

Astatula Christian School

Student Handbook



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School Calendar

2026-2027

AUGUST

3-7

Teacher Inservice Week

6

Open House 6:30 PM

10

First Day of School (8:15 AM - 3:15 PM)

SEPTEMBER

4

No School/Labor Day Weekend

7

Labor Day/No School

OCTOBER

8

*Grades K-1 Field Trip (Crayola Experience)

9

Non Student Day/Teacher Work day/End of GP1

12

Columbus Day/No School/End of GP1

13

School Resumes/Start of GP2/

Honor Roll Award Ceremony 6:30pm

19-23

School Spirit Week (TBD)

NOVEMBER

10

*Grades 2-3 Field Trip (Dezerland Park)

11

Veterans Day/No School

20

Early Dismissal at 12:30 PM/**No Aftercare**

23-27

Thanksgiving Holiday Week/No School

DECEMBER

7-11

School Spirit Week (Christmas theme)

14-16

Mid Term Exams Middle and High School

17

*Grades 4-5 Field Trip/(Legoland Park) End of GP2

18
21-31

No School/Christmas Break begins
Christmas Holiday/No School

JANUARY

1-3 Christmas Holiday/No School
4 School Resumes/Start of GP3

12 Honor Roll Award Ceremony 6:30 PM
18 MLK Holiday/No School
25 *100th Day of School

FEBRUARY

4 *School Picture Day
12 *Middle School Field Trip (FunSpot Kissimmee)
15 President's Day/No School

22-26 School Spirit Week (Dr Seuss theme)

MARCH

18 *High School Field Trip (Universal Orlando)
19 Non Student Day/Teacher Work day/End of GP3
22-26 No School Spring Break
29 No School/Easter Monday
30 Start of GP4/Honor Roll Award Ceremony 6:30 PM

APRIL

2 High School Formal Banquet
12-13 Stanford/OLSAT Testing - Grades 3rd-10th
16 * Annual School Fundraiser/Taste of the Nations/Drama Play 6:30pm

19-23 School Spirit Week (TBD)

MAY

6 *Annual Spelling Bee Competition
16 Baccalaureate Sunday

21	Seniors Last Day/High School Graduation 6:30 PM
21-25	Final Exams Middle and High School
26	Class Parties/Grades Close
27	Clean Up Day/ Awards Night/Elementary, Middle and High School 6:30 PM
28	Last Day of School - Yearbook Distribution/Field Day/ Dismissal 11:00 AM (no lunches)/ No Aftercare

- Dates and events subject to change

Welcome

Astatula Christian School is a ministry of Astatula Baptist Church. Our ministry is to the families of Astatula, Tavares, Eustis, Mt. Dora, Clermont, Leesburg and the surrounding region. It is our hope that if you do not have a church that you call home, that you would come and worship with us. There is a Bible study class for all ages—infant to adult.

Astatula Christian School's desire is to provide a quality Christian education utilizing a Bible-centered curriculum which is taught through the life and attitude of the teachers. We strive to fully train all students in the knowledge of God and to bring them into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The administration and faculty of Astatula Christian School realize the importance and solemn responsibility before God in molding the character of each child's future and will demonstrate a caring concern for each child under our care.

Our staff considers teaching a ministry to you and your children. Our prayer is that you will partner with us to help your child reach their full potential.

Astatula Christian School Mission Statement

Faith ~ Knowledge ~ Integrity

To **prepare** our students for success in all aspects of life by **engaging** them through academic achievement, spiritual fulfillment, and personal responsibility, by equipping students to **succeed** in reaching their goals as they develop their God given purpose in life.

Statement of Faith

Astatula Christian School is a ministry of Astatula Baptist Church. The church and all of its ministries believe that the Bible is our infallible rule of faith and practice. The following articles are a summary of basic truths which are common to our Christian faith and practice.

1. THE BIBLE: We believe in the verbal inspiration and authority of the Scriptures. (II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:21).

2. THE ONE TRUE GOD: We believe there is only One living and true God and that in the Godhead there are three Persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, equal and divine in every aspect. (Luke 3:22; Matthew 28:19, II Corinthians 13:14).

3. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST: We believe in His pre-existence and deity (John 1:1-3), virgin birth (John 1:14; Matthew 1:18-23), sinless life (Hebrews 4:15), substitutionary death, (II Corinthians 5:21), bodily resurrection (Luke 24:36-43), ascension into heaven and present ministry (Hebrews 4:14-16) and in His visible, personal and pre-millennial return to remove His church from the earth. (Acts 1:11; I Thessalonians. 1:10; 4:16-17).

4. MAN: We believe that man was created in innocence (Genesis 1:26-28), but through voluntary transgression fell into a sinful state and that, consequently, all mankind are sinners (Genesis 3:1-24; Romans 5:12) and the necessity of the new birth for salvation (John 3:3-5).

5. SALVATION: We believe salvation is wholly of grace (Ephesians 2:8-9), that Christ the Lord atoned for our sins through His death on the cross (Titus 3:5-7; I Peter 1:18-19), the condition for salvation is repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and that salvation is made free to all by the Gospel (II Peter 3:9).

6. MAN'S ETERNAL NATURE: We believe in the conscious existence of the dead, (Luke 16:19-31), the resurrection of the body (John 5:28-29), everlasting life of the saved, (Matthew 25:23; Revelation 21:4) and the everlasting punishment of the lost (Matthew 25:46; Revelation 20:15).

7. THE LOCAL CHURCH: We believe in the local New Testament church whose true mission is the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) and that there are two church ordinances: Baptism,

immersion in water of the believer symbolizing the death, burial, and new life in Christ (Romans 6:3-5) and the Lord's Supper commemorating the dying love of Christ (I Corinthians 11:23-26).

Introduction

School History

Astatula Christian School was founded by the Astatula Baptist Church in 2017.

Statement of Non-discrimination

Astatula Christian School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or ethnicity in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, and athletic or school-administered programs.

Accreditation and Memberships

Astatula Christian School is not accredited at this time, but is a member/participant of FACCS (Florida Association of Christian Colleges and Schools).

Philosophy of Christian Education

The educational philosophy of Astatula Christian School is based on the Word of God, believing that all truth comes from God. The Bible is the integrating, unifying principle for our entire program. God is at the center of every subject taught. The Bible excels in all other courses. The King James Version is used for continuity in all bible classes. The ultimate purpose of education is to glorify God. Before this can happen, man, who is a sinner, must be regenerated. He must develop and nurture a Christ-like life. He must find and do God's will. Christ must dominate, govern, and control whatever the student does psychologically, physically, spiritually and socially. A Christian philosophy of education stands in opposition to a naturalistic and man-centered point of view. Much of contemporary education is anti-supernatural. Man is accepted as unfallen and good. He is pictured as continually climbing from a low origin to something higher. God doesn't really matter to him, and man, given enough time and education, will ultimately succeed in accomplishing his goals. Christian education, however, lays emphasis on the supernatural. Man is a fallen creation, is destitute of any good, and can only succeed by the redemptive grace of Jesus Christ. God is real and man can only live a full and meaningful life when properly related to Him.

