



**STONE RIDGE
CHRISTIAN**

Building Excellence, Shaping Generations

**MIDDLE / HIGH SCHOOL
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Philosophy and Mission Statement

MISSION STATEMENT

Together with parents and the church, Stone Ridge Christian School exists to educate students in developing their unique God-given potential.

VISION

Students will be equipped academically, spiritually, physically, and socially to impact their community and the world for Jesus Christ.

CORE VALUES

CHRISTIAN: All activities are experienced through the lens of Christian faith that guide students to understand God is at the center of every pursuit of knowledge.

EXCELLENT: Pursue excellence in all areas.

COMMUNITY: Become a community and be involved in our community.

GENERATIONAL: A lasting school that has generations of students and supporters.

Purpose and Philosophy of Education

The Educational Philosophy of SRC is dependent on a Biblical philosophy which provides the right world view and essential truths for life so that children may be prepared to assume their proper place in the home, the church, and the state. The Philosophy of Education for Stone Ridge Christian School is as follows:

FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

The purpose of Stone Ridge Christian School is to assist parents and guardians in fulfilling their God-given responsibility to raise their children and to help families and students live a life that is God-centered. SRC seeks to admit students of parents and guardians who will support the School's Mission, Educational Philosophy, and Statement of Faith.

SRC will be an extension of the home in providing a cognitive structure for both sound educational knowledge and moral principles. The ultimate objective is that God will be glorified in every academic discipline and in every activity of school life.

In accordance with school policy and California law, school staff is obligated under penalty of fine and jail term to report the reasonable suspicion of physical abuse, emotional abuse, emotional deprivation, physical neglect, inadequate supervision, or sexual abuse and exploitation. In this very serious and legally narrow area, the school will not contact parents in advance of making a report to legal authorities, which would be the procedure followed in most other legal matters. The clear intent of the law, based on the seriousness of the crimes listed above, is to mandate that a report of reasonable suspicion of abuse be made. School staff will make such reports in the best interest of the affected child and do not, once reasonable suspicion is established, have any legal alternative except to make the report to the proper authorities for their investigation and review.

BIBLICAL TRUTH

We believe that all Truth is God's Truth, and the Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God. The Bible is foundational in all areas of the curriculum that is designed to enable students to develop to their full potential.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Excellent education requires qualified people working in a quality environment. Christian men and women of the faculty and staff must demonstrate professional excellence. Their desire is to challenge students to achieve the highest levels of their God-given talent while developing people of high moral and ethical character.

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT

A central theme of SRC is to provide a well-rounded educational experience including opportunities for spiritual growth, high academic achievement and student involvement in competitive athletics, enriching fine arts, and other student activities.

ACCREDITATION

Stone Ridge Christian School maintains dual accreditation from the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). As a member of ACSI, SRC subscribes to ACSI's Christian Philosophy of Education: The mission of ACSI is to enable Christian educators and schools worldwide to effectively prepare students for life.

Statement of Faith

The basis of Stone Ridge Christian School is the Word of God and having accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, all students shall subscribe annually in writing to the following Statement of Faith:

GOD THE FATHER

That God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He eternally exists in three persons: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal, co-eternal and are one God.

GOD THE SON

That Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father and possesses all the attributes of deity. Born of a virgin, he lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on the cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to the right hand of the Father and will return again someday to reign as King of kings and Lord of lords.

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT

That the Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and is a divine person possessing all the attributes of God. He convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. The Holy Spirit lives in the life of every believer. He develops a Christ-like character in believers, empowers them for ministry and brings comfort in times of hurt.

THE BIBLE

That the Bible is God's infallible, authoritative Word to us. It is written by human authors under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is the Truth without any error.

MAN

That man was made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. Man was the supreme object of God's creation. Although every person has tremendous potential for good, all of us are marred by an attitude of disobedience towards God called "sin". Sin separates people from God and keeps us from a right relationship with God.

SALVATION

That salvation is God's free gift to us, but we must accept it. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty. When we turn from our sinful life and turn to Jesus Christ in faith, we are saved.

ETERNAL DESTINY

That man was created to exist forever. We either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation. To be eternally separated from God is Hell. To be eternally in union with Him is eternal life. Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence.

MARRIAGE

Marriage is ordained by God in the Bible. The religious covenant of marriage is between one man and one woman as created by God and provides the foundation and definition for the family.

Student Standards of Christian Code and Conduct

Students are expected to act in a manner that reflects biblical values and to develop personal character traits that show maturity.

LOVE FOR GOD’S WORD: Students are expected to spend time reading scripture regularly.

RESPECT FOR GOD, PEOPLE, AND PROPERTY: Students are expected to treat others with respect.

INDNESS TOWARDS OTHERS: Students are expected to actively seek opportunities to show kindness toward others including good sportsmanship in athletic endeavors.

COMPASSION AND CHRISTIAN LOVE: Students are expected to display compassion for others.

HONESTY AND INTEGRITY: Students are expected to deal truthfully with others and maintain a reputation for choosing to do what is right.

DISCIPLINE AND SELF-CONTROL: Students are expected to exercise control over their emotions and desires so that their behaviors are appropriate and right.

MODESTY AND PURITY: Students are expected to maintain the highest moral standards as a reflection of God’s holiness and as a protection against the effects of sin.

DILIGENCE AND RESPONSIBILITY: Students are expected to work hard in their personal and academic endeavors and to take responsibility for their actions at all times.

THANKFULNESS: Students are expected to exhibit polite gestures of gratitude, thankfulness and to display a spirit of contentment with the realization that God is the ultimate source of all good things.

ETIQUETTE AND MANNER: Students are expected to exhibit proper manners in all situations.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: Students are expected to display peace, patience, gentleness, and self-control when interacting with others in our school and community.

SEXUALITY: Students are expected to exhibit purity in their relationships.

SUBSTANCE USE: Students are prohibited from using alcohol, tobacco or other substances that impair judgment and clear thinking.

Academics

GRADING POLICY

A standard percentage scale is used school wide:

97% - 100% = A+

93% - 96% = A

90% - 92% = A -

87% - 89% = B+

83% - 86% = B

80% - 82% = B -

77% - 79% = C+

73% - 76% = C

70% - 72% = C -

67% - 69% = D+

63% - 66% = D

60% - 62% = D -

Below 60% = F

The following scale is used for computing grade point averages:

GRADE POINTS STANDARD/ HONORS/AP or DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES

A = 4 A = 4.5 A = 5

B = 3 B = 3.5 B = 4

C = 2 C = 2.5 C = 3

D = 1 D = 1 D = 1

F = 0 F = 0 F = 0

Incomplete = 0

CITIZENSHIP GRADES

O = Outstanding

S = Satisfactory

N = Needs Improvement

U = Unsatisfactory

SENIOR FINALS

Seniors who have an A (90% or higher) are exempt from taking the End of Course/Year final. All other students will be taking the end of year finals.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A. History/Social Studies

- Graduation: 3 years (US History, World History, American Government/Economics; Merced College equivalents are History 4A and 4B, History 17A and 17B, Political Science 1 and Economics 1)
- A-G: 2 years required; 3 years recommended

B. English

- Graduation: 4 years required (Merced College equivalent for Junior & Senior courses are English C1000 and either English 1B or English C1001)

- A-G: 4 years required; No more than one year of ESL-type courses can be used to meet this requirement.
- C. C. Math
 - Graduation: 3 years required with minimal level of Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2
 - A-G: 3 years required; 4 years recommended
- D. Science
 - Graduation: 2 years required
 - one year life science (biology/ag biology)
 - one year physical science (chemistry/ag chemistry in the earth systems)
 - A-G: 2 years required, 3 years recommended
- E. World Language
 - Graduation: 2 years in the same language required (Merced College Spanish 1 meets this requirement)
 - A-G: 2 years required, 3 years of the same language recommended (ASL, Latin, Greek, Native American are also accepted)
 - Bilingual Seal test eligibility requires Spanish 1, 2, 3 at SRC or Span 1, 2 at Merced College
- F. Visual & Performing Arts
 - Graduation: 1 year required
 - A-G: 1 year required
- G. Electives
 - Electives: 4 years required
 - Bible: 4 years required (if transfer in waiver is for years not at Stone Ridge)
 - Physical Education: 2 years
 - one season of sports = 1 semester of PE credit; a student must complete 4 seasons of separate sports to satisfy PE requirements (ex: football and baseball for 2 separate school years). Sports and Strength may not be combined in the same year to count for credits. Sports will appear on transcript as an activity or as units depending on the student's schedule.

In order for students to receive a diploma of graduation and in order to participate in *end-of-year* graduation activities, the following criteria must be met:

1. A cumulative grade point average of 2.0.
2. A 90% or higher attendance rate.
3. Good behavioral standing, as deemed by administration.

End-of-Year graduation activities may include:

1. Great America, Disneyland, etc.
2. Graduation Ceremonies
3. Senior Breakfast

Seniors will be evaluated academically in accordance with the handbook academic policies established at the time of their enrollment, ensuring consistency, integrity, and fairness in their academic journey.

A-G REQUIREMENTS vs RECOMMENDATIONS

For students who plan to attend a CSU or UC immediately after graduation, they need to meet the high school graduation requirements and the A-G requirements listed with a grade of C or better in every course. A to G also states recommendations, these are to best prepare and be competitive to enter into a 4 year university directly from high school but are above the A-G requirements. Notably, A-G recommendations suggest a student have 3 years of science, 4 years of Math, and 3 years of a foreign language. Our goal is to have 100% of our students A-G ready, and those who identify within their educational plan the desire to

enter directly into a 4 year college as A-G recommendation ready. Some colleges desire course load above and beyond A-G for entry, always research your college interests to align your schedule for best opportunities.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

We encourage students to consider dual enrollment when appropriate while enrolled at SRC. Community colleges in California offer a host of courses which count for both high school and college credits and students in K12 have most fees waived and also have to purchase needed course textbooks or opt into the Follet program for course materials (\$25/unit). See the GPA area for review of how college courses are weighted. Dual enrollment offers students an opportunity to get ahead, explore career or educational tracks, and can be done in-person or online. Students are responsible for contacting the guidance counselor to inquire about dual enrollment. College courses should only be considered for students who can perform at an honors level or above as they are accelerated and offered at a college level which is similar to an AP course, in half of the time (16 weeks or less), for most course offerings. Dual enrollment counts as college courses which means it impacts both the high school and the college transcript. If a student cannot work at an honors or AP level, most college courses will be too difficult and can negatively impact the student for high school and college. Not all college courses count for high school credit. Dual enrollment courses will ONLY be entered onto the SRC transcript IF it fulfills an SRC graduation requirement and is part of our equivalency agreement with Merced College. *Please ensure to work with the guidance department on eligible coursework.*

Students must maintain at least 4 classes on SRC campus, even if dual enrolled for courses which count for credit at both the high school and the college. Students' schedules will show dual enrollment for periods which are being used to count for their dual enrolled courses unless they are taking on top of a full schedule at SRC.

If you believe you want to take a course at the college level, schedule an appointment with the guidance counselor. Usual enrollment periods at Merced College are April and September of each year. Courses fill up quickly at the college to schedule before registration to have forms completed. It is the students responsibility to complete the forms online, according to the college directions, to ensure registration occurs. SRC does not have access to college records nor ability to register you. Once students register they must send proof of enrollment by way of unofficial transcript to the guidance counselor. Once the course is complete, another unofficial transcript must be sent to show credit for the course taken. SRC schedules will be made based upon what students have submitted. You will not be allowed to change your SRC schedule without proof of enrollment and then completion of community college courses. After all dual enrolled courses are complete, you will send an official transcript to SRC so graduation status can be conferred.

SRC does not offer all courses which could count for dual enrollment purposes. Common courses taken at Merced College which count for both high school and college credit are listed below, subject to change. Please investigate the college catalog for which courses are offered in-person or online and timelines as well as the application process at

<https://www.mccd.edu/enroll-at-merced-college/k-12-students/>

Stone Ridge Course	Merced College Course
English 11 or AP Language	English C1000 (1 semester)
English 12 or AP Literature	English 1B or English C1001 (1 semester)
World History (10th grade)	History 4A and History 4B (2 semesters)
US History or AP US History (11th grade)	History 17A and History 17B (2 semesters)
Government/Econ (12th grade)	Political Science 1 and Econ 1 or Econ 2 (2 semesters)
Biology AP Biology Environmental Science Chemistry	Bio 01: Biology for non-majors (1 semester) Bio 4A and 4B (2 semesters) Bio 06: Environmental Science (1 semester) Chem 2A: Intro to Chemistry (1 semester)
AP Chemistry	Chem 04A and 04B (2 semesters)
Spanish 1 & Spanish 2 Spanish 3	Spanish 1 (1 semester, high unit course, very demanding) Spanish 2 (1 semester, high unit course, very demanding)
Foreign Language Year 1	ASLG 01: American Sign Language (1 semester)
Foreign Language Year 2	ASLG 02: American Sign Language (1 semester)
Statistics	Math 10 (1 semester)
Elective: AP Psychology	Psychology 1A (1 semester)
Elective: Personal Adjustment	Psych 23: Personal and Social Adjustment (1 semester)
Elective: Art 1 Elective: Digital Art I	Art 24A: Fundamentals of Drawing (1 semester) ArtD 40A: Introduction to Digital Art (1 semester)
Elective: Digital Art II Elective: Drama	ArtD 40B: Intermediate Digital Art (1 semester) Theater 01: Introduction to Theatre (1 semester)
Elective: Child Development I Elective: Child Development II Elective: Criminology	CLDV 01: Child Development (1 semester) CLDV 02: Child, Family, Community (1 semester) Crim 01: Intro to Criminology (1 semester)
Elective: Foundations of Learning	Guidance 30: Foundations & Strategies for College Learning (1 semester)
Elective: Health	Health 10: Contemporary Health
Elective: Music	Music 10: Music Fundamentals
Elective: Music History	Music 14: American Popular Music History

MINIMUM GRADUATION CREDITS

Students must earn a minimum of 250 credits in order to graduate and receive a diploma across the A-G areas of education.

