



**Student/ Parent Handbook**  
**2024/2025**

## Contents

<b>Mission Statement</b> .....	4
<b>Vision Statement</b> .....	4
<b>Statement of Faith</b> .....	4
<b>Section 2.01: THE BIBLE</b> .....	4
<b>Section 2.02: THE TRIUNE GOD</b> .....	5
<b>Section 2.03: MANKIND</b> .....	5
<b>Section 2.04: THE TERMS <i>OF</i> SALVATION</b> .....	6
<b>Section 2.05: THE CHURCH</b> .....	6
<b>Section 2.06: A CHRISTIAN SABBATH (THE LORD’S DAY)</b> .....	6
<b>Section 2.07: GIVING</b> .....	6
<b>Section 2.08: CIVIL GOVERNMENT and RELIGIOUS LIBERTY</b> .....	7
<b>Section 2.09: FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS</b> .....	7
<b>Section 2.11: HUMAN SEXUALITY</b> .....	7
<b>Section 2.12: ABORTION</b> .....	8
<b>Section 2.13: EUTHANASIA</b> .....	8
<b>Section 2.14: LOVE</b> .....	8
<b>Section 2.16: DRUG ADDICTION</b> .....	8
<b>Section 2.17: RACISM</b> .....	9
<b>Board Members</b> .....	9
<b>Description of Collaborative/Hybrid Model</b> .....	9
<b>Admissions</b> .....	10
<b>Enrollment</b> .....	10
<b>Non-Discrimination Policy</b> .....	10
<b>Age Requirements</b> .....	10
<b>Re-Enrollment</b> .....	10
<b>Withdrawal</b> .....	10
<b>Transfers</b> .....	11
<b>Health</b> .....	11
<b>School Closings</b> .....	11
<b>Parent Concerns</b> .....	11
<b>Transportation: Student Drivers &amp; Parking:</b> .....	11
<b>Lunch</b> .....	12
<b>Telephone Usage</b> .....	12

<b>Attendance</b> .....	12
<b>Absences</b> .....	13
<b>Excused</b> .....	13
<b>Unexcused</b> .....	13
<b>Pre-Approved Absences</b> .....	13
<b>Academics</b> .....	14
<b>CCP Dual Enrollment</b> .....	14
<b>Field Trips</b> .....	14
<b>Extra-Curricular Activities</b> .....	14
<b>Campus Guidelines</b> .....	14
<b>Behavior/Discipline</b> .....	14
<b>Student to Student Harassment</b> .....	14
<b>Cheating</b> .....	14
<b>Disrespect</b> .....	15
<b>Protocol for Discipline</b> .....	15
<b>DRESS CODE</b> .....	15
<b>BOYS (GRADES K-12)</b> .....	15
<b>Pants</b> .....	15
<b>Shirts</b> .....	15
<b>Shoes</b> .....	15
<b>Hair</b> .....	15
<b>Facial Hair</b> .....	15
<b>Hoods/hats</b> .....	15
<b>GIRLS (GRADES K-12)</b> .....	16
<b>Dresses/Skirts/Shorts</b> .....	16
<b>Pants</b> .....	16
<b>Shirts</b> .....	16
<b>Shoes</b> .....	16
<b>Accessories &amp; Hair</b> .....	16
<b>Hoods/hats</b> .....	16
<b>Not Allowed</b> .....	16
<b>DRESS CODE VIOLATION</b> .....	16
<b>ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE SCHOOL HOURS</b> .....	16
<b>CLOSED CAMPUS</b> .....	16

## **Mission Statement**

To advance a Gospel-filled education while instilling in each student a love for learning that will last a lifetime, developing wholesome habits that will instill godly character, and creating a deep desire in students to share with the world not only the beauty of academics but most importantly, share our Creator who made all things possible.

## **Vision Statement**

To partner with families to develop students who care deeply, delight in learning, and seek Biblical truth in all aspects of life.

## **Statement of Faith**

The Doctrine/Statement of Faith does not exhaust the extent of our faith. The Bible itself is the sole and final source of all that we believe. We do believe, however, that the following Doctrine of Faith accurately represents the teaching of the Bible.. All instructional material of any form used among the Church shall be in complete agreement with the Doctrine of Faith.