Objectives of Christian Education

To provide opportunity for the student to become a well-balanced Christ-like person through proper mental, physical, spiritual, and social development (Luke 2:52). The cultivation of Christ-like life is of primary importance. The aim of Astatula Christian School is to bring the student to that point where Christ is at the center of every area of their life. The hope is that the indwelling Christ will dominate, govern, and control whatever the student does spiritually, psychologically, physically, or socially.

To encourage the development of wholesome Christian attitudes, appreciations and values: To deepen and broaden the student's life and to bring radiance and vitality will require development of the intangibles of life. Love, fear, respect, reverence, discipline, and cooperation are just a few of these necessary items.

To broaden the students' understanding of the world in which he lives through a Christ centered educational program: Since all truth belongs to God regardless of the means of manifestation, it can be effectively integrated through Biblical truth.

A deliberate effort will therefore be made to allow the Lord Jesus Christ and the Scriptures to be the integrating factor of our educational program.

To instill within the student a sense of responsibility for continuous spiritual and intellectual growth: The concern of this school is that students will continue to grow both Spiritually and intellectually after they have graduated. We believe we should lay a foundation of character qualities, Biblical principles, and mental development through which a student can build a life to glorify God in whatever vocation God leads him to pursue.

Admissions

Admissions Policy

Students are admitted on the basis of available space, their character, scholastic record (without regard to race, color, or ethnicity) and a genuine desire by the parents to have their child/children in a Christian school. Only those children whom we feel will adjust to our particular program and whose parents agree to cooperate with the school policies will be admitted. Students entering Kindergarten must be five before September 1.

Enrollment Procedures for **New Students**

Each prospective applicant and his parent/legal guardian must do the following prior to enrollment:

1. Arrange an interview with the administration

2. Submit a copy of the previous year's report card or transcripts of grades. (Homeschooled students will enter a six week evaluation period, after which an administration meeting with parent/guardian will be held to determine student's proper grade level)
3. Submit a copy of the student's birth certificate
4. Submit a State of Florida immunization record or an exemption form
5. Submit a current State of Florida Health record (Yearly Physical)
6. The school must obtain each student's scholarship award ID
7. Parents/Guardians must approve ACS on the EMA portal as soon as the student is enrolled online
8. Provide court orders or final judgments of guardianship, if there are any in place
9. Upon acceptance, complete the Registration, Statement of Cooperation, Student Standard of Conduct Agreement and tuition Contract forms. Parents/guardians must sign all forms
10. Pay the appropriate initial fundraiser fee upon enrollment.

Re-enrollment Procedures

Current students may re-enroll in February of each year. Current families have priority enrollment through the month of February. New Registration, Statement of Cooperation, and Tuition Contract forms must be completed and signed by parents/guardians. The Fundraiser Fee must be paid. ACS reserves the right to refuse re-enrollment to students with poor academic, disciplinary or attendance records. Re-enrollment may also be denied to students or parents who have demonstrated disharmony regarding the purpose, objectives, standards, policies, rules & regulations of the school. In addition, students will not be re-enrolled until all financial obligations have been met.

To complete the re-enrollment process:

1. Complete the Registration, Statement of Cooperation, Student Standard of Conduct Agreement and tuition Contract forms. Parents/guardians must sign all forms
2. Submit the Scholarship Award ID, if applicable
3. Submit up to date immunization records (7th grade)
4. Pay the appropriate Fundraiser fee

Financial Rates

NON-REFUNDABLE FEES:

*Student Service Fee

	\$250/single \$400/family
Tuition:	
Grades K-3	\$7200
Grades 4-8	\$6800
Grades 9-12	\$6600
Curriculum	\$850
Uniforms	\$150
**Athletic Fee (Dependent on sport)	\$150/\$200
***Occasional Morning Care per Day (6:30 AM - 7:45 AM)	\$25
***Occasional Aftercare (3:30 PM- 6:00 PM)	\$35 per child
*** <u>Unlimited</u> Morning Care & Aftercare Combined	\$250/mo

***STUDENT SERVICE FEE:** \$250 single student/\$400 for a family of 2 or more due with enrollment packet. Upon receipt of the application fee, your student's seat is reserved.

GRADUATION GEAR: Vendor scheduled to visit in January-March with catalog for cap & gown and other Grad Gear for 12th graders.

****ATHLETIC FEE:** Pricing is per student per sport and includes uniform, league fee, travel and sports equipment. Fee due one month before the start of the season. Athletic fee not covered by scholarships

*****MULTI CHILD DISCOUNT:** \$35 per day for 2 or more children for morning care, \$50 per day for 2 or more children for aftercare, \$350 per month for unlimited use of Morning Care & Aftercare combined, for families with 2 or more children.

Refund Policy

All registration fees, material fees, and tuition fees paid are non-refundable should the student not attend, withdraw, or be dismissed for any reason. **Parents/Guardians who choose to withdraw their student before the end of the first semester will be required to pay any remaining balances for items not yet paid out by your student's scholarship. (i.e., curriculum, uniforms).**

***Failure to make payment for any unpaid balances will result in having your myschoolworx account locked and your child's Academic records withheld until payment is made in full.**

Materials/Textbooks Policy

Materials/Textbooks are the sole responsibility of the student. If a textbook is lost, stolen or damaged beyond use, the student will be required to purchase another textbook. If a textbook is missing for more than 3 days, another textbook must be purchased at cost plus shipping.

General Information

Chapel

All students attend a regularly scheduled chapel service each week. Students are expected to be on time, have their bibles, enter the auditorium quietly and exhibit a spirit of reverence. (hats, any drinks but water are not allowed in chapel)

Communicable Disease

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

A teacher or administration official who reasonably suspects that a student or employee has a communicable disease shall immediately notify the administration. Although this list is not exhaustive, the reportable diseases include the following: Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), AIDS Related Complex (ARC), Amebiasis, Animal Bites of Humans by a potentially rabid animal, Campylobacteriosis, Covid-19, Diphtheria, Giardiasis (acute), Hansen's

Disease (Leprosy), Hemorrhagic Fevers, Hepatitis, Histoplasmosis, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Legionnaire's Disease, Leptospirosis, Malaria, Measles (rubeola), Meningitis, Mumps, Pertussis Pesticide Poisoning, Plague, Rabies, Relapsing Fever, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, R. Rickettsia, Rubella including congenital, Salmonellosis, Shigellosis, Smallpox, Syphilis, Trichinosis, Tuberculosis, Tularemia, Typhoid Fever, Typhus, Vibrio Cholera, Vibrio Infections, Yellow Fever.

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 and during recognized periods of communicability. Students and employees with a communicable disease for which immunization is not available shall be excluded from school while ill. If the nature of the disease and circumstances warrant, our school may require an independent physician's examination of the student or employee to verify the diagnosis of communicable disease. This school 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.

Field Trips and Sports Trips

Field trips may be taken to places of educational interest during the school year. All students are expected to participate. Students must maintain the same standards of conduct and dress as required at school. This is expected at all outside school activities and sports functions. Recreational Field trips will take place once a year at different predetermined dates for grades K-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Students are required to leave, remain, and return with the school group during the field trip unless otherwise authorized by administration. Authorized Chaperones are school staff/teachers. If the school is in need of parents to chaperone, parents will be required to have a background check taken.

Fire/Storm/Civil Defense Drills

Students need to follow evacuation routes and exit the building in a straight line without talking, running, crowding or touching each other. Upon reaching the proper distance from the building (designated by the administration), the students should turn and face the building and listen for further instruction. Teachers will take attendance to verify that everyone is accounted for. Fire drill routes are posted in each classroom and drills are held quarterly.

