

Parent & Student Handbook

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HONORING GOD THROUGH EXCELLENCE

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A Message from the Executive Director

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the 2024-25 academic year! You have every reason to be excited about this new year. There is no doubt that our God will do great things in and through this year as we live, work, and play in Christian community.

This handbook is designed to set us up for success. It includes basic information to assist you with the daily routines of Concordia Academy as well as to inform you of various rules and policies. Please read through this entire handbook. Your attendance at CA implies your consent to everything in this handbook. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or our new principal, Mrs. Jasmine Anderson (jasmine.anderson@concordiaacademy.com) if you have any questions or concerns about anything contained within.

In Christ's Service,

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Who We Are

Our Mission

The mission of Concordia Academy is to lead, teach, and inspire students to become all that God would have them be.

Our Prayer

The prayer of Concordia Academy is that our students' "love may abound more and more in the knowledge and depth of insight, so that they may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of, Christ, filled with righteous fruit that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God." Phil. 1:9-10

Our Values

Honor God in All That We Do (1 Corinthians 10:31; Mark 12:30) Knowing God and His Love for us, cherishing His Word, and seeking to please Him in all that we do is at the heart of the Concordia Academy experience. We seek to "live worship" in every aspect of life. This includes everything in and outside of school. All that we do is a reflection of *whose* we are.

Love and Serve Students and Families (1 Thess. 2:8; Ephesians 6:4; Psalm 78:1-4) Concordia Academy is open to all who desire a Christ-centered, Biblically informed and inspired educational experience for their children. All employees of Concordia Academy are first and foremost servants of our students and families. We are servants called to lead, feed, and protect sheep even as the Good Shepherd must continually lead, feed, and protect us. Families representing all of God's people (every tribe, language, nation, gifting, and ability) have equal opportunity to a place at Concordia Academy.

Live, Work, and Play in Christian Community (Romans 12:9-21; 1 Corinthians 12: 25-26) Principles rather than policies, and relationships rather than rules, take precedence in the life and community of Concordia Academy. Repentance, forgiveness, grace, and joy are common marks of our school. Individuals are celebrated as children of God; recognized as having unique gifts, passions, and purposes in the Kingdom of God; and are encouraged to honor God in all that they do. We are a community that is always "considering how we may spur one another on toward love and good work" (Hebrews 10:24).

Become Better Than We Once Were (Colossians 3:23) Excellence is the hallmark of Concordia Academy's academics, arts, athletics, and relationships. Excellence is defined as a process measured by individual, team, and corporate improvement, not a specific outcome. *Honoring God through Excellence* (i.e., improvement) is encouraged and expected of all members of the Concordia Academy community.

Our Roots

CA is part of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS). The LCMS is a mission-oriented and Bible-based denomination that confesses the historical, orthodox Christian faith in the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, a faith built on "the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone" (Ephesians 2:20). We believe without reservation that the Scriptures of the Old and the New Testament are the written Word of God and the only rule and norm of faith and of practice. In addition, the LCMS accepts without reservation the writings contained in the Book of Concord: The Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Our Admission Policy

Concordia Academy admits students of any race, color, nationality and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate in the administration of its education policies, admission policies, scholarship and grant programs, and athletic or other school administered programs.

Parents and their children who voluntarily join the Concordia Academy community agree to abide by all of the following policies, procedures, and rules. They also agree that the administration of Concordia Academy is the final authority in determining compliance or non-compliance with the following:

Doing Life Together

General Information

Family Service Hours: STAR program

CA's STAR program helps to keep overhead costs down while at the same time connecting parents to one another and building community. STAR stands for *Serving Together - Advancing Relationships*. Every CA family is required to commit a total of 10 hours of service to the school per year. Opportunities include serving at homecoming, the auction, concerts, plays, Vision4Life, the school-clean-up day, tutoring students, helping with office work and facilities maintenance, or working concessions at CA's athletic events.

Building and Office Hours

School days are Monday through Friday and take place from 7:45 a.m. – 2:30 pm. The school building will be open at 7:00 a.m. each morning. Students in the building before 7:30 am and after 2:30 pm will not be under any direct supervision. Unacceptable behavior during this time may result in the revoking of the privilege to remain in the building after school. Teachers will be available to students from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm daily. The building is normally locked every evening at 6:00 p.m.

Safety and Security

The safety of our students and staff is a top priority. During the school day, all exterior doors to the building are locked. Any individual requesting entrance must be "buzzed in" through the main school office. All guests and visitors must sign-in at the main office. All students arriving after school has started must also sign-in at the main office. The CA campus is equipped with cameras allowing surveillance of entrances, hallways, common spaces, and the parking lot.

CA is a Drug-free and Weapon-free Zone

CA is, by law, a drug-free and weapon-free zone. Anyone caught selling or possessing illegal drugs, or possessing a dangerous weapon, within one city block or 300 feet of CA may be prosecuted. CA's drug-free and weapon-free school zones include our school campus, the parking lot, King of Kings church property, the townhomes property and the Buddhist temple property. All of these areas are considered "on-campus" when it comes to rule infractions. In addition to possible legal prosecution, the possession of illegal drugs, in any form, or possession of an unauthorized weapon at school or at any school related event may be grounds for suspension or expulsion.

Cars and Parking Lot

Concordia Academy provides limited parking space on campus. Students who wish to park in CA's lot must purchase and properly display a parking permit. Passes cost \$40 for the year and \$20 for second semester. (Upon written parental request, multiple passes will be given for the cost of one if a student drives multiple family cars.) Passes can be purchased online at www.concordiaacademy.com/parking and can be picked up at the front office once form and payment have been submitted. Passes must be displayed on the passenger side of the front windshield.

- Overflow parking will be on Lovell Avenue, in the South lot of King of Kings, the south side of County Rd. B2 (the school side); and at the Buddhist temple two blocks east of the school on Lovell. Parking is not allowed during the school day on the north parking lot of King of Kings, the north side of County Rd. B2, Central Park School, or in the two lots behind Concordia Academy.

- Reckless driving, including excessive speed, in the parking lot will result in the loss of parking privileges.
- Concordia Academy cannot assume liability for damages to or loss of vehicles and/or their content.
- Cars parked without a valid pass, or parked in an unauthorized spot, may be booted and fined accordingly:
 - \$20.00 for the first offense
 - \$40.00 for the second offense
 - \$60.00 for the third offense.
 - More than three parking offenses may result in the suspension of parking privileges.

Student Health -Physicals

As a member of the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) all participants must have a physical exam on file prior to participation in a sport. The physical is valid for three years from the date of the exam. Students will not be allowed to try-out or participate until the physical is submitted. Windows for online submission will be open in the weeks before each athletic season. More information and the links themselves will be provided in CA's weekly Update.