### **Section 2.01: THE BIBLE**

We believe that the Bible (the canon of 66 books in the Old Testament and New Testament) is God's Word, that it is fully inspired in the original manuscripts, that the Spirit superintended the human authors without violating their individual personalities and writing styles, and that it is subsequently without error and is completely authoritative in all matters of life, faith, and practice. The Bible is the supreme revelation of the will of God for men and, as such, has been preserved through faithful translations in many languages, assuring us that we can have absolute confidence in the Word of God. We believe that the Bible is the sole authority for faith and practice; therefore, the Bible is not just the highest authority, it is the sole authority.

Prov 30:5-6, Jn 17:17, II Peter 1:19-21, Heb 1:1-2, II Sam 23:2, Acts 1:16, II Thes 3:17, Mt 5:18, Jn 10:35, II Tim 3:16, Mt 5:18, Jn 10:35, II Tim 3:16, 6Acts 17:11, I Cor 10:6-12, Eph 6:17, II Tim 3:15-17, Jn 4:1.

## **Section 2.02: THE TRIUNE GOD**

We believe that there is only one living and true God who is an eternal, self-existing, perfect Spirit. He is a personal Being and the Creator and Upholder of the universe. Though one God, He exists in three Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These Persons are equal in essence and in every divine perfection, but each has His own distinct work to perform.

A. Father: We believe in God the Father: the first Person of the Trinity, an infinite, personal spirit, and perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, justice, and love. We believe that He infallibly knows all, that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer according to His will, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

B. Son: We believe in Jesus Christ: the Second Person of the Trinity, that He was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, fully God and fully man, genuinely tempted, lived a sinless life, suffered and died as the only acceptable substitute for the sins of man, rose again from the dead in bodily form, and ascended into heaven where He is seated at the right hand of the Father. We believe that in heaven He continues His priestly work as intercessor for the saints, and that at the end of the age He will return to the earth to reign as King.

C. Holy Spirit: We believe in the Holy Spirit: the third Person of the Trinity, that He is the divine agent in creation, revelation, and redemption; that He convicts the world of sin, restrains evil, regenerates those who believe, and indwells, seals, gifts, empowers, guides, teaches, and sanctifies all who become the children of God through Christ; that He enables individual members of the body of Christ to be used in the Church.

Mark 12:29; John 1:1, 4; 4:24; 5:23; 10:20; Matt. 28:18, 20; Acts 5:3, 4; 2 Cor. 13:14; Heb. 1:1, 3; 1:8; Rev. 1:4-6; 17:11; Gen. 1:26; 3:22; Is. 44:6; 48:16; 61:1; Rom. 9:5; 1 Tim. 1:17; Phil. 2:5-6; Ps. 110:1

## **Section 2.03: MANKIND**

We believe that humanity was created for God, by God, and in God's own image, but that in Adam's sin the human race fell, inherited a sinful nature, and thereby incurred physical, spiritual, and eternal death, which is separation from God. All humans are now sinners (by nature and conduct) and are justly under divine condemnation. Humanity fell through disobedience, incurring both physical and spiritual death and severely marring the image of God in us. Human beings are totally depraved and, of themselves, utterly unable to remedy their lost condition because they are dead in their trespasses and sins.

Gen 1:27,31, 2:16-17, Eccl 7:29, Gen 3:6-7, Rom 5:12,19, Pr 51:5, Is 53:6, Rom 3:9-18, 23, 5:15-19, James 2:10, Jn 3:36, Rom 1:20.

## **Section 2.04: THE TERMS *OF* SALVATION**

Salvation is made free to all people by the Gospel. Christ died for everyone that would believe in Him and, by His death, they are given salvation by grace alone through faith in Christ alone. It is initiated by God and is accomplished by grace apart from any human works. God commands all persons to repent and believe. All who have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are forgiven, regenerated, justified and the perfect righteousness of Christ is imputed to them. They are given spiritual life (sanctification) which is demonstrated by a pattern of growth in grace, faith, and obedience till death.

I Jn 2:20; I Tim 4:10; II Peter 2:1; Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5-6; II Tim 1:9; Jh 3:16; Acts 16:31; Rom 5:1; Eph 1:7; I Peter 1:23.

