

***Temple Christian
High School
2026 -2027 Student/Family Handbook***

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This handbook is written to give students and parents an outline of the expectations of Temple Christian High School concerning the principles and rules of the school that students will be required to abide by. Please keep this information in a convenient place so that it may be accessed throughout the school year. Please read this handbook in its entirety as it should answer most questions concerning the policies of Temple Christian High School as pertaining to student conduct, student scholarship, and the like.

Non-Discrimination Admissions Policy

Temple Christian High School (TCHS) admits students without discrimination of any race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational or admission policies. Each applicant for admission shall be required to exhibit an exemplary disciplinary history. Each applicant and parents or guardians thereof must also undergo a personal interview by the administration.

It is understood that attendance at Temple Christian High School is a privilege and not a right. Any student who chooses not to abide by the standards and principles set forth by Temple Christian High School may forfeit this privilege. Temple Christian High School will require the withdrawal of any student at any time that is not meeting the specifications set forth by the school.

Special note:

Admission to or Employment by Temple Christian High School is based on Biblical principles as follows:

- **Gender Identity** – The Bible only recognizes two biological genders, male and female, which is assigned by God at conception. *“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.”* Genesis 1:27
 - No student will be admitted to Temple Christian High School who claims a gender other than the gender that God assigned them at conception, which is declared on the student’s birth certificate at birth.
 - No student will be admitted to, nor will any person be employed by Temple Christian High School who is participating in a same-sex relationship or who intentionally and/or openly claims to be same-sex oriented and/or who intentionally exhibits same-sex behavior and/or pro-same-sex philosophy/ideology. Any current student who engages in a same-sex relationship or intentionally claims, exhibits, or displays same-sex orientation and/or philosophy (ideology) will be immediately disenrolled from the school. **Lev 18:22** *Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.* **Rom 1:26** *For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: 27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men*

with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet.

- **Fornication/Adultery** – Fornication is defined as sexual relations committed between two people who are not married. *“Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.” I Corinthians 6:18* Adultery is defined as any man or woman involved in an extra-marital sexual relationship. **Hebrews 13:4**
 - No student will be admitted, nor will any person be employed at Temple Christian High School, who is living with their partner in a man/wife relationship (common law marriages, two unmarried students, or two unmarried employees living together in fornication in the same house).
 - Any current student, faculty, or staff member who is discovered to be involved in fornication and/or adultery even if not cohabiting will be dismissed.

Additional Admissions Policies

- It is the practice of Temple Christian High School to interview prospective students **after** obtaining academic and discipline records (including Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) and 504 Accommodation Plans), to determine if TCHS can be of service to prospective students. It is our prayer to serve all students within our current abilities to do so. Therefore, an acceptance determination can only be made after considering all this information carefully and prayerfully.
- If the prospective student does not have the multiplication tables one through twelve committed to memory upon admission, this student will automatically be enrolled in the general diploma program and will not be eligible for college preparatory math, until mastery is demonstrated.

Our Mission

Temple Christian High School is a Ministry of Temple Baptist Church geographically located in Sumter, SC. The mission of the school is to provide a Christ-centered Education promoting the Gospel, proper reasoning, a Biblical worldview, and pure imagination with the Bible as the Primary center of learning. Temple Christian High School will only use the Authorized King James Version of the Holy Bible as the center of all its educational endeavors and all curricula in the school will meet the requirements set forth by Temple Baptist Church.

Concurrent Students

TCHS is a ministry to the community, and thus we desire to support homeschooling families in the area. Students may be accepted to TCHS through concurrent enrollment with a special ala carte rate of \$800 per class. Per SCISA rules, any student-athlete must be enrolled in a minimum of four (4) classes per semester to be qualified to participate in SCISA-sanctioned Athletics.

Finances/Payments

It is imperative that all fees be paid promptly before or on the payment due date, the 15th of each month. A \$25 late charge will be added to any payment not received by the due date. Accounts over 30- days past due are subject to student disenrollment. All student records, including report cards and transcripts, will be held until all fees are paid in full.