Student Health -Medication

A signed permission form must be on file with the office for students requiring medication during the school day. The medication will be locked in the office. All medication must be in the original container and labeled with the student's name. If it is a medication for use longer than two weeks, both doctor and parent signatures are required. Concordia Academy does not have any medications available for students. Parents must provide medication for their student and must sign a permission form to allow the student to receive the medication at school. Students are allowed to carry inhalers for asthma.

Beverages, Food, and Lunch

Students are allowed to have water in the classroom. Other drinks and all food are prohibited. An exception to this may be made by a teacher for an educational purpose.

Concordia Academy partners with Boonli to provide a secure, fast, and easy-to-use online ordering system that allows you to view our lunch menu, order, prepay and manage student lunches from a smartphone, tablet, or computer. For registration and ordering please do the following:

- Go to <https://concordia.boonli.com>. (Please bookmark this page.)
- Click "Create an Account." The password is "CA1".
- Enter your information and click "Submit."
- Enter information for your students by clicking "Add Profile." Repeat this step for any additional students.
- Click "I'm Done." You can now sign in.

During the lunch period, all food is to be eaten in assigned locations. All students are asked to remove their lunch items from the tables when finished.

Lockers

A locker is assigned to each student who enrolls in Concordia Academy. This locker is for the student's use only and, as such, the sharing and changing of lockers is discouraged.

Lockers should be kept neat and clean at all times. As lockers are individually assigned to students, only the student knows the combination. The student will be responsible for any damage to that locker. Items may be posted on the inside of the locker if mounted with masking tape or removable Scotch tape. No decals are allowed.

Lockers are to be shut and locked at all times. At the end of the school year each student is responsible for removing all materials and decorations from his/her locker. Do not kick or force your locker to close or open over a large book bag or coat. You will be charged if you damage your locker or if personal items are left in the locker at the end of the year.

All lockers remain the property of Concordia Academy. The Administration reserves the right to examine the content of any locker.

Textbooks

All textbooks are the property of Concordia Academy and/or the Roseville School District and are assigned to students for their use. Students are responsible for the care of their books and will be charged for any books that are lost or willfully damaged.

Cell Phones

Students may use cell phones on-campus before and after school. The only time phones may be used during the academic day is during passing periods. (Students may, on occasion, be given special permission by their teacher to use their phone during class.) Phones must be completely silenced and unused from “bell to bell” in all classes, lunch, study halls, chapels, assemblies and in The Commons. Any phone that is used or rings/vibrates during any of the above will be confiscated. Confiscated phones will be given to the Dean of Students or Principal where they will be held for a week or until the end of the academic day if a \$20.00 fine is paid. Cell phones may never be used in locker rooms or bathrooms.

School to Parent Communication

The primary way through which the school communicates with parents is through the weekly *CA Update*. This update is an email that is sent to all CA parents every Friday afternoon. Parents are also encouraged to follow CA on Facebook and Instagram. CA’s website, concordiaacademy.com, also contains a wealth of information for parents. These include documents, links, bell schedules, calendars, and a link to report absences and early departures or late arrivals.

School Closings in Inclement Weather

In the event of bad weather, Concordia Academy will announce closings, early dismissals, or cancellation of events on WCCO radio (830 AM) and television. A notification banner will also be placed on the school website and an email will be sent to all students and families.

Change of Address, Email, and Phone Number

When families change any primary contact information, including address, email, or phone number, it is imperative that parents log into their TADS account and make the necessary changes. (This is the account that all parents use to register for CA.) For changes in primary email address, please also notify rose.hexum@concordiaacademy.com.

If Your Child is Struggling

Student Success Team is a team of school professionals who meet regularly to respond to referrals of students who may be struggling. Student struggles might be academic, social, emotional, or spiritual. The team strives to respond in a way that will help a student have the best possible chance for success. If you have a concern about your child, please reach out to the chair of the Student Success Team (SST) Ms. Kelly Mack at kelly.mack@concordiaacademy.com or call 651-796-2669.

Doing Life Together

Creating and Defending Kingdom Culture

Chapel

Concordia Academy students and faculty have the privilege of attending chapel twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays. Seniors with late-start are expected to arrive in time for all chapels. No bags and books (other than Bibles) should be brought into the chapel. No food or drink of any kind (including water) may be brought into Chapel. Cell phones must be silenced and unseen during this time.

Unacceptable Behaviors

To be a student at CA is to commit yourself to creating and defending Kingdom culture as we live, work, and play in Christian Community. The following behaviors are incompatible with Kingdom culture and are thus unacceptable:

- Disrespectful, crude, racist, threatening, or otherwise harmful speech or action directed at self or others. This includes what takes place on campus, off-campus, and on all forms of social media;
- Attending or hosting a party where minors use alcohol or drugs;
- Possession, use, sale, or distribution of drugs, drug laced products, look alike drugs, misused prescription drugs, or drug paraphernalia;
- Smoking or possession of tobacco products including e-cigarettes and vaping;
- Any sexual behavior, language, texting, or social media posting or sharing not in accordance with this handbooks statement on Gender, Marriage, and Sexuality;
- Dress that is deemed inappropriate, offensive, or not in accordance with this handbooks statement on Gender, Marriage, and Sexuality;
- Attempting to use a restroom that is not in accordance with this handbooks statement on Gender, Marriage, and Sexuality;
- Leaving campus or missing class without permission;
- All forms of cheating/plagiarism including any contribution to the cheating/plagiarism of others;
- Disrespectful behavior during chapel or other assemblies;
- Theft or vandalism;
- Irresponsible or dangerous behavior (This includes reckless driving and the possession, on campus, of any kind of weapon);
- Behavior off-campus that is deemed to hurt or hinder the mission or reputation of Concordia Academy;
- Disruptions in the classroom or otherwise hindering the learning of others;
- Consistently indulging apathy.

Tobacco, Drugs, Vaping, and Alcohol

Concordia Academy abides by the laws of the United States and the State of Minnesota and by the regulations of the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL).

The following policy applies to incidences of student substance use:

- The use, possession, distribution, and/or sale of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, drug laced products, and/or drug paraphernalia on campus or at any school event or activity is prohibited. Failure to comply may result in suspension, expulsion and/or police intervention. This includes vaping and its implements.
- The school reserves the right to conduct searches of a student's person, locker or vehicle if there is reasonable suspicion that a student is in possession of drugs, alcohol, or drug/alcohol paraphernalia.
- In the event a student uses drugs and/or alcohol, the student must permit referral to competent professional assistance. Failure to comply will result in immediate forfeiture of enrollment at Concordia Academy.
- Students believed to be under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol (e.g., displaying signs such as smelling of alcohol, slurred speech, impaired skills, etc.) while at school or a school-sponsored activity may be asked to

submit to an immediate urine, hair, or Breathalyzer test to determine level of influence. Failure to cooperate in this testing will be treated as an admission of guilt.