## **Section 2.05: THE CHURCH**

We believe that the Church, the Body of Christ, is composed of all true believers who are placed into that Body by the baptizing work of the Holy Spirit. The Church is distinct from Israel. A local expression of the Church is an organized congregation of baptized believers, associated together by a common faith and fellowship in the Gospel, to glorify God in reverent and orderly worship. These congregations are called “local Churches”. Each local Church is autonomous, is not subject to the control of any outside persons or organizations, and has the power and right to confess its own faith and conduct its own affairs in accordance with the teachings of the New Testament. On all matters of membership, polity, government, discipline, and benevolence the will of the local Church is final. A local Church is to observe the ordinances ordained by Christ himself, baptism and the Lord’s Supper. Baptism is the immersion of the believer into water in the name of the triune God and that it is required for membership in the local Church. Christ instituted the Lord’s Supper as a memorial to His death and that it should be practiced within the local Church. Some local Churches practice Feet Washing, as Christ did, in order to teach believers humility. The local Church is a picture of the bride of Christ and Christians are biblically mandated to utilize her as the main source for Christian discipleship.

Acts 2:41-42; 8:35-39; John 3:23; Rom. 6:3-5; Col. 2:12; Matt. 3:6, 3:16, 28:19; 1 Cor. 11:23-28; John 13-4-14; 1 Cor. 12:12-14; 2 Cor. 11:2; Eph. 1:22-23; 5:25-27

## **Section 2.06: A CHRISTIAN SABBATH (THE LORD’S DAY)**

The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments, and amusements for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God. Due to the fact that the early New Testament Church was given to the pattern of Sunday worship and met on Sunday regularly, Sunday has been accepted as the main day of worship for this congregation.

## **Section 2.07: GIVING**

We believe that every Christian, as a steward of that portion of God’s wealth entrusted to themselves, is encouraged to financially support his local Church. We believe that God has established the tithe (10% of gross income) as a basis for monetary giving in the Old Testament and used as a basic starting point for the New Testament Christian. However, every believer should also give other offerings sacrificially and cheerfully to the support of the Church, the

relief of those in need, and the spread of the Gospel. We believe that a Christian relinquishes all rights to direct the use of his tithe or offering once the gift has been made.

Gen. 14:20; Prov. 3:9-10; Acts 4:34-37; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 9:6-7; Gal. 6:6; Eph. 4:28; 1 Tim. 5:17-18; 1 John 3:17

## **Section 2.08: CIVIL GOVERNMENT and RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

We believe that God has ordained and created all authority consisting of three basic institutions: 1) the home, 2) the Church, and 3) the state. Every person is subject to these authorities, but all (including the authorities themselves) are answerable to God and governed by His Word. God has given each institution specific Biblical responsibilities and balanced those responsibilities with the understanding that no institution has the right to infringe upon the other. The home, the Church, and the state are equal and sovereign in their respective Biblically assigned spheres of responsibility under God.

Rom. 13:1-7; Eph. 5:22-24; Heb. 13:17; 1 Pet. 2:13-14

## **Section 2.09: FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS**

We believe that men and women are spiritually equal in position before God, but that God has ordained distinct and separate spiritual functions for men and women in the home and the Church. The husband is to be the leader of the home, and men are to be the pastors of the Church. Accordingly, only men are eligible for pastoral licensure and ordination by the Church. We believe that God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. The husband is to love his wife as Christ loves the Church. The wife is to submit herself to her Scripturally obedient husband as the Church submits to the headship of Christ. Children are an heritage from the Lord. Parents are responsible for teaching their children spiritual and moral values and leading them, through consistent lifestyle example and appropriate discipline, including Scriptural corporal correction.

Gal. 3:28; Col. 3:18; 1 Tim. 2:8-15; 3:4-5, 12; Gen. 1:26-28; Ex. 20:12; Deut. 6:4-9; Ps. 127:3-5; Prov. 19:18; 22:15; 23:13-14; Mk. 10:6-12; 1 Cor. 7:1-16; Eph. 5:21-33; 6:1-4, Col. 3:18-21; Heb. 13:4; 1 Pet. 3:1-7.

## **Section 2.11: HUMAN SEXUALITY**

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 homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, pornography and all sexual deviances are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. We believe that God disapproves of and forbids any attempt to alter one's gender by surgery or medication. We also believe that surgeries that attempt to alter one's own appearance in order to indicate a shift in gender identification is a sinful defacing of one's body which is fearfully and wonderfully made by God. We believe that individuals experiencing gender dysphoria should seek help medically, psychologically, and spiritually both from within and without of the Church. We believe that the only legitimate Christian marriage is the joining of one naturally-born man and one naturally-born woman.

