

HISTORY OF RIO GRANDE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY:

R.G.C.A. opened in September 1979, with the conviction that God wanted us to teach our children His ways every day and not just Sunday. The School uses the A.C.E. (Accelerated Christian Education) curriculum. Since 1979, we have been seeking to make improvements, and one of those is our **ACCREDITATION**.

We are fully accredited through the NORTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION, a division of Advanc-ED, and also by the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS. The most asked question, and sometimes the only question asked is, "Are you accredited?" So the answer is, "Yes, we are accredited."

Eight years ago we computerized our classrooms, and have updated our system this summer (2013). We have digital high speed Internet, with filters and monitoring systems. We will continue to make changes that are deemed necessary to insure the best in Spiritual, academic and technological training for our students.

When the school was first opened, eligibility was opened to anyone who wanted to enroll. Later it was changed to allow only children of members of Rio Grande Baptist Church. Today, we have a screening process to allow those who will sign an agreement with our doctrinal position, as the school is an extension of Rio Grande Baptist Church, and teaches the same doctrines as taught in our Church.

FORWARD: Why Do We Have A Christian School?

"Thus saith the Lord, Learn not the way of the heathen..." Jeremiah 10:2

"And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shall talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way; and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." Deut. 6:5-7

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."
Proverbs 22:6

We believe these Scriptures command us to teach our children God's way of life as shown in His Word, the Bible. At R.G.C.A. we will not teach, as truth, anything that goes against that Word, but we will help the children committed to our trust to learn to love and follow His Holy Word. We will teach them to be separated from the world and unto God.

The Christian school is not a substitute for the home, but an extension of it. We will endeavor to strengthen Christian principles taught in the home, but we cannot teach them without the same teaching in the home. Ours is a partnership in obeying God's commandment to, "...train up a child in the way he should go." The partners are; the home, the church, and the school, and all three are under God. According to Scripture, the rearing of children is the responsibility of the parents. The school's place in training children is only what the parent's delegate to the school. Therefore, it is imperative that the parents agree with the teachings of the school. That can be accomplished through fellowship and teaching God's word in the Church, and at home.

It is important to understand that attending R.G.C.A. is a privilege and not a right. We are not a reform school but a Christian school, seeking to train Christian youth in the highest principles of Christian life. Any student who does not comply with our standards may forfeit the privilege of attending R.G.C.A. We sincerely hope that each student will develop a love for Jesus Christ, which will cause him to have strong school spirit. We are thankful that we are able to have such a school in our country, and hope the students will also be thankful. It will be up to them to vote to insure that we keep these freedoms in this great Republic as they grow up and take their places as citizens of the United States of America.

Who may attend R.G.C.A.?

R.G.C.A. is a ministry of Rio Grande Baptist Church. The church and school have a racially nondiscriminatory policy and therefore shall not discriminate against student's applications on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin. **R.G.C.A. is first and foremost, for members of Rio Grande Baptist Church.** Those willing to sign a statement of agreement with Rio Grande Baptist Church doctrinal positions, and go through our screening process, may apply. Upon acceptance, a probation period of 3 months will be required.

STATEMENT OF FAITH:

We believe in:

1. The Verbal Plenary inspiration of the King James Version of the Bible equally in all parts and without error.
2. The one God, eternally existent Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Who created man by a direct act.
3. The pre-existence, incarnation, Virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, substitutionary death and atonement, bodily resurrection, ascension to Heaven, and the pre-millennial, pre-tribulational, imminent and physical second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.
4. The fall of man, the need of regeneration by the operation of the Holy Spirit on the basis of grace through faith, and the resurrection of all; to life or to damnation.
5. The spiritual relationship of all believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, living a life of righteous works, separated from the world, and witnessing of His saving grace through the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

STANDARD OF CONDUCT: The Administration and Faculty at R.G.C.A. are committed to helping students develop conduct that will honor Jesus Christ. All students attending this school and their parents will be required to read and sign a Code of Conduct form each year. We believe it will help the students, parents, and teachers to know exactly what is expected of them, and will prevent future confusion. Students found to be out of harmony with these standards will be asked to appear before our Board of Deacons, for further actions, whenever the Administration determines it is necessary.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY: When a student sees another student whose activities violate the Code of Conduct for the school, and bring shame to the cause of Christ, it is his responsibility to encourage the offending student to correct the wrong and change his behaviour.