Students that have not earned the required graduation credits at the end of the senior year have two graduation options:

1. The student may walk in the graduation ceremony if they are enrolled in summer school classes at SRC/dual enrollment that will generate enough credits to fulfill SRC requirements. Students choosing this option must complete all classwork by July 31 of their graduation summer year. If requirements are not completed, the student will not receive a diploma from SRC.
2. The student may choose to take up to one calendar year to complete graduation requirements. These classes must be completed independently through SRC's online class options/dual enrollment options. The student will not have staff support from SRC, and the student will not have access to any academic or extracurricular activities or services from SRC. This option does not include participating in graduation ceremonies.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

We welcome students who have started their educational journey elsewhere and transfer in to become a Knight. Transcripts will be reviewed to determine which courses best fit each student's educational pathway based on what has been completed elsewhere. Credits will be added to your transcript at Stone Ridge and an educational plan created when the student applies and is accepted with the guidance counselor. For full years not completed at Stone Ridge, Bible courses will be waived and do not need to be made up.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

GPA is a system used to compute a grade average for a quarter, a semester, or for the student's total course work for four years. GPA is used to compute honor roll, probation, class rank, eligibility, etc. There are weighted and unweighted GPAs. Unweighted GPAs are calculated on a 4.0 scale, with F grades corresponding to zero points and A grades corresponding to four. A weighted GPA includes some advanced courses that are scored on a 5.0 scale, where an A contributes five points instead of four, boosting the overall GPA.

HONOR ROLL

Acceptance on the honor roll is based on the student's academic grade point average (GPA) for each term or semester.

- Gold Knight 4.0 +
- Silver Knight 3.5 – 3.9
- Bronze Knight 3.0 – 3.4

GRADUATION CORDS & STOLES

High school graduation cords/stoles are colorful, braided or intertwined ropes or sashes worn around the neck during graduation, signifying academic achievements, extracurricular activities, or membership in honor societies. These cords are not awarded to all students; they are earned and symbolize distinction.

Stone Ridge Christian offers the following cords at graduation:

Gold Twisted Cords (2) Braided = 4.0+ cumulative GPA across 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th terms 1-3

Gold Cord = 3.7 to 3.99 cumulative GPA across 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th terms 1-3

Silver Cord = 3.3 to 3.69 across 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th terms 1-3

White Single Rope = Community Service, 400 hours across 9-12th grade (due by May 1 of graduation year)

Blue/Silver Cord = Student Government: 4 years service: 2 twisted cords braided; 3 years service: 1 twisted cord; 2 years service: Blue and Silver cord, 1 year service: Blue cord

Purple Cord = Biliteracy Seal Awardee

Bronze Cord = Iron Man Award (3 sports each year or 12 across high school)

Gold Stole = FFA Officer

Valedictorian/Salutatorian Graduation Selection Criteria:

EFFECTIVE Class of 2025 and following classes.

Valedictorian & Salutatorian Selection Process

Some college courses award a full year of high school credit even when the course is only one college semester. Please refer to the SRC–Merced College Course Equivalency Sheet to determine which courses qualify for full-year credit.

Valedictorian and salutatorian honors are awarded based on a student's cumulative weighted grade point average (GPA). GPA calculations will include all courses recorded on the student's official Stone Ridge Christian High School transcript, including eligible Honors, Advanced Placement (AP), and dual enrollment courses.

Only dual enrollment courses that fulfill Stone Ridge Christian High School graduation requirements will be included in GPA calculations and considered for valedictorian and salutatorian determination

Policy Cohort Alignment

Valedictorian and salutatorian eligibility and GPA calculations will be determined according to the handbook policies in effect during a student's freshman year. This includes, but is not limited to, the weighting scale applied to Honors, AP, and dual enrollment courses.

Changes to GPA weighting or course valuation will not be applied retroactively to students who enrolled prior to the implementation of those changes.

College Course Inclusion

Only college courses that fulfill a Stone Ridge Christian High School graduation requirement will be included on the official high school transcript and factored into GPA calculations.

College courses that do not satisfy a graduation requirement will not be included on the transcript and will not be used in determining GPA for valedictorian or salutatorian selection.

Some college courses award a full year of high school credit even when the course is only one college semester. Please refer to the SRC–Merced College Course Equivalency Sheet to determine which courses qualify for full-year credit.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for valedictorian or salutatorian distinction, students must:

1. Enrollment Requirement

Complete a minimum of 120 units at Stone Ridge Christian High School.

2. Course Rigor Requirement

Complete at least:

- Four semesters of weighted courses (Honors, AP, or dual enrollment) during the junior year, and
- Four semesters of weighted courses (Honors, AP, or dual enrollment) during the senior year

3. Course Completion Timing

For selection purposes, successful completion of third-quarter senior year courses will be considered equivalent to completion of the second semester.

GPA Calculation

- GPA will be calculated using all grades earned from the beginning of the student's freshman year (August) through the third quarter of the senior year. Any grades earned at the start of Freshman year will be considered in the GPA Calculation, including college courses that satisfy SRC High School Graduation Requirements.
- Grades earned for high school credit prior to the start of freshman year may be included or excluded at the student's discretion.
- Third-quarter senior year grades will be treated as final second-semester grades for calculation purposes.
- Current Grades from any Dual Enrollment College Courses will be considered at the end of the 3rd Term in the Calculation acting as the 3rd Quarter Progress Report.
- GPA will be calculated to two decimal places using the weighting scale defined in the handbook applicable to the student's freshman-year cohort.

Selection Process

- The student with the highest cumulative weighted GPA will be named **Valedictorian**.
- The student with the second-highest cumulative weighted GPA will be named **Salutatorian**.

Tie-Breaking Procedures

In the event of a tie, the following criteria will be applied in order:

1. The student with the greater number of weighted courses (Honors, AP, or dual enrollment) completed during the junior and senior years, including courses in progress during the third quarter of senior year.
2. The student with the higher GPA calculated from weighted courses only.
3. If a tie remains, students will be named **Co-Valedictorians**, and a salutatorian may be designated.

Additional Notes

- Official class rank as shown on transcripts or report cards is not used to determine valedictorian or salutatorian status.

Terms Defined:

Cumulative Weighted Grade Point Average (GPA): The cumulative weighted GPA is the average of all final course grades earned during high school, calculated using a point scale that assigns additional weight to designated advanced courses and reflects the weighting policies for the student's cohort.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports will be sent out to parents every 3 weeks. Students who are ineligible for athletic contests per CIF bylaws will be eligible for practice based on progress reports.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards with grades are sent home at the end of each term. The report card will include a conduct grade and attendance information. Semester report cards are permanent grades, published on the transcript, and based on the average of two terms and a final exam (weighted 15%). Credit is received only for courses earning a "D" grade or better for the semester. Please note A-G requires a C or above for a course to be counted.

QUARTER GRADES

Quarter grades are an evaluation of the student's progress for an entire nine-week period. These grades are recorded on the student's report card after the end of each quarter. They are not what earns credits and grade points.

SEMESTER GRADES

Semester grades which include final exams, are an evaluation of the student's work for an entire semester. These grades are recorded on the transcript and are part of the permanent record. It is based on semester grades that a student earns credits and grade points. Credit is received only for courses earning a "D" grade or better for the semester.

SCHEDULE CHANGES/COURSE WITHDRAWAL

Students may not have open periods across the day. Classes may be changed during the first two weeks of each semester. Forms are available at the office to request these changes. After the second week new academic classes may not be added or dropped.

Please ensure you have an educational plan on file with the guidance counselor and update if you change your educational or career plan.

After six weeks students will receive a withdrawal/fail "WF" on the transcript if a class is dropped. All requests must be submitted using the Schedule Change Request Form, which requires teacher, parent, and counselor/administrative approval.

ACADEMIC PROBATION

Students that have **2 or more** below-average grades (Ds or Fs) **AND/OR** below a 2.0 GPA at the end of a grading quarter, will be placed on Academic Probation. This involves the student being on a weekly check-in system with teachers and administrators. Student-athletes will be placed on a “**week-by-week**” status for athletic eligibility. This means that students will not be allowed to suit up in uniform and play in any athletic competition if their current grades consist of 2 or more below-average grades. Grades will be checked for these students on Thursdays. If a student’s grades have improved, they will be eligible for competition the next day. Parent and teacher signatures will be required weekly on the student’s weekly academic check-in form.

***NOTE: CIF (California Interscholastic Federation) automatically deems a student ineligible for athletics for an entire grading period if the student falls below a 2.0 GPA on their report card (term or semester).**

A student is subject to dismissal if one of the following occurs:

- The student has been on Academic Probation for 3 or more quarters and the student's cumulative grade point average is less than 2.0, or
- The student's semester grade point average is less than 1.35 and the student’s cumulative grade point average is less than 2.0.

INCOMPLETE GRADES

Students with approved reasons who are unable to complete a term or semester are eligible to contact teachers and administration for the approval to take an incomplete, “I” grade. Such circumstances must be clearly unavoidable and not merely a matter of convenience for the student. The incomplete approval will include an end date, and a grade which will be given if the work is not completed. Work for incomplete grades must be made up within two weeks of the approved end date. An Incomplete grade at the quarter or semester grading period will bar a student from any extra-curricular activities (i.e. games, drama performances, speech meets, etc.) until the Incomplete is made up. The grade of “I” or Incomplete is given primarily to allow the instructor to complete his or her grade sheet for turn in to the Counselor’s Office as early as possible rather than waiting for the late work to be completed. When a student completes the necessary work, his/her final grade will be reported to the Counselor’s Office. If the student fails to complete the course work within the specified time, the instructor may award a grade based on the work completed. If an “I” grade is assigned, students may receive unit credit and grade points by satisfactorily completing the coursework as specified by the instructor. Students should not re-enroll in the course; if they do, it is recorded twice on the transcript. Once an “I” grade is assigned, it remains on the transcript until replaced by another grade notation that students may later receive for that course.

SUMMER SCHOOL

SRC may offer both on-site and online courses during the summer (dependent upon interest). Courses generally begin soon after the last day of school and must be completed by the last scheduled day of class. High school students may also enroll, to either get ahead in courses, make room to take a variety of other courses, or attempt credit recovery. Students may also consider accredited institutions (ex: Silicon Valley High School, UC Scout, etc) for summer courses as well as Merced College (see dual enrollment policy).

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Students furnish their own computer, notebooks, assignment books, paper, pen, ink, pencils, etc. Additional fees may be charged as courses or projects are added (i.e. art, photography). Teachers will provide class lists at the start of the year as well as across the year as items are needed. Beginning in the 2026 - 2027 school year MacBooks and ipads will not be allowed.

TESTING

PPSAT – the Pre-Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test is given to Freshmen to help determine areas needed for growth. Results are given to the student and parents.

PSAT/NMSQT – Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National merit Scholarship Qualifying Test is given by the school each October. A descriptive handbook is sent home with the results of the test. The PSAT acquaints students with the SAT but does not substitute for it. This is the only qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship program, which offers recognition, and scholarships for high achievement.

MAP – Measure of Academic Progress test is administered to all K – 8th grade students. This test is a good indicator of growth in academics and identifies areas for improvement.

MDTP - The Mathematics Diagnostic Testing Program (MDTP) measures students' preparedness for the foundational topics of their current or subsequent course of study and are informed by the California State Standards for Mathematics. The robust diagnostic data is used as a formative assessment to help teachers understand students' mathematical strengths and areas of unfinished learning to inform instruction and interventions; to evaluate course readiness; to measure program growth; and to identify content for professional learning.

SAT or ACT TESTS - the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and the American College Test (ACT) are national aptitude tests which are required by most four-year colleges for entrance. Registration forms and information are available from the office. These tests are administered on various Saturdays during the year. It is recommended that these tests be taken in the spring of the junior year for college applications in the Fall of the senior year. Waiting until the fall of the senior year is not recommended and may impact college admissions. They may be taken more than once.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

Stone Ridge Christian encompasses all aspects of growing and learning, including academic integrity. The desire of SRC is to graduate students who are life-long learners with all the academic skills necessary to pursue higher education or enter the workforce. We want our students to be critical and original thinkers who are to society. SRC school's faculty and administration believe in academic honesty and the principle of an honor code. Students are expected to do their own homework, submit their own thoughts for writing assignments, and take tests without external aids, including the use of artificial intelligence. Students are also expected to deny requests from other students to copy from their work. Violation of this policy can result in suspension from school and further disciplinary and academic penalties.

PLAGIARISM

The offering of another person's words or ideas as one's own writing/work. This includes the use of AI (artificial intelligence) to write or heavily edit your coursework.