- Temple Christian High School Tuition is as follows:
 - \$4800.00 for the first student; \$9120.00 for two students (10% discount off the second student); \$13,200 for three students (10% discount off the second student, and 15% off the third student) paid in full by June 30th, the end of that academic year.
 - There is an initial, non-refundable down payment, required at registration of \$500.00 per student (\$1,000.00 for two students; \$1350.00 for three students) to secure the student's seat and to allow for books to be ordered. This will be deducted from the total tuition bill.

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- TCHS offers a 5% discount for those who pay the total tuition in full by July 31 of the upcoming school year.
 - A 10% multi-student discount is also granted for the second enrolled student after the first living in the same household, and a 15% multi-student discount for the third enrolled student living in the same household.
 - Tuition may also be paid via a 10-month or 11-month payment plan. Please see the application for the payment plan chart. All payment plans must be paid in full by June 30 of that academic year.
- Temple Christian High School Concurrent Tuition is as follows:
 - \$800.00 per class per student, paid in full by June 30th, the end of that academic year.
 - There is an initial, non-refundable down payment, required at registration of \$250.00 per class per student to secure the student's seat, and to allow for books to be ordered. This will be deducted from the total tuition bill.
 - Tuition may also be paid via a 10-month or 11-month payment plan. Total tuition, less the book down payment, equals the remaining balance, divided by ten or eleven. All payment plans must be paid in full by June 30 of that academic year.
 - **ATHLETIC, Competition, and Activities FEES:** A \$200 Athletic Fee must be paid in full before any student will be allowed to participate in any Sport. This fee is a yearly fee and covers all sports that the student may participate in over the academic year. Any fees for Academic Competitions will be the responsibility of the student and must be paid before participation. These fees will vary and are set forth by SCISA per competition.
 - **FUNDRAISERS:** To assist in funding supplemental learning experiences, such as field trips, technology, etc., TCHS encourages parents, friends, and family to participate in fundraisers. Krispy Kreme donuts are sold specifically to raise funds for field trips. Chocolate candy bars or Bundt Cakes are sold to raise money for the Spring Banquet. The Fall Bazaar and the Spring Vendor Fair are general fundraisers for school expenses, unless otherwise designated.

Student Withdrawals

If a student must withdraw from school due to a family move such as parent/guardian job relocation, such withdrawal must be made through the office. Written notice in advance of a withdrawal is expected, and a withdrawal/transfer form must be prepared. No records will be transferred while there is an outstanding balance on the student's account. There are no exceptions to this policy. Any student, after withdrawal/dismissal, will not be allowed to participate in any school programs.

Visitors

All visitors to the school must sign in at the school office. Parents or other persons must check in with the office first if they need to see their student or their student's teacher(s).

NOTICE: Pursuant to State Law, persons entering school property are deemed to have consented to search of their person and property. (Act 373 of 1994)

Emergency Closings

In the event TCHS needs to close school on short notice due to emergencies or inclement weather, it will be announced on local television stations, the school website, and/or the school's Facebook page. Each homeroom teacher will attempt to reach their students' parent/guardian to relay this information through telephone or other appropriate messaging apps. If Sumter School District closes schools due to inclement weather TCHS will close also, but this is not the sole means of determination. There may be times that we decide to close, and they do not.

Books/School Supplies

The costs of required textbooks, online labs (virtual science lab and virtual computer science lab), and standardized testing (excluding SAT/ACT at this time) are included in the cost of tuition. The supply lists for all classes will be provided to the parent/guardian one month before the start of the academic year. If during the year the student loses or destroys his/her textbook, the family will be financially responsible for replacing the textbook, including shipping costs.

Lunch

Students may bring a packed lunch with a drink. TCHS offers The Titan Café, a canteen with microwaveable sandwiches, Hot Pockets, etc., snacks, and drinks available for purchase. Microwaves are provided for the heating of lunches. From time to time there may be special lunches such as Chick-Fil-A or Pizza that the student may purchase in which cases parents will receive prior notification.