Gen. 2:24; Gen.19:5; Gen. 26:8 -9; Lev.18: 1-30; Rom.1:26-29; I Cor. 5:1; 6:9; I Thess. 4:1 - 8; Heb.13:4; Gen. 2:24; Rom. 7:2; I Cor. 7: 10; Eph. 5:22-23

## **Section 2.12: ABORTION**

We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being made in God's image. Abortion constitutes the unjustified, unexcused taking of unborn human life. Abortion is murder. We reject any teaching that abortions of pregnancies are justifiable due to rape, incest, birth defects, gender selection, population control or any other reason.

Job 3:16; Ps. 51:5; 139:14-16; Isa. 44:24; 49:1, 5; Jer. 1:5; 20:15-18; Luke 1:44

## **Section 2.13: EUTHANASIA**

We believe that the direct taking of an innocent human life is a moral evil, regardless of the intention. Life is a gift of God and must be respected from conception until natural death. Thus, we believe that an act or omission which, of itself or by intention, causes death in order to eliminate suffering constitutes a murder contrary to the will of God.

Ex. 20:13, 23:7; Matt. 5:21; Acts 17:28

## **Section 2.14: LOVE**

We believe that we should demonstrate love for others, not only toward fellow believers, but also toward both those who are not believers, those who oppose us, and those who engage in sinful actions. We are to deal with those who oppose us graciously, gently, patiently, and humbly. God forbids the stirring up of strife, the taking of revenge, or the threat or the use of violence as a means of resolving personal conflict or obtaining personal justice. Although God commands us to abhor sinful actions, we are to love and pray for any person who engages in such sinful actions.

Lev. 19:18; Matt. 5:44-48; Luke 6:31; John 13:34-35; Rom. 12:9-10; 17-21; 13:8-10; Phil. 2:2-4; 2 Tim. 2:24-26; Titus 3:2; 1 John 3:17-18

## **Section 2.16: DRUG ADDICTION**

Prescription and illicit drug abuse have become a major issue in our society. We believe that people are forbidden by God in His Word to participate in the abuse of prescription or illicit drugs for any other purpose than prescribed by the medical community. This prohibition includes overuse or misuse of medications prescribed by a doctor.

1 Cor. 6:20



## Section 2.17: RACISM

As the Church of Jesus Christ, we vigorously condemn all forms of racism and ethnic prejudice. We are all one body in Christ in which and in whom there is no difference. We do not discriminate among our membership on the basis of race, color, or ethnicity.

Gal3:28, Eph 2:11-22, Acts 10:34-35.

## Board Members

Joanna Pike – Chairman  
Jacqueline Griffin – Treasurer  
Dian Pike – Secretary  
Pam Mozingo  
Nancy Smith  
Jamie Mansfield

## Description of Collaborative/Hybrid Model

Although the collaborative model shares similarities with other educational options, it is important to note the distinction:

### What It's Not

- **Part-Time School.** Students receive in person, on-campus learning three days a week. The other two days a week are done at home under parent guidance, using a unified curriculum and plan and schedule.
- **Homeschool Group or co-op.** We partner with parents in order for students to receive a wholesome learning experience; however, we are functioning as a non-public NC school and require all students to be registered as an NCDPI student so no homeschool students will be permitted.
- **Traditional Private School.** We require a firm commitment from parents to collaborate through this partnership; therefore, it is important to understand the larger effort from the parents in direct education of their students.

### What it is

- **NC Non-public education private school.** Ambleside Academy is a non-public NC approved school operating under the 180-day attendance requirement.
- **Established Curriculum.** We will provide a rigorous, hands-on curriculum for on campus and at home days.

- **Cohesive Vision.** This partnership with parents is vital for this model to be successful.
- **Structured Environment.** A structured environment and an empowering model that gives both teachers and parents a leadership role in the education of students.

## **Admissions**

### **Enrollment**

Student applications must be submitted through MySchoolWorx. All students and parents will be interviewed by the board/administration prior to acceptance. It is understood that attendance at Ambleside Preparatory Academy is a privilege and not a right, that privilege may be forfeited by any student who does not conform to the standards and regulations of the institution. Ambleside may request the withdrawal of any student at any time who does not fit into the spirit of this institution.

### **Non-Discrimination Policy**

Ambleside admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. Ambleside does not discriminate based on race, color, national or ethnic origin as long as they are willing to agree to the Statement of Faith.