Plagiarism includes:

1. Failing to cite quotations and borrowed ideas not considered "common knowledge".
2. Failing to enclose borrowed language (three or more words in a row) in quotation marks.
3. Failing to use a student's own word choice and sentence structure by instead simply copying a source's sentence structure and substituting synonyms.
4. Copying another person's work, in part or in full (including homework and math formulas).
5. Copying and pasting from the Internet without citation.
6. Having a parent or another person write an essay or do a project that is then submitted as one's own work.
7. Using artificial intelligence to create work based around assignment directions.

CHEATING

Cheating is an attempt to improve one's score or to help improve someone else's score through dishonest means.

Cheating includes:

1. The use of another person's test/quiz/answers either before or during an exam.
2. The use or possession of notes, answers, cheat sheets, electronic devices or other sources not approved by the teacher during the exam.
3. The obtaining of tests/quizzes prior to the exam.
4. The giving /receiving of specific test information to members of another class period or to a student who was absent for the exam.
5. Communicating/requesting information to/from another student during an exam.
6. Using an online system or another person to complete an assignment designed to be completed by the student.
7. Allowing another person to complete online work instead of the student.
8. Looking onto another student's exam for answers or allowing a student to look at any student's exam for answers.
9. Submitting pre-written work when such work is expected to be written in class.
10. Falsifying data (science labs, statistics, etc.).
11. Using artificial intelligence to create or largely modify work to be turned in as your own.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY ENFORCEMENT

Any incident of academic dishonesty is considered a violation of the school's honor code. All faculty, including staff and faculty who are assigned campus supervision duty, are required to confiscate the item(s) in question (paper, Chromebook, electronic device), turn it into the office, and report all possible violations. Violations may result in both academic and disciplinary consequences.

STANDARD PROGRESSION OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION

1. First offense will incur a zero score and parent contact.
2. Second offense will incur a zero score, a parent conference and potential suspension. a. All other types of cheating infractions require the completion of a student response paper. This can be completed during detention.
3. Third offense will incur a zero score, parent conference and possible expulsion.

Guidance counselors may be required to report a pattern of academic dishonesty to colleges and universities. Depending on the severity and timing of incidents, students who have committed more than one academic infraction in their time at SRC may be required to go on academic probation in order to continue attending the school.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

In accord with the requirement set forth in IRB No. 1975-49, dated December 8, 1975, Stone Ridge Christian High School therefore announces the following policy:

Stone Ridge Christian High School admits students of any race, color, national or Ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic or other school administered programs. The school wishes to further advise that concurrence with the Policy of Non-Discrimination is not grounded in humanist premises, but rather upon a theological basis as presented in the Bible, which is the Word of God. Its doors are open to people of all races and national origins because of the love of God, as manifested in the ministry of redemption through Jesus Christ and is intended for all people who will receive it. To this end, Stone Ridge Christian School is pleased to serve Christian families of the City of Merced and its surrounding area.

STUDENT TRANSFERS AND WITHDRAWALS

Student transfers or withdrawals should be cleared through the site office after appropriate forms have been submitted. If forms are not submitted to properly withdraw or transfer, the student will be marked as absent and grades will continue to compile, likely resulting in a non-passing grade which will be posted to the student transcripts.

Associated Student Body

PURPOSE

To promote students' spiritual growth, general interest, and participation in activities and projects of Stone Ridge in accordance with its stated purpose in 1 Peter 2:5, "you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR STUDENT GOVERNMENT:

1. Must have a 3.0 GPA and must not have an "F" on the most recent report card (term or semester).
2. Must sign a commitment contract before beginning their campaign.
3. Commit to hold the office for one school year.
4. Each must be a professing Christian and give evidence of spiritual maturity sufficient for student leadership.
5. Candidates must meet the requirements established by the Student Government Constitution and shall attend meetings as scheduled.

Athletics

MISSION

The athletic program at Stone Ridge Christian School is designed to challenge students to pursue excellence. The School's athletic program reflects the mission, beliefs, and values that guide the other components of the institution.

ACADEMICS

To be clear, Stone Ridge Christian School holds our student-athletes to a higher standard than the CIF bylaws. SRC students with 2 Ds and/or Fs on a report card will automatically be placed on Academic Probation, even if they have above a 2.0 GPA. Students who are on Academic Probation, but meet the CIF requirements will go on a 'week-to-week' check-in with administration to determine **practice and game eligibility**. A student is academically eligible if they have maintained during the previous grading period a minimum of a 2.0 GPA and do not have more than 2 below-average grades (Ds or Fs) in all enrolled courses.

If a student is ineligible per CIF bylaws, a student cannot participate in any athletic game for an entire grading quarter. Students will NOT be allowed to practice for the first three weeks of the following quarter, until progress reports are given. If a student meets academic criteria, they may practice **ONLY**. Grades will be checked at each progress report to determine practice eligibility.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

According to the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) bylaw 205, a student is scholastically eligible to participate in athletics if:

- The student is currently enrolled in at least 20 semester periods of work.
- The student was passing in the equivalent of at least 20 semester periods of work at the completion of the most recent grading period.
- The student is maintaining minimum progress toward meeting the high school graduation requirements as prescribed by the governing board.
- The student has maintained during the previous grading period a minimum 2.0 grade point average, on a 4.0 scale, with no more than one failing grade, in enrolled courses.
- If a student becomes academically ineligible, the student is not allowed to compete in any athletic contest until eligibility is achieved at the next grading period.
- Academic eligibility is determined on the date report cards are issued and remains until the next report card is issued.
- Students becoming ineligible to play in athletics may appeal the decision with the school's administration.
 - The student may submit a written request outlining the reasons for the drop in their grades and their plan regarding bringing those grades up.
 - An appeal may be granted only one time during a student's 9th-12th academic years.

ATHLETIC LETTER

The Athletic Letter is attained through successful athletic participation in a varsity sport. The student athlete must fulfill all requirements of the varsity sport as determined by the coach and proper behavior as prescribed within the Athletic Handbook.

CODE OF CONDUCT

All athletes and parents must read, accept, sign and submit the Stone Ridge Christian Code of Conduct.

TRYOUTS/CUTS

Tryouts and cuts may be necessary for some Stone Ridge Christian teams. The coach, with the approval of the Athletic Director, is required to be comfortable with the number of athletes on the team and with the ability to provide adequate coaching and proper supervision to team members.

CHANGING SPORTS IN MID SEASON

No student-athlete can change teams during mid-season without the consent of the coach and Athletic Director. Quitting a team may result in the student forfeiting the opportunity to participate in athletics for one calendar year. A participant contemplating quitting a team must have a meeting with the Athletic Director and the coach. An athlete, with administrative approval, may quit an activity without penalty if parents state that their academic record or health requires it, or the athlete quits the activity before the first league game.

Athletes are not allowed to participate in the next sport of season until the current sport of season is completed (including all playoffs) unless approved by the Athletic Director.

EQUIPMENT, INVENTORY & STORAGE

Equipment and uniforms are assigned to students by the coach. All uniforms are to be returned promptly at the end of the season. Uniforms should be clean when returned. Students will be financially responsible for any uniform or equipment that is lost or not returned. There may be incidental sports equipment costs.

FACILITIES

The SRC athletic facilities, fields, gym, school buildings are to be used with proper stewardship. Athletes are to assist in maintaining and keeping the athletic facilities clean and in proper order.

LOCKER ROOM

Teams will be assigned a team room or area and the players will be responsible for that area during the season. Personal locks shall be placed on lockers.

MUSIC POLICY FOR SRC EVENTS

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all music used in school-sponsored events reflects the values, mission, and spiritual convictions of SRC. Music has the power to influence hearts and minds; therefore, selections must honor God, promote a wholesome environment, and be appropriate for all age groups.

Prohibited Content

Music may not include:

- Offensive or explicit lyrics.
- Songs that have been edited to remove or clean up lyrics but are still associated with inappropriate original content.
- Promotion of harmful behaviors (e.g., drug use, disrespect for authority)

Consequences of non-Compliance:

Music played without approval or that violates the policy may be stopped immediately, and future music privileges may be restricted.

Expectations:

1. AD will include review of music policy with all coaches and cheer advisers.
2. Instructional staff will have a review on the music expectations.
3. Any staff member or club representative playing music during SRC school hours or events will abide by this policy.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

All students are expected to respectfully stand to honor America during the playing of the National Anthem at any athletic contest and/or school event.

PHYSICALS

Athletes are required to pass a yearly physical examination prior to participation in school athletics. The record of the physical examination must be on file with the Athletic Director before a student can compete in a practice or game which includes end of summer workouts.

PRACTICES

Daily practices are usually 2 hours long. Sunday is the Lord's Day and is therefore respected and honored. There are to be no practices, games, or open gym activities on Sunday at Stone Ridge Christian facilities or promoted by SRC at other organizations or their facilities without board approval. The athletic season in session has precedence over other sports regarding facilities and practices.

PRAYER/DEVOTIONS

Daily team prayer/devotions are an integral part of all Stone Ridge Christian Athletic teams.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Good sportsmanship must prevail. If a player is ejected from any game for a *sportsmanship violation**, he or she may not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled game and is required to meet with the Athletic Director and/or administration. **This is sportsmanship violations only, not rule violations.*

SRC Athletes will:

1. Compete within the rules of the game.
2. Win with humility and lose without excuses.
3. Respect officials and accept their decisions.

SRC Coaches will:

1. Inspire their players to be their best and the desire to win.
2. Serve as positive role models for their players.
3. Hold their players accountable for their behavior.

Stone Ridge Christian School will:

Treat officials, opposing teams and their spectators as guests.

TRANSPORTATION

Stone Ridge Christian School may provide transportation to extracurricular activities or events when available. Parent owned vehicles may also be used when the office has received, at least 72 hours in advance of an event, all applicable forms to verify license and insurance coverage. After a game, the school or parent drivers will provide transportation back to school. The parent is to notify the coach if they are taking their student home before leaving with their student(s). Students are not allowed to ride home from games with anyone other than their own parents unless the team coach has written permission from the parents specifying other arrangements. Other students may ride with another student's parent if they have a signed note giving permission and releasing the school of any liability.

All parents who provide transportation for other student athletes are to have a completed *Volunteer Driver Application* and a copy of their license and insurance on file with the school.

VIOLATIONS

Adherence to the Athletic Handbook is expected at all times. Athletes who violate the policies set forth in both the Stone Ridge Christian Student Handbook or Stone Ridge Christian Athletic Handbook will be subject to discipline by the coach, Athletic Director or administration.

PARENT/STUDENT ATHLETE CODE OF CONDUCT

Guidelines for Athletes

Stone Christian High School athletes are expected to:

- Exhibit Christian values and conduct at all times. Respect towards teammates, opponents, and officials must always be evident.
- Attend all practices and games. Any exception to attendance at practice and contests must be resolved by the athlete and the coach prior to the absence.
- Be good stewards of school facilities and equipment. Properly take care of all school property.
- Be committed to team goals. Performance is directed toward achieving team goals and team unity. The quality of the athletic experience and success depends on loyalty and a good working relationship between team members and coaches. If a problem between coach and athlete arises, both have the responsibility to work out a solution through good communication.

Guidelines for Parents

Parents are an important part of the athletic program at Stone Ridge Christian School. The support and encouragement given to coaches and athletes are highly valued.

Parents are Expected to:

- Display Christian sportsmanship and respect at all times.
- Encourage loyalty and dedication towards the team and coach.
- Pray for athletes, coaches, and teams.
- Discuss concerns with the coach.

Reminder: Never address a coach at a practice or at a game to discuss an issue or concern. Please contact the coach the following day and make an appointment. As a "cooling off period," parents are required to wait 24 hours before talking to a coach about a concern. If there is an immediate concern contact the Athletic Director. Follow proper biblical procedures if a problem concerning the team arises. Good communication with the coach should always be the first step toward resolving a problem. In addition, if discussion is necessary, the Athletic Director is available to help resolve the situation. Steps beyond this may include involvement by the school administration.

Matthew 18:15-16 says, "If your brother or sister sins against you go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that "every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses."

Attendance Policy

There is a positive correlation between school attendance and good academic achievement. The activities of the classroom, including student discussion and participation and teacher lecture and comment, are of vital importance and cannot ever be adequately made up by a student.

ABSENCES

When it is necessary for a student to miss school, the following steps should be followed:

A parent or guardian must call or email the school office before 10am on the date of absence to notify the school of the student's absence and the reason for the absence.

An absence must be cleared with a note or phone call within three days of a student's return to school or the absence will be recorded as an unexcused absence.

Students who are absent more than ten (10) times in any class period per semester may be withdrawn from that class with an "WF" on their record. Absences incurred because of a school activity are not charged to this total; it should be noted that students on academic probation are not allowed to miss classes unless absolutely necessary. Students who encounter planned absences resulting from school activities are responsible to get their assignments from their teachers and turn in assignments on time.

In an attempt to keep parents informed of these absences, attendance letters will be sent home when the student reaches five and eight absences. When a student reaches eight absences, a conference may be scheduled to discuss the attendance situation and at that time a double check of the record is conducted. At all times, if questions arise concerning any aspect of the student's attendance, call the office for information.

The only excusable absence(s) that will not count against the student are illness accompanied by a medical note, funeral, school activity, and prior approval granted by an administrator.