Medical Information

- The school office will only dispense over-the-counter drugs (Tylenol, Advil, Pepto Bismol, Tums, etc.) to students with a consent form signed by the parent or guardian on file in the office.
- Parents are responsible for updating the school if the health condition of their student changes during the school year in a way that will affect his/her daily school functions/routines.
- Any prescription drugs that must be dispensed at school must be up to date. The drugs are securely stored and administered only in the school office. Prescription drugs must be sent in pharmacy packaging showing the proper dosage. The written parental consent form must be signed by the parent and be on file in the school office. Students are not to have prescription medications on their person.
- The school will record on a daily log sheet when, what, and how much your child has been given for both prescription medications and over-the-counter medications.
- Any non-prescription medication that is taken by a student regularly for chronic conditions must be supplied by the parent and labeled with the child's name and the dosage to be given.
- No medications are allowed to be on the students, except for inhalers needed for respiratory problems, or Epi-pens, which should be listed on the student's file in the school office. If a student is carrying an Epi-pen, all teachers must be made aware of this.

Report Cards

Report Cards will be issued at the end of every quarter. These are required to be returned within two days and signed by a parent/guardian. If the student has had a prolonged absence and is in the process of making up assignments/tests, the student will receive an Incomplete (I) until the assignments are complete. Then a report card can be given. Students with all A's and B's will be recognized on the A/B Honor Roll. Students with all A's will be recognized on the Headmaster's Honor Roll.

Attendance

Students are required to attend school 144 days, Monday through Thursday, the equivalent of 180 days. Students are allowed eight excused absences (all absences with documentation), and eight unexcused absences (all absences without documentation). If a student requires more than 8 medically necessary absences, that student will be considered homebound for the duration of the confinement. This must be medically documented for the student's record. Special excuses may be arranged before planned absences (such as church trips, etc.) at least a week in advance. More than eight unexcused absences could result in failure for the year.

Three unexcused tardies equals one unexcused absence. An unexcused tardy is a student's arrival after 8:05, without a parent call. Some cases are excused by a parent's explanation, such as running late or car trouble. Oversleeping is not excused. Tardies will also be documented by teachers in their classes and 3 unexcused tardies in a class will

result in one unexcused absence for that class. Eight unexcused absences in a class will result in a Failure for that class, and the class will have to be retaken.

Notice: No student should be sent to school sick. If students are running fever or exhibiting symptoms of any illness students will not be permitted to attend school or remain at school until they are well (no fever for twenty-four hours). Any student who becomes sick at school must be picked up by a parent or a parent-authorized relative or person.

Any student arriving after 8:05 a.m. MUST SIGN IN at the office, with the date and time and reason for being late.

The office must be notified of any planned early dismissals either by phone or by letter to the office. In the event of an unplanned early dismissal, the student's parent/guardian is asked to please call ahead. The student must be signed out with the date, time, and signature of the adult picking up the student. In the case of a student driver, the office will obtain verbal permission and will sign the student out in lieu of the parent.

Any early dismissals that result in students being absent/missing class or classes those absences may be counted as unexcused absences.

Schedule/Transportation

School hours: 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M., Monday through Thursday. Students must be on time for school. Staff members will be present by 7:40 A.M. and School will start promptly at 8:00 A.M. Any tardy student will be marked as such and three unexcused tardies will count as one unexcused absence. TCHS does not have an afterschool care program so students must be picked up no later than 3:30 P.M. One late pick-up per quarter will be excused per student but for every late pick-up thereafter a \$10.00 fee will be charged. If you are unable to pick up your student(s) by 3:30 P.M. for any reason, please call the school office and notify us.

Chapel

Chapel will be held on Wednesday mornings in the Temple Baptist Church Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, or Library after Homeroom from 8:15-8:45 A.M. Parents, grandparents, guardians, and others are welcome to attend.