Fundraising

Astatula Christian School continually works to keep the tuition rates low for the benefit of each family. For this reason, the school may implement programs throughout the year to raise funds including an annual fundraiser event. We appreciate and anticipate each child's and/or parent's

participation in helping us raise the additional funds needed for the designated school projects since all families benefit from the results. The school receives no federal assistance other than a tax-exemption status. Neither is it endowed or supported by any other organization.

No literature or handbills of any kind are to be passed out in the school unless it has been approved by the administration. There will be no sale of items without approval from the office.

Illness and Injury

Should a student become ill, have a fever or rash, the parent will be notified to pick up the child immediately. The student will be isolated from the classroom. Should an accident occur, requiring medical attention, first aid will be administered and the parent called. In extreme situations, 911 will be called. In the event the parent cannot be reached, the child will be taken to the nearest hospital.

Lost and Found

The school maintains a Lost and Found. Unclaimed articles will be given to the local Thrift Store at announced times during the year. Students will be notified to check for any lost articles beforehand. **It is the responsibility of each student to keep track of their own belongings. Parents are highly encouraged to write their child's name on all of their child's belongings.**

Lunch Programs

ACS outsources lunches through local businesses to provide lunches. As a service to all of our students ACS will be providing lunches on a daily basis. The lunch menu can be found on Myschoolworx.com.

Medication

It is the school's policy that no student carries medicine, including aspirin, cough medication, etc. to school unless a parent/guardian coordinates with administration prior to the school day to bring such medication. In this case, parents must bring and leave any/all medications in the front office. The risk of an overdose, side-effects, or the possibility of another child taking someone else's medication requires this policy. Only medicines prescribed by a physician, including over-the-counter drugs, will be administered by the school office. The medicine must be in the original container and a parent must bring the medication to the office and fill out a medication form. Parents should not send any medication with their child or ask a teacher to administer any medication. Parents must pick up the medication from the office.

Minor Injuries

ACS does not have a nurse on campus. The administration staff will handle all student injuries and illnesses (i.e. clean minor cuts and scratches with alcohol swabs and put on bandages, offer

ice packs for a bruise or bump, take a child's temperature and administer OTC medication appropriate for the child's illness. Over the counter medication consists of Children's Tylenol, Children's Ibuprofen, Adult Tylenol, Adult Ibuprofen, Pepto Bismol and cough syrups. Parents may opt out of their child receiving OTC medication, by notifying administration.

Telephone

The office telephone is a business phone and is available only for **emergencies**. The office personnel will **approve** all calls made by students. Students found with their cell phones on or in use during the school day will have them confiscated and receive a 1 day in school suspension. Confiscated phones will be held in the school office until the end of the school day. To reach students, parents should contact the school office and not their child's phone. **Please do not text or call your child's cell phone during school hours.**

Visitors/School Visits

As a parent, when you need to visit the school, go directly to the school office. Visitors will need to sign in and will be given a visitor badge to gain access to our campus. No one is ever to go directly to a classroom or anywhere on campus. Please do not detain a teacher from his/her responsibilities immediately before, during, or after school. Teachers are happy to arrange conferences at convenient times. Lunches, books, and other student belongings must be left in the school office for delivery to the classroom. Parents are not permitted to stay and have lunch with students without administration approval. For the safety of our students, any person other than currently enrolled students, staff, faculty, or administration are considered visitors and must obtain a VISITOR badge from the office.

No Pets

No pets are allowed on school property unless authorization has been given in writing by the administration.

Emergency Weather Conditions

In the event of severe emergency weather conditions, Astatula Christian School will monitor Lake County public school closings. ACS administration will ultimately make the final decision on whether or not to close school. ACS will contact all families via social media, text, and email when school is closed. Should a severe weather condition occur during school hours, proper emergency procedures will be taken to care for the students during that time.

School Safety

Snacks

Due to student allergies, all snacks that are sent to school for a “class celebration” must be approved through your child’s teacher. Snacks brought in must be store bought and unopened with the safety seal still intact. This includes cupcakes and cookies for birthdays. Teachers and staff will wear gloves when they handle all foods. Snacks without prior approval or safety seals will not be handed out to our students.

Attendance

School Hours

K5 - 12th

8:15 AM - 3:15 PM - Monday through Friday

First Day

Class begins promptly at 8:15 AM. Parents should time their arrival to complete any requirements in the classroom and excuse themselves by 8:15 AM. It is best for a parent to leave once they have taken their child to class on the first day of school. When a parent remains in the classroom, it makes the period of adjustment more difficult for both the child and the teacher.

Attendance Regulations

The Florida State Board of Education guidelines for school attendance are clear, and we are obligated to abide by them. The school year consists of 180 days and ACS allows for students to miss up to 30 days total (excused and unexcused).

ACS requires a phone call or email by the parent or legal guardian stating a specific reason for the absence before the absence can be excused.

Please call or email the school office at the beginning of the school day if your child is absent due to illness or an emergency.

If a child has been absent for a minimum of 3 consecutive days a doctor’s note is required when they return. If no note is provided, then all absences will be considered unexcused.

Elementary/Middle School/High School Attendance Grade

We believe that attendance is extremely important. We have developed a grading system to help encourage students to not only show up to school, but to do so on time! Students will be graded on attendance. This includes arriving at school on time in the morning as well as during the day when Middle and High School students change classes.

We will be implementing a new grading system when it comes to all unexcused absences, unexcused early dismissals, and unexcused tardies. Elementary will have a separate homeroom grade based on attendance, Middle and High school will have an attendance grade that is worth 10% of each subject. Each quarter a student will receive an attendance grade on their report card. The chart below is the new attendance grading system that will be implemented for unexcused absences, dismissals and tardies:

Dismissals, tardies, Absences = grade

0 = 100

1-5 = 90

6-10 = 80

11-15 = 70

16-20 = 60

21-25 = 50

* Please note that communication from a parent/guardian regarding your child's attendance is very important. If a call, email or text message is sent to the school front office prior to an absence, dismissal or tardy that falls under the category for excused absences/tardies/dismissals below, it will be considered excused and will not be counted against your child's grade. **(all calls, emails and communication should be with the school office and not the teacher only as the front office keeps track of all absences.)**

Parents will be notified by email and phone if a child reaches 20 absences in any semester. If a student reaches 30 absences total, administration will schedule a meeting with the student and parent. Students who reach 30 total absences in the school year jeopardize receipt of credits and/or promotion to the next grade level.

Students are responsible to meet with teachers to get assignments and arrange for makeup quizzes/tests. All missed assignments are marked as a zero until the assignment is completed by the student.

Excused Absences

1. Personal illness (transportation difficulties)
2. Death in the *immediate* family (parent, sibling, grandparent, step-parent, legal guardian)

3. Medical or dental appointments upon receipt of note from the doctor's office.
4. One time planned family trip per school year. Days excused cannot exceed 5 school days and notifications must be in writing, to the school office, at least two weeks prior to said trip.

Please note: Students leaving school before 11:45 AM are considered absent for a full day. Students arriving at school after 11:45 AM are considered absent a full day.