If the offending student refuses to abide by the advice, then the student who has witnessed the improper conduct should report the incident to the proper authority at school in an attempt to preserve the testimony of the school. If the offending student heeds the counsel and mends his ways, Praise the Lord! The first student has gained his Brother for the cause of Christ.

CLOSED CAMPUS DEFINITION: Who may visit and who may leave? R.G.C.A. has a closed campus policy. The students are required to stay on the school grounds from 7:55 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. unless they have permission from parents in writing or by telephone, through the school secretary, or are involved in a school activity off campus. Reasons for leaving the campus include medical appointments, student illness, and pre-arranged family vacations. They do not include, "I finished my goals and I want to go home." If the latter was allowed, afternoon classes such as P.E. and choir would be missed, and a student's grade in these subjects would suffer.

Anyone, with children who attend R.G.C.A., is welcome to visit during school hours but must check in at the office when they arrive and when they leave. Visitors, who plan on staying in the classroom, should have attire in keeping with the school dress standards. Students should remember that visitors would leave with a good impression, if we were friendly and courteous.

For problems concerning students, parents need to make an appointment after school hours.

DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES:

The following actions will result in Suspension:

1. Accumulation of 200 minutes of unserved detention (If this happens, the 200 minutes will be erased with the suspension. If the student builds up another 200 minutes of unserved detention in the same school year, the student may be expelled.)
2. Use of tobacco.
3. Fighting.
4. Questionable language or behavior. (More than two violations)
5. Scoring violations. (More than two violations)
6. Lying, cheating or stealing. (More than two violations)
7. Destroying church/school property. (More than one violation) Parent will be required to pay for damaged property and repair.
8. Disrespect toward school staff. (Administration discretion)
9. Sexually suggestive language and or behavior.
10. Critical or uncooperative attitude.
11. Dangerous behavior.
12. A 3rd offence of the bringing of an electronic device will result in a 2 day suspension.
A 4th offence will result in a 5 day suspension, and may lead to expulsion.

Expulsion Policy:

*Students may be expelled the second time they accumulate 200 minutes of un-served detention, or if they are suspended for the same offense twice in one year.

*Students will be expelled if they use lewd or suggestive language, sexual in nature (here or social media), or are involved in sexual activities, or drugs and alcohol.

*Students who show a rebellious attitude, whose spirit is contradictory to the spirit of the school, and who have shown themselves to be detrimental to the spiritual training of other students will be expelled.

*Students who use foul language, or are involved in fighting, or are disrespectful to staff.

*Students who repeatedly break attendance policies and who are repeatedly caught cheating, or are repeatedly disruptive in the classroom.

*Student who **"Bully"** or attempt to Bully others by actions, words or threats. Any and all threats are taken very seriously at R.G.C.A.

*Students who bring any weapon to school or threaten to bring a weapon will be expelled.

Policy on Returning Back to R.G.C.A.

1. Once a student has left R.G.C.A. during the school year, they may re-enroll after re-applying, and payment of re-application fee, and a conference with the school board. Upon re-admittance, a probation period of 3 months will be required.
2. If a student is expelled from R.G.C.A. that student may re-apply for admission the following semester. A determination will be made by the administration and School Board, whether the student can be re-admitted. Re-admittance of an expelled student will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Upon acceptance, a probation period of 3 months will be required.

POLICY ON SEARCHES: The school staff and / or Pastor, reserve the right to search student's automobiles, backpacks, purses, pockets, lunch boxes, lockers, desk, or persons. This will always be done within the guidelines of Christian modesty.

DEFINITION OF OFF LIMITS AREAS: The following areas are off limits, unless a student has permission from one of the staff:

- *Other student's offices/property (Including P.E. bags, lunch boxes or bags, purses, etc.)
- *Teacher's desks and files
- *In the Auditorium, Kitchen, Gym, Library, or a classroom without staff member present
- *Pastor's, Principal's, or Secretary's office areas
- *East side of building -- *Front of building
- *Telephone, except in case of emergency (forgetting lunch, PACEs, clothes or calling to go home with friends is not an emergency.)
- *Any parked cars
- *Bicycles or motorcycles are not to be ridden during school hours.
- *Small playground (except K-3rd grades)
- *Any part of church facilities not normally used for school