- All financial costs for substance testing or assessment are the responsibility of the student or the student's family
- If a student has used or possessed tobacco, drugs or alcohol, or has willfully remained at a place where alcohol and/or drugs were being used, the student may be ineligible to take part in all school and state sponsored co-curricular activities for a period of up to nine weeks. Students with multiple violations may face longer suspensions or dismissal from Concordia Academy. Coaches and advisors may impose additional expectations and/or consequences for their activities.
- A student shall be suspended from all inter-scholastic activities for double the student's original period ineligibility when the student denies violation of the rule, is allowed to participate, and then is subsequently found guilty of the violation. (Minnesota State High School League).
- Any student who is challenged and/or troubled by their own substance use, by that of friends or family members, is encouraged to seek counsel and support from a teacher, counselor, or administrator. If appropriate, the student will be referred to competent professional assistance. Students are reminded that the school's goal is not to punish, but to offer aid and encouragement to make positive choices.

As a proactive measure, CA contracts with an outside provider to use drug dogs to randomly search our campus and parking lot.

Gender, Marriage, and Sexuality

We believe and teach that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders reflect the image and nature of God (Gen. 1:26-27).

We believe and teach that the term marriage has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Gen. 2:18-25). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and woman who are married to each other (1 Cor. 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb. 13:4). We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

We believe and teach that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, sexting, and use of pornography) is offensive to God and is destructive to both the individuals involved and to those who love those individuals.

We believe that in order to preserve the mission and integrity of Concordia Academy, to preserve a faithful witness to the beliefs articulated above, and to truly serve our students, staff, and community at large, it is imperative that all persons employed by, volunteering at, or attending Concordia Academy as students, agree to act in accordance with this statement on Gender, Marriage, and Sexuality (Matt. 5:16; Phil. 2:14-16; 1 Thess. 5:22).

For the above reasons, the following shall be in place when accessing school facilities and programs:

- Any student enrolled at Concordia Academy shall, when utilizing a multiple-occupancy restroom, utilize the facility corresponding to that student's biological sex, as recorded on the student's original birth certificate.
- Any student enrolled in Concordia Academy shall, when participating in an athletic program offered by the school, participate on the team that corresponds with the student's biological sex, as recorded on the student's original birth certificate, except that a biologically female student may seek to qualify to participate on a male team if a female team is not available for that sport. Exceptions will also be made when, due to low enrollment, a co-ed team is needed to be formed for the school to participate in a sport during a particular season.
- Students will not be addressed by a pronoun or a description that does not align to their biological sex at birth, including "they" or "them".
- When traveling on overnight field trips, students will stay in accommodations with students of the same biological sex at birth.

- In circumstances when students are divided by gender for class activities, they will be classified by their biological sex at birth.
- Established uniform policies for male and female students will be required by biological sex at birth.

Public Displays of Affection

Students are to refrain from public kissing, embracing, and other close physical contact while at school or at school-sponsored events. If students who are warned about this offensive behavior continue, the school will contact the parent(s) or guardian(s) and detention(s) will be assigned.

Pregnancy

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and Concordia Academy endorse a pro-life position and the need to nurture a deep reverence and gratitude for God's gracious gift of human life. Therefore, students who are pregnant or become parents while enrolled at Concordia Academy should share that information with the administration in order that counseling and the ministry of repentance, forgiveness, reassurance, love, and support may be given to the student and the student's family.

Because the situation is not of the norm and may be disruptive to the educational process, the continued enrollment of the pregnant student and/or fathering student shall be reviewed on an individual basis by the administration. Failure to inform the administration or to follow the recommendations of the administration may also jeopardize continued enrollment at Concordia Academy. Children of student parents are not permitted to be on the campus during the regular school day, but are welcome at other activities.

Dress Code

CA's dress code is meant to encourage an environment that is conducive to learning.

The following is not permitted:

- Clothing that depicts alcohol, drugs or contains sexually suggestive or violent images or words
- Clothing with tears, rips, or holes
- Low necklines, backless, sheer, halter or bare midriff clothing
(All shirts should be able to be tucked into one's pants.)
- No cleavage, bust, or undergarments may be exposed at any time
- Excessively short clothing
- Pajama pants

Additionally:

- Shoes or sandals must be worn at all times
- Shirts must be worn at all CA practices and events
- Students should dress in ways traditionally considered appropriate in accordance with their sex

CA's administration makes the final decision regarding what is in or out of compliance with the dress code. Should a student's clothing be determined inappropriate, the student will be asked to change clothes or will be sent home to change. A student who is requested to change their clothing is expected to respond in a cooperative manner.

The dress code also applies to all school activities and whenever a student is on campus. Separate dress code policies will be communicated in regards to school dance attire. Advisors or coaches of an activity or function may require additional guidelines.

Doing Life Together

Discipline

Behavior antithetical to the values of Concordia Academy is addressed through an application of Law and Gospel. This process is very personal and recognizes that every situation is unique. The intent of discipline is to benefit the individual while protecting and strengthening the community of Concordia Academy. It is the hope that all discipline encourages repentance leading to greater and healthier life.

Disciplinary Consequences

Detention

Detentions may be assigned by the administration for attendance-related issues (e.g., tardies and unexcused absences) and for other infractions or violations. All administrative detentions will be served after school and will require a fine of \$20. Students may be asked to complete work tasks around campus during detention. Failure to serve detention will result in a doubled detention. Failure to serve a doubled detention will require a meeting among the students, parents, and administration to determine continued enrollment.

Behavioral Probation

In the event that a student develops a pattern of inappropriate behavior or has been disciplined for a more serious infraction, a student will be placed on behavioral probation. During a period of behavioral probation, a student may be asked to forfeit enrollment at Concordia Academy if there are additional violations. Specific conditions may be outlined in a contract signed by the administration, student and parent(s) or guardian(s). If a student satisfactorily reaches the end of a probation period, the contract will be ended.

Suspension

In the event of more serious infractions or violations, a student may be suspended from school for one or more days. Examples of instances where a student would be suspended include, but are not limited to: theft, harassment, fighting, smoking tobacco, drinking, insubordination, and other similar misconduct. Students are expected to make up all work that is due or is assigned during a period of suspension.

Expulsion

When there are serious and/or repeated offenses, a student may be required to forfeit enrollment at Concordia Academy. Examples of instances where a student would be expelled include, but are not limited to: theft, harassment, possession of a weapon, having alcohol or other controlled substances on campus or at school-sponsored activities, and being under the influence of alcohol or other controlled substances. In some circumstances, parents may also elect to withdraw a student rather than continuing with expulsion.

Withdrawing from Enrollment

Parents of students withdrawing from Concordia Academy should directly contact either the Principal or Guidance Counselor to begin the transfer process. There are checkout procedures with teachers, and the business office. All materials and equipment must be turned in and all financial accounts current before any transcripts and health records are transferred. Failure to follow these procedures may delay any tuition refunds due.