Unexcused Absences

Unexcused absences are considered to be missing a ride, getting up late, running out of gas, personal difficulties, no communication to the school, etc.. **Any classwork or homework must be made up including tests. Any tests/homework not made up will be given an automatic zero.**

Early Dismissal

Parents must sign their student out for the student to leave the premises prior to regular dismissal time, regardless of the reason. Early dismissals are excused when a student has a doctor's appointment. Please take into consideration that early dismissals disrupt the classroom and students lose out on their learning time. Students with habitual early dismissals, without prior arrangements with administration, will run the risk of being marked absent for the whole day. Students will not be allowed to be dismissed "early" after 3:00 PM unless for emergency purposes, doctor's visit, or pre-arranged appointments. Students will be dismissed during the car line after 3:00pm and parents **MUST** pick up their child through the carline for student safety.

Tardy Policy

Students are expected to be in their seats and ready to begin class when the clock in the class has reached the designated time for class to begin. School begins promptly at 8:15 AM each day. Students who report to school after 8:15 a.m. are tardy and must go through the front office entrance. Students who arrive late, must leave their cell phone in the front office and will be able to obtain them outside during carline dismissal. Allowable reasons for excused tardies are the same as for excused absences.

Truancy

Continued unexcused absences with or without the parent or legal guardian's consent will result in the student receiving a zero for their grades and possible expulsion from school. Wellness checks and truant officers will be sent for students that accumulate excessive unexcused absences. Students who are not picked up during regular carline will automatically be sent to aftercare.

Before School Drop-off

ACS now has Morning Care that begins at 6:30 AM and ends at 7:45 AM. All students arriving before 7:45 AM on a regular basis will need to be registered for Morning Care. Parents who need to drop their student off before 7:45 AM on occasion will be billed on a daily basis (not to exceed 5 days in any calendar month). Please see Daily/Monthly fees under Financial Rates.

After-school

School dismisses at 3:15 PM each day. Teachers will stand out in the car line until 3:30 PM. If you are running late, please call the school office to notify us. Students not picked up by the time car line ends will be sent to Aftercare. Aftercare is available from 3:30 PM until 6:00 PM sharp! Parents not here by 6:00 PM will be charged \$1 per minute that they are late. Please see Daily/Monthly fees under Financial Rates. **If a parent neglects to contact the school and neglects to pick up their child from aftercare after 6pm, the school will contact DCF/local authorities.**

Authorized Student Pick Up

All names of persons eligible for picking up your child must be on file. If parents are divorced or separated and one parent is not allowed to see or pick up the child, we must have a certified copy of the court order of the Final Judgment.

Divorced or Separated Families

Divorced and separated families are realities of life that affect the school's responsibilities to its students. The following guidelines have been adopted to assist the school in situations when a non-residential parent wishes to become involved in school-related activities of a child or wishes to have contact with or take custody of the child while the child is at school.

1. Ordinarily, the school will not resist or interfere with a non-residential parent's involvement in school-related affairs, or access to the parent's child or the child's records, unless the school is presented with a court order, or comparable legal document, which restricts such involvement or access. The school will be governed by these documents.
2. A non-residential parent may not take custody of a child or remove the child from school premises unless the parent presents either a written court order or a written authorization signed by the residential parent, which permits such custody.

3. If the actions of parent(s), residential or non-residential, become disruptive to the operations of the school, the school has the right to restrict access by such parent(s) and to take other reasonably necessary action.
4. When student activities require parental consent, the school will require consent only from the residential parent, unless the authority to grant consent is given to the non-residential parent by a court order or comparable legal document.
5. If parents have special legal arrangements for custodial rights of their child(ren), Astatula Christian School requires that the school have on file a copy of the court order(s) affirming these rights. Astatula Christian School cannot honor parent requests for "protection" without these legal forms.

If parents are divorced or separated and one parent is not allowed to see or pick up the child, we must have a certified copy of the court order of the Final Judgment.

Withdrawal from School

Withdrawals from school must be made by the parent or legal guardian through the school office. A withdrawal form must be completed and signed by the parent or legal guardian. All payments to ACS must be up to date, failure to make payments will result in transcripts and all student paperwork being withheld until payments are made. Advanced notice is necessary so the withdrawal can be submitted to the teachers for completion before the student's last day of school. Please allow two weeks for transcripts to be mailed out.

Home and School Communication

Orientation/Open House

Parents and students are **required** to attend, meet the teachers and get information concerning events and plans for the coming year. Orientation/Open House will be held the Thursday before school begins. Please see the school calendar.

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Parents or guardians wishing to have a conference with a teacher or Administrator need to do so by appointment. Teachers are not permitted to hold impromptu conferences in the car line or front office. Please email the teacher or send a note to the teacher in order to schedule an appointment.

Communication Guidelines

Please use Myschoolworx.com to email teachers/staff for school questions. All sports questions need to be directed to the coach/AD via Myschoolworx.com. The following guidelines are provided to assist in directing your comments or questions to the proper individual:

1. Problems in the classroom (academic, discipline, communication) – Teacher first, then Administrator if necessary
2. Pre-arranged absences – School Office
3. Homework Assignments - Teacher first, then Administrator
4. School bill, fees, etc. – School Office

Transportation

Parent Provided Transportation

Drop off and pick up will be located on Florida Ave. along the side of the Astatula Baptist Church building. If it is necessary to go to the office or take a child to class, please park in the area provided in front of the drop off location.

School Provided Transportation

Transportation is provided for field trips and sporting events. Students are required to leave, remain and return with the properly chaperoned school group unless arrangements are confirmed/made by administration. Students are expected to observe appropriate safety rules while riding in school vehicles (wear seatbelts, no yelling).

Academics

Graduation Requirements

To graduate from Astatula Christian School, a student must accumulate a total of 24 credits in the required subject in grades nine through twelve and not have over 30 absences in a school year. Florida State law mandates that students graduate with a 2.0 GPA or higher.

Graduation Credits Needed for Grades 9-12

4 Credits - English

4 Credits - Math (Geometry, Consumer Math, Algebra 1 &2)

3 Credits - Science

3 Credits - Social Studies (1 American History, 1 World History, 1/2 Economics, and

1/2 American Government)
1 Credit - Practical Arts or Performing Arts
1 Credit - Physical Education to include the integration of health
4 Credits - Electives
4 Credits - Bible

Course of Study – Grades 9 - 12

See administration for the course of study for your child.

Grading Scale

Elementary and Secondary Grades

<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
A	90 - 100
B	80 - 89
C	70 - 79
D	60 - 69
F	59 - Below

Report Cards

The school year is divided into four grading periods or quarters. During these grading periods students are given weekly homework, quizzes and/or tests over material covered, depending on the subject. Report cards are issued at the end of each quarter's grading period.

Honor Roll

Students who make the honor roll for the quarter will receive a special award. An honor roll list will be compiled each nine-week period.

- Principal's Honor Roll - Straight A's
- High Honor Roll - A's & 1 B
- Honor Roll - All A's & B's no C's

ACS Scholarship

Astatula Christian School is excited to announce that we now offer scholarships to graduating seniors! To apply for a scholarship, graduating seniors must submit a 1,000 word essay on Christian Character, Career Choice and Community Involvement. All submissions must be

received by the school office no later than May 1st of their graduating year. Recipients of the ACS scholarship need to have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA.