ATTENDANCE RECORDS

Accurate records of student attendance, noting tardiness as well as absences are to be maintained and permanently filed. Enrollment and attendance reports are to be submitted to parents and authorized government agencies as required.

ADVANCED ABSENCES

Advanced absence forms are available on RenWeb or in the front office.

Students who plan to be absent for more than one day during the school year must inform the school for advanced absence approval. These absences will be counted in the excused absence total. Failure to receive advanced absence approval may result in these absences becoming unexcused. Sometimes a student must be absent for an extended amount of time due to medical reasons. It is the responsibility of the student to get a written excuse from the doctor explaining the reason for the absences including the specific dates of absence. If a doctor's note is received, these absences will not be added to the student's total absences for the semester.

SICK / INJURED STUDENTS

If a student becomes ill or injured, it is the student's responsibility to report it to his/her teacher or other staff immediately. The school will attempt to contact the parents first, and then those designated to act for the parents in emergencies. If no one can be contacted, the school will employ whatever means possible or necessary for the aid of the student. School personnel will administer minor first aid and contact the parent if medication is needed unless the medication for the student is in the office and the Medical Release Form has been signed. If the injury is of a serious nature, the paramedics are contacted, and the school will also contact the parents. It is imperative that a

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Illnesses, death in the family, court appearances, family emergencies and medical, dental or orthodontic appointments are examples of excused absences. We suggest that when possible, medical, dental or orthodontic appointments be made after school hours or staggered throughout the day in the case of multiple appointments. In order for any type of medical or dental appointment to be excused, the student must return with a "return to school" note from the medical or dental office.

TRUANT ABSENCES

Truancy is being absent from school, all or part of a day, without parent permission. Truancy may result in suspension. The student will also receive zeros for class assignments missed. To help the school from misconstruing an absence as truancy, both parental and school permission should be given before an absence occurs. The school reserves the right to make the determination as to whether a particular absence is truancy or an unexcused absence.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

Any student who registers over ten unexcused absences per class in a semester may be dropped from the class with a grade of "F" and without credit.

TARDIES

Students who are 15 or more minutes late to a class will be considered absent and/or truant rather than tardy. Excused tardies include, but are not limited to: medical or dental appointment (with a return to school note), inclement weather (heavy fog or rain), traffic shut-down/detour, or illness. Unexcused tardies include, but are not limited to: waking up late, lack of transportation, etc. Students with 3+ unexcused tardies will receive detention. Students with more than 5 unexcused tardies in a grading quarter may be subject to elimination from extracurricular activities.

PROCEDURE FOR PICK-UP OF STUDENTS

At time of enrollment, each parent/guardian must provide the school office with the signature(s) of the person(s) authorized to pick up their student. Except for routine pick-up of students at the end of the regular school day, students will be released only to persons named on the Authorized Signature form. It is the parent's responsibility to keep the school office up to date, so the student's record will be accurate as to address, telephone numbers, place of employment (of both the mother and the father), current phone numbers, and the name and address of the person(s) to be called in case of emergency. All changes of address that affect your student should be made with the office before the day the change is to be effective.

LICE POLICY

The prevention and control of lice are best accomplished by partnering home and school. *The most effective prevention and control practice is for each family to conduct weekly lice checks of their own students.* If a parent or guardian discovers lice on any of their children, they must inform the Administration who will communicate with appropriate staff and the child's teacher. Stone Ridge Christian School reserves the right to conduct periodic, random student checks for head lice. Whenever the presence of lice is confirmed, the teacher, staff and administrators will seek to avoid any public identification of the student as having lice. The teacher will, at their earliest convenience, contact a parent or guardian informing them of the situation. The parent may choose to come to the school and pick up their child or may wait until the end of the school day to pick them up.

Upon picking up their child, the parent or guardian will be given materials which include recommended treatments available. The child may return to school the next day after treatment, accompanied by a form signed by the parent or guardian, indicating treatment has been administered and describing the treatment used.

A parent or guardian should thoroughly comb and check their student's head and hair daily for two full weeks from the time of the first or any subsequent treatment. A week after a student's return to class, a school representative will check them for lice. If lice are found, the student will be returned to class and a parent or guardian will be notified. The student may return to school upon receiving a second treatment and the presentation of a signed form as described above. In cases where a child is found to be repeatedly infested with head lice, a member from Administration or the Head of School will meet with the parents and a treatment plan, involving the recommendations of a doctor chosen by the parents will be created for the student. "Repeatedly" is defined as the presence of lice for six consecutive weeks or in three separate months of the school year. To avoid unnecessary embarrassment and possible isolation or bullying of the student, no general announcement to parents and/or guardians will be made in the case of an individual student with lice. Should more than one student in a class become infected, all parents or guardians of students in that class will be notified.

Biblical Mediation and Arbitration Clause

The following Arbitration Clause is legally enforceable and requires that any controversy, claim or dispute arising between the Parties be resolved through biblically based mediation or arbitration. The Parties signed below believe that the Bible commands them to make every effort to live at peace and to resolve disputes with each other in private or within the Christian Church (see Matthew 18:15-20 and 1 Corinthians 6:1-8). Therefore, all Parties agree that any controversy, claim or dispute arising between them shall be settled by biblically-based mediation and, if necessary, legally binding arbitration in accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Christian Conciliation of the Institute for Christian Conciliation, a division of Peacemaker Ministries (complete text of the Rules is available at www.peacemaker.net.) or other ACSI approved organization if needed. The parties will mutually agree upon a Mediator or Arbitrator, or in the event they cannot agree, then the Institute for Christian Conciliation shall have the power to select a Mediator or Arbitrator, and its decision shall be final and binding on all Parties.

The Mediator and/or Arbitrator shall be compensated based on the amount of time spent on the case at the regularly hourly rates plus reimbursable out of pocket expenses. The Parties agree to share the cost

of mediation or arbitration equally. Judgment upon an arbitration award decision may be entered in any court otherwise having jurisdiction. The Parties understand that these methods described above shall be the sole remedy for any controversy, claim or dispute arising between them, including, but not limited to, this Agreement, and expressly waive their right to file a lawsuit in any civil court against one another for any such controversy, claim, or dispute, except to enforce an arbitration decision. Therefore, the undersigned agree that any controversy, claim or dispute arising between the Parties shall be settled by biblically based mediation or arbitration.

Chapel

Stone Ridge Christian School is dedicated to providing the best Christian environment and academic program possible. Included in a positive Christian environment is our Chapel program. Having these services is a privilege. In order for students to receive the greatest benefit from Chapel, they must be willing to recognize the opportunity presented and manifest respect for others and especially for the Lord. Chapel attendance is mandatory for all students.

GUIDELINES FOR CHAPEL

1. Chapel is a required event, and an integral part of our curriculum and school philosophy.
2. Bibles are encouraged.
3. Students should be seated on time.
4. Students must show respect for Chapel leaders and guest speakers. No talking or acting in a disruptive manner.

CHAPEL DRESS

It is the desire of SRC that our chapel dress raises the standard of appearance. Out of respect for God we ask that students, staff, and visitors choose to wear their best attire on these days.

Males

- Dress pants or Dress Jeans with no holes or rips
- Collared shirt, SRC branded polo shirt
- Ties are encouraged, not required.
- Closed toed shoes, no slippers or croc like shoes
- SRC branded sweatshirts may be worn over appropriate dress

Females

- Dress Pants or Dress Jeans with no holes or rips
- Dresses or Skirts that are **longer** than mid-thigh
- Blouses, Sweaters, or Collared shirts or SRC branded polo need to extend beyond the waist to **fully cover** the midriff area
- Nice chapel appropriate shoes, no slippers or croc like shoes
- 7th/8th may wear a modest heel
- 9th-12th Heels must not be higher than 3 inches for safety

Church Attendance

Students are strongly encouraged to attend church regularly with their parents/guardians.

Closed Campus

Stone Ridge Christian School has a closed campus. Anyone wishing to visit must check in at the office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00pm.

Students who leave during the day for an off-campus appointment must submit a note to the office and obtain a pass. Before leaving, a student must sign out and upon returning sign back in to obtain a re-admit pass for period(s) missed. Failure to properly check out will constitute a truancy absence.

Students must have a 'return to school' note from the office of the appointment. An absence will be unexcused without a re-admit note.

Students who need to leave campus **during the school day** must provide a note from home (or parent phone call to the office) and be accompanied by an adult. (Student drivers may drive themselves with permission.) **Students may not leave in vehicles during the school day with other students, unless they are from the same household. *Exceptions may be made during field trips, etc.**

A visitor may visit the school and attend classes with a student if he/she is a prospective student. Students who wish to bring a visitor should make arrangements/get approval one day in advance through the administration. Visitors are expected to follow the school standards of conduct and dress.

Senior off campus lunch privilege is monitored by the campus administration.

Clubs

Stone Ridge Christian School encourages the formation of appropriate clubs and activities on campus. Clubs will form based on the interest of the students and faculty. Any student desiring to form a club must have submitted the proper form for approval by the administration. An approved adult sponsor must lead the club.

Community Service

Upon entering Stone Ridge Christian School, students are encouraged to complete 12.5 hours of community service each semester. The students will help others discover a sense of purpose, experience success in new areas, gain job experience, grow in self-esteem, have fun and make a difference in local churches and the community.

If a student has earned 400 or more hours, they will receive a white cord at the time of graduation. This white cord shows exceptional dedication and contribution.

Dance and Music Policies

DANCE GUIDELINES

1. School dances are intended to provide social activities and opportunities in a safe and controlled environment with sufficient adult supervision.
2. Dress and appearance should convey modesty and conceal private body parts.
3. Sexually suggestive or sexually provocative dancing or body movements are prohibited.
4. Music must be screened for content and style and not include profanity, vulgar language, sexually suggestive content or substance use references.
5. Security will be billed into the cost for dances. If security can be covered then the ASB will profit from the security cost collection.
6. The Administration will have final say over the appropriateness of any aspect of the event.
7. Students of Stone Ridge may invite **ONE** guest outside of our school. Guests must be approved by both their parent, school of attendance, as well as the SRC parent and SRC. **Guest forms must be turned in to the office no later than the Wednesday before the dance at the end of the school day. All school rules must be followed by the guest. SRC students and parents will be held accountable for the behavior of their guest(s).** Phone calls will be made that evening to the SRC parents, should any issues arise. Guests that do not follow dance guidelines will result in SRC students losing the privilege of having an invited guest to the next event.
8. Non-SRC students will have a 25% increase on their ticket price.
9. Off-site events *may* be required to meet at school and be transported to and from location by bus. The school reserves the right to deny any students access if not in dress code, under the influence or any other disrespectful behavior.
10. Regular school policies will be in effect at the dance (e.g. dress code, substance abuse etc.)
11. The following guidelines will be followed for dances and/or events:
 - a. Stone Ridge Christian School reserves the right to breathalyze students upon entrance and/or departure of a dance or special event.
 - b. Stone Ridge Christian School reserves the right to check bags and/or purses upon arrival to a dance or event. This may include asking students to empty pockets.
 - c. Students suspected of being under the influence during an event may be subject to taking a

breathalyzer test. This will be done in a discreet manner.

- d. Students will not be permitted to exit the event and re-enter – for example, going out to their vehicle and returning.
- e. Students bringing guests: guests will be held to the same standards. The SRC student and parent will be held responsible for their guest's behavior. The guest's school will be notified of any issues, should they arise.
- f. Any student found to be under the influence will be disciplined per the student handbook for drug and/or alcohol offenses.
 - Parents will be immediately contacted, and students will be required to be picked up from the event.
 - Students will not be allowed to attend the next scheduled event (i.e. - next dance)
 - Students will be suspended from school with the possibility of dismissal - at the discretion of administration.

DANCE IN EDUCATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAMS

Pursuant to educational and developmental programs, the use of dance/choreography may be deemed appropriate for aerobic exercise and movement classes and for theater and musical productions.

Discipline Guidelines

K-12 STUDENT DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES

Purpose:

To provide a safe, respectful, and Christ-centered (or values-based) learning environment where students understand expectations, learn from mistakes, and develop personal responsibility and self-discipline. Teachers are at the forefront of teaching students how to be responsible and respectful in the classroom. They are the authority in their classrooms. Students are expected to follow the classroom rules and expectations set forth by the teacher.

Biblical discipline should be understood as instruction in righteousness that will produce obedience. The word, "discipline" should not be seen simply as a negative word. It has the same root as the term "disciple." Biblical discipleship is the goal at SRC. Such teaching begins in the home, and it is our desire to strengthen and enhance that instruction in your child's life. Discipline at SRC is done "for" the student not "to" the student.

We also want to teach students through real life application the biblical law of sowing and reaping. It is for their benefit that they realize that "the way of the transgressor is hard" (Proverbs 13:15) and that there are positive and negative consequences for one's behavior.

Stone Ridge Christian School Administration and teachers are always happy to receive constructive criticism or suggestions concerning ways in which the school might be improved or problems of which one may feel we are not aware. It is the policy of the school that problems, criticisms, or suggestions be first taken up with the teacher and then the Administration. We are asking that Matthew 18:15 be observed and followed in dealing with parents, students, teachers, administration and board members.

CAMPUS EXPECTATIONS

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful, safe, orderly, and Christ-like manner at all times while on campus, at school-sponsored activities, and while representing SRC.

