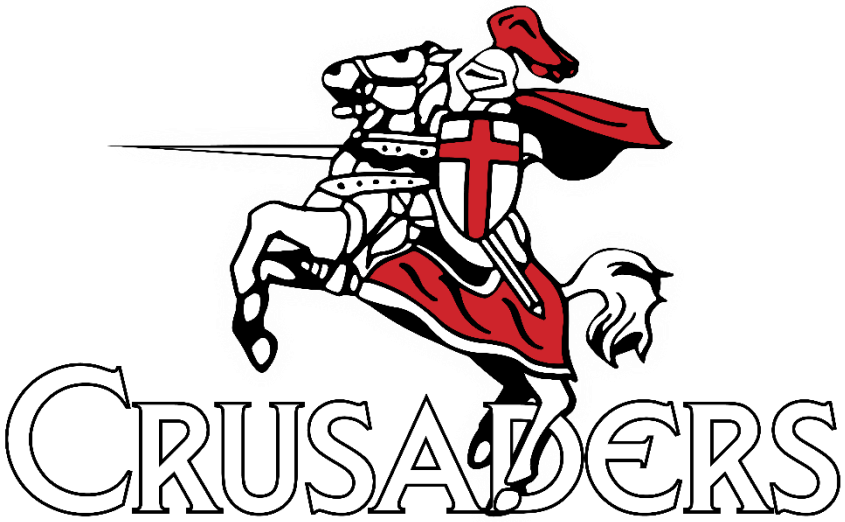

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4100 History of the School

Greater Beckley Christian School of Prosperity, WV was founded in 1973 as a ministry of Prosperity Fundamental Baptist Church (now Faith Baptist Church) for the purpose of providing college preparatory education with high academic standards using subject matter taught from a Biblical perspective. Greater Beckley Christian School opened with thirty-nine students in kindergarten through grade three.

During the past five years the student body has averaged 200 students in grades K-12. Since 1983, the year of the first graduating class, 548 students have graduated from GBCS. The state of West Virginia began offering the Promise scholarship to graduating seniors in the spring of 2003. Since that time nearly one-third of Greater Beckley seniors have qualified for this scholarship.

Greater Beckley is fully accredited with the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI). GBCS continually strives to provide an atmosphere in which students can grow spiritually while at the same time acquire an education of academic excellence founded upon a strong, Biblically based, college readiness curriculum.

4200 Vision Statement

Dedicated to equipping children to lead Christ-centered lives, Greater Beckley Christian School supports parents in their God-given responsibility of educating children by striving to provide quality spiritual, academic, personal, and social instruction in the light of God's Word.

4300 Mission Statement

The mission of Greater Beckley Christian School is one of preparing children to live productive lives for the Lord Jesus Christ. While most graduates of Greater Beckley Christian School will choose to continue their education beyond high school, the focus of the curricular and instructional systems will be one of helping each child to grow, both spiritually and academically. Admissions policies will reflect what the school is able to do for those children admitted. Attention will be given the following three areas:

4310 Edification

Greater Beckley Christian School is dedicated to the edification of children in accordance with Ephesians 4:12 "For the perfecting (equipping) of the saints for the work of the ministry…" Therefore, attention will be given to spiritual growth and development, equipping children to live a life of obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ. Every effort will be made to develop within children a spiritual knowledge base for making wise decisions about life and to develop both the spiritual and natural gifts of each child to a level appropriate for high school graduates.

4320 Education

Greater Beckley Christian School is dedicated to the education of children in accordance with the broad areas of development stated in Luke 2:52, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man." Therefore, attention will be given to the mental, physical, and social growth of children. The primary purpose of the academic program is to prepare students for some form of

education beyond high school, perhaps Christian education, liberal arts education, or vocational education. Those choosing not to continue education beyond high school will be advanced academically for functioning as an adjusted and productive citizen.

4330 Evangelization

Greater Beckley Christian School is dedicated to the evangelization of those children who may not be saved. This is especially true within the elementary school which will include a number of children who have not yet received the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Savior. However, evangelization will be carried out by teachers and mature students on a one-to-one basis. Evangelization, while very important and not to be minimized, will be secondary to the mission to edify and educate children as stated above.

It is the purpose of Greater Beckley Christian School to provide a quality academic education emanating from a Christian view of God and the world, and presenting all truth as God's truth. We desire to provide a warm spiritual atmosphere where students see biblical values modeled. Each student will be challenged to live a life in fellowship with God through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit, and a life of service and witness to men.
We believe that the education of children is the God-given responsibility of parents, and that the school is to function as an extension of the home to meet this obligation. Realizing the difference in innate abilities in children, we encourage and expect each child to do his best.

4400 Expected Student Outcomes

4410 Acquire a God-centered view of life

- Acquire a Biblical knowledge of God
- Give the Word of God a high priority in his or her life
- Display a sense of responsibility to God as Creator and Redeemer
- Analyze life situations in terms of man's eternal destiny
- Possess a survey knowledge of the entire Bible
- Possess a knowledge of the basic Bible doctrines

4420 Develop both natural and spiritual gifts to be used for the glory of the Lord

- Identify and pursue the development of spiritual gifts, given by God in carrying out the commission as stated in Matthew 28:16-20
- Identify and pursue the development of natural gifts and talents to bring glory to God in worship and in ministry

4430 Achieve above functional levels in the areas of basic skills

- Utilize oral and written English effectively
- Understand fundamental mathematical concepts
- Function wisely as a citizen of a local community, state, and nation
- Explore the major religious, social, and technical issues that face citizens
- Develop an understanding of God's sovereignty throughout history
- Engage in disciplined study and work habits

- Practice good health habits and understand the importance of the body maintained in purity for the service of the Lord
- Understand the basic principles of science and discovery

4440 Acquire the necessary knowledge, behaviors, attitudes, and skills needed to move on to the next level of education anticipated

- Understand life goals and the reality of God's calling into some aspect of active ministry
- Understand what is necessary to achieve at all levels of college study

4450 Acquire and display a keen sense of what is right and wrong

- Understand the blessings of God that come to those who engage in the right things
- Understand the negative consequences that always result from wrong behavior
- Develop knowledge of those principles of right and wrong that come from God's Word
- Display positive Christian living as a student

4500 Objectives

4510 Spiritual

1. To teach that all men are sinners and unable to please God in this condition; that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God who died for the propitiation of our sins; and that it is necessary to be born again by an act of personal faith in Jesus Christ; and to provide opportunities for every student to receive Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior
2. To teach that the Bible is the only written Word of God, and that it is the foundation for the proper understanding of all academic subjects
3. To engender in each student the desire to know and do the will of God, to understand the world and society from a Christian perspective, and to apply biblical principles to every part of daily life
4. To develop young people with a desire to witness to others and to have a burden for world missions

4520 Academic

1. To maintain high academic standards in order to best equip students for a life of productivity and service
2. To train students in skills and attitudes necessary for success now and after graduation: proper study habits, persistence, initiative, critical thinking, and how to carry out independent projects
3. To develop every student's ability to communicate clearly, grammatically, and creatively
4. To teach students to calculate accurately, understand mathematical concepts, and solve practical problems requiring math skills
5. To develop students who are informed citizens: understanding American and world history and geography, contemporary issues, and ideologies. In particular, to have a thorough grasp of our Constitutional system of government and the responsibilities of citizenship
6. To teach students to understand and appreciate the physical universe given us by our Creator

4530 Personal and Social Development

1. To train students to discipline themselves through the experience of firm, consistent discipline administered with love
2. To encourage each student to understand and accept himself and his abilities as God made him, and to develop those abilities to his fullest in the service of Jesus Christ
3. To teach students to treat every person with respect and courtesy, to display good sportsmanship, and to solve conflicts biblically
4. To teach proper stewardship of all things for the glory of God
5. To teach each student to think for himself and to stand up for his personal convictions in the face of pressure
6. To teach students to appreciate and respect God-ordained authority

4540 Home - School Relationship

1. To cooperate closely with parents in every phase of the student's development; in particular, to consult promptly about any problem their child is having
2. To encourage students to love, pray for, and value their families, and to submit graciously to the authority of their parents
3. To help parents understand the school's purpose and programs, and to involve them in the school's program

4600 Core Values

4610 The Word of God

The Bible needs to be first and foremost in the educational process. It is the only thing on this earth that will last for eternity. Our children need to be taught its principles and precepts in order to truly be prepared to live a successful Christian life. We need to teach our children that the Bible can be trusted. It has the answers to the pressures they face daily (2 Peter 1:3). It is a "lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105).

4620 The Family

We are dedicated to helping the family fulfill their biblical responsibility of raising their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4). We cannot replace the parents, but we want to partner with you to enable them to accomplish this most important task. We hope to incorporate avenues by which they can be directly involved in the education of their child. We desire that the educational process at GBCS will be a ministry of encouragement to our families.

4630 The Church

We believe that the church is the primary institution through which God wants to accomplish His work today. GBCS is a ministry of the local church. We do not replace the local church and we will not work outside the authority of the local church. Our desire is to be available to all the local churches in the greater Beckley area to assist them in providing a quality Christian education for their children. Therefore, it is vital for us to have the prayerful support of all the local churches represented in our student body.

4640 Christian Education

We are in a spiritual battle for the minds, hearts and souls of our children. The world is trying to press our children into the mold of postmodernism, humanism, materialism, and every other kind of ungodly philosophy out there. The only way to be victorious in this spiritual battle is through the Word of God. We must teach our children a consistent biblical worldview that impacts every area of life. English, math, science, and every other subject is ultimately an illustration of God's handiwork in the creation of our universe. ONLY Christian education can provide a proper biblical worldview. We commit with our families to provide this kind of quality Christian education to their children.