Promotion

At the end of an academic year the faculty will assess the performance and progress of each student. If the student has made satisfactory progress in all required classes and electives, he/she will be recommended for promotion to the next higher grade. High School students must have earned 7 credits to enter tenth grade, 14 credits to enter eleventh grade and at least 17 credits to enter twelfth grade and 24 for graduation. Students in 7th – 12th grade must also have a minimum of a 2.0 average for promotion to next grade and/or graduate. No credit is awarded for an F grade per any semester.

Junior High Requirements

Florida State Education requirements mandate that any student in the 8th grade who fails a core course (Math, Science, English or Social Studies) must repeat the course with a passing grade. If the course is not successfully repeated, the student will not be permitted to enter ninth grade until successful completion. A “D” grade or better must be achieved with at least a 2.0 overall GPA for promotion.

High School Requirements

Failure to pass a core course (Math, Science, English or Social Studies) will result in the student repeating the course and receiving a failing grade. Successful completion of the course is required before being promoted to the next grade or graduating. Graduation requires a 2.0 minimum GPA for the 12th grade year as well as an overall H.S. accumulative GPA.

Curriculum

ACS strives to use only the finest academic, Christian-based curriculum. We currently use curriculum items from ABEKA. We use the New King James Version of the Bible for all assignments and memory work.

Standardized Testing

Astatula Christian School has a detailed program of testing designated to measure the student's abilities and progress. The results of testing are used to aid the teachers and administration in improving the curriculum. All students, in grades 3rd-10th, are given achievement tests in the

spring of each year to measure their achievement in areas of Reading, English, Math, Spelling, Science, and Social Studies. The Stanford Achievement Test is used, and results are machine scored for accuracy. Reports of students testing are given out with the 4th quarter report card.

College Entrance Testing

Students that are college bound are required to take either the ACT or SAT by December of their senior year. Students are encouraged to take the college entrance exams (ACT or SAT) in the eleventh grade in order to have test scores available or re-test if necessary. The PSAT is recommended to be taken in their sophomore and junior years to help prepare for the ACT and SAT. ACS is not a testing site, but parents can view test dates and locations as well as register students at collegeboard.org.

Homework

We believe that homework is vital to the student's development academically.

1. For reinforcement: We believe that most students require solid drilling to master material essential to their educational progress.
2. For practice: Following classroom explanation, illustration, and drill on new work, homework is given so that the material will be mastered.
3. For remedial activity: As instruction progresses, various weak points in a student's grasp of the subject become evident. Homework, following instructions, is given to overcome such difficulties.
4. For special projects: Book reports, compositions, special research assignments and projects are some of the activities that are frequently the subject of homework attention.
5. To encourage student participation in church activities, homework will not be given on Wednesdays. Homework assignments must be completed and handed in on the day designated by the teacher. Parents should check to see that all homework is completed and all books returned to the classroom.
6. Students who fail to complete homework assignments assigned by the teacher will receive an automatic zero.

Make-Up Work

It is the responsibility of the student who has been absent to obtain the missed assignment from the teachers. Students, with an unexcused absence, have one day to make up any assignments missed. Students, with an excused absence, have two days to turn in make-up work and to take make-up tests. Planned family vacations are excused only once during the school year; days must be consecutive and the maximum number of days excused is 5.

Students must first obtain approval from the administration at least 10 school days before the planned absence. All work must be turned in on the day the student returns. All tests and quizzes must be made up when the student returns. Students not following the procedure will receive a “0” for the missing work. Long term assignments will be due on the scheduled date. Lesson plans are available for all grade levels on Myschoolworx.com.

Incomplete Work

Missing work, not completed within the allowed time, will be entered as a “0” in the student’s grades. Incomplete tests and quizzes must be made up within the allowed days.

Physical Education/Personal Fitness

All students in grades K5 - 9th will be taking a physical education course. Students in grades K-5th will not need to wear gym clothes, but are welcome to change out of their uniform shirt into a plain solid colored T-shirt if they would like. All students in grades 6th-9th must change out of their uniform shirts and pants during class. **Shirts and shorts must not contain any inappropriate graphics of any kind. Shirts and shorts must be worn and must be school colors, (black or gold). Sweatpants are allowed during cold days.**

***NO PAJAMA’S OR CROCS ARE ALLOWED DURING PE.**

Dual Enrollment

ACS partners with Lake Sumter Community College and offers dual enrollment classes to students beginning in the 9th grade. Students must be 14 years of age and maintain a 3.0 GPA to be eligible. Students must apply for dual enrollment through ACS beginning in late March - June 30 to be able to participate in this program. Students must coordinate with Lake Sumter to take the PERT Test. This will determine if your child can qualify for taking the English dual enrollment and or Math dual enrollment courses provided by Lake Sumter. Students who wish to participate must take all classes online at ACS and sit in a teacher supervised classroom during normal school hours. Please see the administrator for more details if you're interested.

- Approval from ACS Administrator
- Placement test completion with passing scores (PERT)
- Have a 3.0 unweighted grade point average
- Maintain a minimum of at least a “B” in all core classes.
- Full-time student at ACS with tuition, registration, and material fees paid to date

All ACS dual enrolled students must take Bible at Astatula Christian School. Courses selected at Lake-Sumter Community College must be pre-approved by ACS Administration.

Social Media

Any student who decides to participate in any social media sites must adhere to all ACS's standards and policies. Content found not appropriate for an ACS student will result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion. Cyber bullying will not be tolerated at ACS and will be handled as physical/verbal bullying. Please see the following section.

Student Responsibilities

Accountability

Believing that accountability is necessary for the welfare of the student as well as the entire school, each teacher is given the responsibility of enforcing classroom regulations in accordance with school policy and in light of Christian principles of discipline as set forth in the Scriptures. Since the teacher is responsible to maintain appropriate classroom behavior, it becomes necessary to correct any behavior that hinders the teacher or students in the classroom.

Each student is expected to act in a manner that reflects godly character traits and self-discipline. Students should emulate the Christian standard of "love thy neighbor as thyself" (Gal. 5:14) in courtesy, kindness, honesty, morality, respect, and modesty. Students are expected to practice biblical principles of responsibility and diligence. To promote an environment that is conducive to our students' growth, students are expected to avoid association with or participation in activities that are contrary to biblical principles.

The following is not a complete list but is representative of **unacceptable conversation and behavior**:

lying; stealing; swearing or indecent language (verbal, written, or electronic); forging another's name; cheating; possession or use of alcoholic beverages, drugs, tobacco, or related products; pornography; promoting or participating in premarital sex, homosexual or transgender lifestyles, or other lifestyles contrary to Scripture; inappropriate online or social media content; and involvement in any music that includes or encourages the aforementioned activities.

Students are to avoid association with or participation in activities that cause dissension whether in person or through any online presence. This includes, but is not limited to: *deliberately damaging school's or another's property; bullying; fighting; violence; threats of any kind; public disruptions; and promoting division or a divisive spirit through symbols, pictures, writing, flags, banners, slogans, or any divisive activism.*

Students may not possess anything that could be used as a weapon.

Students will not be admitted to class without a signed Standards of Conduct agreement on file at the school.

Behavior such as lying, stealing, disrespect, cursing, cheating, vandalism, gang-related items or symbols, skipping school, or other misconduct may result in suspension or expulsion. Although this list of infractions is not exhaustive, it represents behavior that is not acceptable.