HOMEWORK POLICY: The responsibility for scholastic achievement is placed on each student. When a Homework Slip is issued, it is the student's responsibility to complete the work and have the parent to sign the slip, but encouragement from the parents is very helpful. The parents of each student with homework should provide a designated area, free from distractions, with enough light, and a reasonable amount of time. This should normally be considered a daily need for upper level students. TV watching, telephone conversations, etc. should be limited, not only to promote better and more complete work, but to build character. Parental help with homework is encouraged if students don't understand a concept or need to be given a quiz, but parents should insist that the students do the actual work themselves, to maximize their learning. Unsigned Homework Slips or incomplete homework will be dealt with in the demerit system. If there is a valid reason that a student was unable to do his work, demerits will not be given if the parent explains the situation in writing on the homework slip. Nonsense answers used to fill in blanks to appear finished will cause the students to be issued a new PACE and have to start over and/ or a 30-minute detention.

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURE: The school day is from 7:55 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Tuesday thru Friday. Students are not to arrive before 7:40 a.m., or stay later than 3:45 p.m. unless they have prior written arrangements with the Administration, or are in the sports programs. Students left after school longer than 15 minutes from the time they have been dismissed will have a \$7.00 charge added to their bill for each student left late, for each half hour or part of half hour. Brothers or sisters of those required to stay late should be picked up on time. Once the parent or regular driver is at the school, the student is their responsibility, and will not be charged.

Regular attendance is very important to every student's education. Missed workdays cause hardships on students and teachers because make-up work is time consuming. In A.C.E. classes, the students fall behind and still have to do the same amount of work. If, however; it is necessary for the student to be absent there is a definite procedure to follow. A PHONE CALL ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE ABSENCE, AND A WRITTEN EXCUSE UPON THE STUDENT'S RETURN TO SCHOOL IS REQUIRED FOR EACH DAY ABSENT. A student who does not have either of these will be considered unexcused and receive a 15-minute detention. If a student is absent 6 times in one quarter, the student and parents must appear before the School Board. Vacations and illnesses will be taken into consideration before a meeting is scheduled.

Each student will be allowed one excused tardy per week, after that they will be admitted with an unexcused tardy. Unexcused tardiness will be dealt with in the demerit and detention system.

Five minutes or less is a demerit and more than 5 minutes is a detention.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

A "One Time" – New Application fee of \$50 K5-7th grade -- & \$75 8th -12th grade
Registration: --- \$200 per student – Diagnostic / placement tests included
(Discounts given for return students & early-bird registration)

The Registration Fee must be paid before any diagnostic testing can be started and before any school materials can be issued.

TUITION:

Member Tuition:

*K5 - 12 years old - \$150/ month – \$1350/yearly

*13 years old and up (as of Aug. 31st) \$175/ month - \$1575/yearly

Non-Member Tuition:

*K5 - 12 years old - \$300/ month --\$2700/yearly

*13 years old (as of Dec. 31st) and up - \$325/ month - \$2925/yearly

*K5 is half day and tuition includes curriculum.

*13 years and up, tuition includes registration for A.C.E.

Regionals (does not include Internationals).

First month tuition must be paid prior to school starting. The school bill will be sent home with the oldest child in the family on the school day closest to the 1st day of each month. The bill must be paid by the 15th day of the month or students will not be issued PACEs from due date until bill is paid in full. A late fee of \$15 will be added if not paid by the 15th. Students WILL NOT be admitted to class and no schoolwork will be given if payments are not kept current.

Book Fees: -- School of Tomorrow Program

\$ 3.30 per PACE

\$ 6.60 for repeat PACEs

\$ 9.90 per PACE if on Academic Probation – (Less than 15 PACEs per quarter)

(All students should complete 18 PACEs per quarter)

When Achievement tests are given they will be charged to the student's account.

Computer & Electives Fees: -- Computer fee of \$5.00 per month (all students) Electives

IE: Rosetta Stone, ACE Connect, etc. – \$5 per month until credit is earned

Duplicate Report Card Fee: \$5.00 for a Lost Communication Envelope: – which should be returned the next business day.

Financial Declarations: All Application & Registration Fees Are Non-Refundable. Once a student starts a month at school the tuition for that month is non-refundable. Any PACEs or books the students have started will be billed for in full.

BOY AND GIRL FRIENDSHIPS: We encourage wholesome friendships between boys and girls. However, improper conduct such as handholding, kissing, or any bodily contact is not acceptable any time while at school, church services, or any related functions.

SCHOOL DRESS REGULATIONS: R.G.C.A. requires that the students wear uniforms.