General Campus Rules

1. Eating is permitted only in designated areas such as lunch and approved grass areas.
2. Food and drinks are prohibited in classrooms except for water in approved containers.
3. Students are responsible for properly disposing of trash and helping maintain a clean campus.
4. Students outside of class during instructional time must have a valid pass from a staff member.
5. Access to student vehicles during the school day requires office permission and a written pass.
6. Public displays of affection are not permitted beyond brief hand holding or appropriate side hugs. Inappropriate physical contact includes kissing, caressing, sitting on laps, lying together, or sitting between another student's legs.
7. Electronic devices may not be used during the school day unless specifically authorized by school staff for instructional purposes.
8. Cell phones must remain stored according to school policy and are not permitted during school hours.
9. Disrespectful attitudes, defiance, or inappropriate conduct toward staff or students will not be tolerated.
10. Initiations, hazing, harassment, bullying, threats, or assaults of any kind are strictly prohibited.
11. Integrity is a foundational expectation of all SRC students. Any student found intentionally misleading, deceiving, lying to, withholding truthful information from, or being dishonest with faculty, staff, administration, or school representatives may be subject to disciplinary consequences up to and including suspension, loss of privileges, or further administrative action.
12. Energy drinks are not allowed on campus. An "energy drink" is any beverage marketed or sold as an energy drink or energy shot (including but not limited to Red Bull, Monster, Rockstar, Bang, Celsius, Alani Nu, Prime Energy, C4, Reign, Ghost, and similar products), as well as any beverage containing added stimulant blends such as guarana or taurine, or more than 100 mg of caffeine per container. Water, milk, juice, sports and electrolyte drinks, traditional sodas, and standard brewed coffee or tea are not affected.

School Rules

1. The use, possession, sale, or distribution of tobacco, nicotine products, alcohol, drugs, vape devices, or illicit substances is prohibited.
2. Students must comply with directions given by school employees and demonstrate respect toward authority at all times.
3. Vulgar, profane, threatening, discriminatory, or inappropriate language, gestures, or behavior is prohibited.
4. Fighting, physical aggression, threats, intimidation, horseplay, or unsafe conduct is prohibited.
5. Students may not disrupt or interfere with the learning environment.
6. Defacing, vandalizing, or destroying school property or the property of others is prohibited.
7. Theft, possession of stolen property, or unauthorized taking of another person's belongings is prohibited.
8. Students are expected to follow all classroom rules, campus procedures, and behavioral expectations established by SRC staff members.

Classroom Expectations

Students are expected to:

1. Be respectful, courteous, and cooperative.
2. Arrive prepared and participate appropriately in class activities.
3. Follow teacher directions promptly and speak only at appropriate times.
4. Keep hands, feet, and objects to themselves.
5. Maintain a safe and distraction-free learning environment.
6. Clean and organize their workspace before leaving class.
7. Refrain from food or drinks in classrooms other than water.
8. Follow classroom-specific procedures established by the teacher.

CATEGORIES OF MISCONDUCT & DISCIPLINARY RESPONSES

Disciplinary consequences are progressive and may vary depending on the severity, frequency, intent, and age of the student involved. The Campus Administrator reserves the right to determine appropriate disciplinary action for all behaviors not specifically listed below.

Level 1 - Minor Offenses

Typically Managed and Documented by the Teacher

Examples:

- Talking out of turn or minor classroom disruption
- Dress code violations
- Running or horseplay
- Unauthorized classroom electronics use
- No hallway pass or excessive time out of class
- Lack of preparedness
- Minor classroom misconduct
- Food/drink violations
- Minor disrespect or off-task behavior

Possible Interventions:

- Verbal correction
- Seat change
- Teacher/student conference
- Parent communication
- Lunch detention
- Written reflection or apology
- Classroom consequence

Level 2 - Intermediate Offenses

Administrative Referral Required

Examples:

Repeated Level 1 offenses

- Defiance, disrespect, or inappropriate behavior toward staff or peers
- Dishonesty, deception, or intentionally misleading staff
- Academic dishonesty, cheating, or plagiarism

- Inappropriate language, gestures, or social media activity
- Inappropriate physical contact or PDA violations
- Minor vandalism or property misuse
- Repeated electronics/cell phone violations
- Repeated classroom disruption

Possible Consequences

- Parent conference
- Lunch Detention
- Loss of privileges
- Behavior contract
- Restorative conference
- In-school suspension

Level 3 - Major Offenses

Immediate Administrative Action

Examples:

- Fighting or physical aggression
- Bullying, threats, harassment, discrimination, hazing, or intimidation
- Theft or vandalism
- Possession of prohibited substances or weapons
- Leaving campus without permission
- Serious insubordination or harassment toward staff
- Severe dishonesty involving safety, forgery, falsification, or investigation interference
- Repeated or escalated Level 2 misconduct

Possible Consequences

- Suspension (in-school or out-of-school)
- Behavior intervention plan
- Lunch Detention
- Probationary status
- Law enforcement involvement when legally required
- Expulsion recommendation for severe or repeated violations

Restorative and Supportive Practices

SRC may utilize restorative and supportive interventions when appropriate, including:

- Peer mediation
- Conflict resolution meetings
- Counseling referrals
- Mentorship/check-in systems
- Parent partnership meetings

Documentation and Parent Communication

- All Level 2 and Level 3 behaviors must be documented.
- Parents/guardians will be notified regarding serious or repeated behavioral concerns.
- Student discipline records remain confidential and are used to support student growth, accountability, and safety.

Parents and students are expected to contact teachers first when issues arise. The best method of contacting teachers is email. Sometimes messages can get stuck in filters or junk boxes, so if an email is not responded to within a 24-hour business day, please contact the front office to send a follow up message. If you still do not hear back, please contact the Campus Administrator. Parents are expected to be respectful and practice the fruits of the Spirit to any and all staff in all communications. This is also articulated in the enrollment process for SRC. We ask that students and parents follow the correct 'chain of command' when a concern arises. Please be sure to communicate with the teacher prior to contacting administrators. This will resolve any issues in the vast majority of cases.

If a student or parent has a question or concern related to a class, they should follow the following steps:

1. Teacher/Student Conference
2. Teacher/Student/Parent Conference
3. Teacher/Student/Parent/Administrator Conference
4. Teacher/Student/Parent/Administrator/Superintendent Conference

Parents are encouraged to email the teacher or to call the office to arrange a conference as soon as a need arises. Parents are not to interrupt a class during school hours (8:00 a.m. 3:10 p.m.) but must go through the office to contact a student or teacher.

CULTURE

Balanced rules and expectations establish the guard rails that show clear boundaries and safeguards on the road to a successful school environment. Any relationship necessitates a certain level of "rules" to cultivate and continue the relationship and our school is no different. We are seeking to create a culture conducive to academic, social, physical and spiritual growth.

GOSPEL FRUIT

The scriptures teach that there is certain evidence of grace that true believers will exhibit in their actions and attitudes. Standards of Christian conduct and character includes exhibiting the fruits of the Spirit and is recorded for us in Galatians 5:22-23: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control..." At SRC we want to create a culture that is helpful for believers to demonstrate genuine obedience from the heart, motivated by God's grace and not a mere outward behavior or conformity motivated by a person's guilt.

SOWING AND REAPING

We also want to teach students through real life application the biblical law of sowing and reaping. It is for their benefit that they realize that "the way of the transgressor is hard" (Proverbs 13:15) and that there are positive and negative consequences for one's behavior.

REVEALING DEPRAVITY

The scriptures teach that the law functions as a tutor to guide us to Christ. Without the law one would not have a knowledge of sin. We desire to hold standards consistent with biblical conduct that point out sin in the lives of students with a goal of showing them their need for Christ to change their hearts, not merely their external actions.

POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT

We seek to encourage positive character qualities such as the following that are helpful in both secular and sacred arenas.

DEDICATION TO GOD: An unreserved, lifetime commitment to God (Romans 12:1-2)

DEVOTION TO OTHERS: An unselfish, sacrificial love for others (1 Cor.13; Mark 10:44)

DISCIPLINED LIVING: A sustained, daily effort to be controlled and directed by the Holy Spirit (1 Timothy 4:7; 1 Cor. 9:25-27)

DEPENDABLE SPIRIT: Doing what I ought to do (1Cor. 4:2; Proverbs 25:19)

DISCERNING MIND: The ability to see people and circumstances as they really are (Hebrews 5:14; 1 Corinthians 2:14)

DISCREET LIFESTYLE: The ability to avoid words, actions, and attitudes that are not pleasing to God (Psalm 112:5; Romans 13:14; Ephesians 4:29-30)

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY: Transferring biblical convictions to others (Matt. 28:19-20; 2 Tim. 2:2)

Biblical discipline should be understood as instruction in righteousness that will produce obedience. The word, “discipline” should not be seen simply as a negative word. It has the same root as the term “disciple.” Biblical discipleship is the goal at SRC. Such teaching begins in the home, and it is our desire to strengthen and enhance that instruction in your child’s life. Discipline at SRC is done “for” the student not “to” the student.

Every organism requires organization. In any organization rules, standards, and procedures are necessary for that organization to function efficiently and effectively. Rules help us to honor God and others; standards allow for the equitable treatment of students; and procedures enable the smooth functioning of the school. Teachers will handle most discipline matters in their classes. As the situation warrants, parents will be contacted for their help. Difficult cases will be referred to the Campus Administrator.

DISCLAIMER

We recognize that no human system can produce the fruit of the Spirit. Institutional standards have a danger of producing pharisaical attitudes, cooperative rebellion, and false assurance. We recognize this tendency and acknowledge that compliance to SRC standards does not equate to spirituality. We desire to create an atmosphere conducive for gospel grace to take root and grow in the lives of our students. The following categories list various offenses and their consequences. This list is not intended to be all-inclusive. The Campus Administrator reserves the right to make the final decision concerning the assignment of any consequence for a student’s behavior.

Discrimination, Harassment, Assault, Bullying, and Weapons Policy

Note: SRC will cooperate with law enforcement officials investigating acts of harassment and or illegal activity that take place on/off campus. A substantiated charge against anyone in the school will result in disciplinary action. Serious cases may involve suspension, removal, and/or expulsion.

Suspected and substantiated events that occur any time during school or during school related activities will be taken seriously. Administration will determine disciplinary actions based on the context and circumstances.

1. Suspected acts of discrimination, harassment, assault, and/or weapons use will be investigated and appropriate disciplinary measures will be taken.
2. Substantiated acts of discrimination, harassment, assault, or acts with weapons will result in disciplinary actions, up to and including expulsion.
3. Employees or students found to have filed false or frivolous charges will also be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including discharge or expulsion.

It is the students' responsibility to:

1. Conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a positive school environment.
2. Avoid any activity that may be considered discriminatory, intimidating, or harassing. Immediately inform the person harassing others that the behavior is offensive and unwelcome.
3. Report all incidents of discrimination or harassment to the Campus Administrator.
4. If informed that others perceive any behaviors and actions as engaging in discriminatory, intimidating, harassing or unwelcome conduct, then the conduct must be discontinued immediately

The following actions and conduct are prohibited on school campus or at any school related event.

DISCRIMINATION

Discrimination includes but is not limited to an individual who is subjected to perceived or actual hostile, intimidating, unfair, and/or degrading treatment because of the individual's race, gender, physical/academic or other abilities, appearance, religion, national origin, disability, and/or any other personal characteristics.

Any conduct which directly or indirectly conveys derogatory or demeaning actions toward a person's race, gender, abilities, national origin, or appearance, will be subject to disciplinary actions.

HARASSMENT

Includes but is not limited to direct or indirect derogatory comments, slurs, jokes, threatening words spoken to or about another person, inappropriate or sexually related jokes, verbal abuse of any kind, graphic verbal commentaries about an individual's body, degrading words used to describe an individual, suggestive or obscene letters, notes, or invitations, making reprisals, threats of reprisals or implied threats of retaliation, direct or indirect death threats or threats of harm or injury toward a person or any other comments that express threats to do physical or emotional harm to another person. Threats or actions can be direct, indirect or occur on social media platforms.

VISUAL HARASSMENT

Includes but is not limited to, direct or indirect derogatory, threatening, inflammatory posters, cartoons, written words, drawings, and gestures, leering, making sexual or threatening gestures, displaying of sexually suggestive objects or pictures or use of social media platforms to intimidate or provoke another person or group of people.

PHYSICAL THREATS, HARASSMENT, CONTACT AND/OR ASSAULT

Includes but is not limited to any inappropriate physical touching or contact, assaultive, combative or forceful contact of any kind, deliberate impeding or blocking movements or any intimidating interference with any independent movements. Physical violence of any kind will not be tolerated.

SEXUAL THREATS, HARASSMENT, CONTACT AND/OR ASSAULT

Includes but is not limited to sexual touching, offering benefits in exchange for sexual favors, unwelcome sexual advances or gestures, sexual contact or inappropriate physical contact of any kind, sexual propositions, requests for sexual favors, verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature or sexual violence of any kind.

WEAPONS

Weapons of any kind include, **but are not limited to**, guns, knives, swords, razors, scissors or any object that could cause physical or emotional harm will be considered a weapon.