Actions that threaten or jeopardize another individual's ability to function safely will require further corrective measures.

Violence, fighting, bullying, or threats of any kind are not tolerated. This includes possession of anything that could be used as a weapon. Students' lockers, book bags, or other storage areas are subject to search, upon reasonable suspicion, for prohibited or illegally possessed substances or objects. Students may be expelled for any action or statement associated with violent behavior including joking which could be interpreted as a threat.

Any student who promotes division or a divisive spirit through social media, secret clubs, symbols, pictures, writing, flags, banners, slogans, or any divisive activism is out of harmony with the standards and Christian philosophy of ACS and may be withdrawn or refused re-enrollment at the discretion of the administration. Each student is fully responsible for the reputation they build for themselves, including online and through social media.

Any student who has been arrested by public law enforcement authorities will be suspended until that student is adjudicated guilty or not guilty. Any student who is adjudicated guilty will be transferred out of ACS.

Attendance at Astatula Christian School is a privilege and not a right.

Students forfeit this privilege if they do not conform to the standards and ideals of work and life of Astatula Christian School.

Full cooperation is expected from both student and parent in the education of the students. If at any time the school feels that this cooperation is lacking, the student may

be requested to transfer out. Also, if the student's behavior or attitude indicates an uncooperative spirit or one that is out of harmony with the spirit and standards of Astatula Christian School, whether or not there is any definite breach of conduct, they may be requested to transfer out.

The Administration will make decisions on an individual basis regarding suspension and expulsions. Parents should always feel free to consult with the office about any problem or questions concerning students' welfare.

It is the desire of the administration and the faculty to be of service to both parents and students. Each teacher is always available through Myschoolworx.

Bullying and Harassment

Bullying

Bullying has become a major challenge for schools across the country. There are laws being set in place in each state and even on a federal level. Bullying is taken very seriously and will not be tolerated at Astatula Christian School. Any student found bullying a teacher or student will receive significant consequences.

1. First offense of bullying will result in a 5 day out of school suspension.
2. Second offense of bullying will result in a meeting with administration with the possibility of expulsion.

Bullying Defined

Bullying means any repeated act that substantially interferes with a student's educational benefits, opportunities, or performance, that takes place on school grounds, at any school sponsored activity, in school sponsored transportation, and that has the effect of:

1. Physically or Verbally harming a student/teacher or damaging a student's property
2. Knowingly placing a student/teacher in reasonable fear of physical harm to the student/teacher or their property
3. Creating a hostile educational environment
4. Verbally attacking another student/teacher due to a deficiency or medical condition

Harassment

Harassment can take many forms and, unlike bullying, may be a single event. Astatula Christian School will not tolerate harassment of any kind. Sexual harassment may be grounds for immediate dismissal and possible legal action.

Discipline System

All major decisions (Discipline and Doctrinal issues) are based on the Word of God to provide due process.

Philosophy of Discipline

The goal of our discipline system is to assist the students in developing a lifestyle that is consistent with God's expectations for daily living. Christ is our ultimate authority, and the teacher is the adult authority in the classroom. Discipline is the primary responsibility of the parents and students. The behavior of the students attending our school reflects our image. It is the parents' obligation, by teaching and example, to develop good behavior traits and proper attitudes toward the school.

Discipline Policy

At Astatula Christian School, we take a positive approach to discipline by emphasizing what is right and acceptable behavior according to biblical examples. Good discipline is based on respect, honesty, trust, and caring. Discipline is what we do and say to children to help them develop self-control, self-respect, self-esteem, self-awareness and self-determination. Please refer to the Referral/Recommendation page as a reference. Corporal punishment shall not be used by Astatula Christian School Staff. Techniques which are frightening, humiliating, shaming, rough handling, verbal abuse, intimidation or fear tactics are not permitted.

Parents are encouraged to discuss any questions or problems with the Administrator. Communication and consistency between home and school is vital to a child's healthy development.

Parental Involvement and Support

Parental Support

Each year, parents sign a Statement of Cooperation. This agreement states that parents will support the discipline and regulations of the School. In the case of a disagreement, parents are

expected to contact the teacher or Administrator with any concerns so as not to undermine the authority of the school. This may result in disciplinary action for the conduct of the student and parent. (Please note that this includes comments made by word of mouth or through social media.)

Response to Discipline

When students are disciplined, they should never confront the teacher in front of other students. If the student feels a misunderstanding exists, he/she should obey the teacher without protest and take the following steps to satisfy the matter:

1. Go to the teacher after class and ask for a time to discuss the matter privately.
2. Discuss the problem with parents and ask the parent to contact the teacher for discussion and clarification.
3. Any direct confrontation or disrespect will result in the student being sent to the Principal's office.

Methods of Discipline

Suspensions

The Administration may suspend students for a period of one to 5 school days for the following unacceptable behavior:

- Cheating or Lying
- Fighting/Vaping/drug use of any kind
- Bullying/Harassment
- Skipping classes or leaving campus without permission
- Willful disobedience in open defiance of authority
- Use of spoken and/or written profane or obscene language and/or gestures
- Repeated occurrences of misconduct
- An attitude not in harmony with the goals or spirit of the school
- A continued negative attitude and bad influence upon the other students
- Insufficient academic progress
- Committing a serious breach of conduct inside or outside of the school which has an adverse effect upon the testimony of the school
- Failure of the parents to comply with the disciplinary procedures of the school
- Other serious breaking of accepted patterns of behavior

The following information relative to suspensions should be noted:

1. Any student being suspended will be notified in person prior to the suspension of the reasons for the suspension. Parents will be given a notification. The student and the parent will receive in writing the reasons for the suspension and the type of suspension (In School Suspension or Out of School).
2. The student will only be allowed to make up any work missed while in ISS (In school suspension). Quizzes and tests that are given during ISS will have a **30% penalty**. Students who are serving an out of school suspension will not be allowed to make up any missed work, including quizzes and tests will receive a “0” for any missed classwork/homework, tests/quizzes and will be required to follow the class when they return to school. When the student returns from an out of school suspension, no extra days to study, for tests or quizzes, will be given

Expulsion Policy

At Astatula Christian School, we take a positive approach to discipline, however we do understand that there will be some students who will not fit into the environment we are creating. If a child displays consistent aggressive behavior towards other students or staff members the administrator will call a conference and expulsion may be necessary.

Dismissals from School

Any of the following will result in your child’s dismissal from ACS:

1. Tuition is delinquent for 1 month without prior satisfactory arrangements made with the financial office. Failure to approve Step Up disbursements in a timely manner to the school.
2. A student’s poor conduct, attitude, or aggressive behavior.
3. Parents will not cooperate with the policies of the school.

Parents are encouraged to discuss any questions or problems with the Administrator. Communication and consistency between home and school is vital to a child’s healthy development. The purpose of the methods used by this school is thought of as disciplinary rather than punitive action. We want the students to grow and learn to live a life that is Biblically moral and acceptable. When incidents of the aforementioned occur, no one, including the administration, teachers, students, or parents comes out the winner. It is the desire of the administration that parents partner with us and cooperate fully with us in these matters so that these difficult situations can be avoided.