4700 Nondiscriminatory Policy

Greater Beckley Christian School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in the administration of its admission policies, educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other administered programs and admits qualified students to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at school subject to and in conformity with the school religious beliefs and practices as embodied in its rules and regulations.

4800 Admission

The admissions process consists of a written application, an interview with the parent and student, and the submission of transcripts of records from any previous schools, a copy of the state-certified birth certificate, and up-to-date immunization records. Placement testing will also be required. Final placement may be dependent on the results of testing. A student enrolled after the new school term will be placed on Academic Probation (AP) for at least the first grading period. Students who have lower than a 2.0 or who have failed any class at the end of a grading period will also be placed on AP for the next grading period. Students on AP will be encouraged to attend tutoring sessions at least once a week in the subject area(s) of greatest need and must meet with the administration every other week to evaluate progress. Lack of progress will be noted; documentation will be valuable to determine if a student is permitted to continue at GBCS.

All students and families are encouraged to attend services at a local church on a regular basis.
All students enrolled at GBCS must maintain a consistent Biblical testimony on and off campus. As students of GBCS, all are responsible for their behavior 24 – 7 – 365 days a year, marked by abstinence from activities including but not limited to the following:

a. sexual immorality
b. possession or use of illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco
c. homosexuality/perceived gender identity
d. improper use of e-mail/social networking/cell phones (i.e. sexting)

*Involvement in these areas could lead to expulsion from GBCS

Greater Beckley Christian School (GBCS) upholds biblical standards of morality and expects all students to conduct themselves in accordance with these principles. We believe that any form of sexual immorality, including but not limited to adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and the use of pornography, is sinful and contrary to God's Word (Matthew 15:18-20; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10).

Prospective students who engage in or promote behaviors that violate these biblical guidelines may not be admitted to GBCS. Current students who engage in or promote behaviors that violate these biblical guidelines, whether on or off campus, may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion. GBCS reserves the right to make decisions regarding admission, enrollment, and continued attendance based on adherence to the school's biblical values and moral expectations.

All students must be under the authority of and living with a parent or legal guardian.
No married or previously married students will be accepted for enrollment. Students who marry will be dismissed from Greater Beckley Christian School.
A student who does not want to attend GBCS or who will not abide by the rules of conduct with a gracious spirit will not be allowed to continue at GBCS. Parents are to agree and operate with the school's overall purpose and program. Attendance at Greater Beckley Christian Schools is a privilege that may be forfeited by any student who does not conform to the standards and regulations of the school.
Greater Beckley Christian School does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, or national origin.

4810 Home School Transfers

Students applying for admission from home school settings in the elementary school will be tested for placement. Students applying for admission from home school settings in the middle and high school must provide appropriate documentation of progress in all courses. Additional testing may be required for secondary placement. High school credits from home school settings are determined on a pass/fail basis unless obtained from a grade-issuing institution.

4900 Office Procedures

4910 Office Communication and Procedures

4911 Copiers

Students may receive personal copies at a rate specified by the school office. Students may go to the office, and the office personnel will assist them in the making of these copies.

4912 General School Communication

1. Primary communication with parents is through e-mail. Be sure the office has your current e-mail address. However, notes concerning school events and announcements may be viewed on FACTS accounts or on the GBCS web site at www.greaterbeckley.org.
2. GBCS posts calendars, sports schedules, announcements, etc. at www.greaterbeckley.org and various social media channels.
3. A FACTS account will be assigned to each student and parent for easy access to grade reports, news, posts, links, and e-mail information.

4913 New Address/Phone

If GBCS families move during the school year, please be sure to report your new address and phone number to the school secretary immediately.

4914 Office Communication

Parents and guardians are encouraged to call the GBCS office to make arrangements for meetings with the administration or to schedule any teacher conferences.

4915 Office Hours

The main office is open from 8:15 A.M. until 3:30 P.M. Monday-Friday, while school is in operation. Summer hours will be announced at the close of each school year. The office at GBCS can be contacted any time via the email address office@greaterbeckley.org.

4920 Financial Information

Tuition payments will be made through FACTS management. Families must create an account at the FACTS website which can be accessed through our website. Tuition payment options include one payment in full due in August, two payments [half due in August and second half due in January], or ten payments.

All accounts must be paid in full by June 30. Students with account balances from the previous year will not be permitted to attend classes for the next year without special permission from the GBCS Board. A $20.00 service fee will be charged for all returned checks. This fee is in addition to bank charges.

A student who enrolls after school begins or who withdraws during the school year will be charged a pro-rated tuition. In cases of withdrawal or expulsion of a student, tuition is due for the entire month.

4921 Overdue Accounts

1. All accounts not paid by the due date are considered overdue.
2. No records (including academic records) of students with overdue accounts will be released to other academic institutions.
3. Delinquent accounts will be reported to the West Virginia Credit Bureau and may be turned over to a collection agency.
4. A Late Fee of $15.00 will be added to regular charges if tuition is not paid within the ten-day grace period.
5. Accounts unpaid after three months may result in dismissal of student(s).

4922 Partners In Education

In order to assure continued academic excellence, the school must stay current with advancing technologies and other curriculum enhancements. As a private educational institution, Greater Beckley receives no state, federal, or other taxpayer funded support. The school relies entirely on tuition and gifts to meet budget needs each year. Tuition funding alone does not meet the need to provide the necessary resources for our students.

The Greater Beckley Christian School Partners in Education Program has been designed to allow area businesses and individuals the opportunity to support quality Christian Education for our area's youth. Consider becoming a Partner in Education with Greater Beckley Christian School and make a difference in the lives of young people today, tomorrow, and for eternity. Details are available at the high school office.

4923 Financial Aid Service

GBCS provides a limited amount of need-based financial assistance to families. Applications are available in the school office. The Hope Scholarship is available to students who qualify.

41000 Academic Information Add/Drop Policy

High School Students may add or drop a class from their schedules within one week from the start of each semester. Any changes after one week must be approved by special consideration of the administration. A $25 fee will be charged for any on-line elective class that is dropped.

41010 Awards

We encourage students to do their best in all things in order that they may bring honor to the Lord. We desire to recognize those students who excel in outstanding Christian character, academic achievement, and extra-curricular activities. For this purpose, we plan a special awards ceremony at the end of each school year. The time for this ceremony will be announced each year.

41020 Bible Instruction

We realize that our school has students from a variety of church backgrounds. Whenever this is the case, there are some differences on doctrinal questions. Please refer to our doctrinal statement located in the appendix of this publication. All students, therefore, should learn the answer to biblical questions as the teachers present them in the classroom. When students do not agree with this answer, they may respectfully state their beliefs after giving the correct answer from the school's point of view. Discussion of an argumentative nature over biblical issues will not be tolerated in any class.

In grades 9 through 12, any student who fails a year in Bible class will be placed on probation at GBCS; each student is expected to bring a Bible to school daily or leave one at school.

Bible is one of the major areas of the school curriculum. Students are assigned Bible verses to memorize. **We ask that parents stress to their students the importance of Bible instruction.**

41030 Computer Use

The GBCS computers are available to students for completion of school assignments and class projects. The use of the Internet must be in support of education and consistent with the mission statement and educational philosophy of GBCS. Use of the internet as part of an education program is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in cancellation of those privileges. School computers may not be used for personal e-mail or chat rooms. GBCS reserves the right to access a student's school email, chat, computer, phone or any other correspondence at any time. Students may not use computers/Chromebooks when not working on a class assignment.

Grade Scale

The numerical value of each letter grade is listed for your information.

A	90 - 100
B	80 - 89
C	70 - 79
D	60 - 69
F	0 - 59

41040 Credit Recovery Courses

Students who fail during the school year may recover credit of no more than two core courses during the summer. The make-up method may include traditional summer school, independent study, distance learning, correspondence courses, and/or community service.

41070 Dual Credit Courses

Senior students who enroll in dual credit courses required for graduation must complete each semester with a passing grade. If a student fails a semester, a credit recovery course must be successfully completed before a diploma is issued. Additional fees will be applied to all credit recovery courses.

41100 Academic Programs

41110 Elementary Program

The elementary program at GBCS prepares students to master basic skills necessary for higher order thinking. Each of our self-contained elementary classes include instruction in Bible, reading/phonics, English grammar/spelling, mathematics, writing/penmanship, science, social studies, art, music, and physical education.

41120 Middle School Program

The GBCS middle school program prepares students for a smooth transition to high school and includes studies in Bible, English, literature, math [Pre-Algebra, Algebra I], social studies, science, physical education/health, and fine arts.

41200 Middle School Academic Assessment and Support Policy (Grades 6–8)

Purpose

We are committed to helping every student grow academically and gain confidence in their learning. This policy ensures that students receive timely support in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics when needed.

Initial Assessment Requirement

All new students enrolling in grades 6 through 8 will complete baseline assessments in both English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. These assessments help identify each student's current skill level and guide appropriate academic support.

Support Placement Criteria

Students who demonstrate skills two (2) or more grade levels below their current grade level in either ELA or Mathematics will be enrolled in an After-School Helps Course (2:50 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.) for the subject area(s) where additional support is needed.