Dress Code

All students must adhere to the school dress code. The dress code applies to school as well as all school functions. *THE DRESS CODE WILL BE ENFORCED.* The dress code is as follows:

Ladies: Skirts and tops, shorts/culottes or gauchos and tops, or jumpers and tops that must come to the bottom of the knee when kneeling. Pants, jeans, and capris are also acceptable if they are not form-fitting (i.e. leggings worn alone, skinny jeans, etc.). Any garment altered to appear form-fitting will not be tolerated. All garments must be loose or free-flowing. Leggings may be worn with tunics that reach the bottom of the knee when kneeling. No hats, berets, or caps are allowed in the building. No worldly hair coloring or fingernail painting allowed (punk, goth, etc.) No eyebrow shaving/slits because these are known to be associated with the homosexual/Sodomite community and gang activity. They will not be permitted, nor any other gang-related paraphernalia or colors. No piercings other than one or two earring holes per ear.

Yoga pants, tight warmups, or tight/form-fitting pants of any kind will not be allowed for P.E. or sports.

Men: Pants or shorts to the top of the knee or longer (i.e., cargo shorts), shirts, and belts must be worn if the bottoms have belt loops. If the button-down shirts are worn open (unbuttoned) as a jacket over another solid-colored t-shirt (not undershirt) only the bottom layer t-shirt must be tucked in. No hats or caps in the building. Shorts must come down to the bottom of the knee when kneeling. Excessively long hair will not be tolerated. Hair should be cut off the ears, and off the neck, and it should not touch the eyebrows. No worldly hair coloring allowed (punk, goth, etc.) No

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eyebrow shaving/slits because these are known to be associated with the homosexual/Sodomite community and gang activity. They will not be permitted, nor any other gang-related paraphernalia or colors. No piercings allowed, period. Beards are allowed, but they must be trimmed and neat.

General: Hoodies, jackets, and sweatshirts worn on cold days must not contain any offensive or obscene markings, graphics, or text. No band t-shirts or t-shirts advertising alcohol or bars. Hoods may NOT be worn in class. No hats or beanies are allowed to be worn in the building. Hair must be brushed and kept. No hairstyles, makeup styles, clothing styles, or behavior in an effort to identify as an animal. The “furry” culture will not be permitted. This is an evil defiance toward God with its roots in sexual bestiality (Ex. 22:19; Lev. 18:23, 20:15-16; Deut. 27:21; Jude 1:7). No pajamas (unless it is a pajama-themed day during Spirit Week); no jeans with rips/tears, cosmetic or otherwise. Clothes must fit; they cannot be excessively baggy in style, nor can they be extremely tight or form-fitting. Clothes must fit modestly.

If ANY apparel that a student wears to school is deemed inappropriate, the student will be asked to leave school and return wearing approved apparel, and unexcused absences will be recorded in all classes missed.

Tattoos (Ladies & Men) – The Bible plainly teaches against marking our bodies (**Lev 19:28**) or defiling our bodies (**I Cor 6:19-20**) as doing so does not glorify God. We strongly discourage all students from getting any tattoos.

Visible Tattoos are not permitted at school. Students with any visible tattoo(s) must make all attempts to wear clothing that covers them, such as long sleeves, pants, etc., or cover them by some other means.

If ANY one or more of the TCHS Dress Code policies are not adhered to by any student, the student will be asked to leave school and return when in compliance with the policies. Any absences occurring due to non-compliance with standards will be recorded as unexcused absences in all classes missed.

Dress Code/Standards for ALL SCISA events are set forth by SCISA and all students participating in any SCISA event must comply with SCISA dress code standards/policies for the events. Any students who do not comply with SCISA dress code/policy for any SCISA event will NOT be allowed to participate. Any fees or costs of any event a student is disqualified for due to Dress Code violation will NOT be refunded to the student, parent(s), or guardian(s).