### **Age Requirements**

Kindergarten five students must be 5 years old on or before August 31.

### **Re-Enrollment**

Presently enrolled students must register every year. They will have priority in registration for each succeeding year, but only during the Early Re-enrollment Period.

### **Withdrawal**

Any student who withdraws from the school must return all non-consumable textbooks, library books, etc. A “Withdrawal Form” must be filled out and signed by the parent/guardian. No transcript or records of any withdrawing student will be transferred to another school if the student or parents leave school without paying all accounts in full or without otherwise meeting all obligations imposed by the Academy. The registration fee and book fee are non-refundable. Pre-paid tuition is refunded for month(s) not attended. Opportunity Scholarship recipients may be required to pay a portion of the remaining fees as any mid-semester withdrawals require a pro-rated amount of scholarship funds to be returned to the state.

## **Transfers**

All incoming transfer students will be required to bring previous school information such as tests, transcripts, grades, etc. They may be required to take an assessment and/or attend a conference to ensure Ambleside gives the best possible education placement.

## **Health**

To align with the health department requirements for operating schools in NC, please advised of the following:

All prescription drugs and non-prescription medication must be left with school staff and labeled with clear directions about administering time and amounts.

All students are required to have an updated immunization record or letter of medical/religious exemption.

## **School Closings**

On days of icy conditions, hazardous weather conditions, or campus issues, all parents and students will be notified by MySchoolWorx Parent Alert. It is very important that each parent's contact information is up to date in MySchoolWorx. Parents are responsible for keeping their contact information up to date. Later announcements may show up on other media outlets. Ambleside will make its own announcement, NOT always following other school systems. Holidays, teacher workdays, and the summer break are indicated on the school calendar.

## **Parent Concerns**

Matthew 18:15-18 teaches that the best way to resolve a conflict with another individual is to go directly to him. Parents are asked to take their problems and concerns directly to the teacher. Going to other parents and airing one's grievances is profitable for neither the parent nor the teacher. The teacher deserves an opportunity to correct the situation or give an explanation for the cause of concern. If a parent does not feel that a satisfactory resolution has been reached after meeting directly with the teacher, a meeting with the supervisor or director may be arranged. A final recourse would include a third meeting with the principal of the school to assist the parent and find a solution to the problem. Parents/students/family members who choose to criticize the academy, administration, or the teachers publicly (in person or on social media) will be expelled from the academy.

## **Transportation: Student Drivers & Parking:**

Many high school students may wish to drive to school. This is a privilege and should be regarded as such. If a student abuses the privilege to drive to school and park on school property, that privilege will be revoked.

These guidelines should be followed by all student drivers and/or passengers:

1. Upon arriving at school, all student drivers and passengers MUST leave the designated parking areas and enter the school building. Absolutely no lingering in or around cars in the parking area at any time before or after school.
2. Students should not allow others to drive their vehicles. Only students whose parents have granted permission to the office will be allowed to ride with student drivers. Under no circumstance should any student “bum” a ride with a student driver without written permission from the other student’s parents.
3. Ambleside Preparatory Academy is not responsible for theft or loss incurred in any student’s automobile. We encourage all students to keep the doors locked while cars are at school.
4. Proper driving behavior is always expected by each student driver. Showing off, squealing tires, loud music, etc. is unacceptable behavior and will not be tolerated. Instances occurring on school grounds which indicate such behavior will result in revoked parking privileges and school suspension. This includes entering or leaving school property.

## **Lunch**

Students should bring lunch each day. While there is a microwave available, lunch time is limited so, when possible, please provide something that does not need to be reheated. Some days we may partner with a local restaurant and have a pizza day. These days will be announced ahead of time and students will have the opportunity to preorder and prepay for their pizza. Student drivers will be allowed, on occasion, with signed permission slips and pre-authorization from administration to leave campus during lunch. We will have several special lunch fundraiser days throughout the year and will take orders ahead of time for those.

## **Telephone Usage**

Cell phones will not be permitted for elementary (K-5) students, exceptions will be made for necessary medical devices with administrative approval. Students in grades 6-12 may bring their cell phone; however, cell phones should be deposited at the front office for safety until the end of the school day. Families will be provided with administrator phone numbers if contact with their child needs to be made throughout the day. In addition, any student needing to contact home during the day should make this request with their teacher and they will be allowed to call home, within reason.