After-School Helps Course Structure

- Students will attend the Helps Course two (2) days per week.
- Instruction will focus on strengthening foundational skills and building confidence.
- Placement is specific to the subject area(s) identified through assessment.

Progress Monitoring and Transition
Student progress will be regularly monitored through reassessments.

- When a student demonstrates growth to within one (1) grade level of their current grade, their parent(s) or guardian may choose to transition out of the Helps Course.
- This transition reflects meaningful progress and readiness to continue developing skills independently within the regular classroom setting.
- The Helps course will be graded based on participation, and these grades will also be added to their regular Math or ELA course.
- Attendance will be tracked as if it were another class period.

Ongoing Growth and Support
After transitioning out, students are expected to maintain their progress.

- If a future assessment shows the student has again fallen two (2) or more grade levels below, they will be welcomed back into the Helps Course to receive additional support.
- This policy does extend to current students in grades 6-8 as well.

Parent/Guardian Communication
Parents and guardians will be kept informed throughout the process, including:

- Initial assessment results
- Placement in academic support class
- Progress updates
- Transition decisions

Commitment to Student Success
Participation in the Helps Course is an important part of a student's academic growth plan. GBCS views this support as a positive opportunity for students to strengthen skills, build confidence, and experience success.

41210 Senior High Programs

Greater Beckley Christian School is committed to superior academic achievement. A balanced and thorough program is offered with all the standard college preparatory classes: Bible, English, mathematics, history, science, foreign language, speech, fine arts, physical education and health. Additionally, students will be provided with opportunities and encouraged to participate in community service projects throughout the year.
GBCS offers three diploma tracks. The standard diploma track meets all standards and qualifications required by the state of West Virginia for a high school diploma. The college prep diploma track offers advanced courses in English, math, science, and foreign language. The Advanced College Preparation diploma offers students higher level math and science classes.

General Diploma – 26 credits
Bible (4), English (4), Social Studies (4), Math (4 w/Algebra I and Geometry), Science (3), Speech (1), P.E. (1), Health (1), Foreign Language (2 from same language), Electives (2)

College Preparatory Diploma – 27 credits
Bible (4), English (4), Social Studies (4), Math (4 w/Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Trigonometry), Science (4), Speech (1), P.E. (1), Health (1), Foreign Language (2 from same language), Electives (2)

Advanced College Preparatory Diploma – 28 credits
Bible (4), English (4), Social Studies (4), Math (5 w/Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Trigonometry, Calculus or College-Level equivalent), Science (5), Speech (1), P.E. (1), Health (1), Foreign Language (2 from same language), Electives (1)

41220 Classification of Students

Students may advance to the sophomore class with at least six units (credits), to the junior class with at least 12 units, and to the senior class with at least 18 units. Graduating students must have a minimum of 26 credit units. Transfer students must meet minimum West Virginia graduation requirements.

41230 Progress Reports

In order to keep parents and students better informed of students' academic status, progress reports are sent home halfway through each grading period. Parents should note that even though a child may be passing a course at mid-marking period, failure to achieve after that time may result in failure for the grading period. Parent-Teacher Conferences are available upon parent request. Grades / progress reports may be viewed at all times on FACTS accounts.

41240 Promotion

In order to advance to the next grade, students must maintain an average of "D" or better for all classes. Students in grades 1-8 who fail more than one of their core curricular subjects will not be promoted unless they have successfully completed these subjects in summer school. Students in grades 9-12 may not make up more than two credits each summer. Students may not attend summer school in order to graduate early.

41250 Report Cards

Report cards will be issued approximately every nine weeks. Progress reports will be issued midway through each grading period. Grading period results and semester averages are included on a student's permanent record.

41260 Exams

All students in grades 9-12 are required to take semester exams.
All students in grades 6-8 are required to take grading period exams.

41270 Standards for Class and Home Assignments

All academic work assigned to the student is expected to be completed. In most classes, a reasonable amount of homework is to be expected. Failure to turn in homework will result in contact with parents so that the problem can be resolved. If your child seems to spend an inordinate amount of time in preparation of homework, please contact the office to arrange a conference with the appropriate teacher.

41280Transcripts

For students currently enrolled, transcripts are free. Contact the school office. Transcripts are not released until all financial and disciplinary obligations have been met.

41290Valedictorian / Salutatorian Policy

In order for a student to be considered for valedictorian or salutatorian, he or she must have attended Greater Beckley Christian School on a full-time basis for the last four semesters of the high school years. Class rank will be based on GPA and numeric average with emphasis given for weighted courses. The valedictorian and/or salutatorian must also maintain high character and discipline standards. Any student who violates level two or level three disciplinary offenses may be in danger of losing valedictorian or salutatorian status.

41300 Attendance

Attendance at GBCS is a privilege. In order for students to gain the most from school he/she should be in regular attendance. Attendance is required at all daily sessions and certain special events.

Absences from school must be excused by a written note from a doctor or up to five parental notes will be allowed per semester to excuse an absence. Any excuse not for illness or emergency will be considered unexcused, unless approval is granted by the school administrator ahead of time.

Normal reasons for absences are: illness of student, death in immediate family [up to three days excused], doctor or dental appointment when absolutely necessary, and absences for other reasons pre-arranged with the administration.

Students with an absence will be required to make up all work missed. It is the responsibility of the student to obtain assignments from the teacher and/or by accessing their FACTS account. Students will be given the number of days missed plus one to make up class work and exams. For example, if a student missed school on Monday, the student would have until Thursday to make up the work. After Thursday, a zero may be given for the work. (Special consideration may be given by the teacher or administration when unusual circumstances exist.)

A student will be allowed 5 unexcused absences with no penalty. After five unexcused absences, a mandatory meeting will be scheduled with the administration to determine if continued attendance will be allowed at GBCS. After 10 unexcused absences, parents are reported to the Raleigh County truant officer per WV Code §18-8-4.

A secondary student who misses more than 15 days per class will not receive credit for that class. If the student has missed more than 15 days because of unusual circumstances, an appeal may be made to the administrator.

41310 Tardy Policy

Students are expected to arrive for school and for class on time.

Tardy Policy - Elementary (K5 to 5th grade)

The school will be open at 7:30 A.M. Students who arrive late will receive a tardy offense from their classroom teacher. Students are allowed five (5) recorded tardy offenses. Ten (10) unexcused tardies within one grading period will result in one (1) out of school suspension with remote assignments required. Failure to complete the assignments will result in a 0 for the assignment(s).

Additional out of school suspensions* will be required for every 5 additional tardies within the grading period beyond the initial 10.

Tardy counts will reset each grading period. However, any suspensions earned due to excessive tardies will not reset and will accumulate for the entire year.

*7 suspensions lead to expulsion from GBCS.

Tardy Policy – Secondary Campus (6-12th grade)
The school will be open 40 minutes before classes are to begin. Students who arrive late should report to the office to receive a tardy slip. The appropriate classroom teacher will record the tardy as either excused or unexcused. In the secondary school, students can have 5 parent notes excusing morning tardies each grading period. Parents are not able to excuse tardies that occur during the school day. Each unexcused tardy after five recorded (unexcused) offenses will result in the student remaining 30 minutes after school on that day. Failure to remain for 30 minutes after school will result in an in-school suspension the day following the offense.

All doctor's notes for appointments are recorded as excused tardies.

Fifteen (15) unexcused tardies within one grading period will result in an **out of school suspension** with **e-learning /remote assignments required**. Failure to complete the e-learning assignments will result in a **0** for the assignment(s).

Additional out of school suspensions* will be required for every 5 additional tardies within the grading period beyond the initial 15.

Tardy counts will reset each grading period. However, any suspensions earned due to excessive tardies will not reset and will accumulate for the entire year.

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41400 Discipline

41410 Philosophy of Discipline

One of the objectives of Greater Beckley Christian School is to help students learn self-discipline. This quality is developed as the student learns to submit to proper authority and to control his/her behavior

for the good of the group and in order to achieve his goals. In addition, it is impossible to provide a safe, orderly place for students to learn without a certain amount of structure. For all these reasons, there is the expectation of support from parents and the cooperation of our students with the requirements. Each teacher is trained to handle classroom discipline. Students are always to address and reply to the teacher with the utmost respect. Members of the faculty and staff of GBCS are to be addressed as Mr., Mrs., or Miss. Persistent or serious misbehavior is referred to the administrator.

Elementary School Discipline System – The self-contained elementary classroom teachers devise their own unique discipline systems which are age and grade appropriate. These systems are approved by the administration.

41411 Middle/High School Discipline System

In the middle and high school levels, GBCS uses a parent notification/detention system. Communication is important for a school-family relationship to work and be successful. This is important in discipline also.

Level One Offenses

- Classroom rules/Unprepared
- Chewing gum
- Unnecessary Loudness
- Inappropriate Attitude
- Canned drinks in the classroom
- Anything administration deems a level one offense

Consequences: redirection or parent notification

Level Two Offenses

- Horseplay
- Dress Code Violations
- Cell Phone Violation (See Cell Phone Policy)
- Disrespect
- Disobedience
- Anything administration deems a level two offense
- Repeated level one offenses

Consequences: parent notification or detention

Level Three Offenses

- Stealing
- Forgery
- Cheating
- Lying
- Vandalism

- Fighting
- Use/Possession of Tobacco including chewing tobacco, nicotine pouches, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, e-cigarettes, or any battery-operated device to inhale an aerosol, flavoring, marijuana, other chemicals or drugs
- Bullying
- Profanity/Swearing
- Harassment
- Inappropriate display of affection
- Cutting Class
- Anything Administration Deems a Level Three offense
- Repeat Level Two Offenses

Consequences: detention or suspension

Level Four Offenses

- Sexual Immorality (See Moral Conduct Policy)
- Use/Possession of alcohol
- Use/Possession of Illegal Drugs
- Use/Possession of Weapons of any kind
- Anything Administration Deems a Level Four Offense
- Repeat Level Three Offenses

Consequences: suspension or expulsion

Detentions must be served after school for forty-five minutes with a designated teacher.