Parent and Student Grievance Policy

If a parent or student feels aggrieved by an individual or policy of Concordia Academy, they may choose to proceed as follows:

1. Contact the Principal and set forth in writing the action or policy that is the basis for the grievance.

2. The Principal will be responsible for solving the problem.
3. The parent and the Principal will mutually agree on the time frame. If the grievance is not settled within a reasonable time, the parent shall contact the Executive Director. The Executive Director may refer the matter back to the Principal or set a meeting with the Principal, the parent and other appropriate parties.
4. Following this meeting, the Executive Director will communicate the decision in writing, together with supporting reasons, to all parties in interest.
5. The Executive Director's decision is the final step in the procedure.
6. The Executive Director will inform the Executive Council of any grievance about which a decision is issued.

If the grievance is against the Principal, the Executive Director will adjudicate and decide the issue. If the issue is against the Executive Director, the Chair of the Executive Council will adjudicate and decide the issue.

Being Together (Attendance)

Scholastic achievement is directly related to the student's pattern of attendance. The credit that Concordia Academy offers for its classes is based on more than just the work completed by the student. Credit also assumes that the student participated in the intangible elements of the class which can only occur through regular attendance.

When Absent, Arriving Late, and Leaving Early

Please report absences, late arrivals and early dismissals to the school by 8 am. All absences must be reported to the school office by a parent or guardian, not by a student, even if they are 18 years old. This can be done through the attendance page on our website (www.concordiaacademy.com/attendance) or by emailing attendance@concordiaacademy.com. **Please include the reason for absence and also the time a student is arriving, leaving and whether or not they will be returning to school, if the absence is only for a part of the day.** A student needing to leave during the school day will be issued a pass from the front office, allowing them to leave class at the time designated by the parent. Any student arriving at school after 7:45 am must sign in at the main office. Students must sign out in the main office when leaving campus prior to 2:30 pm. Failure to do so without permission may result in an unexcused absence.

Attendance and Co-curricular Activities

In order to be eligible for any form of co-curricular activities (practice, performance, game, activity, scrimmage, dance, etc.), students must arrive to the first block of the day no later than 8:10 am. Excessive tardies may impact involvement in co-curricular activities. Exceptions to the rule are granted on an individual basis by the athletic department, and will be based on timely communication to the attendance office by a parent/guardian.

Attendance and Academic Credit

Absence from class impacts student learning. This is true of all absences, regardless of their nature. The following responsive action will be applied at each threshold of cumulative absences. (An absence is defined as missing an entire class period, whether in or out of school – e.g. being in the Guidance Office, or participating in an off-campus event while regular classes are in session.)

- 4-6 absences in any one class in a semester
 - Parent/s and students will be notified by email to inform them that the student is approaching the next threshold of absences and which classes are impacted.
- 7-10 absences
 - A meeting will be called with the student, parent/s, and administration to address the issue.
- 11 or more absences
 - The following may occur at the discretion of the Administration
 - 1 full letter grade drop in the affected classes
 - Forced withdrawal from class/es
 - Requirement to retake a course

OR

- A student may be withdrawn from school and the administration will reassess if the student could return to Concordia Academy at the start of a future term, if certain criteria can be met.

All work missed as a result of absences should be made up in a like number of days. Teachers have the option of extending or shortening the number of days for making up work due to absence as the situation warrants. It is the student's responsibility to obtain the assignments and complete them on a satisfactory basis.

Family Vacations

Families are encouraged to plan family vacations around the academic calendar. Students planning a trip during school time for vacation, club sports or other reasons should contact each of their teachers at least two weeks in advance. Parents should also notify the main office in a similar time frame. Teachers cannot guarantee that students will receive assignments in advance of an extended absence. Absences due to travel are included in the cumulative absence count.

Absence Due to Illness or Injury

A student who is too ill to remain in class or who has sustained an injury should report to the main office. A student is not allowed to leave school without checking in with an adult on campus. Health and emergency information must be on file before the first day of school in case of an emergency. In the event of an injury, the school will immediately contact the parent and/or seek emergency medical attention.

Students with extensive absences due to illness may be asked to provide a doctor's note and/or work with the school nurse to develop a health plan. Absences due to illness or injury are included in the cumulative absence count.

Final Exams

Cumulative final exams for every class are given at the end of each semester during finals week. Final exams will only be given on the dates scheduled according to our academic calendar, which is provided well in advance of each academic year. **Students who are absent will not be allowed to schedule a make-up exam, with the exception of an excused absence due to illness. Final exams not taken will receive a score of "0."** Students who must miss finals due to severe illness will be required to provide a doctor's note.

Unexcused Absences

If a student skips a class, they will be assigned a one-hour detention with a \$20.00 fine. Parents will also be notified. Further skipping of classes may result in suspension. Unexcused absences are included in the cumulative absence count.

Tardies

A tardy is defined as arriving in the classroom after the bell. Students will be allowed four tardies per quarter with no consequence. With each tardy after four, a one-hour detention and \$20 fine will be issued. Detentions will generally be served after school. First block tardies are excused only at the discretion of the Dean of Students for very limited reasons. A student's tardy count restarts at the beginning of each nine-week period.

Occasionally throughout the winter months, the administration will decide to waive tardies based on weather and road conditions. On other days, this will not be a valid excuse for tardiness. Student drivers: plan your commute to school accordingly.

College Classes and Attendance

Students are expected to attend all of their college classes unless being too ill to attend. Anytime students are absent from a college class, the student must email the professor prior to their absence with the reason for their absence. Professors reserve the sole right to deduct any credit or percentage for the class based on attendance issues. Any medical issue that may result in attendance issues should be formally filed with the University through Ms. Mack.

Juniors and Seniors in college classes may complete an application (this is separate from the Senior Release application) and have it signed by a parent to be allowed to arrive late or leave early in the event that a college class in blocks 1, 2, 7 or 8 is not meeting on a given day. The Release Rules below also apply to PSEO students.

Senior RELEASE

RELEASE is an earned privilege **available only to seniors** at Concordia Academy. It is an option to turn a study hall in blocks 1, 2, 7 and/or 8 into a RELEASE block. Criteria for being allowed RELEASE are tied to the student's attendance and academic records. This is not the same as any college release privileges. Seniors must:

- Be enrolled over two semesters in a minimum of six credits of regular coursework.
- Be enrolled in coursework to meet graduation requirements.
- Have signed permission from parent or guardian.
- Read and have a parent sign the agreement in [this form](#) to abide by the terms of release.

In general, students may have release from the building for the first block of the day or the last block of the day in lieu of a study hall.