## **Attendance**

Poor attendance interferes with one’s academic potential and slows the progress of overall classroom performance. Parents are directly responsible for the compliance of their children to the school attendance policy. All absences must be verified by written communication from a parent/guardian upon return of the day of absence. It is the responsibility of the pupil and parent to see that work missed during an absence is made up promptly according to the teacher. For K-5 through 12th grade, assembly begins promptly at 8:25 AM and the school day ends at 3:00 PM. If students are not in assembly by 8:25 AM, they are marked tardy. We encourage all students to be in assembly by 8:20 AM to avoid tardiness. Doors will open at 8:15 AM and all students must be picked up by 3:15PM, unless staying for an afterschool club or other arrangements have been made prior.

## **Absences**

Any student with a combination of 24 unexcused/excused absences for the entirety of the school year will be automatically retained in the current grade level or not receive credit for the course. Appeals may be brought before the board. Extenuating circumstances will be determined at the discretion of the board but may and likely will require sufficient documentation, and, therefore, parents should provide adequate documentation for each absence. However, documentation will not obligate the administration or the board to overturn the decision. Parents should provide a Dr. note or handwritten note to the office with an explanation of why the child is absent each day. See a list of excused/unexcused absences below: Unexcused Any absence not specified above as excused will be counted as unexcused. An unexcused absence will result when documentation has not been received for the student's absence. The third unexcused absence in a 9-week period will result in a demerit/detention and each unexcused absence thereafter.

### **Excused**

- Medical or dental appointment.
- Isolation ordered by the State Board of Health.
- Personal illness or injury as determined by a parent.
- Early checkout for student due to illness determined by school staff member.
- Death in the immediate family.
- Participation in legal requirements or court proceeding.
- Extreme weather as determined by principal, administration, or designee.
- Students excluded from school will be allowed up to 5 consecutive school day absences to remove lice or nits. After 5 days, the absences will be considered unexcused, unless principal or designee extends for special circumstances.

### **Unexcused**

Any absence not specified above as excused will be counted as unexcused. An unexcused absence will result when documentation has not been received for the student's absence.

### **Pre-Approved Absences**

Parents who feel they would like to have their child (K-12) excused for a special planned absence need to fill out a Pre-Approved Absence Form. If approved, the student is responsible for making up all the assignments for each class. Please try to schedule family vacations to be taken when school is not in session. Pre-approved absences are for special circumstances. The administration reserves the right not to approve or to limit requests based on academic standing and attendance record. If parents still wish to take their child out of school without prior permission or against the administrator's recommendations, the student will receive an unexcused absence. Pre-approved absences may not be taken during achievement tests or during exams. This form must be signed by parent and given to office personnel 3 days in advance.

## **Academics**

The Academy permits 24 excused/unexcused absences before refusing to give a student credit due to lack of attendance. High school students are required to complete a minimum of 129 hours for a student to receive credit for a single (daily) 50-minute course.

## **CCP Dual Enrollment**

Ambleside offers dual enrollment courses through the Lenoir Community College Career and College Promise program. This allows qualifying juniors and seniors to obtain high school and college credit at the same time. With certain guidelines met, some Freshman and Sophomores may be eligible for this program.

## **Field Trips**

Occasionally, classes will have special days for educational field trips. Such trips may be used to reinforce classroom teaching in a specific subject area. You may be asked to help serve the class when attending.

## **Extra-Curricular Activities**

Certain clubs will be offered after school.

## **Campus Guidelines**

Ambleside is a Tobacco-Free, Smoke-Free, Vape-Free, Alcohol-Free, Drug Free, Weapon-Free, and Pet-Free Zone. No pets allowed on campus. All school sponsored events and activities regardless of day or time are included. We ask parents and guests to cooperate for the benefit, health, and safety of all our students.

## **Behavior/Discipline**

### **Student to Student Harassment**

Harassment or taunting is a continued attack of someone's person or personhood, demeaning who someone is, or intentionally embarrassing a person. We are concerned with wounding the spirit of others by this kind of conduct. A student found to be harassing another student will be disciplined.

### **Cheating**

Cheating will not be tolerated. Each student is responsible for turning in their own, original work. Anyone found cheating will be disciplined.

## **Disrespect**

Defiance, insubordination, disobedience, continued class disruptions will not be tolerated.

