

Student Honor Code

At Vintage Christian Academy, we believe that our students should be prepared to fight the spiritual battles that they will face in the world. That's why our mascot is the Warriors. We chose this mascot to remind our students that they are fighting not just a physical battle but a spiritual one as well. We are called to put on the whole armor of God, as it says in Ephesians 6:12. Our honor code reflects this belief:

Integrity: Proverbs 11:3 NLT states, "The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity." We will be honest in our words and actions, and strive to do the right thing even if no one is looking.

Respect: Ephesians 4:29 NLT commands us to, "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." We will treat all individuals with dignity and honor, and refrain from any form of bullying or disrespect.

Diligence: Proverbs 12:24 NLT states, "Work hard and become a leader; be lazy and become a slave." We will put forth our best effort in our academic pursuits, and strive for excellence in all that we do.

Responsibility: Colossians 3:23-24 says, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." We understand that our time at Vintage Christian Academy is a privilege and we will be responsible for our own learning and development.

Humility: James 4:6 NLT reminds us, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." We will strive to maintain a humble attitude, recognizing that our abilities and achievements are gifts from God.

Service: Philippians 2:3-4 NLT commands us to, "Do nothing out of rivalry or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves. Everyone should look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others." We will actively look for opportunities to serve others, both within and outside of our school community.

Community: Hebrews 10:24-25 NLT instructs us to, "Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." We will actively seek to build and maintain strong relationships within our school community, and participate in school functions.

Character Training & Discipleship

Student character training takes place throughout the day, regardless of the curriculum. Teachers maintain orderly and structured classrooms and expect students to work hard to learn the content while also teaching them to:

1. Focus and concentrate on the task at hand
2. Show respect to authority figures such as teachers and staff
3. Follow rules and procedures as outlined by the school
4. Willingly and immediately obey instructions given by teachers or staff members
5. Maintain an attentive and engaged presence in class
6. Make wise and appropriate choices
7. Do what is right because it is the right thing to do
8. Value and pursue wisdom in all areas of learning
9. Put forth diligent effort to arrive at the correct answer or solution
10. Recognize how different concepts and topics relate to one another
11. Complete assigned tasks and projects to the best of their ability
12. Develop habits of orderliness, attention to detail, obedience, persistence, honesty, accomplishment, and cooperation.

Students are expected to consistently display these character traits during school hours and at all school-related events and activities.

Standards of Behavior

At Vintage Christian Academy, we strive to provide a Christ-centered learning environment where students can grow spiritually, academically, and socially. In order to maintain this environment, we have established a set of standards of behavior that we expect all students to abide by. These standards are as follows:

- I will faithfully attend and participate in scheduled services at Vintage Church or a similar Bible-believing church.
- I will strive to discover my God-given talents, to develop those abilities fully, and to devote those talents to a lifetime of learning, serving, and honoring God.
- I will not use or be associated with the use of tobacco, drugs, or alcohol, and I will honor God by maintaining a lifestyle of sexual purity.
- I will refrain from the use of profanity, vulgarity, or any other type of writing, print material, innuendo, action, or conversation which is inappropriate for a Christian.
- I will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor will I tolerate such activity.
- I will show respect for authority and submit myself to the teachers and administration of Vintage Christian Academy, realizing that attendance at VCA is a privilege, not a right.
- My dress and appearance will not only comply with the Dress Code, but it will also reflect Christian modesty and values.
- My relationship with other students will be based on the principles of Christ's love. I will show care and concern for others in my speech and actions.
- I will support and affirm the VCA doctrinal statement of faith as it is applied to instruction throughout the curriculum.
- I will uphold this Honor Code for the full twelve months of the year, at school, at school activities, and outside of school.
- I will not display behavior that VCA deems disruptive in any way, on or off-campus.



Digital Citizenship

At Vintage Christian Academy, we are committed to teaching students how to be responsible and respectful digital citizens. In a world where technology is becoming increasingly prevalent, it is important that our students know how to navigate the digital landscape with integrity and wisdom. Therefore, we expect our students to adhere to the following digital citizenship guidelines:

- **Respect Yourself:** Students should use biblical discernment in selecting and viewing appropriate online material and conduct themselves with integrity while online.
- **Protect Yourself:** Students should not publish their personal details, contact information, or a schedule of their activities online. They should also protect their passwords, accounts, and resources, and report any attacks or inappropriate behavior directed at them while online.
- **Protect Others:** Students should report abuse and avoid forwarding inappropriate materials or communications.
- **Respect Intellectual Property:** Students should request permission to use the software and media that others produce, purchase or use free and open source alternatives, and purchase music and media rather than distributing them in violation of their license.

We take the Honor Code at VCA seriously, and failure to comply with these digital citizenship guidelines may result in disciplinary action, loss of privileges, or dismissal from the academy.

It is important to note that growth and change are a process, and we understand that mistakes may be made. If a student is found to have violated the honor code, the expectation is that they will take responsibility for their actions, show genuine remorse and a desire to do better in the future. Through God's grace, we will work together to help the student grow and mature in their understanding and adherence to the honor code.