Release rules:

1. On chapel days, students **MUST** be present and on time to chapel. Students must also be on time to every assembly, family life group, or other school event. **It is the student's job to know the daily schedule.**

Please **plan ahead** for inclement weather or finding a parking space to ensure you arrive on time.

2. Students with release who choose to stay on campus must be in the Commons.

3. Students with release **must sign in or out at the front office.**

4. Students will **lose their release privilege** if there are any academic, attendance, or behavioral issues.

5. Imitating or forging parental permission will nullify this release for the semester.

6. This goes into effect once a parent or guardian has completed the [form](#). If you are unsure, you must check in with attendance in the front office.

Learning Together (Academics)

For more information on Concordia Academy's Academic program, please see Concordia Academy's *Academic Handbook and Course Catalog* which can be downloaded from the school website.

Graduation Requirements

A student must complete the following requirements for graduation:

English	4 credits
Social Studies	3.5 credits
Religion	4 credits
Mathematics	3 credits
Science	3 credits
Health	.5 credit
Physical Education	1 credit

Fine Arts/Applied Arts	2 credits
Freshman Seminar	.5 credits
Other electives	5 credits

Grading System

Grades for individual courses will be calculated as indicated below:

Semester grade		Letter grade	
100-92	A	4.000 points	
91-90	A-	3.667 points	
89-88	B+	3.334 points	
87-82	B	3.000 points	
81-80	B-	2.667 points	
79-78	C+	2.334 points	
77-72	C	2.000 points	
71-70	C-	1.667 points	
69-68	D+	1.334 points	
67-62	D	1.000 point	
61-60	D-	0.667 point	
59-0	F	0.000 point	

Incomplete Grades

Incomplete grades must be made-up within two weeks of the end of a semester. If make-up work is not completed within this time, the grade becomes an F. The guidance counselor and teacher must approve any exceptions to this rule.

Academic Probation

Two “F” letter grades at the end of each nine-week period will make a student ineligible for co-curricular activities for the following nine-week period. An incomplete makes a student ineligible to participate in co-curricular activities until the incomplete is changed to a passing grade. A student who is ineligible may appeal the ineligibility pending a review of the student’s grades. Parents may establish eligibility requirements that may be more stringent.

Honor and Merit Roll

To qualify for an Honor or Merit Roll, a student must meet a GPA requirement:

Honor Roll - 3.65 GPA

Merit Roll - 3.35 GPA

B Merit Roll - 3.00 GPA

Each semester the Honor, Merit Roll and B Merit Roll will be published for the Concordia Academy community.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian

The valedictorian and salutatorian for the graduating class are determined after the 1st semester of the senior year.

Academic Integrity

Concordia Academy is committed to teaching and expecting academic integrity. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, the following:

Plagiarism

Plagiarism refers to submitting, without appropriate acknowledgement, a report, notebook, speech, outline, theme, thesis, dissertation, or other written, visual, or oral material that has been copied in whole or in part from the work of others, whether such source is published or not, including (but not limited to) another individual's academic composition, compilation, or other product, or commercially prepared paper.

- **Legitimate Sources:** Teachers routinely remind students to cite “legitimate or credible sources” in their assignments. Concordia Academy provides links in our *Online Databases* web page to several online academic databases. SIRS (Social Issues Research Series), along with a number of other databases, provides full text articles in areas such as religion, science, literature, history and business.
- **Citing Sources:** Unless otherwise noted, teachers at CA expect students to use the MLA format when citing sources for all schoolwork. The Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL) serves as Concordia Academy’s resource for current MLA style.
- **AI (Artificial Intelligence)** Any work generated—even only in part-by an AI tool, is not to be considered the student’s own work. Therefore, as with any quote or material from another source, students must properly cite in the text and bibliography any AI generated text, image or graph.

Cheating

Cheating consists of dishonest practices in connection with examinations, papers, and projects, including but not limited to:

- Obtaining help from another student during examinations.
- Knowingly giving help to another student during examinations, taking an examination or doing academic work for another student, or providing one's own work for another student to copy and submit as his/her own.
- Using notes, books, or other sources of information during examinations without authorization.
- Obtaining an examination or any part thereof without authorization.
- Using any form of technology not explicitly approved by the instructor on homework, quizzes, or exams. This includes using the internet to lookup answers or translations not approved by the instructor at home, utilizing smart watches/phones, or any other method not expressly approved by the instructor.

Forgery, Misrepresentation, or Fraud

Forgery, misrepresentation, or fraud includes but is not limited to:

- Forging or altering, or causing to be altered, the record of any grade in a grade book or other educational record including permission forms and absence notes.
- Use of school documents or instruments of identification with intent to defraud.
- Knowingly presenting false data or intentionally misrepresenting one's work for personal gain.
- Knowingly furnishing your daily work, the results of research papers, answers given in class or lab experiment notes for the inclusion in another's work without proper citation.

Penalties for Academic Dishonesty

Parents will be notified in all cases of academic dishonesty. Students will lose all credit for the assignment in which the dishonest act took place. Students may also lose eligibility for National Honor Society or be removed from CA’s chapter of National Honor Society. They may also lose eligibility to enroll in college classes. Repeated acts of academic dishonesty will result in a meeting between parent, student, and administration which may result in expulsion. This meeting will take place even if the acts of academic dishonesty take place over multiple years.

College Class Academic Dishonesty

All students enrolled in a college class will be accountable to Concordia University, St Paul's academic dishonesty policies. Academic dishonesty in a college class is reported to the university and may result in a permanent note on the student's college file.

Guidance and Counseling Support

The Guidance Department strives to facilitate the success of every student through ongoing planning and support:

Academic and Career Guidance

- **Planning an academic program** – selecting appropriate courses to meet graduation requirements and to prepare for college or other post-secondary education and making any necessary schedule changes.
- **Assisting with post-secondary planning** – providing information about educational opportunities after high school: college brochures, catalogs, applications, financial aid and scholarship information, vocational school and military training programs.
- **Providing career information** – help with career exploration and decision-making, and assessing career interests, abilities, aptitudes, and values.
- **Coordinating testing services** – ACT and SAT college entrance exams, PSAT for juniors, Renaissance STAR for sophomores and freshmen. Career interest inventories, and placement tests for new students.

Class Schedule Changes

The Guidance Counselor handles all student schedule concerns. A student must be enrolled in a minimum of six academic credits each year (generally three each semester). Classes may only be added or dropped, if necessary, within the first five days of a semester. Withdrawing from a course after ten days may result in a withdrawal failure grade and loss of credit for the semester. Students should note there are different deadlines and consequences for college course add/drop dates.

Procedure for making schedule changes:

1. Students must initiate the schedule change with the counselor.
2. The counselor may send the change form to the student's parents for their approval.
3. The student will then seek the current teacher for approval. This gives the teacher an opportunity to touch base with the student before the change.
4. The student will then seek the student's new teacher's approval.
5. The change will be finalized only after approval from the counselor, parents, and both teachers.