## **Protocol for Discipline**

Ambleside will not implement a discipline procedure that includes demerits, detention or suspension. Minor infractions will be addressed and involve parent contact and/or conference and could eventually result in expulsion. Major infractions will result in immediate expulsion at the discretion of the administration.

## **DRESS CODE**

Students are to dress in a neat, appropriate, and unquestionable manner, avoiding anything that portrays a sloppy demeanor. Ambleside Preparatory Academy reserves the right to make, amend, or prescribe rules and policies for dress, appearance, or all other unforeseen problems that may arise at any time during the school year. The Academy expects full cooperation from both students and parents and adherence to all school plans, policies, and regulations. Students are required to dress in conformance with their biological gender as evidenced on the student's original birth certificate and use the restroom/locker room associated with their biological gender.

### **BOYS (GRADES K-12)**

**Pants-** All boys are to wear neat pants or shorts that are not ragged, faded, torn, or patched. Pants should be worn around the natural waistline. No "sagging" pants will be allowed.

**Shirts-** No sleeveless shirts/tops of any kind. Shirts may not have any questionable or obscene writing or pictures.

**Shoes-** Appropriate footwear must always be worn. Appropriate footwear is that which can be worn safely and without distraction in the school environment without fear of injury to oneself or others. Footwear must be properly laced, tied, buckled, and always fastened. Bedroom shoes are not allowed.

**Hair-** Hair is to be neatly groomed.

**Facial Hair** - Boys should be clean-shaven unless maintaining neatly trimmed (1" or less) facial hair. A clear cheek line and neckline must be established and maintained. The neck must be clean-shaven below the neckline.

**Hoods/hats** – While hats are allowed to be worn, they should be removed if requested by the teacher and during prayer/pledge. In addition, hoodies may be worn; however, the hood must always remain down.

## **GIRLS (GRADES K-12)**

**Dresses/Skirts/Shorts**-All girls may wear dresses, skirts, or shorts. Appropriate length should be determined by using the “fingertip length” rule. This rule states that a student should be able to stand straight, arms by their side, and not have their fingertips reach past their shorts/skirt/dress etc. This, on many, measures to about a couple inches above the knee. This rule is in place for "modesty" purposes.

**Pants**- Pants may not be, or have the appearance to be, faded, torn, or patched.

Leggings/jeggings may be worn as long as they are not see-through when stretched. Jumpsuits are permitted.

**Shirts**- Shirts must be long enough not to expose the midriff when arms are raised. Shirts may not have any questionable or obscene writing or pictures. Shirts with straps that are at least “2 fingers” wide are allowed. No very low cut, or revealing shirts will be allowed.

**Shoes**- Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times. Appropriate footwear is that which can be worn safely and without distraction in the school environment without fear of injury to oneself or others. Footwear must be properly laced, tied, buckled, and fastened at all times. Bedroom shoes are not allowed.

**Accessories & Hair**- Makeup and jewelry should be in good taste and not excessive. Hair coloring should be in good taste and neatly groomed.

**Hoods/hats** – While hats are allowed to be worn, they should be removed if requested by the teacher and during prayer/pledge. In addition, hoodies may be worn; however, the hood must always remain down.

**Not Allowed**- The following types of clothing are not permitted: low-necked, barebacked, spaghetti-strap dresses or tops; see-through blouses, or form fitted clothing.

## **DRESS CODE VIOLATION**

The student will be asked to not wear that again, may be asked to correct the problem immediately or go home to change, or a parent may be asked to bring a change of clothing to school. This piece of clothing must not be worn again to school. Students must comply with the dress code or the student will be dismissed.

## **ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE SCHOOL HOURS**

Students may arrive between 8:15AM-8:25AM and are to enter the front of the building through the dedicated entrance. Upon arrival, students will proceed to the fellowship hall to their assigned seat.

## **CLOSED CAMPUS**

Ambleside operates a “closed campus”. This means that attendance is required from the regular start of school until the normal dismissal time. Any free periods a student might have are to be spent in an assigned area on campus. Student will not be permitted to go off campus to run



errands. No student is to be on school property at any time without adult supervision. This includes the gym, playground, and classrooms.

## **VISITORS AND GUESTS**

People coming to the school are asked to report directly to the school office. This will keep classroom disruptions to a minimum. Parents are asked NOT to go to their child's room unless they have been granted permission by the school office.

1. All visitors must check in and out at the school office and receive a VISITOR'S PASS which is to be always worn while the visitor is at the school.