- The information relative to expulsions should be noted. The decision to expel a student is made by Administration after thorough consideration of the infractions and problems leading to the expulsion. The decision is final.
- The student and his/her parents will be notified verbally as well as in writing as to the reasons for the expulsion.
- Students expelled from Astatula Christian School lose all rights and privileges given to ACS students and may not attend or participate in any activity sponsored by Astatula Christian School, on or off campus.

Prohibited Articles:

Cigarettes, E-Cigs, Vaping Apparatuses, Lighters, Alcoholic Beverages, Energy Drinks, Narcotics, Knives, Guns, Toy Guns, Explosives of any kind, Tablets and iPads, pictures and magazines or books not related to class work, or any other object that may interrupt the educational process are not permitted on school property. These articles may be confiscated and a parent will be notified. Any student found with any one of these prohibited articles may be subject to expulsion from school.

Cell Phone/Smartwatch Usage

General Policy

Students are not permitted to use a cell phone or smartwatch in the school building during school hours. Phones and/or smartwatches must be placed in a pouch in their last period class. If a student is caught using a cell phone or smartwatch during school hours, the cell phone and/or watch will be locked up in the school office until the end of the school day.

Any use of a cell phone or smart watch in school during school hours by a student will result in disciplinary action of a 1 day in school suspension. If a student brings a cell phone/smartwatch to school, the devices must be turned off and placed into the cell phone pouch located at the front of each classroom, of their last period class. If a student brings a cell phone/smartwatch to class or the phone rings while in a student's backpack, the teacher will initiate disciplinary action, confiscate the phone, and deliver it to the office for the student to pick up at the end of the school day. Students whose phones have been confiscated more than two times will not be allowed to bring a cell phone or smartwatch to school in the future.

Use of a cell phone or smartwatch during a test for any reason (i.e. text messaging, photos, videos) will automatically be considered cheating, and appropriate academic and disciplinary

action will be taken at the sole discretion of the administration. (A zero will be given for the test or quiz)

Students are not allowed to use their phones for photographs/videos during the school day. Particularly, no cell phone photographs/videos are permitted in the restroom areas at any time. Violation of this prohibition is a serious discipline offense. Because modern cell phones may also function as data storage devices, student cell phones brought to school are subject to inspection and review by school staff pursuant to the ministry's normal search & seizure policy and administrative discretion. Any contraband content or content deemed to be inappropriate is the sole discretion of the administration and may be grounds for further discipline.

Note: "Forgetting" to turn off the cell phone is not an excuse.

Parents who need to contact their child during the school day for emergency purposes should use the school's normal emergency contact process and call the main school phone number 352-742-2258. School staff will assist parents in communicating with their child in appropriate emergency situations. Parents should not consider their child's cell phone as a means of contacting their child for any reason during the school day. In the event that the school phone line is down and you need to get through, please contact Mr. Medeiros at 352-476-1394.

Physical Contact/Immorality

Demonstrations of romantic involvement between students on school property, or during school functions, are forbidden. Dating, hand holding, embracing or any other contact that would contribute to undue familiarity will not be tolerated. This type of behavior will result in detentions, suspension or expulsion. Behavior should be above reproach.

In accordance with the ministry's statement of faith and in recognition of Biblical commands, no immoral conduct will be tolerated. The Bible strictly forbids such conduct which includes immoral actions as well as advocating for sinful behavior. The following will not be tolerated in any form and will constitute grounds for expulsion: any actions or identifying statements concerning fornication, adultery, homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, or pornography. (Gen. 2:24; Gen. 19:5, 13; Gen. 26:8-9; Lev. 18:1-30; Rom. 1:26-29; I Cor. 5:1; 6:9; I Thes. 4:1-8; Heb. 13:4)

Appearance and Dress Standards

Dress Code and Uniforms

Astatula Christian School maintains that appropriate dress and appearance influence positive learning and citizenship. The purpose of the dress code is to help create a good learning environment while the students are at school. All appearance requirements are based upon common sense, modest, and appropriate Christian attire. Students should arrive at school with their hair brushed and in a clean uniform. Tattoos, excessive piercing, and any piercings with chains are prohibited.

(Note: any tattoos received after registering with ACS may result in disciplinary action) Any tattoos prior to attendance at ACS must be covered while attending school or any school sponsored activity. **In all cases the administration will make the final determination on what is appropriate and acceptable.** During special events, programs, field trips, non-uniform attire might be authorized. In these cases, the administration will issue specific requirements and guidance.

NOTE: Students will be sent to the office and parents called to correct any infractions if necessary.

Repeated infractions may result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension. Clothing regulations, personal appearance, and social conduct regulations will be applicable to all school related activities.

Students are not permitted to change out of uniform unless permission is granted from the administration. A dress code violation will be sent home with each incident. A 1 day lunch detention will be given after the third violation in all grades during a nine-week period. Any extreme hairstyle, jewelry or makeup that causes a distraction to the learning environment will not be allowed. ACS reserves the right to create any dress code deemed necessary to produce a wholesome learning environment. The following guidelines will assist in maintaining the proper dress code

All uniform shirts must be purchased from the Astatula Christian School online store. Pants/shorts/skirts may be purchased from anywhere, but must be “uniform style”. Please refer to the ACS Dress Code for more information.

ACS Dress Code

Tops

Approved top color is black for all students. Each student will receive 3 ACS polo shirts, 1 hoodie, and 1 spring jacket included with tuition. Extra shirts may be purchased from the school online store. Approved black polo shirts from the previous school year may be worn.

Bottoms

Approved colors are Black, Grey and Khaki. Students may wear above the knee mid thigh length, loose fitting, uniform style shorts. **Tight fitting bottoms are NOT permitted.** Girls may also wear above the knee length/mid thigh, loose fitting uniform style skirts. **Leggings, sweatpants, pajama pants and A-Line or pencil fit skirts are NOT permitted for middle and high school grades.** Black jeans are permitted for both boys and girls. **(Leggings and sweatpants are only allowed for grades K and 1)**

Shoes

Sneakers, boots, shoes, crocs are approved. **Sliders, open toed sandals/shoes, slippers, and any other type of sandals that show heels or toes that are not crocs are prohibited.**

Middle School/High School PE

All students in grades 6th-9th must change out of their uniform shirts and pants during class.

Shirts and shorts must not contain any inappropriate graphics of any kind. Shirts and shorts must be worn and must be school colors, (black or gold). Sweatpants are allowed during cold days. Sneakers/running shoes must be worn during PE

***NO PAJAMA'S OR CROCS ARE ALLOWED DURING PE.**

Cold Days

ACS Pullovers and ACS hoodies are the only approved outer garment to be worn over a school uniform during classes. No other outer garment will be allowed during classes. Blankets are not allowed to be worn as a jacket.

Dress Down Days

Dress Down days will be held at administration's discretion, accumulation of recommendation dress down passes, and during School Spirit weeks. Jeans must be free of holes and tears above the knee unless an under garment is worn. **Leggings, low cut tops, crop tops, and pajamas are not allowed. Sweatpants are allowed but must be school colors of solid black or gray and be free from any embellishments.**

Glasses, Hats or Hoods

While appropriate for sporting events, outside activities, and traveling to school, sunglasses, hats and hoods are not allowed during school. **Note: Baseball type caps are only allowed during dress down days**

Social Conduct

All students should conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner as a living testimony:

Living a life in fulfillment of the school's Bible verse: ***"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." I Timothy 4:12 KJV***

Student Activities

Academic Awards Program

Students are challenged to do their very best. The following are some of the awards that are given in the following areas:

- Principal's Honor Roll - Straight A's
- High Honor Roll - A's & 1 B
- Honor Roll - All A's & B's no C's
- Most Improved
- Highest GPA per grade level
- Christian Character
- Perfect Attendance
- Student of the Month (One student will be selected for this award between grades K5-5th, 6th-8th, and 9th-12th)

Graduation

Seniors are required to attend all graduation practices and services and all activities on the last day of school.