There will be a \$20 fee for changes after the published deadline for schedule changes.

Online Together

Internet and Electronic Resources Acceptable Use and Safety

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to define acceptable use of Concordia Academy's technology system, provide guidelines for use of personal devices, and set forth policies establishing acceptable and safe use of the Internet and cloud-based tools, including electronic communications.

II. General Statement of Policy

In making decisions regarding student access to Concordia Academy's technology system, which includes, but is not limited to, electronic resources, cloud-based tools, access to the Internet, and electronic communications (referred to throughout this policy as simply the "technology system", Concordia Academy considers its own stated educational mission, goals, and objectives.

Electronic information research skills are now fundamental to preparation of citizens and future employees. Access to the technology system and to the Internet enables students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, bulletin boards, and other resources while exchanging messages with people around the world. Concordia Academy expects that faculty will blend thoughtful use of the technology system and the Internet throughout the curriculum and will provide guidance and instruction to students in their use to become empowered citizens capable of critical thinking, collaborative global citizenship, and faithful stewards of all that God has entrusted.

III. Definitions

- A. *Electronic Resources* include but are not limited to network systems and components, computers and peripherals, printers, telephones, network systems and components, and the applications they support and/or access. These items may or may not be owned by Concordia Academy.
- B. *Cloud-Based Tools* refers to websites and applications within the World Wide Web that focus on user collaboration, sharing of user-generated content, and social networking rather than simply displaying static content.

IV. Limited Educational Purposes

Concordia Academy provides students access to the technology system. The purpose of the technology system is more specific than providing students with general access to the Internet. The technology system has a limited purpose for education, which includes use of the system for classroom activities, educational research, and professional or career development activities. Users are expected to use Internet access through the technology system to further educational and personal goals consistent with Concordia Academy's mission and school policies and handbooks. Uses which might be acceptable on a user's private personal account on another system may not be acceptable on this limited-purpose network.

V. Use of System is a Privilege

The use of the technology system and access to use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right. Depending on the nature and degree of the violation and the number of previous violations, unacceptable use of the technology system or the Internet may result in one or more of the following consequences: suspension or cancellation of use or access privileges; payments for damages and repairs; discipline under other appropriate school policies, including suspension, expulsion, or exclusion; or civil or criminal liability under other applicable laws.

Use of personal (student owned) electronic resources, (including personal cell phones or other personal devices) during time while students are on school property, is subject to all school policies and handbooks, as applicable, in addition to any state and federal laws related to Internet use, including copyright laws.

VI. Unacceptable Uses

- A. The following uses of the technology system and Internet resources or accounts on or off school property and/or personal electronic resources while at school or on school property and/or the technology system are considered unacceptable:

1. Users will not use the technology system to create, access, review, upload, download, store, print, post, receive, transmit, or distribute:
 - a. pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit material or other visual depictions that are harmful to minors;
 - b. obscene, abusive, profane, lewd, vulgar, rude, inflammatory, threatening, disrespectful, or sexually explicit language;
 - c. materials that use language or images that are inappropriate in the education setting or disruptive to the educational process;
 - d. information or materials that could cause damage or danger of disruption to the educational process;
 - e. materials that use language or images that advocate violence or discrimination toward other people (hate literature) or that may constitute harassment or discrimination.
2. Users will not use the technology system to knowingly or recklessly post, transmit, or distribute false or defamatory information about a person or organization, or to harass another person, or to engage in personal attacks, including prejudicial or discriminatory attacks.
3. Users will not use the technology system to engage in any illegal act or violate any local, state, or federal statute or law.
4. Users will not use the technology system to vandalize, damage, or disable the property of another person or organization, will not make deliberate attempts to degrade or disrupt equipment, software, or system performance by spreading computer viruses or by any other means, will not tamper with, modify, or change the technology system software, hardware, or wiring or take any action to violate the school's security system, and will not use the technology system in such a way as to disrupt the use of the system by other users.
5. Users will not use the technology system to gain unauthorized access to information resources or to access another person's materials, information, or files without the implied or direct permission of that person.
6. Users will not use the technology system to record, photograph or video students or school employees on school property, on a school bus or at school-sponsored activities without their knowledge and consent, except for activities considered to be in the public arena (e.g. sporting events, public meetings, academic competitions or public performances). School social events, activities sponsored by student clubs, team building retreats, and activities that take place during the school day are not considered to be in the public arena.
7. Users will not use the technology system to post private information about another person, personal contact information about themselves or other persons, or other personally

identifiable information, including, but not limited to, addresses, telephone numbers, school addresses, work addresses, identification numbers, account numbers, access codes or passwords, labeled photographs, or other information that would make the individual's identity easily traceable, and will not repost a message that was sent to the user privately without permission of the person who sent the message. Doxing is strictly prohibited..

8. Users will not use the technology system to violate copyright laws or usage licensing agreements, or otherwise to use another person's property without the person's prior approval or proper citation, including the downloading or exchanging of pirated software or copying software to or from any school computer, and will not plagiarize works they find on the Internet.
 9. Users will not use the technology system to engage in bullying or cyberbullying. This prohibition includes using any technology or other electronic communication off school premises to the extent that student learning or the school environment is substantially and materially disrupted.
 10. Users may not add or remove any software nor modify the equipment, software configuration, or environment. Users will not install any personal equipment or software on any school-owned system.
 11. Users will not attempt to circumvent the restrictions named herein through the use of proxies, circumventors, hot-spots, tethering, virtual private networks (VPNs), or any other means while at school or on school property or while using the technology system. Other expressly prohibited activities for students include:
 - a. Using, accessing, or attempting to gain access to the staff or guest networks. Students must always use the student network.
 - b. Tunneling in or attempting to tunnel in to other devices, including personal devices, with the expressed intent of circumventing filter restrictions.
 - c. Engaging in distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks, bandwidth hogging, excessive streaming, or any other use that substantially interferes with the school technology system's upload or download streams and technology resources.
 - d. Creating or using unauthorized or "rogue" access points (APs).
 - e. Playing unauthorized online games or video games while on the school's premises and/or while using the technology system and resources. Unauthorized games are those not adhering to Concordia Academy's values, handbooks, codes of conduct, and are not educational in value.
- B. A student engaging in the foregoing unacceptable uses of the Internet when off school premises also may be in violation of this policy as well as other school policies and handbooks. Examples of such violations include, but are not limited to, situations where the technology system is compromised or if a school employee or student is negatively impacted. If

Concordia Academy receives a report of an unacceptable use originating from a non-school computer or resource, the school may investigate such reports to the best of its ability. Students may be subject to disciplinary action for such conduct, including, but not limited to, suspension or cancellation of the use or access to the school computer system and the Internet and discipline under other appropriate school policies, including suspension, expulsion, or exclusion.