41412 Middle/High School Disciplinary Procedures

Accumulation of detentions lead to suspensions. Accumulation of suspensions lead to expulsions.
3rd detention – Conference with administrator
5th detention – Conference with administrator and parents, 1 day suspension
7th detention – Conference with administrator and parents, 2 day suspension
10th detention – Conference with administrator and parents, 2 day suspension
13th detention – Expulsion from school

7th day of suspension – expulsion from school

When instances of serious moral misconduct become known to the board, the parties involved shall be confronted immediately with discretion. In doing so, the school is responsible for its testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ as viewed by nonbelievers and the treatment of serious moral misconduct as viewed by other students. The school is also responsible to set and maintain standards on behalf of the parents.

The parties involved may be expelled. The duration of the expulsion shall not be less than one full semester following the semester in which the expulsion took place, and no student shall be considered for re-admission until genuine repentance has taken place.

Conditions for Readmission:

1. Moral misconduct is no longer practiced.
2. Genuine repentance has been demonstrated.
3. Parents have submitted their student to Christian counseling and/or the local church for discipline
4. Any other condition may be applied that the Board of Directors may deem appropriate for the particular case.

For the sake of the testimony of the school and rumor mill, Administration may share with the student body the discipline decisions. This would only be done to help students understand actions of those involved and response from school.

41413 Disciplinary Definitions

1. Cheating-Taking information from some source other than the student's own mind and presenting it as if it came from his/her own thinking. It involves the components of stealing and lying. The following are major categories of cheating as defined by Greater Beckley Christian School policies:
    a. Assignments-The use of someone else's work instead of completing the assignment individually. This would include anything from daily homework to major research papers. Unless specified by the teacher, it is to be assumed that all work is to be completed individually.
    b. Tests/Exams-The practice of soliciting help during a classroom-testing situation, including midterm and final exams. This would include the use of information brought to class, sharing of information during class, or the sharing of information about the test/exam with students who have not yet taken the test/exam.
    c. Plagiarism-The use of information from a source (text, Internet, research information) without documentation. Any use of AI, unless instructed by a teacher, is prohibited. Plagiarism of reports is considered cheating and will be treated as such.

    * Students guilty of cheating will not receive credit for assignment(s) or test(s).
2. Class Disruption-Any act whereby the student causes commotion, distraction, and or interrupts the teacher or classroom atmosphere to the extent that the learning process of other students is hampered.
3. Direct Disobedience-The act of not carrying out a directive when specifically given by a teacher or staff member.
4. Horseplay-Play fighting, pushing, tripping, and snapping towels or any act that may cause injury to any person.
5. Lying-Deliberate deception by not telling the truth or withholding any part of the truth in any given situation.
6. Stealing-Taking items of clothing or personal possession or material that does not belong to you. This includes taking items in locker rooms or other areas and hiding them from the rightful owner.
7. Truancy-Not being in attendance in school, class or in general not being where you are supposed to be when you are supposed to be there.
8. Tardy-Being late, arriving at your destination past the expected time of arrival.

9. Harassment-Any form of unwanted touching, suggestive speech, sexual mannerisms or literature, physical or verbal conduct that makes another student or staff member uncomfortable, demeaned, degraded, fearful or physically hurt.
10. Vandalism-Malicious or ignorant destruction or defacing of private property or the property of GBCS.

41414 General Rules of Behavior

1. Students have the primary responsibility for their actions.
2. Students must observe safety rules of the school for their own security and that of others.
3. Students shall respect the person and property of others around them.
4. Students are always to address and reply to teachers with utmost respect.
5. Students shall follow classroom rules established by the teacher(s). Some rules which may apply are as follows:
   - ❑ Students shall listen without talking when the teacher is teaching, giving directions, or speaking.
   - ❑ Students shall finish and complete all assigned schoolwork to receive a satisfactory grade and to fulfill requirements.
   - ❑ Students must respect others by not touching, shouting at, or throwing objects at other students.
   - ❑ Students must remain in their seats if the teacher is out of the room.
   - ❑ There is to be no name-calling, put downs, or fighting.
   - ❑ No toys, cards, games, recorders, etc. are allowed at school unless requested by a teacher.
   - ❑ No eating, gum or candy is permitted in the classroom unless directed by the teacher.
   - ❑ Drinks are allowed in the classroom unless limited by the teacher.
   - ❑ Electronic Devices
     Unless authorized by individual teachers, students **may not have electronic devices at school during normal operating hours**. This includes, but is not limited to: **cell phones, smartwatches, wireless headphones, and laptops**. Student electronic devices must be checked-in before the start of the school day and retrieved only if designated by a school authority or at the end of the school day. If these devices are confiscated during the school day, they will be held in the school office for one week or students may pay a $15 fee to recover the device. Each additional offense will require an additional week or additional $15 fee. For example, a second offense requires a two-week hold or a $30 fee and so on.
   - ❑ Laptops are not to be used in the classroom unless requested by individual teachers

41415 Clarification

As students of GBCS, all are responsible for their behavior 24 – 7 – 365 days a year and in keeping with the school's responsibility to provide a safe learning environment for all students, the administration has established the following policy regarding the issue of "sexting." Sexting is the act of sending, receiving, or forwarding sexually explicit or suggestive messages, photos, or images via cell phone, computer, or other digital device. Students engaged in such activities are subject to state laws and school discipline. The school considers sending, sharing, possessing, or even viewing pictures, text messages, or e-mails that contain a sexual message or image a violation of this policy, a violation that will result in school discipline, up to and including expulsion, and in the notification of local law enforcement. Students are required to

immediately report any such activities to a teacher or a school administrator. In the case of sexting, besides the devastating affects this type of public disclosure can cause, it is possible and increasingly likely that students possessing or distributing sexual images of minors can be tried and convicted of sex crimes under state law.

41420 Anti-Bullying Policy

PURPOSE

Greater Beckley Christian School recognizes that a safe and civil environment in school is necessary for students to learn and achieve high academic standards. GBCS finds that bullying, like other disruptive or violent behavior, is conduct that disrupts both a student's ability to learn and a school's ability to educate its students in a safe environment.

DEFINITIONS

"Bullying" means systematic, repeated, or recurrent conduct committed by a student or group of students against another student that causes measurable physical harm or emotional distress. Verbal expression, whether oral, written, or electronic, is included within the definition of "bullying" only to the extent that (1) such expression is lewd, indecent, obscene, advocating for illegal conduct, intended to incite an immediate breach of peace, or the severe and pervasive use of threatening words that inflict injury; or (2) school administrators or officials reasonably believe that such expression will cause an actual, material disruption of school work.

"School Premises" means any building, structure, athletic field, sports stadium or other real property owned, operated, leased or rented by the school or one of its schools, including, but not limited to, any kindergarten, elementary, secondary, or vocational-technical school.

"School-Sponsored Functions or Activities" means a field trip, sporting event, or any other function or activity that is officially sponsored by GBCS or one of its schools.

"School-Sponsored Transportation" means a motor vehicle owned, operated, leased, rented or subcontracted by the GBCS or one of its schools.

PROHIBITION

GBCS prohibits all bullying on school premises, at school-sponsored functions or activities, or on school-sponsored transportation.

REPORTING

Any student who believes he or she has been or is currently the victim of bullying should immediately report the situation to the administration. The student may also report concerns to a teacher or counselor who will be responsible for notifying the appropriate school administrator.

Every student is encouraged, and every staff member is required, to report any situation that they believe to be bullying behavior directed toward a student. Reports may be made to those identified above.

All complaints about bullying behavior that may violate this policy shall be promptly investigated.

If the investigation finds an instance of bullying behavior has occurred, it will result in prompt and appropriate disciplinary action. This may include expulsion. Individuals may also be referred to law enforcement officials.

The complainant shall be notified of the findings of the investigation, and as appropriate, that remedial action has been taken.

Retaliation against any person who reports, is thought to have reported, files a complaint, or otherwise participates in an investigation or inquiry concerning allegations of bullying is prohibited and will not be tolerated. Such retaliation shall be considered a serious violation of school policy and independent of whether a complaint is substantiated. Suspected retaliation should be reported in the same manner as bullying. Making intentionally false reports about bullying for the purpose of getting someone in trouble is similarly prohibited and will not be tolerated. Retaliation and intentionally false reports may result in disciplinary action as indicated above.

INTERPRETATION
This policy shall not be interpreted to infringe upon the First Amendment rights of students, and is not intended to prohibit expression of religious, philosophical, or political views, provided that such expression does not cause an actual, material disruption of the work of the school.

41500 Lifestyle/Testimony

41510 Social Networking

As students of GBCS, all are responsible for their behavior 24 – 7 – 365 days a year, Greater Beckley Christian School realizes that social networking sites and blogs are popular and that they present opportunity to share with others in a positive way. However, abuse can occur. Therefore, all internet communications are subject to the school's internet and computer-use policy. All students are expected to reflect a positive Christian testimony. The school's policies against discrimination or other harassment apply to any Internet communications. Therefore, any Internet communications that adversely reflect on the students' or school's Christian testimony, that disparage the school or other students or officials, or that violate the school's antidiscrimination/anti-harassment policies may result in requests to remove the communications and in student discipline, including possible expulsion. The school shall hold students personally responsible for all material they post or blog on a website or for content posted by third parties, reposted to students' social-networking or blog pages including music attached to posts.