High School Formal/Extracurricular Dress

Dress for all extracurricular activities should reflect modesty. All dresses and or attire that are inappropriate may disqualify a student from that activity. The activity will dictate the appropriate attire and administration will provide final approval. Parents and students must keep in mind that their attire must reflect the standards of Astatula Christian School.

Astatula Christian School Statement of Cooperation

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the Astatula Christian School's policies and principles that are set forth in the Parent/Student Handbook, Tuition Contract, and this document. I believe that discipline is necessary for the welfare of each student and proper conduct of the school. I give my permission for ACS to enforce for my child(ren) those classroom and school regulations in a manner consistent with Christian principles and discipline as set forth in the Scriptures, understanding that ACS is a non-corporal punishment school. I agree to hold ACS and its agents harmless for liability in cases of any actual or alleged injury to my child in cases of normal, routine school sponsored and supervised activities for all things which the school has no control. I further agree to pay all legal fees (attorney, court, damages or other costs) incurred by ACS arising from any legal action brought against the school or its agents or employees for which the school is found not to be at fault.

I will fully cooperate with ACS in the education of my child, and adhere to all school plans, policies, and regulations. I agree to work personally with the teachers, administration and any others identified to quickly resolve any issues or problems. Problems with academics or the classroom will be taken to the teacher first for immediate resolution, then to the principal. I will not undermine the school, its employees or programs and will be careful not to make negative comments. I also give permission for my child's photograph and name to be placed in the school yearbook, used in the school's website, and used in advertisements.

I understand that all registration and material fees are non-refundable and that I am responsible for tuition payments as outlined in my tuition contract.

I agree to provide to ACS, as needed, copies of my child's birth certificate, current immunization and health records, and other educational documents requested.

Should my marital status or key personal information change I will notify the school with all new information to assure that our records are maintained in a current status. I understand this Statement of Cooperation will remain in effect for as long as my child(ren) attends ACS.

STUDENT STANDARD OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

*****All parents must sign and return this Statement of Cooperation and student standard of Conduct agreement to the school office by the end of week one.**

Attendance at Astatula Christian School is a privilege, not a right.

Astatula Christian School was founded upon these beliefs: **

1. *The Bible is the infallible Word of God and that an individual's acceptance of Jesus Christ as a personal Savior is the initial step in the Christian life. (II Tim. 3:16-17; Eph. 2:8-10).*
2. *There is a biblical basis for the idea of spiritual growth into the image of Christ through the internal work of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:29; I Cor. 6:19-20; II Cor. 3:18).*
3. *This growth begins at the initial moment of saving faith and continues throughout life. The Holy Spirit makes the Christian conscious of the demands for the holy life according to both God's moral law and high law of love (Matt. 22:37-39; Rom. 13:8-10; Gal. 5:14).*
4. *The result is a life committed to God and separated from activities detrimental to personal and spiritual growth.*

Based on these beliefs, ACS has adopted standards that are centered upon biblical principles and conducive to the spiritual growth and development of young people.

****Astatula Christian School has open enrollment. Therefore, some of our students may not be Christians. Whether or not a student has made a personal decision to be a Christian, all students are expected to abide by these Standards of Conduct and maintain Christian standards.**

As a student at Astatula Christian School, your child understands that they are expected to abide by the following standards throughout their enrollment in ACS, whether at home, school, or elsewhere, and regardless of whether or not school is in session.

By signing this agreement, your child agrees to the following:

1. Maintain Christian standards in respect, courtesy, kindness, honesty, morality, dress, and entertainment.
2. Avoid association with or participation in activities that cause dissension, whether in person or through any online presence. These include, but are not limited to, harassment,

fighting, violence, or threats of any kind regardless of provocation; public disruptions or exhibitionism in any form; promoting division or divisive spirit through symbols, pictures, writing, flags, banners, slogans, gang-related items, or any divisive activism.

3. Avoid association with or participation in activities contrary to Christian Conduct and our Statement of Faith. These include, but are not limited to: involvement in the occult; gambling; stealing; smoking in any form, including e-cigarettes and vaporizers; possession or use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, illicit drugs, or associated products and paraphernalia; misuse or abuse of a legal drug, substance, or chemical; body piercing or tattoos; pornography; premarital sex; promoting or participating in homosexual or transgender lifestyles or other lifestyles contrary to Scripture; swearing or indecent language; inappropriate online or social media content; involvement in music that includes or encourages the aforementioned activities.

Your child understands that if they are found to be out of compliance or harmony with ACS's Standards of Conduct, they may be subject to administrative withdrawal.

Furthermore, your child understand the following three policies:

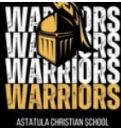
- (1) **At ACS Bullying, shall be defined as the superior use of power (usually social, but also physical and verbal) that *intends* to harm another child, multiple times and for no justifiable reason.** Bullying will not be tolerated.
- (2) Harassment can take many forms and, unlike bullying, may be a single event. Astatula Christian School does not tolerate harassment of any kind.
Sexual harassment of any student or staff member will not be tolerated and may be grounds for immediate dismissal and possible legal action.
- (3) **The following will not be tolerated in any form and will constitute grounds for expulsion: any actions or identifying statements concerning fornication, adultery, homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, or pornography.**

STUDENT NAME PRINTED

PARENT SIGNATURE

DATE

Referrals & Recommendations

<u>Referral</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
 1. Verbal warning 2. Send to Administration Office 3. Lunch Detention (1 day) 4. Lunch Detention (1 day) 5. Lunch Detention (1 day) 6. Lunch Detention (3 days) 7. Lunch Detention (3 days) 8. Lunch Detention (3 days) 9. I.S.S. (1 day) 10. I.S.S. (1 day) 11. I.S.S. (1 day) 12. I.S.S. (2 days) 13. I.S.S. (2 days) 14. I.S.S. (2 days) 15. I.S.S. (3 days) - *Parent conference 16. I.S.S. (3 days) 17. I.S.S. (3 days) 18. I.S.S. (5 days) Next offense - Administration Meeting parent possible expulsion	1. Private verbal recognition 2. Reward Certificate (meeting with administrator) 3. Homework Pass 4. Homework Pass 5. Homework Pass 6. Dress down day 7. Dress down day 8. Dress down day 9. Free vending snack 10. Free vending snack 11. Free vending snack 12. Ice cream sundae w/ friend (1st period) Dress Down Day 13. Ice cream sundae w/ friend (1st period) Dress Down day 14. Ice cream sundae w/ friend (1st period) Dress Down Day 15. \$10 credit toward "Warrior Warehouse" 16. \$20 credit toward "Warrior Warehouse" 17. \$25 credit toward "Warrior Warehouse" 18. Free 1 day ticket to Disney or Universal Studios