Student Driver Policy

Students can be allowed to drive to school with the proper permit/license. The parent’s signature must be on file, and a parking permit must be obtained for a fee of \$20. The office will need a copy of the driver’s license, registration of the vehicle being driven onto the school campus, and proof of insurance to issue a parking permit. Driving to school is a privilege and not a right. Any excessive amount of tardies or early dismissals could result in the revocation of driving privileges. Any unsafe driving practices on campus will result in the revocation of driving privileges. Students will not be allowed to drive on field trips. Student Drivers consent to a search of the vehicle. Any student driver who does not purchase a parking permit and drives to school may be suspended. Parking passes for seniors (twelfth grade) are complimentary.

Discipline Policy

REFERRALS: Any student who does not adhere to the rules set forth herein will be given a written referral documenting all disciplinary action, and depending upon the offense, a parent conference may be required if the teacher, faculty, and/or principal deems it necessary.

1. CLASSROOM/SCHOOL BEHAVIOR VIOLATIONS

- **1st Offense:** Any student displaying disruptive, disrespectful, or disobedient behavior will receive a warning for his/her first offense.
- **2nd Offense:** At the teacher’s discretion, if the student exhibits offensive behavior a second time, he/she will receive detention after school.
- **3rd Offense:** A third offense will result in a parent conference with the administration.

- **4th Offense:** A fourth offense will result in an out-of-school suspension with zeros given for any grades for that day including for Quizzes, Tests, and Exams. Any further offenses will result in an evaluation by the Administration to determine further discipline or even possible expulsion from TCHS.

2. Any **ANTI-BIBLICAL BEHAVIOR** such as illegal drug use, alcohol consumption, tobacco use (smoking, chewing, or dipping), vaping, and/or other unbiblical practices on school time or off, on school campus or off, or on social media, can be **automatic grounds** for immediate expulsion. Anything that opposes the Christian culture of TCHS can be grounds for immediate expulsion. *“Abstain from all appearance of evil.”* (1Thessalonians 5:22)

3. We must maintain the Integrity of our Academic Program and the Safety and Security of every student at TCHS. Any evidence of CHEATING can be grounds for Expulsion, and any act of Dishonesty can be grounds for Expulsion depending upon the degree of the Dishonest behavior.

4. DEVICES:

- Cell phones are allowed to be turned on but are to be kept in the wall pockets in each classroom, unless the cell phone is being used as a medical device or monitor. The only exception to this is when the device is being used for class. The teacher may use his/her discretion for cell phone use after lessons are complete for that class period. Cell phone use IS allowed at lunch and break if the content being consumed is appropriate. If students abuse this privilege, they can be disciplined including but not limited to warning, referral, detention, suspension, or expulsion. There are NO CELL PHONES ALLOWED IN THE RESTROOMS, LOCKER ROOMS, OR DRESSING ROOMS! Before a student leaves the classroom to visit the restroom, he/she must empty their pockets into the teacher's basket on their desk. No earbuds, headphones, or beanies with built-in headphones are allowed unless they are deemed medically necessary by a doctor. Documentation must be provided.
- No earpieces, ear buds, or headphones will be worn in class during lecture. They may be allowed at the teacher's discretion, only if the student is working independently.
- Laptops will be used in class when directed by the teacher. Other times, they will be stowed away. If the laptops are being used during class, and the teacher returns to lecturing, he/she will implement the “45 Rule,” in which the students will close their laptops to a 45-degree angle to focus respectfully on the teacher who is lecturing.

5. Vandalism of any kind could result in suspension or expulsion. Any repairs or replacement of property will be the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student(s) at fault.

6. Bullying or harassment of any nature will NOT be tolerated in any form and can be automatic grounds for Suspension or Expulsion.

7. Public Displays of Affection (PDA): No holding hands, kissing, or any other personal displays of affection will be allowed. Violations are subject to the disciplinary code.

Standardized Testing

PSATs and Iowa testing are included in the price of tuition and will be scheduled in the fall and spring, respectively. SATs are not required but may be necessary depending on the university/college requirements of the institution to which the student is applying. Assistance in scheduling SAT testing can be obtained through the Guidance Office. All SAT costs/fees will be the responsibility of the student. Some students may qualify for fee waivers. We will be glad to assist students in applying for those as applicable.

