

Virginia Scholars Academy

Culture Of Honor

Godly parenting: Discipling and training up our children

The Bible emphasizes parental responsibility in teaching and training our children. Discipleship begins within the family, “Train up a child in the way they should go, and when they are old they will not depart from it” (Prov 22:6). Mothers and “fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4). “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord” (Josh 24:15). “Children are a gift from the Lord” (Ps 127:3-5).

Statement of Parental Responsibility:

1. In enrolling one or more students in the Virginia Scholars Academy (VSA), parents acknowledge this is a homeschool co-op and as parents we each are responsible for our student’s education and matriculation. The co-op provides certain classes to help meet student’s needs for matriculation but it is the responsibility of the parent to oversee all matriculation needs: 1) What/when classes are taken? 2) Core class needs are met; 3) Elective enrollment; 4) Managing credit hours; 5) Keeping student records; and 6) Managing dual enrollment with universities like Regent, Liberty, TCC, etc.

VSA will provide records of classes taken with the academy and can help parents develop methods of file keeping for each student. We can provide guidance for extra classes/curriculums needed outside the classes we offer.

2. Parental acknowledgement for student behavior. Each parent is responsible to teach and instruct respectful behavior in the home. We know young people rise to give their best when good, loving, and clear boundaries are given. We expect to see this demonstrated in the classroom environment as it will be an extension of their homelife. In class, students will be accountable for their words, for showing mutual honor and respect toward other students, parents, and teachers. We will teach and hold these values in the classroom and expect parental partnership in these values.

Student Code of Conduct:

A primary purpose of the VSA is to help parents raise healthy and maturing love for Jesus in their children. This is the foundation of all education. “The *love-filled worshipful* fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow His precepts have good understanding” (Ps 111:10). “The *love-filled worshipful* fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction” (Prov 1:7). (Italics are added from original Hebrew.)

We understand that every person, young and old, is on journey with Jesus. So we have room and grace for our young people *and* we will teach, demonstrate, and expect the VSA code to be followed:

VSA Cultural of Honor:

1. Mutual love, respect, and honor should be given to others. Kindness, purity, and compassion are relational requirements in the kingdom of God: Loving “one another” (John 13:34). Being “devoted to one another... honor one another” (Rom 12:10). “Encourage one another” (2Cor 13:11). “Serve one another humbly...” (Gal 5:13).

2. Truthfulness, honesty, uprightness in character, and guarding the heart: “Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain? The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart; whose tongue utter no slander, who does no wrong to a neighbor, and casts no slur on others, “ (Ps 15:1-3). “Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it” (Pro 4:23).

3. Gratitude and thankfulness are our heart attitude: “give thanks to God for everything” (Eph 5:20). “Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God...” (Col 3:17). “Give thanks in all circumstances” (1Thess 5:18). This gratitude will be extended to all people in the co-op and to the facility itself. Keep the facility clean and orderly, exercise care in using equipment, help others. It is with sincere gratitude we are using this space.

Rules:

1. No running around or rough play inside the facility.
2. No profanity.
3. No public displays of kissing, etc.
4. No alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, any other drugs, or weapons on the facility.

Parent name, signature, and date:

Student name, signature, and date: *(please have the students read this document)*