41520 Drugs and Alcohol

As students of GBCS, all are responsible for their behavior 24 – 7 – 365 days a year, the use of alcohol or drugs while enrolled at GBCS, participating in any academic, extra-curricular, or social program sponsored by GBCS is strictly forbidden. Use of such controlled substances is not only illegal but has been proven to be particularly damaging to changing adolescent bodies. Because our school philosophy pledges responsibility to the whole person, our drug policy must include opportunities for drug

awareness education and rehabilitation as well as punitive measures for students who break this civil and school rule. If expelled for drugs and/or alcohol use, students will not be readmitted to Greater Beckley Christian School without proper drug testing.

41530 Harassment and Threats

As students of GBCS, all are responsible for their behavior 24 – 7 – 365 days a year, Greater Beckley Christian School does not allow harassment or threats of any kind. Such behavior is subject to penalty. Students are to report harassment and threats to the administration or to a teacher immediately.

41540 Physical Contact

As students of GBCS, all are responsible for their behavior 24 – 7 – 365 days a year, inappropriate public displays of affection between students are not permitted on school property or at school functions. This includes holding hands, hugging, kissing, or unnecessary physical contact of any kind.

41550 Sexual Harassment

As students of GBCS, all are responsible for their behavior 24 – 7 – 365 days a year, it is the policy of Greater Beckley Christian School to maintain a Christian academic, athletic, social, and working environment free from all forms of physical or verbal sexual harassment for any student or staff member. Sexual harassment violates school policy, the West Virginia Human Rights Act, the Office of Civil Rights Policy Title IX, and Section 703 of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This policy applies to all students, staff, and agents of Greater Beckley Christian School.

41560 Student Pregnancy

GBCS will not admit students who are married, pregnant, or who have caused a pregnancy (or an abortion). Should any of these events occur while enrolled at GBCS, the student shall be removed from classes immediately. Under some circumstances and strict conditions, a student who has been removed from GBCS under the provisions of this policy may apply for readmission to GBCS.

41570 Smoking and Tobacco Policy

As students of GBCS, all are responsible for their behavior 24 – 7 – 365 days a year, GBCS continues to place importance upon the health of its students. Students are not to use any form of tobacco including but not limited to chewing tobacco, nicotine pouches, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, e-cigarettes, or any battery-operated device to inhale an aerosol, flavoring, marijuana, other chemicals or drugs while a student is at GBCS. Possession of these substances is in violation of state law and may be referred to local authorities. Use and possession are viewed as being the same.

41580 Tardiness/Absences

Punctuality is a matter of primary importance in the educational process. Students, when tardy, disrupt the educational process and jeopardize their own academic achievement. GBCS students must be in the classroom when the tardy bell rings.

1. A student is considered tardy when he/she reaches the assigned classroom after the first bell.

2. If students are tardy due to a doctor's / dentist appointment, the student must check in with the office, present a valid excuse from the appropriate physician's office, and receive an admit slip from the office.
3. A student will be counted absent if more than one-half of the class period is missed.
4. Students, unless given permission from the administration, must attend school to participate in any extracurricular activity.

41590 Weapons

Any instrument that is designed to be used to produce bodily injury shall not be brought onto the property of the school. Nor should any such instruments be brought onto any premise where school functions are being conducted. Deadly weapons shall include but not be limited to those instruments defined in West Virginia Code, Chapter 61, Article 7, Section 2, as a blackjack, gravity knife, knife, switchblade knife, nunchaku, metallic or false knuckles, taser, pistol, revolver, or other deadly weapon of the like kind or character which may be easily concealed on or about the person or any other type of firearm of any type or description.

Students who bring weapons as defined above are subject to immediate suspension and/or expulsion.

41600 Parent Information

41610 After School Care

If available, after-school care is provided at an hourly rate. This care begins fifteen minutes after the regular school day and is billed in 30-minute increments. The program ends at 5:00 P.M.
Students must remain in school dress and follow all school standards until picked up by parents. Secondary students may not be permitted to leave aftercare, such as for sports practices, without written permission from a parent.

41620 Helping Hands and Willing Hearts

GBCS considers our parent volunteers to be a very special and valuable resource. Parents who would like to volunteer should call the school office. The school secretary will then direct you to the current Helping Hands Coordinator. This volunteer group organizes numerous activities throughout the school year.

41630 Parent Meetings

1. Parent Orientation
   This important meeting is held for all parents prior to the beginning of the school year. This is the time to receive helpful, necessary information from administrators and teachers relating to the new school year.
2. Parent-Teacher Meetings
   Parent-teacher meetings are scheduled on an individual basis by either parents or teachers as deemed necessary. Parents wishing to schedule a conference may contact the school office or email the teacher directly. A priority is placed on being available to parents to answer any questions or concerns about their child's progress.

41640 Parental Support

Parents are urged to contact the teacher if they have any questions or concerns regarding their child's academic progress.

41650 Problem Solving

Greater Beckley Christian School follows the principles of Matthew 18:15-17 in resolving conflicts regarding the school.

1. The parent or student may schedule a conference with a teacher, or the teacher may initiate a conference with the student and/or parent. Most problems will be resolved at this stage if approached prayerfully with the goal of reconciliation.
2. If the problem has not been resolved, then either party may request that the administrator meet with all involved.
3. Parents may request that the GBCS Board appoint a representative to hear all sides and attempt to achieve reconciliation.
4. Finally, the parents or teacher may request a hearing by the entire Board.

41660 Signing Students out of School

1. Students leaving the campus for any reason during the school day must be signed out of the office by a parent or legal guardian in the presence of a school employee. To receive an excused absence proper documentation must be submitted to the school office.
2. If a student drives to school, the parent must establish phone contact with a member of the office staff verifying permission for the student to leave campus. Students may be required to speak with the Administrator or Principal or provide parent permission before a student may sign out.
3. Detailed records for students will be kept in the office regarding signing in and out of school.
4. Students too young to drive will not be released to anyone other than the student's parent(s), older sibling that drives, or legal guardian except in extreme cases where the Administration has made an exception unless otherwise designated by a parent.

41700 General Information

41710 Animals in the Classroom

GBCS policy does not permit students to bring live animals into classrooms. Administrative approval is required to have live animals visit campus.

41720 Bookbags / Backpacks / Briefcases / Laptops

Backpacks/Bookbags will be allowed in the classroom at the teacher's discretion.

41730 Campus

GBCS is a closed campus. Parents and visitors are welcome but they **must sign in and receive authorization from the office before proceeding to classroom(s).** Student visitors must have written parental permission on file in the office in advance of their visit. In order for students to visit or audit classes, they must be interested in enrolling in GBCS. Visits from local students who are not at their

regular school because of scheduled days off are not permitted. Non-students may visit during lunch only as long as they are not disruptive. Visitor's dress and behavior must be modest and reasonable.

GBCS has surveillance cameras throughout the campus including classrooms. The cameras serve the purpose of maintaining a safe and secure school campus.

41740 Dress Code

The intent of the dress code at GBCS is to provide guidelines for modesty and appropriateness for a robust academic environment in which all students can focus on instruction without distraction and represent our goal of education in "The Light of God's Word."

Correct School Day attire for all students:

1. Pants/Jeans must be khaki (color), black, blue, or other dark colors.
   - Dress/Khaki Style Pants/Jeans must not touch the floor; they may not be frayed, have holes, or hang low on the hips. Cargo pants are allowed, no athletic pants, no athletic material.
   - Sports travel gear suits can be worn on game day only, no sweatpants on Gamedays unless the team attire is uniform.
   - **Sweatpants (fleece/terry cloth fabric), jeggings, and leggings are not allowed**.
   - **Dress/cargo shorts must be no shorter than 2" above the knee and not be frayed, have holes, or hang low on the hips.**
   - Athletic shorts are not allowed.

2. Shirts must be either a collared polo-type, oxford, or dark crew neck t-shirts
   - T-Shirts cannot have logos or writing that depicts language or entertainment (music, movies, video games, logos, etc.) contrary to our Christian standards.
   - White t-shirts are not allowed.
   - Shirts cannot be sheer, lace, or see-through material
   - Shirts must have long or short sleeves (no tank tops)
   - Shirts must be loose-fitting
   - Crop tops (even with shirt underneath) are not allowed

3. Sweaters/Vests may be worn.

4. Shoes for girls in the secondary school may be either sandals or closed-toed with socks. Boys must wear socks at all times. Elementary students may not wear open-toed shoes or flip-flops.

5. Skirts/Dresses must be knee length.
   - Skirts/Dresses must not touch the floor, be frayed, or have holes.
6. Sweatshirts/Hoodies
   - GBCS approved sweatshirts and hoodies may be worn. Spirit wear items will be available and may be purchased at the school office.