Grading Scale, Class Rank, Valedictorian and Salutatorian Awards

TCHS will use the South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy in determining all students' Grade Point Averages (GPA). Parents can visit <https://ed.sc.gov/newsroom/news-releases/10-point-uniform-grading-scale-approved-by->

state-board-of-education/10-point-grading-scale-conversion-chart/ to see a full list of the policy/scale and how it was developed.

Class rank is the numerical value that allows students to compare their academic performance to other students at their school and in their grade. It is the policy of Temple Christian High School to rank its students in grades nine through twelve at the end of each academic year. Our policy adheres to the South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy (SCUGP). Each grade's ranking will include all students. This class rank will be reflected on the students' official transcripts to be seen by eligible Institutions of Higher Education when an official transcript is requested. It will also be reflected on the student's final report card of each year.

For each graduating class with more than one graduate, it is possible that TCHS could award a Valedictorian who meets the criteria of having the highest GPA in their graduating class, as long as it meets the minimum GPA requirement of 3.8.

Correspondingly, it is possible that TCHS could award a Salutatorian who meets the criteria of having the second highest GPA in their graduating class, as long as it meets the minimum GPA requirement of 3.5.

It is also required that candidates for the awards of Valedictorian and Salutatorian must have completed their entire eleventh and twelfth grades at TCHS as full-time students. Concurrently enrolled homeschool students are not eligible for these awards. Candidates for these awards must have completed all of their classes at a college prep level or higher.

In the event of a tie for either of these awards, the GPAs' decimals will be expanded to a maximum of five decimal places. If a tie still exists, both students will be awarded.

Academic Probation/Academic Eligibility

Any student who earns two Ds or one F in any grading period will be placed on Academic Probation. Student-athletes and other students participating in extra-curricular activities/events who are placed on Academic Probation will not be permitted to participate in any athletic or other event/program until they can raise their grades to no F's and a maximum of one D. Academic Probation for student-athletes will last for a minimum of two weeks (ten school days). If at the end of the probationary period, the student-athlete has raised their grades sufficiently as described herein they will be Academically eligible to begin participating in athletics again.

Any student who fails two core subjects in a school year will be subject to retention in their current grade level.

Extra credit in all classes will be at the discretion of the Teacher.

Spring Banquet

In lieu of prom, we offer the students here at TCHS a Semi-formal Spring Banquet consisting of a catered meal, devotion, and activity. If students drive to the banquet venue, they will not be allowed to visit their vehicles once inside the building. **Once they leave the event, they will not be permitted to re-enter.** If they need to retrieve something necessary from their vehicle, a chaperone will be required to accompany them.

Graduation Participation

All students are encouraged but are not required (unless they are participating in the ceremony) to attend graduation at the end of the school year. Underclassmen will receive their report cards in their award packets at their own ceremony scheduled the morning of graduation, with the time to be announced beforehand. It is important to support the family atmosphere that we strive for here at TCHS, so we encourage all students to attend their underclassmen awards ceremony as well as the graduation ceremony. Dress code for the underclassmen awards ceremony will be

business casual to dressy. No jeans allowed. If you win an award, but you are not present to receive it, you will not be recognized in the ceremony.

Colors, Mascot & Alma Mater

School Colors: White, Cosmic Blue, and Silver

School Mascot: Titans

School Verse: “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:” **John 1:12**

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Parent and Student/Family Handbook Acknowledgment/Agreement Form

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read the Temple Christian High School ***Student/Family Handbook*** in its entirety and agree to all the policies, rules, and disciplinary codes set forth within it.

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I have consulted with the administration about any questions that I had thus far, and they have answered them satisfactorily.

Printed Name of Parent
or Legal Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent
or Legal Guardian: _____

Date _____

Printed Name of Student: _____

Signature of Student _____

Date _____