

Grapeville Christian School Community Covenant

A community covenant is a promise that GCS students make to each other to help every student develop qualities that reflect the character of Jesus Christ. Community reminds us that this is something we do together in the context of loving relationships. Covenant reminds us of the spiritual significance of this commitment. These are not matters of mere convenience or personal preference. They are essential marks of lives transformed by God's grace. As a community, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of these marks of spiritual maturity so that God may be glorified in our school. While this covenant is not a complete expression of all GCS rules and guidelines, it is a concise summary of many of the things that we consider most important to spiritual development and community.

- We covenant together to express our love for God through our obedience to the authority of His Word, our practice of spiritual disciplines, and regular expressions of worship and Christian service. (Hebrews 10:24-25)
- We covenant together to express our love for others through acts of kindness, wholesome and uplifting speech, forgiveness, merciful acts to those in need, and loving proclamation of the gospel. (Colossians 3:12,13)
- We covenant together to be people of integrity and self- control, truthful in our speech, honest in our conduct, and morally pure in both thought and action. (Ephesians 4:29)
- We covenant together to pursue excellence in all that we do as an expression of our gratitude to God and our desire to be good stewards of all God's gifts, including our talents, time, resources, and bodies. (I Corinthians 6:19)
- As members of this school community, we voluntarily submit ourselves to all the guidelines in the Handbook and agree to uphold them with integrity and honesty. (Hebrews 13:17)

“To depart from righteousness is to choose a life of crushing burdens, failures and disappointments, a life caught in the toils of endless problems that are never resolved...the ‘cost of discipleship’ though it may take all we have, is small when compared to the lot of those who don’t accept Christ’s invitation to be a part of His company in the way of Life.” ~Dallas Willard, *The Spirit of the Disciplines*

I agree with the school community covenant, and will abide by its principles.

Student's signature

Date: _____