   *Clear backpacks are NO LONGER REQUIRED at GBCS

41741 Additional Dress Code Guidelines:

1. No student's undergarments (camisole/tank or compression shorts), with the exception of a t-shirt, may be visible.
2. Clothing must not include shear, lace, or see-through material.
3. Jackets or coats may not be worn in class. The school dress code provides for long sleeve shirts, sweaters, and hooded sweatshirts in cold weather.
4. Young men must have their hair cut off the eyebrows, with the back being no lower than the collar and must be neatly kept.
5. Young men will be allowed to have neat and trimmed facial hair.
6. Student's hair must be of a natural color.
7. Students may only have standard ear piercings. No other body piercings are permitted. This includes (but is not limited to) nose piercings, tongue piercings, eyebrow piercings, lip piercings, or any other visible or non-visible body piercings. No body jewelry may be worn at school or at school-related events except for approved earrings as outlined here.
8. Young men are not permitted to wear earrings of any kind during the school day at GBCS or while participating in or attending any GBCS extracurricular activities. This includes stud earrings, hoops, dangling earrings, spacers, or cartilage piercings, etc.
9. Students are not to display tattoos.
10. Students may not wear inappropriate jewelry.
11. The student should look neat and clean.
12. No hats, combs, brushes or hair picks are to be worn in the classrooms.

41742 Spirit Dress Day Guidelines

Occasionally the administration may call for a spirit dress day. Failure to abide by the spirit dress guidelines will result in a loss of this privilege.

41743 After-School Activities

Students should dress modestly for the activity. They should wear clothing that is not tight or unbecoming of a Christian. T-shirts or sweatshirts should not have inappropriate slogans. **Jeggings and leggings are <u>not allowed</u>**. Shorts should be modest in nature and not revealing. Shorts should be no more than 2 inches above the knee, not tight, and not revealing at extra-curricular events. No student's undergarments (camisole/tank or compression shorts), with the exception of a t-shirt, may be visible.

Junior – Senior Formal - All females attending the banquet must have their dresses approved by a faculty/staff committee. Guidelines will be given. Any young lady attending the banquet as a guest of a GBCS student must also have her gown approved.
Graduation - Students must arrive thirty (30) minutes prior to graduation to ensure that they are in proper dress code. Female students should be dressed in modest dress clothing. Skirts should be at the knee or longer. Male students should be in dress clothing. No shorts may be worn under graduation gowns.
*The GBCS Administration reserves the right to send home students who are found to be inappropriately dressed both during school hours and during school administered events.
**The GBCS Administration also reserves the right to alter the dress code for special days, events, or extreme weather conditions.

41750 Drop-off / Pick-up

1. Morning Drop-off

   Parents will be given specific instructions regarding loading and unloading of students before and after school. Everyone must follow the designated procedure if accidents are to be avoided. It is imperative that students be dropped off and picked up at the specified times to provide the highest level of safety. The speed limit in the school zone is 15 miles per hour. Please cooperate with this safety standard.

   Students can be dropped off beginning at 7:30 A.M. The school does not provide supervision of students prior to this time and therefore we request that parents do not drop off students earlier than the specified above for their own personal safety.

2. Afternoon Pick-up/Dismissal

   Students may be picked up in front of the school building at the end of the school day. Any student remaining on campus fifteen minutes after the end of the school day who is not involved in supervised school activities must report to the after-care program. Parents will be charged for this service. Charges will be based on 30 minute increments. Students found wandering the campus will be subject to disciplinary action and parents will be notified.

41760 Communicable Diseases

GBCS desires to maintain a healthy school environment by instituting controls designed to prevent the spread of communicable diseases. The term "communicable disease" shall mean an illness that arises because of a specific infectious agent or rash that shall be transmitted whether directly or indirectly by a susceptible host, infected person or animal to other persons. A teacher or office staff member who reasonably suspects that a student or employee has a communicable disease shall immediately notify a member of the administration.

Any student or employee with a communicable disease, for which immunization is required by law or is available, shall be temporarily excluded from school while ill. If the nature of the disease and circumstances warrant, Greater Beckley Christian School may require an independent physician's examination of the student or employee to verify the diagnosis of a communicable disease. GBCS reserves the right to make all final decisions necessary to enforce its communicable disease policy and to take all necessary action to control the spread of communicable diseases within the school.

41770 Head Lice Policy

If lice or nits are found, the student will be isolated, and parents will be notified to pick up their child as soon as possible. Students need to be treated with medication and be lice/ nit free before they will be allowed to return to the classroom. Parents are encouraged to always give notice to the school if they find head lice or nits on their child at home. This will help prevent the spread of head lice at school.

41780 Illness at School

Emergency information cards are to be completed by the parent(s) for each student enrolled. These cards list information needed in case your child becomes ill or is injured at school. If your child becomes sick or is injured at school, you will be notified through the telephone numbers provided.

We do not have facilities to take care of children who are ill. If your child becomes ill while at school, we will contact you so that you may make arrangements to come and take your child home.

In case of extreme emergency, every effort will be made to contact the parent or guardian. The judgment of the administrator will be used to make arrangements to take the student to the hospital if the parent or guardian cannot be contacted. The expense of ambulance charges is to be the responsibility of the parent.

41790 Medication

Medicine prescribed by a doctor may be given during school hours. When possible, try to schedule doses before or after the school day. A form will be provided by the school office for specific instructions concerning medications prescribed by a physician. This form must be completed before the medication is given.

School personnel will only administer non-prescription medicines to students whose parents/guardians have given them written permission to do so. Specific medications, strength, dosage and frequency must also be specified. Medications must be provided by parents and must be in their original containers. Under no circumstances will a student be allowed to give any medication to another student.

417100 Exemption From Physical Education Classes

Any student unable to participate in physical education for more than two days per marking period must bring a statement from his/her physician. After two days, any non-participating student (with a medical excuse) will be given alternative curriculum to fulfill his/her physical education credit.

417110 Extra-Curricular Activities

417111 Conduct and Dress

GBCS is involved in numerous athletic events, special programs, and academic and fine arts competitions. Applicable rules for student conduct are in effect at extra-curricular activities because, as Christians, we are expected to be ambassadors of Jesus Christ at all times. The following guidelines are also in effect:

1. Dress may differ from that for classes, but students are expected to use modesty in their choice of dress. If girls are wearing pants or slacks, they must be loose fitting and of a conservative design.
2. Students must remain in the designated area during an event.
3. Students who fail to maintain a good Christian testimony or who dress inappropriately will be asked to leave activities.
4. More specific guidelines are listed under Dress Code Policy.

417112 Student Participation

Students who participate in athletic competitions must meet the following requirements.

1. Greater Beckley Christian School adheres to the eligibility requirements of the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission (WVSSAC). Additionally, GBCS students must maintain a grade point average of at least 2.0 in the grading period prior to the athletic season in which they wish to participate.
2. If a student is ineligible based on grades, he/she may become eligible by earning a 2.0 average at the mid-term following his/her ineligibility. Students new to the school should contact the athletic director with any questions concerning eligibility.
3. All GBCS athletes must have a physical examination by a physician. The physician's report must be on file in the school office.

417113 Field Trips

Each year, as part of the overall program of the school, students may take planned field trips that are part of the educational experience for each student. In certain cases, students are responsible for fees that cover admission to events. Students may also be asked to bring money for their own snacks or personal souvenirs. Students are required to remain within school dress code and adhere to school policies unless otherwise noted by field trip organizers. Parents will be notified when field trips are planned. Included in this notification will be information regarding appropriate dress for the trip.

417120 Fire Drills

Fire drills and other safety drills are conducted each year in accordance with the regulations of the State Fire Marshall. Exit routes are clearly posted in each classroom. Teachers will advise students of the exit procedures for each room. Students are to exit the building in an orderly manner and remain quiet for the purpose of taking attendance. This is necessary to ensure that students and teachers can hear further instructions and directions in the event of a fire or other emergency.

417130 Gymnasium

Students are not permitted in the gym, weight room, athletic fields, etc. without faculty permission or adult supervision. Students without proper footwear should not be on the gym floor at any time.

417140 Holidays

GBCS will post all holidays, scheduled school closings, and early dismissal days on a school calendar and on the GBCS website-www.greaterbeckley.org. Yearly calendars will be provided to each school family at the beginning of each school year.

417150 Homework Notebooks/Planners

Students of GBCS are required to use a homework notebook/planner in grades three through eight (3-8). In addition to providing a method for keeping track of daily assignments, this planner will also assist the student in organizing his/her monthly schedule. Middle School Planners (6-8) must be purchased from the school and will be available at the MS/HS office. Students in grades nine through twelve are encouraged but not required to keep a planner.

417160 Inclement Weather

Greater Beckley Christian School (GBCS) will generally follow school closings and delays announced by Raleigh County Schools during periods of inclement weather. However, GBCS Administration reserves the right to determine school operations independently when conditions or circumstances warrant. GBCS Administration may designate one of the following in response to inclement weather or other emergencies:

- In-Person School Day
- Hybrid Learning Day
- Remote Learning Day
- Complete School Closure
- Delay
- Early Dismissal

All decisions regarding delays, closings, Hybrid Learning Days, or Remote Learning Days will be communicated through the FACTS Parent Alert system.

A Hybrid Learning Day allows students to participate in instruction either in the classroom on campus or from home via Google Meet following the determined school day schedule. Students who can safely attend school in person are expected to be present in the classroom. Participation from home is intended for students who are unable to attend on campus due to weather, travel conditions, or other approved circumstances.

A Remote Learning Day requires all students to participate in instruction from home through teacher-directed online learning platforms, which may include live instruction, recorded lessons, assignments, or other academic activities as determined by the teacher and administration.
Parents and guardians are responsible for ensuring that students participating in Hybrid or Remote Learning Days:

- Have reliable internet access and appropriate devices
- Log in on time and remain engaged for scheduled live instruction and assigned learning activities

Failure to attend, participate, or complete assigned work on Hybrid or Remote Learning Days will be addressed in accordance with all existing GBCS attendance, grading, and missing work policies, unless otherwise directed by administration.