Electronic Device Acceptable Use Policy

POLICY

From the time students arrive on campus until the dismissal bell rings, Chromebooks may only be used for classroom assignments and instructional purposes. Cell phones, smart watches, iPads, and all other two-way communication devices are not permitted to be used, visible, or accessed during the school day.

By setting clear boundaries on technology use, we aim to help students develop healthy habits, minimize distractions, and reduce excessive engagement with social media. As a school, we intentionally prioritize meaningful engagement, learning, and interpersonal connection throughout the day.

The following devices are permitted on campus: Chromebooks or laptop-style devices that do not have calling, texting, or messaging capabilities.

Any device that functions as a phone or communication device that captures audio, photo or video is prohibited on campus during school hours.

DEVICES INCLUDED

- cell phones
- tablets and readers
- iPods and video games
- smartwatches and smart glasses; and,
- any other personal electronic devices

PROHIBITED TIMES AND STORAGE

Students may not use their phones/devices on campus during the school day. Students must store their phones/devices in a designated storage unit. Phones must be powered off. They are not to be seen or heard from. This policy starts from the time a student arrives on campus (walking through the front gates/other campuses and office) until after the dismissal bell when they are outside of the classroom. Cell phone use is not permitted in restrooms or locker rooms.

- Occasionally, with the approval of the campus administrator, teachers may allow students to use their cell phones, iPads, or smart watches for specific educational purposes. There is a technology use contract for such instances that must be signed by students and parents.

EXCEPTIONS

- When a licensed physician or surgeon grants permission to the student to possess and use a mobile communication device, subject to any reasonable limitation imposed by the teacher or administrator.
- When enrollment in a college course requires such use.
- When under teacher approval and supervision for a specific SRC class.

LOGISTICS

Students are to arrive with enough time to deposit their phone and electronics in the storage units.

- The storage units will be in the office lobby from 7:30 a.m until 8:00 a.m.
- After 8:00 a.m., they will be under constant security camera surveillance.
- When students arrive and leave school within the school day (including athletes for away games), students may retrieve their phone.

ENFORCEMENT

If a student is seen on campus with a device before 2:55 p.m., disciplinary actions will be taken.

1st Offense:

- The phone will be taken away and brought to the office.
- The parents will be notified, and the student may pick up the phone after 3 p.m.
- The student will receive a minimum of one detention depending on the situation.

2nd Offense:

- The phone will be taken away and brought to the office.
- The parents will be notified, and only they can retrieve the phone in person.
- The student will receive a minimum of one day of school beautification work to be served during the last 30 minutes of their lunch break.

3rd Offense:

- The phone will be taken away and brought to the office.
- The parents will be notified and invited for a meeting on-site. At that time, they can retrieve the phone.
- For a determined time, the student must hand in their phone to the office before school, or the parent must attest that they have the phone at home.
- The student will be suspended from 1 to 3 days, depending on the circumstances.
- The student will be put on a behavioral contract. Any further noncompliance may result in a recommendation for further discipline up to and possibly including expulsion as determined by the school's administration and the Board.

If a parent/guardian is unable to pick up the device, it will be held at school and returned to the student at the end of the following day. (Note: A phone confiscated on Friday will not be returned until Monday after school if a parent cannot pick it up on Friday.)

For any offense regarding deception:

- If the student is deceptive about their phone they will be subject to additional disciplinary consequences.

PARENTAL COMMUNICATION

In emergencies, parents may contact the school office directly. Students needing to contact their parents may do so through school-provided phones in the office and media center. Students have access to their email throughout the day where they will be able to receive emails from parents.

TRANSITIONING TO NO PHONES/DEVICES

With phones/devices not accessible during the school day, the following will be important.

- If purchasing a hot lunch, students should have an SRC lunch card, debit card, credit card or cash.
- During off-campus lunch, students can pick up their phones and then return it upon arriving back.
- We will dismiss at 2:55 p.m. (instead of 3:00 p.m.) to give additional time for students to pick up their phones so that the bus students will be on time.
- Parents can contact their students by emailing the student's email address (firstlast@srcs.us). For more urgent messages, please call the office. 209-386-0322. As a reminder, hardlines are available in the media center and office

ELECTRONIC DEVICE ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Violation of any of these Guidelines will result in Disciplinary Actions (see below)

1. Each teacher has the discretion to allow and regulate the use of electronic devices in the classroom and on specific projects. Each teacher will grant permission for students to use electronic devices otherwise they must be put away at all times. Headphones may be used with teacher permission.
2. Students may not use their authorized electronic devices in the hallways or in the restrooms during instructional time. Students needing to use the restroom must leave their authorized device in the classroom, visible to the teacher. This includes office and teacher assistants.
3. Students who have electronic devices confiscated may not use other students' electronic devices. Electronic devices may not be used to assist any student on assignments, quizzes, or tests without teacher approval.
4. Students, parents/guardians acknowledge that: The school's network filters will NOT be applied to a device's connection to the internet. Therefore, any student who accesses websites that are prohibited by the SRC Acceptable Use Agreement or Student Handbook will be subject to disciplinary measures.
5. SRC is authorized to collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing technology problems or was the source of an attack or virus infection.

SAFETY GUIDELINES

CYBER SAFETY

Administration will review cyber-safety rules with students frequently throughout the course of the school year and will offer reminders and reinforcement about safe electronic device behaviors. In addition to the rules outlined in these guidelines, students will be expected to comply with all class and school rules while using personal devices. The use of an electronic device is not a right but a privilege. When abused, privileges will be withdrawn.

USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Negative or derogatory comments about SRC, SRC Students, SRC Administration, SRC Faculty, or SRC Staff are not to be posted or sent to others through social media sites. Students should take issues or concerns to the appropriate person or adult (Matthew 18:15) This may result in disciplinary action.

LOST, STOLEN, OR DAMAGED DEVICES

All users are responsible for their devices and should use them responsibly and appropriately. SRC does not take responsibility for stolen, lost, or damaged cell phones, including lost or corrupted data on those devices. Please check with your homeowner's policy regarding coverage of personal electronic devices, as many insurance policies can cover loss or damage.

ADMINISTRATOR ACCESS

School Administration may view the contents of any device that is suspected to have been used in an inappropriate manner that violates school policy. If the electronic device is locked or password protected, the student will be required to unlock the device at the request of a school administrator.

NETWORK CONSIDERATIONS

Users should strive to maintain appropriate bandwidth for school-related work and communications. All students will use the SRC wireless network to access the internet, and are required to be logged in to their school "SRC Google" account. SRC does not guarantee connectivity or the quality of the connection with personal devices.

- Students may not bring an electronic device on school premises that infects the network with anything designed to damage, alter, destroy, or provide access to unauthorized data or information.
- Students may not interfere with the school network including but not limited to processing or accessing information related to "hacking", altering, or bypassing network security policies.

SRC is not responsible for maintaining or troubleshooting student electronic devices.

CHROMEBOOK CLASSROOM USE POLICIES

Each student must bring his/her functioning and charged computer or chromebook to school every day, and are required to abide by the Cell Phone/Device Acceptable Use Policy for Tech Devices and Network Access and Internet Usage Agreement. **Beginning the 2026 - 2027 school year MacBooks will NOT be allowed. Classwork missed because a student has forgotten his/her Chromebook may be subject to the teacher's late work policy.** If a student is unable to complete work due to a broken Chromebook, within 24 hours the student must contact the Campus Administrator, either via email or in person in the main office to receive an extension for any work that cannot be completed on time. Work submitted late without this extension will be subject to the teacher's late work policy.

The Chromebook should be fully charged when the student arrives each morning so that the device will have enough power to last through the school day. **Class work missed due to lack of battery charge may be subject to the teacher's late work policy.** Students should be thoughtful about battery life when using the device before class or between classes so that the Chromebook stays charged the full day. Students may only take pictures and videos in the classroom with the express permission of the teacher. Chromebooks will be used in the classroom at the discretion of the teacher. Non-educational games, personal communications, social networking, surfing the web, etc. during class time will be considered off-task behavior, and a referral for technology violations will be given.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND CAMPUS SAFETY

The Stone Ridge Christian School Board, Administration, and Staff are committed to the safety and security of every student on our campus. We maintain a thorough emergency preparedness plan and work closely with neighboring law enforcement and emergency response agencies to ensure our school is prepared to respond quickly and effectively should an emergency occur. Our goal is to provide a safe, secure environment where students can learn, grow, and thrive.

Feedback

Stone Ridge Christian School Administration and teachers are always happy to receive constructive criticism or suggestions concerning ways in which the school might be improved or problems of which one may feel we are not aware. It is the policy of the school that problems, criticisms, or suggestions be first taken up with the teacher and then the Administration. We are asking that Matthew 18:15 be observed and followed in dealing with parents, students, teachers, administration and board members.

Graduation

In order for students to receive a diploma of graduation and in order to participate in “end-of-year” graduation activities, the following criteria must be met:

1. A cumulative grade point average of 2.0.
2. A 90% or higher attendance rate.
3. Good behavioral standing, as deemed by administration.

End-of-Year graduation activities may include:

1. Great America, Disneyland, etc.
2. Graduation Ceremonies
3. Senior Breakfast
4. Senior Blast Day
 - Senior Blast Day (also known as “Senior Ditch Day”) is considered a fun tradition held by seniors. This is considered an end-of-year activity. This day must be planned by the Senior Class President and the office/teachers must be given prior notice and approval of the day chosen. SRC will excuse this absence with the following criteria being met:
 - i. parent phone call to excuse the absence
 - ii. the student is in good academic standing
 - NOTE: End-of-year ‘senior pranks’ or other incidents that utilize staff resources and/or cause damage to any school property may cause a student to be ineligible to walk in the graduation ceremony. Diplomas will be held for all seniors until all school functions for the school year have been completed - i.e. - trips
or FFA events. Students are expected to maintain proper school etiquette and follow all school rules while engaging in any activities representing Stone Ridge Christian School.

Lockers

Stone Ridge Christian School will assign school lockers for students. The use of student lockers is a privilege that can be revoked with or without cause. Items that are not permitted on the campus of SRC shall not be placed or kept in student lockers.

Students are prohibited from using any locker other than the locker to which they are assigned. The school will assign a lock and combination for the student’s locker.

Each student is responsible for his locker and the content inside it at all times. To maximize security, your lock should be snapped shut at all times, but confiscation of open locks (including those hanging inside the locker) may occur. Lockers must be cleaned out and emptied at the end of each school year.

Students are not permitted to write on lockers or to place stickers or tape in or on the lockers.

To ensure a safe and wholesome educational environment, unannounced periodic locker checks may be made throughout the year. Stone Ridge Christian School maintains the right of inspection of all student lockers. Students who fail to comply with locker rules may have their locks cut and removed with possible loss of locker privileges.

Lost and Found

LOST AND FOUND

All lost items are placed in the “lost and found” area in the Office, Student Store, or Cafeteria (junior high). The unclaimed contents that accumulate will be displayed for two days. After 30 days, all items will be given to Restored.

Stone Ridge Christian School is not responsible for loss or damage to personal items.

Lunches and Breaks

LUNCH TIME PROCEDURES

1. Common courtesy and manners must be shown during lunch and snack times.
2. Students are to talk in conversational tones.
3. Observe proper table manners.
4. Ensure the area is picked up and free from food and trash. All trash is placed in receptacles prior to leaving.
5. NO Door Dash or any other food delivery service is allowed to deliver to SRC during school hours. Families are welcome to deliver food to their students.

SENIOR OFF CAMPUS LUNCH PRIVILEGES

1. Students are given adequate time to procure food and eat at SRC campus. We encourage students to pack nutritious meals to support healthy learning and activity or purchase meals at the cafeteria.
2. Senior students who are in good academic and behavioral standing are permitted to request off-campus lunch passes each term. Request slips are available at the front office and must be signed by Guidance, Administration, parents, and students.
3. Good academic standing is defined as grades B or above with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
4. Students may request off campus lunch passes after the first progress report of the year, and then they will be given at each grading term/semester, as requested by the student and approved by Guidance, Administration, and parents. If a student is placed on academic probation at progress report time, the lunch pass may be revoked until the probation has been cleared.
5. Students who return late from off campus lunch more than one time, will have their pass revoked until the next grading period.
6. Students who have behavioral issues at SRC will also have their lunch pass revoked. Students will be eligible to request a lunch pass again after their consequence has been served and the next progress report/grading period is published.

Mandated Reporter

In accordance with school policy and California law, school staff is obligated under penalty of fine and jail term to report the reasonable suspicion of physical abuse, emotional abuse, emotional deprivation, physical neglect, inadequate supervision, or sexual abuse and exploitation. In this very serious and legally narrow area, the school will not contact parents in advance of making a report to legal authorities, which would be the procedure followed in most other legal matters. The clear intent of the law, based on the seriousness of the crimes listed above, is to mandate that a report of reasonable suspicion of abuse be made. School staff will make such reports in the best interest of the affected child and do not, once reasonable suspicion is established, have any legal alternative except to make the report to the proper authorities for their investigation and review.

Medical Regulations

IMMUNIZATIONS

California law requires that students attending any school must show proof that they have been immunized for diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, and rubella (German measles). Verification must be submitted to the school office prior to the beginning of school. Health records from a previous school showing immunizations will be accepted. Students who are entering school from outside of Merced County are required to have a tuberculosis screening.