- C. If a user inadvertently accesses unacceptable materials or an unacceptable Internet site, the user shall immediately disclose the inadvertent access to an appropriate school official. This disclosure may serve as a defense against an allegation that the user has intentionally violated this policy. In certain rare instances, a user also may access otherwise unacceptable materials if necessary to complete an assignment and if done with the prior approval of and with appropriate guidance from the appropriate teacher or school administrator.

VII. Limited Expectation of Privacy

- A. By authorizing use of the technology system, the school does not relinquish control over materials on the system or contained in files on the system. Users should expect only limited privacy in the contents of personal files, browsing history, and activity on the technology system.
- B. Routine maintenance and monitoring of the technology system may lead to a discovery that a user has violated this policy, another school policy, or the law.
- C. An individual investigation or search will be conducted if school authorities have a reasonable suspicion that the search will uncover a violation of law or school policy. This may include a search of a student's personal cell phone or other portable electronic devices, if there is reason to believe the student used the device during working hours and/or on school property.
- D. Parents, in accordance with school policy and state and federal laws, have the right at any time to investigate or review the contents of their child's files and email files. Parents have the right to request the termination of their child's individual account at any time.
- E. Students should be aware that the school retains the right at any time to investigate or review the contents of their files, history, and email files.
- F. The school will cooperate fully with local, state and federal authorities in any investigation concerning or related to any illegal activities or activities not in compliance with school policies conducted through the technology system.

VIII. Internet and Electronic Use Agreement Consent

By choosing to be a student of CA one agrees to abide by all the policies here described in this Internet and Electronic Resources and Acceptable Use and Safety policy,

IX. Limitations on School Liability

Use of the technology system is at the user's own risk. The system is provided on an "as is, as available" basis. Concordia Academy will not be responsible for any damage users may suffer, including, but not limited to, loss, damage, or unavailability of data stored on school

diskettes, tapes, hard drives, or servers, or for delays or changes in or interruptions of service or mis-deliveries or non-deliveries of information or materials, regardless of the cause. The school is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of any advice or information obtained through or stored on the technology system. The school will not be responsible for financial obligations arising through unauthorized use of the technology system or the Internet. The school assumes no responsibility for theft, loss, or damage of a personal electronic device brought to school and will not assume responsibility for investigating loss or theft of such items.

X. Student Online Code of Ethics

At Concordia Academy, it is important to use information and technology in safe, legal, and responsible ways. We embrace these conditions as facets of being a digital citizen and strive to help students develop a positive digital footprint.

1. Students accessing or using cloud-based tools including, but not limited to, blogs, wikis, podcasts, Google applications, Google Classroom and Educate for student assignments are required to keep personal information out of their postings.
2. Students must select online names that are appropriate and will consider the information and images that are posted online at an age appropriate level.
3. Students must not log in to the network as another classmate.
4. Students using cloud-based tools must treat these tools as a classroom space. Speech that is inappropriate for class is not appropriate on cloud-based tools; this includes speech that is disguised or where spelling has been intentionally altered to avoid triggering school filters. Students are expected to treat others and their ideas online with respect.
5. Assignments on cloud-based tools are like any other assignment in school. Students, in the course of completing the assignment, are expected to abide by policies and procedures in the student handbook, including those policies regarding plagiarism and acceptable use of technology.
6. Student blogs are to be a forum for student expression; however, they are first and foremost a tool for learning. Concordia Academy may restrict speech for valid educational reasons as outlined in policies.
7. Students must not use the Internet to harass, discriminate, bully or threaten the safety of others. If students receive a comment on a blog or other cloud-based tool used in school that makes them feel uncomfortable or is not respectful, they must report this to a teacher, and must not respond to the comment.
8. Students accessing cloud-based tools from home or school, using the technology system, must not download or install any software without permission, and not click on ads or competitions.
9. Students should be honest, fair and courageous in gathering, interpreting and expressing information for the benefit of others. Always identify sources and test the accuracy of information from all sources.
10. Students must treat information, sources, subjects, colleagues and information consumers as people deserving of respect. Gathering and expressing information should never cause harm or threaten to be harmful to any person or group of people. Care should be taken to ensure that Christian love is considered at all times when expressing a thought or idea.

11. Students are accountable to their readers, listeners and viewers and to each other. Students should admit their mistakes and correct them promptly, while also exposing the unethical information and practices of others.

12. Students shall not record, photograph or video other students or school employees on school property, on a school bus or at school-sponsored activities without their knowledge and consent, except for activities considered to be in the public arena (e.g. sporting events, public meetings, academic competitions or public performances). School social events, activities sponsored by student clubs, team building retreats, and activities that take place during the school day are not considered to be in the public arena.

13. School policies concerning acceptable use of electronic technology include the use of these cloud based tools for school activities.

14. Failure to follow this code of ethics will result in academic sanctions and/or disciplinary action.

XI. Guidelines for Classroom Use of Social Media Tools

The school provides teachers with webpages and password-protected, online social media tools that can be used for communication and instruction. Teachers may also elect to use other social media tools for the purpose of instruction in accordance with the Internet and Electronic Resources Acceptable Use and its appendices.

A. School Online Social Media Tools

1. Content and use must adhere to school policies and guidelines.
2. The platform for instruction must indicate that views expressed on the social media site are that of the student, and do not necessarily reflect the views of Concordia Academy.

B. Non-School Social Media Tools

1. Content and use must adhere to school policies and guidelines.
2. Content and use must not violate the “terms of service” for the social media tool.
3. The platform for instruction must indicate that views expressed on the social media site are that of the student, and do not necessarily reflect the views of Concordia Academy.
4. The platform must not use official school logos or images without the permission of (1) the director of communications, (2) the school principal, (3) the dean of students, or (4) the technology administrator.

A. Concordia Academy reserves all of its rights, copyrights, and trademarks. Unauthorized use is strictly prohibited.

Competing, Performing, Serving, and Playing Together (Co-Curriculars)

Dances

Dances (except the junior/senior prom) are open to all Concordia Academy students and their guests. Adult sponsors will supervise dances. Once a student enters the building to attend a dance, the student may be refused reentrance after leaving. Except for prom and other designated events, the school dress code is in effect at all dances.

All guests from other schools (non-Concordia Academy students) are required to pre-register by completing a dance guest contract and submitting it to the school office. This contract indicates that the CA student accepts responsibility for the actions of his/her guest and must be turned in to the CA office by noon of the school day preceding the dance. In some cases, the contract may be required before purchasing tickets. All guests must provide a picture ID to verify their identification.

Clubs

The following clubs have been offered at various times over the last few years. However, not all of the following are offered every year. The determining factor is ultimately student interest.