In the event of a complete school closure, no academic work or attendance requirements will apply unless otherwise communicated by GBCS Administration.

417170 Internet Use Policy

We are privileged at Greater Beckley Christian School to have Internet access for our students. Students may have access to Internet Web information resources through their classroom, library, or school computer lab.

With access to computers and people all over the world comes the availability of materials that may not be of appropriate educational value in the context of the school setting. Because no one organization owns the Internet and can enforce regulations, resources are uncensored. Families should be aware that some material accessible via the Internet might contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive to some people. In addition, it is possible to purchase certain goods and services via the Internet that could result in unwanted financial obligations for which a student's parent or guardian would be liable. GBCS has taken precautions to restrict access to controversial materials via filtering hardware and software. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover controversial information. We believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this network outweighs the potential hazards. GBCS expects that in addition to the filtering protection placed in the system that users, as Christians, will be vigilant to withdraw themselves from any questionable sites that might be encountered while interacting with the Internet.

Policies:

- Currently enrolled students may use computers for completing class assignments, projects, and research.
- School computers may only be used during school hours, with staff or teacher permission.
- Students should do nothing while using GBCS computers or the Internet to dishonor the name of Christ.
- Should a student accidentally open a questionable site, they will immediately turn off the computer monitor and report the site to his/her supervising teacher.
- Students should not reveal personal addresses, phone numbers or personal information about themselves or other students, teachers, or staff.

GBCS Computers/Internet may not be used for:

- E-mailing, chatting, game-playing, music, or other recreational purposes (exceptions are for activities in the classroom setting with teacher supervision and permission)
- Downloading files or programs. Teachers or staff may arrange to download files for students on a case-by-case basis.
- Transmission of any material in violation of any US or state regulation. This includes, but is not limited to copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret. Accordingly, copyrighted music may not be uploaded or downloaded.
- Commercial activities of any kind.
- Product advertisement or political lobbying
- Purposely seeking any Internet site promoting pornography, violence, hate, homosexuality, gambling, harassment or any entertainment sites concerning people or activities pertaining to these things.
- Using offensive or abusive language. Users are not allowed to post information with racial, ethnic, or religious slurs. There is nothing anonymous about the Internet, and your actions will be a reflection on our school.
- Tampering, pranks, vandalism, adding software, attempting to break into unauthorized files, or attempting to use network in a way that would disrupt network use by others.

Infractions of the above will result in disciplinary action, to include parental notification, loss of computing privileges, detention, suspension, or expulsion depending on the severity of the violation.
Students will be charged a nominal fee for photocopies or prints made on school copiers or printers.
GBCS makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. Our school will not be responsible for any damages students incur. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or student errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via Greater Beckley Christian School is at the user's own risk. GBCS specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

417180 Evacuation Plans

Teachers have been trained concerning evaluation plans in the case of emergencies in accordance with the GBCS Emergency and Evacuation Policy Manual. The manual is available for viewing in the secondary office.

417190 Lockers/Locks

Students will be permitted to go to their lockers before their first class, at scheduled times, and after school. If it is necessary to visit a locker at other times, a teacher's permission is necessary.
Locker doors should always be kept closed. Inappropriate pictures may not be hung in lockers; only school-approved materials may be placed on the outside of lockers. Food and drinks may not be kept in lockers except for that which will be consumed at lunch. Lockers may be inspected by school personnel at any time. A second locker may not be used without express permission from the student's homeroom teacher.

Combination locks may be obtained from the school office. Only these locks may be used on school lockers. Large sums of money and other valuables should not be brought to school. The school is not responsible for missing items.

416195 Single Occupancy in Bathroom Stalls

At Greater Beckley Christian School, we uphold Biblical standards of integrity, modesty, and personal responsibility. To maintain a respectful and appropriate environment, only one individual is permitted in a bathroom stall at a time.
There is no justifiable reason for multiple individuals to occupy the same stall simultaneously. Such behavior can lead to misconduct, compromise privacy, and create the perception of impropriety, which is inconsistent with the Biblical values of purity (1 Thessalonians 4:3-4) and personal accountability (2 Corinthians 8:21).

Expectations & Enforcement:
Students must use bathroom stalls individually at all times. Any violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action, as it is a matter of both safety and Biblical integrity. Staff and faculty are responsible for ensuring compliance and reporting any violations to administration.
By adhering to this policy, we affirm our commitment to fostering an environment of respect, accountability, and Christian character.

417200 Student Accident Insurance

All students enrolled at GBCS are covered by student accident insurance provided by the school.

417210 Lost and Found

A Lost and Found area will be designated at the beginning of the school year. Any unclaimed items will be donated to local charities. Students will be notified at least one week prior to the donation of these items.

417220 Lunch

Students must remain on campus for lunch unless a parent signs them out. Students will not be permitted to order lunch from outside sources to be delivered to the school. This includes orders placed by parents

to be delivered by Door Dash. Students may order lunch daily from the school lunch program or bring their lunch from home. Lunch can be ordered on FACTS prior to the school day or can be ordered at the beginning of the school day during the first period class.

417230 Personal Belongings

Students are not permitted to use electronic devices, and/or cell phones during regular school hours without specific permission of the administration or teachers. Students are not permitted to have laser pointers at any time. Only items relevant to the educational process should be brought to school.

417240 Retreats/Field Days

High School and Middle School Retreats/Field Days are a special time in the lives of students to reflect on their relationship with God and build relationships with each other. During this time, students focus on the central values and doctrinal beliefs of our school. For this reason, all students are required to attend scheduled Retreats/Field Days unless special permission is given by the administration prior to the event.

417250 Student Drivers

Those students driving to school are to park their vehicles in a designated space in the lot adjacent to the gymnasium. Drivers are not to exceed the posted speed limit of 15 miles per hour. Student Drivers are to understand that their driving privileges may be revoked if they do not adhere to the policies stated in the said contract.

Students are not to return to their cars during school hours. Students must leave cars parked from the beginning of the school day until they are dismissed unless an Administration or faculty member grants special permission. All requests for permission to leave early must be in writing and signed by the parent of the student driving the car. Permission slips will be submitted to the office before classes begin in the morning.

If a student driver transports other GBCS students to and from school, the parents of the transported student must have on file in the school office written permission for their child to ride with a given student. The parents of the student driving the vehicle must also file written permission for their child to transport others. Failure to abide by these policies may result in loss of driving privilege.

417260 Student Pictures

Each fall the school will hire an approved photographer to take individual pictures of our students. Parents will be sent information concerning prices and packages that they may purchase. Each individual student's picture will be used in the school yearbook as well as other school publications. Each student will have his/her picture taken regardless of whether they choose to purchase any picture.

417270 Teacher Certification

All of our teachers are nationally certified through the Association of Christian Schools International and/or the West Virginia Department of Education.

417280 Transportation

- Transportation- General Greater Beckley Christian School does not provide bus transportation to and from school. We encourage parents to form "carpools."

- Students Riding in GBCS Vehicles
  Students may be transported to events, field trips or activities using GBCS vehicles. Improper behavior on school vehicles will not be permitted. Our drivers need to concentrate on driving and should not be distracted by the misbehavior of students. Those students who, in the opinion of the driver, misbehave will be referred to the Administration for appropriate action.
- Emergency Notification Procedures
  In case of emergency the following procedures will be implemented:
  1. Emergency personnel (911, police, fire department, etc.) will be contacted.
  2. The school administration will be contacted.
  3. Parents will be contacted with information and instructions.
- Vehicle Maintenance
  All GBCS vehicles receive routine maintenance and safety inspections.

417290 GBCS Website

The school website www.greaterbeckley.org contains information relevant to school events. Elements such as the school calendar, sports schedules, as well as some specific class information can be accessed on the web. The site is continually updated to facilitate quality school to home communication.

41800 Changes

41810 Changes

The administration and school board reserves the right to make changes to this policy handbook as deemed necessary.

41900 Appendix

41910 Doctrinal Statement

We believe:

1. The Scriptures are the inspired Word of God, inerrant and authoritative.
2. In the unity of the infinite Godhead there are three distinct persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) equal in every divine perfection.
3. In the personality of the Holy Spirit, who is the agent in the new birth indwelling every believer. The evidence of indwelling is in the fruit of the Spirit, and not in speaking in tongues or the spectacular demonstration.
4. Sanctification is a progressive work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer, as well as being initially set apart for a holy purpose at the moment of salvation.
5. In the reality of Satan, the enemy of God, who is man's greatest tempter, and who is destined for final defeat by God.
6. In a literal acceptance of the Genesis account of creation.
7. Man, created in innocence, fell into sin by voluntary transgression. All mankind are sinners by nature and choice and under just condemnation.
8. In the virgin birth of Christ who is both the Son of God and God the Son.
9. In the vicarious atonement by Christ, and that salvation of sinners is wholly by grace.
10. In the necessity of the new birth in order for sinners to be saved.
11. The blessings of salvation are made free to all through the gospel. Nothing prevents the salvation of sinners apart from their own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the Gospel.
12. Justification is secured for believers solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood; it is not bestowed in consideration of any works of righteousness.
13. Repentance and faith are inseparable in the conversion process.
14. The Church, the body of Christ, is composed of all who have expressed true faith in Christ. A local New Testament church is a congregation of baptized believers, observing the ordinances of Christ and carrying out His commands. It is scriptural for local assemblies of like faith to cooperate with each other to further the Gospel, and each church is the sole and only judge of the measure and method of its cooperation.
15. Baptism is by immersion in water, and the Lord's Supper is to be viewed as a memorial service reminding the church of the death of Christ.
16. Believers are kept by the power of God through faith unto eternal salvation.
17. In the everlasting felicity of the saved and the everlasting conscious suffering of the lost.
18. That civil government is ordained of God for the interests and good order of human society.
19. In the bodily resurrection, ascension, high priesthood, second coming and future reign of Christ. The living members of the Church will be changed in the rapture. The dead in Christ will be raised at the same event.