MEDICATION(S)

Medications sent to school for students to take must be in a medication/prescription labeled container with the student's name on it. Stone Ridge Christian School will not dispense any medication brought by the parent unless the Medical Release Form has been signed by the parent. Non-prescribed medication (e.g. pain relievers, decongestants, cough drops, inhalers, etc.), students may self-medicate if the parent has recorded written permission in the office.

At no time may students give any of their medicine to another student. If a student does give or sell medication to another student, all privileges to take any medication at the school on his/her own will be forfeited and further disciplinary action may be taken.

SICK / INJURED STUDENTS

If a student becomes ill or injured, it is the student's responsibility to report it to his/her teacher or other staff immediately. The school will attempt to contact the parents first, and then those designated to act for the parents in emergencies. If no one can be contacted, the school will employ whatever means possible or necessary for the aid of the student. School personnel will administer minor first aid and contact the parent if medication is needed unless the medication for the student is in the office and the Medical Release Form has been signed. If the injury is of a serious nature, the paramedics are contacted, and the school will also contact the parents. It is imperative that a "Registration/Application- Authorization to Treat a Minor" form be on file in the school office listing all phone numbers of those persons who are to be contacted in case of injury. Students who become ill at school should report with a pass to the school office. Students are not to leave school because of illness without first checking in at the school office. In the event a student does leave for any reason without checking in at the office, the absence will be considered unexcused.

Network Acceptable Use Guidelines

ACCEPTABLE USE

The purpose of the network is to facilitate communication in support of research and education by providing access to resources and opportunities for collaborative work, as well as to facilitate effective management and administration of the school. To remain eligible as a user, the account must be in support of and consistent with the educational objectives of the SRC School Board. Network users must comply with this policy and any other policies governing the use of other networks which they may be through the Internet.

The following activities are not acceptable uses of the network:

1. Transmitting communications or messages which violate School Board or school policies or applicable state and federal laws, including but not limited to, those which are defamatory, harassing (sexual, racial, etc.), obscene, or constitute the unauthorized release of confidential information.
2. Using the network for nonwork-related purposes or for private commercial purposes, including transmission of advertising, promotional materials or other forms of solicitation.
3. Using the network to gain unauthorized access to any electronic communications system, network, or file.
4. Using the network or software installed on school computer systems in violation of United States' copyright, trademark, or trade secret laws or applicable software license agreements.
5. Disclosing intentionally or negligently of a user's password or account number to any other person who does not have authorization to view that password or account number.

PRIVILEGE

The use of the network is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use, including any violation of these conditions and rules, will result in suspension or cancellation of the privilege. SRC, under this agreement, is delegated sole authority to determine appropriate use and may deny, evoke, suspend, or close any user account at any time based upon a determination of inappropriate use by an account holder or user.

MONITORING

There shall be no expectation of privacy for users of the network. SRC reserves the right to review, copy, modify, delete, or disclose to third parties any material created, saved or accessed under any user account and to monitor, review and inspect any computer file. Files subject to this provision may reside on any file or e-mail server, computer workstation, back-up media, removable media, floppy disk or any other file storage device physically located on school property to make determinations on whether specific uses of the network are inappropriate.

It is possible for information entered on or transmitted via the network to be retrieved, even if a user has deleted such information. Accordingly, be advised that such information may be accessed by SRC and may potentially be subject to subpoena or discovery in litigation.

NETWORK ETIQUETTE

All users are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Be polite. The content of all communications shall be professional in nature and befitting an educational institution.
2. Use appropriate language. Do not , use vulgarities, or use any other inappropriate language.
3. Do not engage in activities which are prohibited under state or federal law.
4. Do not reveal personal information regarding students or colleagues including telephone numbers, home addresses or any other confidential information.
5. Note that electronic mail (e-mail) is not private. People who operate the system do have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities will be reported to the authorities and will result in the loss of user privileges.
6. Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network by other users.
7. All communications and information accessible via the Internet should be assumed to be the private property of those who put it on the network.

NO WARRANTIES

SRC makes no warranties of any kind, whether express or implied, for the service they are providing. SRC will not be responsible for any damages a user suffers. This includes loss of data for any reason. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at the user's own risk. SRC specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through their services. All users need to consider the source of any information they obtain and consider how valid that information may be.

SECURITY

Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. A user must never allow others to use his/her password. Users should also protect their passwords to ensure system security and their own privileges and ability to continue use of the system. Users should change their passwords regularly and keep their password private. If a security problem on the network is recognized, notify Information Technology as soon as possible. Do not demonstrate the problem to other users. Attempts to log on to the network as a System Administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk will be denied access to the network.

VANDALISM AND HARASSMENT

Vandalism and harassment will result in cancellation of network privileges. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm, modify, or destroy data of another user on the SRC network, or other networks that are connected to the Internet, or tampering with any part of the network which you have not been granted permission to access. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creating of computer viruses, deleting or modifying files, or changing system settings. Harassment is defined as the persistent annoyance of another user, or the interference of another user's work.

PROCEDURES FOR USE

Student users must always get permission from their instructors before using the network. Student users must always be supervised by an adult while using the network.

Users shall not play games or use the network for other non-academic or non-business activities.

INTERNET CONTENT BLOCKING

SRC maintains blocking software/hardware to help prevent users from accessing inappropriate Internet material. Inappropriate Internet material includes, but is not limited to, “harmful matter” as defined by Penal Code Section 313. The School Board retains sole authority for determining if a site, service or protocol will be made unavailable to network users. Any attempt to circumvent or disable Internet blocking will result in immediate termination of network privileges.

SRC retains the right to use hardware/software to screen email for inappropriate language or content. E-mail messages that contain inappropriate language or content will not be delivered to or from SRC account holders.

ENCOUNTER OF HARMFUL MATTER OR CONTROVERSIAL MATERIAL

While it may be possible to block access to certain inappropriate material on the Internet, it is virtually impossible to completely control access to such material. It is possible users may encounter material which is controversial and which users, parents, teachers or administrators may consider inappropriate or offensive. It is the user’s responsibility not to initiate access to such material. SRC will not be held liable for any decision to restrict or regulate access to Internet materials, nor will they be liable for any injuries or damages resulting from exposure to such materials.

ELECTRONIC MAIL

All SRC students are provided with a private email account. Students may use their email account to send messages to other students or staff/faculty or any Internet e-mail account holder as long as the content and language of the message or any associated attachment is consistent with all of the provisions of this contract.

The use of any other email service from within the SRC network is strictly prohibited. Any violation of the e-mail parameters of this agreement will result in the immediate termination of network privileges.

USE OF COMPUTER AND PERIPHERAL EQUIPMENT

All computers and peripheral equipment, and files they contain, are the property of the School Board. Only Information Technology personnel, the site Library Media Teacher, or a designated site Technology Facilitator may install, trouble-shoot or configure software or hardware. All requests for assistance should be forwarded to the site Library Media Teacher or site Technology Facilitator who will then forward the request to Information technology personnel.

INTERNET SITES

Sites, schools or classes may establish web pages that present information about the site, school or class. The Campus Administrator is responsible for reviewing all materials that appear on the Internet site. The school or site should designate one person as webmaster. The webmaster will communicate with School Board Information Technology personnel in maintaining and updating their website.

All material on a school site or web site must adhere to the School Board Copyright Policy as well as all other School Board policies and provisions.

PENALTIES FOR IMPROPER USE

Any user violating these rules, applicable state and federal laws, or posted classroom and School Board policies is subject to loss of network privileges and any other School Board disciplinary actions and a report to law enforcement authorities if appropriate. Any expenses incurred by improper use will be at the expense of the employee, student, or parent/guardian.

In addition, pursuant to State of California law, any unauthorized Internet access, attempted access, or misuse of any state computing and/or network system is a violation of section 502 of the California Penal Code and/or other applicable federal laws and is subject to criminal prosecution.

Parent / Teacher Communication Process

Parents and students are expected to contact teachers first when issues arise. The best method of contacting teachers is email. Sometimes messages can get stuck in filters or junk boxes, so if an email is not responded to within a 24-hour business day, please contact the front office to send a follow up message. If you still do not hear back, please contact the Campus Administrator. Parents are expected to be respectful and practice the fruits of the Spirit to any and all staff in all communications. This is also articulated in the enrollment process for SRC. We ask that students and parents follow the correct 'chain of command' when a concern arises. Please be sure to communicate with the teacher prior to contacting administrators. This will resolve any issues in the vast majority of cases.

If a student or parent has a question or concern related to a class, they should follow the following steps:

1. Teacher/Student Conference
2. Teacher/Student/Parent Conference
3. Teacher/Student/Parent/Administrator Conference
4. Teacher/Student/Parent/Administrator/Head of School Conference

Parents are encouraged to email the teacher or to call the office to arrange a conference as soon as a need arises. Parents are not to interrupt a class during school hours (8:00 a.m. 3:10 p.m.) but must go through the office to contact a student or teacher.

Pregnancy Policy

First and foremost, SRC is committed to the sanctity of human life and does not advocate for the termination of a pregnancy through abortion. Should an enrolled student become a parent the following guidelines will be followed, and a course of action will be determined by the Campus Administrator with approval by the School Board. It is the policy to treat both male and female students according to the same or similar guidelines.

The process will begin by determining the facts through a meeting with the student and Counselor and/or Administrator. Following the meeting the parents/guardians may be notified of the meeting. SRC can provide life affirming support and resources as needed. Following the student and parent consultation, appropriate referrals will be made, and a plan developed immediately.

The Administration will work with parents and students to determine an appropriate alternative placement (another school, independent study, or home school) for the pregnant student and the out of wedlock father in order to maximize credits earned and minimize the disruption of the student's educational progress. The cost of an alternative placement is not the responsibility of SRC. Enrollment and Tuition fees will apply during Independent Study Status.

GUIDELINES FOR FEMALE STUDENTS MOTHERING A CHILD

1. The pregnant student will be allowed to continue attending school until the time the pregnancy becomes a distraction to the learning and environment for fellow students (i.e., second trimester or changes in physical appearance/pregnancy symptoms). The School Administration, with the input of staff, the student and the parents/guardians, will make the determination when this has occurred.
2. Once that determination has been made, the student will be placed on Independent Study Status if the student plans to stay enrolled. The student will be offered the opportunity to complete all assignments and tests. The student must submit assignments and tests within designated timelines in order to earn required academic credits. All tuition charges will apply during Independent Study Status.
3. Throughout the pregnancy the student will not be allowed to participate in any extra-curricular activity or represent the school at any function.
4. A plan will be developed to determine whether the pregnant student will or will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony.
5. Following the birth of the baby, the student will be allowed to return to classes full-time and participate in extracurricular activities upon the medical approval by the physician.
6. The infant/child's attendance at school will not be allowed unless approved by the Administration in advance. Requests to bring the infant/child to campus must be made directly to the Administration at least one day in advance of the event.
7. The student would be dismissed from school if a second pregnancy occurs during the enrollment.

GUIDELINES FOR MALE STUDENTS FATHERING A CHILD

1. It is the position of the school that the male student be held to the same level of accountability as the female student. It is understood that the restrictions placed on the student is dependent upon both students being enrolled in SRCS.
2. The male student will be allowed to continue attending school. However, he will be placed on Independent Study status at the time when the pregnant student is placed on Independent Study status.
3. If the female is not a student at SRC, then the school administration will make the decision when such status is warranted.
4. During the Independent Study Status, the male student will be offered the opportunity to complete all assignments and tests. Assigned work must be submitted within given timelines in order to earn academic credit. All tuition charges will apply during Independent Study Status.
5. Throughout the pregnancy the student will not be allowed to participate in any extra-curricular activities or represent the school at any function.
6. The male student may return to regular school life upon the return to school of the female student at that time he will be allowed to return to classes full-time and participate in extracurricular activities.
7. A plan will be developed to determine whether the student will or will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony.
8. If the female student is not enrolled in SRC, then the School Administration will determine the date in which the male student may return to regular school life.
9. Failure to notify the school that the male student has fathered a child will lead to further action.
10. The male student will be dismissed from school if he fathers a second child during enrollment at SRC.

Property and Vandalism

Breakage of, or damage to, school facilities, equipment or supplies (i.e., desks, lockers, textbooks, etc.) must be paid for by the responsible party(ies) whether done intentionally or accidentally.

Restroom Policy

Our academic minutes are very important, and students incur a huge loss of academic learning with frequent bathroom visits. Students will be encouraged to use the restroom before school, during passing breaks, break time, lunch, etc. If a student does use the restroom while in class, a pass must be given out by the teacher. Each teacher will communicate their bathroom policies during class time with students.

We have created a schedule that allows students ample time to have a restroom break in between classes. This becomes prohibitive when students are loitering in the bathrooms, making it difficult for others to use the restroom. Therefore, students are not to congregate in restrooms. Restroom doors are to remain open at all times. Backpacks are to be left near the entrance. Any damage done to restrooms will result in disciplinary action and/or reimbursement costs to the school.

Students who have disciplinary issues involving the restrooms may be required to use alternative restroom facilities in the office.

Restrooms will be monitored throughout the day by staff.

Standard of Appearance

"Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." – 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Striving to glorify God with our bodies, the standard of appearance at SRC schools is designed to reflect modesty, neatness, and appropriateness. Each of these standards should be used as a guide to determine the appropriateness of a student's appearance.