Archery

CA Archery follows the NASP guidelines, which allows an archer to compete at a state and national level. Students learn focus, self-control, discipline, patience, and the life lessons to be successful in school and in life. No previous experience is necessary.

Beacons4Life

Beacons4Life is a student-led pro-life club that seeks to build awareness surrounding pro-life issues while supporting pro-life organizations.

Berean Order

This is CA's biblical literacy contest, with a focus on selected books of the Bible each year. The competitions take place during second semester.

Bible Studies

Led by staff and/or students, men's and women's Bible studies regularly meet during lunch or before school.

Dirt Diggers

This club focuses on creating green spaces, both indoors and outside, to honor God and his amazing creations.

Games Club

Board games of all kinds (Monopoly, Balderdash, Sorry, and Apples to Apples, to name a few) are available to play at this bi-weekly after-school gathering. You're welcome to bring your favorite games, too.

Global Partners

This club is for all students who enjoy learning about different cultures from all over the world and sharing about their own culture. Members participate in fun after-school activities every year that help them grow in their understanding of different cultures.

Prayer Team

Throughout the week, a student-led prayer team lifts up prayer requests from students and staff members. In addition, a prayer gathering occurs regularly.

Scholastic Shooting Club

In the fall and spring, participants learn about shooting sports (trap, skeet, sporting clays, and steel) while having a lot of safe fun! This is an informal group that does not compete as part of the Minnesota State High School League.

Tech Team

Concordia Academy's Tech Team is a group of tech-interested students building peer relationships and critically solving technology problems.

Weightlifting

The weight room is open to all interested students looking to improve their fitness level. Top lifters compete in the Skyline Weightlifting Competition each spring.

Yarn Club

Students who are interested in the basics of knitting or crocheting gather together twice monthly to work on projects. No experience is required, and beginning materials are provided to get students started.

Youth in Government

Youth In Government (YIG) is a hands-on civic learning program where students immerse themselves in government and politics through focused discussions on current issues and activities. Program areas include social events, engaging activities, small-group reflection, and hands-on leadership development, such as Youth Day At The Capitol and the four-day YIG conference where students run a state model government in the Capitol Complex.

Intramurals

At different times throughout the school year, students may participate in 6-8 weeks of games. Teams will play approximately one game per week. Past intramurals have included basketball, badminton, tennis, and volleyball.

Worship Team

The Prayer and Praise Band, Concordia Academy's worship team, leads the music during many of the chapels and sponsors a weekly Prayer and Praise time. Any student with musical talent is encouraged to audition for and participate in this volunteer activity.

Student Ambassadors

Concordia Academy's Student Ambassadors group has a mission "to represent the student body of Concordia Academy through personal interaction with potential students, families and supporters of the school." CA Student Ambassadors include members of the sophomore, junior and senior classes. To be a CA Student Ambassador, students are nominated by teachers and then complete an application process each spring.

National Honor Society (NHS)

The National Honor Society of Concordia Academy is an organization established to recognize and foster academic achievement while encouraging the development of character, service, and leadership.

Nominations to the National Honor Society of Concordia Academy are open to all juniors and seniors who have been in CA for one semester and have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.35 or higher following the 1st semester. Candidates are also evaluated on the basis of their ability to give examples supporting their development of character, service, and leadership. The committee evaluates the number and duration of examples given for each criterion.

Students who meet the criteria listed above will be invited to be part of Concordia Academy's NHS chapter. Further guidelines can be found in the National Honor's Society membership packet.

Peer Support

This select group is chosen from all demographics of our student body. These students are trained to support their classmates through all of life's ups and downs.

Theatre

Concordia Academy's Theatre Department sponsors two productions during the year, a play in the fall and a musical in the spring. All students are invited to try out for dramatic or musical roles or join the stage crews for set design, sound and lighting, makeup, and costuming. Theatre, like athletics, includes an additional \$200 fee per performance.

Athletic Offerings:

Fall Sports

Boys Cross Country
Girls Cross Country
Boys Football
Boys Soccer
Girls Soccer
Girls Volleyball

Winter Sports

Boys Basketball
Girls Basketball
Girls Dance Team (Co-op)
Boys Hockey (Co-op)
Boys Wrestling (Co-op)
Boys Weightlifting
Girls Weightlifting

Spring Sports

Boys Baseball
Boys Golf
Girls Golf
Boys Lacrosse (Co-op)
Girls Softball
Boys Track & Field
Girls Track & Field

Athletic Fees

Concordia Academy requires a \$200 participation fee be paid per sport by athletes, with a limit of \$400 in fees per athlete, per academic year.

The fees offset the normal operational expenses of athletics, and will be assessed outside of tuition and the other regular fees that are regularly collected in July. The athletic fee will be paid during the online registration process before each sport season. If your student tries out, but does not make a team, your payment will be refunded to you. Fees for co-op sports such as hockey, wrestling and boy's lacrosse will be assessed separately as they are run in cooperation with other schools.

MSHSL Eligibility

The Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) governs the sports participation of all the high schools in the state. Concordia Academy is a member of the league and follows all state guidelines. With the start of each school year/season parents will be required to read and sign the MSHSL Athletic Eligibility Information Bulletin that will explain the rules of eligibility in detail. This form is part of the online registration process.

Prior to the start of the fall and winter seasons, the coach is required to have an informational meeting with parents and guardians to explain the program and the expectations of the athletes. At this time, MSHSL and other applicable rules, which may be specific to the particular sport, will be explained. It is strongly recommended that all parents/guardians and athletes be present for this very important meeting.

Varsity Letters and Awards

The coaches for each varsity sport have set guidelines for earning a varsity letter. Generally, an athlete must make an appearance in half the varsity quarters, innings, or periods. Cross Country, wrestling, and track have other regulations that

the coaches will share with you in advance of the season. Contact the individual coach or athletic director if there are any questions. Letter jackets can be purchased at any time through Harold's Shoe Repair on Rice St. in Little Canada. Their phone number is 651-484-6109.

Parent Booster Club

The Booster Club is the parent volunteer organization that supports athletic activities at Concordia Academy. The Booster's primary activities are working the concession stands at the athletic events, selling tickets, and providing support for the individual coaches and teams. Parents wishing to participate in Booster Club activities are encouraged to contact the Athletic Director at 651-796-2681.

Code of Conduct for CA Athletes and Fans

- Keep cheering positive (We cheer for our team not against the other team)
- Treat the opposing team and their fans as honored guests
- Respect and accept the judgment of officials
- Be gracious in victory and defeat

School Fight Song

On Concordia, On Concordia, Let your colors fly.
On we sail through storm and gale, all obstacles defy. Rah, Rah, Rah!
Prance around them and confound them, Till the green and white
Comes through with victory. Fight, team, tonight.
C-O-N-C-O-R-D-I-A
C-O-N-C-O-R-D-I-A
C-O-N-C-O-R-D-I-A
Go Beacons!