Note: This statement is a digest of the doctrinal statement of GBCS. The full statement, including Scripture references, is available upon request from the school office.

42000 Final Authority for Matters of Belief and Conduct

The statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of Greater Beckley Christian School's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, the administration is the school's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.

42100 Statement on Marriage, Gender and Sexuality

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Genesis 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Genesis 2:18-25). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (1 Corinthians 6:18; 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4). We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography, is sinful and offensive to God (Matthew 15:18-20; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10).

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Greater Beckley Christian School and the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the Association's members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by Greater Beckley Christian School in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Position Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality (Matthew 5:16; Philippians 2:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:22).

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21; Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrine of Greater Beckley Christian School.

42010 Physical Privacy and Sexuality Policy

In light of Greater Beckley Christian School's statement of faith and statement on marriage, gender, and sexuality, and in recognition of personal physical privacy rights and the need to ensure individual safety and maintain school discipline, this policy is enacted to advise members of the Greater Beckley Christian School community of their duties with regard to use of restrooms, locker rooms, and any other Greater Beckley Christian School facilities where individuals may be undressed in the presence of others.

Gender/Sex means the biological condition of being male or female as determined at birth.

Greater Beckley Christian School's sincerely held religious belief is that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as either male or female, and that these two distinct, complementary sexes together reflect the image and nature of God (Genesis 1:26-27). Rejection of one's sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

Notwithstanding any other policy, Greater Beckley Christian School restrooms, locker rooms, and showers designated for one sex shall only be used by members of that sex. In any other Greater Beckley Christian School facilities or settings where members of the Greater Beckley Christian School community may be undressed in the presence of others (e.g., changing costumes during school theatrical productions), Greater Beckley Christian School shall provide separate, private areas designated for use by members of the Greater Beckley Christian School community based on their sex.

Greater Beckley Christian School recognizes there may be instances where members of the Greater Beckley Christian School community experience disparity between their sex and their feelings and their sex. This disparity can motivate them to behave in ways contrary to God's Word and His plan for their lives. Greater Beckley Christian School encourages members of the Greater Beckley Christian School community who are struggling with their sexual identity to seek help from their pastor and other trained professionals who might best assist them in clarifying and defining their sexual identity in accordance with God's Word.

Greater Beckley Christian School will at all times interact with members of the Greater Beckley Christian School community according to their sex. A member of the school community who wishes to express a gender other than his or her sex is understood to be rejecting the truth and image of God within that person. Biblical Christianity requires the body of Christ to compassionately dwell in the truth and assist those we love in doing the same (Ephesians 4:15).

A member of the Greater Beckley Christian School community who openly and unrepentantly rejects his/her sex, either in or out of school, is rejecting the image of God within that person – behavior that dishonors the Holy Trinity and the word of God. Such behavior constitutes a person's failure to adhere to his/her commitment to abide by the behavioral standards established by Greater Beckley Christian School, which is cause for terminating his/her privilege of membership in the Greater Beckley Christian School community.

To preserve the function and integrity of Greater Beckley Christian School and to provide a biblical role model to members of the Greater Beckley Christian School community and the community-at-large, it is imperative that all members of the Greater Beckley Christian School community agree to abide by this policy.

Copies of this policy shall be provided to all Greater Beckley Christian School employees, volunteers, students, and parents.

42200 Position Statement on the Sanctity of Human Life

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

West Virginia Immunization Requirements for New School Enterers

State law and rules[1] require that all children entering school in West Virginia for the first time in grades K-12 must show proof of immunization against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, varicella and hepatitis B unless properly medically exempted[2]. The table below outlines immunization requirements as most commonly met.[3] The West Virginia Bureau for Public Health recommends that vaccine doses administered 4 days or fewer before the minimum interval or age should be considered valid.

Vaccine	Requirements	Provisional Enrollment	Additional Information
DTaP/DTP Td/Tdap	Before admission, four doses required. One dose must be after the 4th birthday.	After one dose, student may be allowed up 8 months to complete the series if necessitated by the minimum intervals of the vaccine schedule.	• Three doses only for children completing primary series at age 7 years and older. • Children exempted from the pertussis component of DTaP vaccine should receive DT vaccine instead, or if past 7th birthday, Td / Tdap vaccine, as applicable.
Polio (IPV)	Before admission, three doses required. One dose must be after the 4th birthday.	After one dose, student may be allowed up 7 months to complete the series if necessitated by the minimum intervals of the vaccine schedule.	• If polio immunization series included both OPV and IPV, then a total 3 of 4 doses are required depending upon the age of the child.
Measles, Mumps & Rubella (MMR)	Before admission, two doses required. First dose must be after the 1st birthday.	After one dose, student may be allowed up to 30 days to complete the series.	• Doses should be a minimum of 28 days apart.
Varicella	Before admission, two doses required. First dose must be after the 1st birthday.	After one dose, children **less than 13 years of age** may be allowed up to 90 days to obtain 2nd dose; children aged **13 years and older** may be allowed up to 30 days to obtain the 2nd dose.	• Children **less than 13 years of age** must have a minimum interval of 12 weeks between the 1st and 2nd doses. • Children aged **13 years and older** may receive the 2nd dose 28 days after the first dose. • Immunity may also be demonstrated through the legal guardian's written or verbal attestation of varicella (chickenpox) disease.
Hepatitis B	Before admission, three doses required. Last dose must be after the age of 6 months.	After one dose, student may be allowed up to 4 months to complete the series if necessitated by the minimum intervals of the vaccine schedule.	• Final dose is not valid if administered before 24 weeks / 6 months of age.

[1] See WV Code §16-3-4 and 64CSR95 for further information.
[2] Medical exemptions must be requested by a physician who has treated or examined the child and be reviewed and submitted to the Immunization Officer of the Bureau for Public Health. Requests for exemptions must be based on current standards of immunization practice and include the following information: the vaccine(s) being exempted, the specific medical reason for the exemption, whether the exemption is temporary or permanent, and, if temporary, when the exemption should be reevaluated. West Virginia State Law does not allow for non-medical exemptions to immunization requirements.
[3] Occasionally, based on product used or the age at which a child is being immunized, deviations from these requirements may be acceptable. Any deviation must be consistent with applicable, age appropriate immunization schedules found at http://www.cdc.gov and searching under "Immunization Schedules".

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West Virginia Immunization Requirements for 7th & 12th Graders

State law and rules[1] require that all children entering school in West Virginia in grades 7 and 12 must show proof of immunization against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, and meningococcal disease unless properly medically exempted[2]. The table below outlines immunization requirements as most commonly met.[3] The West Virginia Bureau for Public Health recommends that vaccine doses administered 4 days or fewer before the minimum interval or age should be considered valid.

7th Grade School Entry Requirement

Vaccine	Requirement	Provisional Enrollment
Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis)	Proof of booster dose of Tdap vaccine	No provisional enrollment permitted
MCV4 (meningococcal / meningitis)	Proof of 1st dose of MCV4 vaccine	No provisional enrollment permitted

12th Grade School Entry Requirement

Vaccine	Requirement	Provisional Enrollment
Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis)	Proof of booster dose of Tdap vaccine	No provisional enrollment permitted
MCV4 (meningococcal /meningitis)	**One or two doses required.** One dose of MCV4 is required if received after the 16th birthday. Second dose is required if first dose was before 16th birthday.	No provisional enrollment permitted

Frequently Asked Questions / Answers regarding these requirements may be found online at
http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/oeps/immunization/Documents/Immunization%20Articles/School_Entry_Immunization_Requirements_for_7th_12th_Grades_2014.pdf

[1] See WV Code §16-3-4 and 64CSR95 for further information.
[2] Medical exemptions must be requested by a physician who has treated or examined the child and be reviewed and submitted to the Immunization Officer of the Bureau for Public Health. Requests for exemptions must be based on current standards of immunization practice and include the following information: the vaccine(s) being exempted, the specific medical reason for the exemption, whether the exemption is temporary or permanent, and, if temporary, when the exemption should be reevaluated. West Virginia State Law does not allow for non-medical exemptions to immunization requirements.
[3] Occasionally, based on product used or the age at which a child is being immunized, deviations from these requirements may be acceptable. Any deviation must be consistent with applicable, age appropriate immunization schedules found at http://www.cdc.gov and searching under "Immunization Schedules".

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****Immunization records, social security number, and birth certificate must be included with school admission forms.**

42220 WV Asbestos Free and Lead Free Environment

May 2025

Dear Parents and Staff:

The buildings of Greater Beckley Christian School have been tested and found not to contain any asbestos or lead materials.

A copy of the program management plan is on file in the school offices.

This letter is being sent in compliance with federal and state regulations regarding asbestos and lead containing materials.

Sincerely,

Mr. Justin Arvon
Administrator