- Is my appearance neat and clean?
- Is my appearance modest and appropriate, not attempting to draw attention to my body?
- Is my appearance non-distracting to the school community?
- Am I in compliance with the dress code policy?

Students and families are expected to fully comply with the dress code. Parents/Guardians have the ultimate responsibility to ensure that their child is appropriately dressed. Students that are out of dress code will be asked to change their clothing (call home for clothing, if needed), or change into "loaner" clothing provided by the school. Students will also receive a referral.

CLOTHING STANDARD FOR ALL STUDENTS

- Modest clothing while on campus and all school events held off campus.
- Clean and in keeping with health, sanitary, and safety requirements.
- Any article of clothing or grooming that interferes with the educational process and is not glorifying God will not be permitted in the schools.
- Clothing must cover the abdomen, back, chest and sides at all times
- Shorts must have at least a 4 inch inseam.
- Pants may not have exposed skin above mid-thigh.
- No pajama pants.
- Hats, skullcaps, beanies, sunglasses or hoods may not be worn in the classroom.
- Shoes, boots or other types of footwear must be worn at all times
- Hairstyles with extreme cuts or unnatural colors are not allowed.
- Tattoos are discouraged, and may affect enrollment. Students with inappropriate or distracting tattoos must cover them up on campus and during athletic competitions.
- Students are not permitted to dress as the opposite gender.

Males

- No sleeveless shirts.
- Undergarments may not be exposed or sticking out of outer clothing
- Shirts must be worn when in the gym and weight room during workouts and practice
- Shirt must be buttoned to the chest.
- Hair must be neatly cut and out of the eyes.
- Hair cannot extend past the shoulder or it must be tied back.
- Face must be well groomed.

Females

- Appropriate neckline; 4 fingers below collarbone.
- Skirts/dresses must extend to or below mid-thigh.
- Shorts must have at least a 4 inch inseam.
 - SRC administration reserves the right to determine whether attire is appropriate for the school environment.
- Tops and dresses must have at least a 2" strap, no backless, strapless or halter styles.
- Leggings may not be worn as pants. They may be worn with an appropriate top such as a dress, skirt, tunic or a top that covers to mid thigh.
- Hair must be kept out of the eyes.

ATHLETICS

While engaged in athletic activity on campus, students are expected to be in approved athletic/practice/game attire as directed by the Athletic Director.

*Approved team uniform tops may be worn on game days only except for chapel days. On chapel days students can change into their team uniform tops during lunch.

CHAPEL ATTIRE (See Chapel guidelines)

FORMAL ATTIRE

Males

- Dress Pants, Khakis or denim jeans without holes or rips
- Collared shirt, SRC branded polo
- Closed toe shoes are required.
- Ties are encouraged.

Females

- Modest dresses with covered cleavage (no deep plunging necklines.)
- Dresses must cover the small of the back at the waistline.
- Dresses must be longer than mid-thigh, including slits.
- Skin may not show at the midriff, abdomen, or sides, even if covered by a sheer fabric.

*If you arrive in an inappropriate dress you will not be admitted to the event.

Student Insurance and Accident Reports

To enroll at Stone Ridge Christian School, the family must have medical insurance, which covers their enrolled children at school. It is important that insurance information be on file in the student's record. Health and accident insurance are the responsibility of each family and are not carried by the school.

Each student is covered by accident insurance on a full excess basis for all school sponsored activities. (Parents' health insurance is the primary insurance.) A student is covered to and from athletic events if traveling in a school vehicle. In case of an accident the following procedures must be followed:

All accidents, regardless of how slight the injury or damage, must be reported immediately to the teacher in charge of the class or activity.

If no teacher is available, the accident is to be reported to the office. The student and his physician must cooperate with our office personnel in completing all necessary insurance forms.

Student Records

Student school records are kept in school files. According to the California State Department of Education:

Parents of currently enrolled or former pupils have an absolute right to access any and all pupil records related to their children that are maintained by school districts or private schools. (California Ed Code Section 49069)

Parents who wish to view their student's records will need to make an appointment and allow up to five (5) days to view the file with school personnel.

Originals of all files and records remain the property of Stone Ridge Christian School. Copies of files will be made by Stone Ridge Christian School upon written request of a parent if all financial obligations are current. The parent shall be required to reimburse Stone Ridge Christian School for the cost of copying student records requested by the parent.

Substance Abuse

The purpose of this policy is to prevent substance abuse among Stone Ridge Christian School students and to provide support in a compassionate manner for the few students who need such accountability.

1. The consequences for the occasional substance abuse can be so serious that Stone Ridge Christian Schools and parents have chosen to make a proactive agreement to encourage students to avoid substance abuse. This bold policy ensures that all possible prudent action is taken to promote a no tolerance campus atmosphere toward substance abuse.
2. Unfounded rumors about substance abuse are destructive to students. This policy provides a means of defusing unfounded rumors.
3. Substance abuse testing provides a means of resolving the issues surrounding accusations of substance abuse.
4. The policy provides students and parents with the confidence that Stone Ridge Christian Schools are doing all that is possible to provide a safe and caring Christ-centered educational environment. This partnership between Stone Ridge Christian School and parents encourages the few Stone Ridge Christian School students who may consider substance abuse to be more likely to refuse temptation.
5. This agreement provides parents and Stone Ridge Christian School the opportunity to provide guidance and accountability for the few students who need and will receive corrective guidance. 6. During the enrollment process, students who have a history of substance abuse problems are less likely to choose to attend Stone Ridge Christian School since abuse testing will require accountability. These procedures will help maintain the Christ-centered environment that is such a blessing to SRC students.
6. The Stone Ridge Christian School administration, students, parents, and members of the Stone Ridge Christian School Board are to be commended for taking such a firm and proactive stand to promote a drug free campus.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

SRC maintains a drug, alcohol and tobacco free campus. It is SRC's policy to maintain a school community that is free from the use and effects of legal (including tobacco, marijuana and alcohol) and illegal drugs.

All Board members, employees, students and volunteers are prohibited from the use, sale, dispensing, distribution, possession or manufacturing of illegal drugs, controlled substances, narcotics, non-prescribed drugs, misuse of prescription drugs, alcoholic beverages, tobacco and marijuana products at school, during school hours and school sponsored events.

If anyone suspects or has evidence that a student or employee is in possession of, may be using or under the influence of legal or illegal substances, alcohol or tobacco products on school premises, during school hours or during school sponsored events, it must be reported immediately to the Campus Administrator. If deemed necessary, a search of items and/or the person may be conducted, in a discreet manner.

Any person suspected to be under the influence of any substance will be investigated.

Anyone who comes on school property or attends a school sponsored event is subject to search and surveillance at all times, including while conducting business.

All persons with substantiated instances of inappropriate or illegal substance use will be subject to Disciplinary Actions (see Student Disciplinary Guidelines).

SMOKING PRODUCT FREE CAMPUS

Smoking products used on campus or during school hours, on school campus or during school sponsored events of any kind is prohibited. This includes athletic grounds, athletic events, vehicles, parking lots, dances, or any area where school business or school related events are conducted. For the purpose of this rule tobacco is defined to include any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, vaping device, bidi, clove cigarette, any other smoking product, spit tobacco, dip, chew, and snuff, in any form.

ALCOHOL USE

Alcohol possession or use by students on campus, during school hours of operation or during school sponsored events of any kind is prohibited. This includes athletic grounds, athletic events, vehicles, parking lots, dances, or any area where school business or school related events are conducted.

Any person suspected to be under the influence of alcohol or any substance on school campus or during any school sponsored event will be investigated, and students may be required to be tested with a breathalyzer.

DRUG TESTING

Consent and agreement to the following policy may be required prior to employment, enrolling or re-enrolling at SRC.

Any person will be required by the Campus Administrator to submit to substance use testing if there is reasonable cause or suspicion. Random drug testing may be instituted. All expenses will be incurred by the families and not the school.

The Campus Administrator may require testing if there is evidence or signs of substance use or after an investigation determines reasonable suspicion of inappropriate, illegal, or unauthorized substance use. In such cases, the Campus Administrator may require substance use testing as a condition of continued enrollment or employment.

ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES

The Police will be notified if illegal substances are found on the school campus.

Supervision

The school provides supervision on campus from thirty minutes before the start of the school day until thirty minutes after the end of the school day. Students are not to be on campus earlier or later than these times unless they are under supervision of a co-curricular activity, instructor or coach. Exceptions must be granted through the office. Upon arrival at school in the morning, students are required to stay within the boundaries of the quad and hallways until school dismissal. All other areas, including the fields and parking lots, are off limits except to enter or exit the campus or when students are participating in a supervised school activity. **The school does not accept the responsibility to supervise students before thirty (30) minutes before the start of the school day or after thirty (30) minutes after the end of the school day except for co-curricular activities.** Parents may be charged \$10 every 15 minutes after 3:45pm. Staff is unavailable to supervise students on campus or in the office.

Transportation

TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Stone Ridge Christian School does not provide transportation for students to and from school. To encourage families to form carpools, the school office will provide information on others who live in your area.

DRIVING REGULATIONS

Stone Ridge Christian School students have an obligation to their neighbors, and themselves to drive carefully, courteously, and safely at all times. The following regulations apply to driving:

1. Drive slowly at all times on streets around the campus.
2. Spinning of wheels, squealing tires, speeding, or any form of reckless driving will not be permitted on or around the campus.
3. Horns are not to be used to attract attention or in a careless manner. They are to be used in emergencies for the safety of others.

4. Car speakers must be kept at a low volume so as not to be disruptive.
5. Students are to be seated in the vehicle while in motion. At NO time are students allowed to ride outside the car.
6. Students may drive on campus only if they possess a valid California Driver's License
7. Students may only drive their own car or a car belonging to a member of their immediate family.
8. Students may not loan their car to another student unless parental permission and proof of insurance has been submitted to the school office for both students.
9. Students must drive carefully, with an awareness of others.
10. Students may not exceed a speed of five (5) miles per hour on campus.
11. Parents may be liable for any damage or injury caused by students driving on campus.
12. Students will not be permitted to drive other "non-sibling" students during the school day.

FIELD TRIPS AND OFF-CAMPUS TRIP GUIDELINES

1. All students who participate in an out-of-school activity must have a "Registration Application-authorization to Treat a Minor" and "Permission Form" signed in advance by their parent(s)/guardians(s) on file, or they will not be permitted to participate in the activity.
2. Bus or private automobiles may be used for field trips and interscholastic sports events. If private cars are used, the following steps must be taken:
3. Each car driver must fill out a *Volunteer Driver Application* certifying that they have had no more than one traffic citation in the last three years, that they have a valid California Driver's license, and that they have met minimum insurance requirements and understand the risks involved in driving students in their car. (Stone Ridge Christian School insurance covers students and drivers. However, the driver's insurance is primary.)
4. Approval from the Campus Administrator or Superintendent must be granted if transportation other than the bus is used.
5. Emergency information for each SRC student must accompany the vehicle by which the student is transported.
6. Drivers must be at least 25 years of age unless they are a parent, a Stone Ridge Christian School staff member, or a Stone Ridge Christian School student driving other SRC students also in school whose parents have given permission for them to ride in a car with a student driver. (The student driver must also have parental permission to transport other students in their car for school activities.) Both forms for parental permission are available in the office or on our website.
7. A student may not leave a school event in a different vehicle than that which he/she was transported unless a release form has been signed by a parent. Only parents may transport students in this situation.
8. All students and adults traveling in private automobiles for Stone Ridge Christian School field trips must wear seat belts, one per person. No more than ten passengers may travel in a vehicle unless the vehicle and driver are school bus rated.

BUS GUIDELINES

1. No students are to be on the bus without the driver being present.
2. Students are to obey the driver and/or sponsor's instruction without hesitation.
3. The sponsor or a designated adult is responsible for the behavior of the students on the bus.
4. Students must remain seated at all times and have no part of the body extended outside the bus.
5. Each group of students is responsible to assist with cleaning up the bus after their outing.
6. Damage to buses or any other vehicles will be paid for by the person who caused damage.

Visitor on Campus

Under certain limited circumstances and with prior approval by Administration, visitors and alumni are welcome on Stone Ridge Christian School campus. All visitors are required to check in with the school office to obtain a **Visitor's Pass**. Visitor's Passes shall be issued at the discretion of Stone Ridge Christian School Administration and may be revoked at any time at their discretion. Visitors are not to interfere with class schedules.

Work Permits

Students who exhibit satisfactory academic progress may request an application for a student work permit. Students who wish to obtain a work permit should:

1. Request an application from the school office.
2. Have your prospective employer complete and sign the application.
3. Have your parents or guardians sign the application.
4. Return the completed application to the school administration office for consideration and processing.
5. If the application is approved the student work permit will be issued.

Please note that students whose academic progress is marginal will not be issued a work permit. Students whose academic performance falls off as a result of working shall have their student work permit rescinded.

Students under eighteen who are employed are required by state law to have a work permit. The student is to obtain a Form B1-1 (Statement of Intent to Employ Minor and Request for Work Permit) from the office. The student is to fill out the form and obtain parent and employer signatures. Please note that the student must have a social security number to obtain a work permit.

The student is to return the completed form to the school office. The office will then issue Form B1-4 (Permit to Employ and Work). This form is to be signed by the student and returned to the employer.

End of Handbook.