Students are required to wear the appropriate uniform to any school activity, whether it is on a regular school day or any other day and must not change out of uniform. Parents will be notified if there is an exception for a particular activity. All clothing should be clean, in good repair, and well pressed. The following pages describe both Learning Centers and P.E. dress codes. If it is not covered or listed, then it is not part of our school uniform and is therefore not allowed. All students should be in uniform (including P.E.) before attending any class.

WORK SCHOLARSHIP: Work Scholarships are available, to help pay for "TUITION ONLY." School bill must be kept current; (Zero Balance) in order to qualify. Individual assignments will be given and will rotate, on a monthly basis. Any questions about Work Scholarship, and assignments, should be addressed to the Pastor or the Principal.

HOW THE A.C.E. PRIVILEGE SYSTEM WORKS:

Rewarding correct behavior and achievement is a Scriptural principle. The Privilege System helps encourage students to do at least the required amount of work, and rewards highly motivated students with high levels of privileges.

These privileges are earned weekly and issued Tuesday morning of each week. See accompanying chart for responsibility and benefits of privileges.

"A" - Privilege responsibilities:

- 1 ½ PACEs per week.
- Maximum 45 minutes detention.
- Monthly Scripture recited from memory each week.
- Academic balance.

"A" - Privilege benefits:

- 10 minute breaks mid-morning and mid-afternoon.
- Use special Privilege Areas.
- Student may leave his office for supervised areas when daily goals are completed.
- Participate in inter-school "Away" games and games during regular school hours.

"C" - Privilege responsibilities

- 2 PACEs per week.
- Maximum 30 minutes detention.
- Monthly Scripture recited from memory each week, academic balance, and a monthly oral report.

"C" - Privilege benefits:

- Same as "A" Privilege benefits plus:
- 15 minute breaks mid-morning and mid-afternoon.
- May score PACEs without permission.
- May be out of seat in Learning Center for sharpening pencil, getting resource books, etc.

"E" - Privilege responsibilities:

- 2 PACEs per week.
- No detention.
- Monthly Scripture recited from memory each week, academic balance, and monthly oral report.
- Monthly book report.
- Regular Christian Service.

"E" - Privilege benefits:

- Same as "C" Privilege benefits plus:
- "E" Privilege students will be allowed to do their work anywhere on campus that is not off limits, with daily approval from Supervisor. The "E" privilege will be revoked immediately if this privilege is abused.

P.E. PARTICIPATION POLICY: If students have physical disabilities that in any way hinder them in any activity, they will need a written Doctor's excuse in order to validate an absence from P.E. If the problem is only temporary, an excuse from home will be sufficient.

All students are required to participate in P.E. – and must be in uniform!

ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS: Students in the 6th through 12th grade must stay after the regular P.E. hours on Tues. and Thurs for Girls, and Mon. and Fri. for boys to practice for team sports. Anyone participating in practices is eligible to play in games held at our school during regular P.E. times. However, for "away" games or games during school work hours, students must have earned at least an "A" privilege for the week of the game (even if a game is scheduled on a non-school day).

The following actions will result in demerits:

1. Talking in the Learning Center without permission.
2. Out of seat without permission.
3. One to five minutes late to class.
4. General disturbance in classroom.
5. Homework slip missing, not signed, incomplete, or incorrect.
6. Not using the correct name when addressing an adult.
7. Away from office, without permission.
8. Chewing gum anywhere at school.
9. Homework not completed. (No longer a demerit, but handled under detentions)
10. Bringing unauthorized items to school.
11. Out of dress code. (One demerit per article)
12. Breaking the six-inch rule.
13. Not showing proper respect for Bible or flags.
14. Leaning back on chair, or sitting on tables.
15. Writing on another student or student's property.
(More than once = a detention. Each offense may involve restitution.)
16. Throwing objects in classroom.
17. Sagging or baggy pants.
18. No Bible at student's office.
19. Changing written goals without permission.
20. Communications envelope not returned. (Replaced envelopes will be billed \$5.00)

The following actions will result in detentions:

1. Repeated dress codes violations (15 minutes and up)
2. Being in an off limits area (15 minutes)
3. Unexcused absence. (15 minutes)
4. More than 5 minutes tardy. (15 minutes)
5. Holding hands or kissing. (30 minutes & parent conference) (Not separate offenses)
6. Questionable language or behavior. (30 min. for 1st - 60 min. 2nd, suspension 3rd)
7. Lying, cheating, or stealing. (30, 60, susp.) (Not separate offenses)
8. Passing notes in class. (15 minutes)
9. Three or more demerits in one day.
10. Destroying school property. (60 minutes 1st offense) Parent must pay for damage.
11. Throwing food. (30 minutes)
12. Eating outside lunchroom. (30 minutes)
13. Goals not set, or Goal chart missing. (15 minutes)
14. Being in cars during school hours or around teacher's cars any time without the teacher's permission or unsafe driving on Church property. (60 min. 1st offense. Revocation of driving privileges and/or suspension 2nd offense.)
15. Out of complete P.E. uniform. (15 minutes)
16. One or more PACEs missing. (15 minutes)
17. Disrespectful toward faculty or staff. (Administration's discretion)
18. Leaving campus without permission. (30 minutes)
19. Disobeying (30 minutes)
20. Discretionary disobedience. (15 minutes)
21. Throwing items that do or could cause harm to someone. (15-30 minutes).
22. Running on sidewalk next to building. (15 minutes)
23. Leaving building during a school function, including after school hours. (30 minutes)
24. Dangerous horseplay (30 minutes for everyone involved)
25. Out of Learning Center without permission. (15 minutes)
26. Unnecessary roughness as determined by staff (30, 60, susp.)
27. Scoring violation – including nonsense answers - (30, 60, suspension)
28. Talking during Chapel or Devotions (15, 30, 60)
29. Disturbing teacher's meeting. (15 minutes).
30. Talking at testing table, SELF TEST, or PACE TEST (30 min. & PACE reissued.)
31. Bringing any electronic device other than calculator, such as but not limited to: IPOD, Walkman, CD player, Laptop, Cell Phone, Etc. Device will be held until parent/guardian obtains device from Principal. (30, 60 min)

RESPECT FOR FACULTY, STAFF, AND OTHER STUDENTS:

Since an environment of mutual respect is more conducive to learning, both spiritually and academically and since it gives a better testimony to those without, we at R.G.C.A. put a high priority on teaching students to be respectful. The teachers are instructed to treat each student with the respect they would expect if they were students, and the students are instructed to do the same. For this reason, attitudes and/ or actions showing disrespect will be dealt with appropriately. (See discipline procedures below.)

One way of showing respect that will be strictly enforced for students is to address adults as Miss, Mrs., Mr., or Brother or Sister and not by their first names only. Using the replies of "Yes, Sir" or "Yes, Ma'am", etc. will be strongly encouraged (not required) as it not only shows respect during school, but most people appreciate being addressed in such a respectful manner.

Once a student is on campus, he or she is subject to all rules. All school rules apply to any "School Activity", whether here or away.

ACADEMIC PROBATION: Students, who do not complete at least 15 PACEs each quarter, will be placed on Academic Probation. If a student is placed on "Academic Probation," PACEs will be charged at \$9.90 for each PACE during the entire following quarter. **We require a minimum of 15 PACEs per quarter**, per student, but have as a goal 18 PACEs, for each student for each quarter. Academic Probation should draw attention to where attention is needed—on the material!

DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES:

Scripture teaches that each one of us must learn to discipline ourselves in order to become a good testimony for Christ. (I Corinthians 9:27) Children learn to do right by correction when they do wrong (Proverbs 19: 18), and praise when they do right. Students at R.G.C.A. receive correction for wrong doing in the form of either Demerits, Detentions, Suspensions, or Expulsion. The system works as follows:

3 demerits/ day = 20 minutes detention

4 demerits/ day = 30 minutes detention

5 demerits/ day = 45 minutes detention

6 demerits/ day = 60 minutes detention

7 demerits/ day = Student will be sent home for that day.

(Not a suspension.)

Some detentions and suspensions are automatic for certain offenses.

When a student earns a detention, a Corrective Action Notice is issued at the end of the day. The father of the family must sign the slip, and it is the student's responsibility to return it to their teacher the following day. Under some circumstances, the Corrective Action Notice (detention slip) may be signed by the mother or other guardian. If this procedure is not followed, the detention time will be doubled for the day it was due. Repeat offenders (for the same offenses over and over) will be disciplined more strongly, using the Principal's discretion.

When a student receives a suspension, he will be sent home with schoolwork for two consecutive school days. Upon return, student must have schoolwork complete and ready to be checked. Usually a student may only be suspended once for the same offense. If the offense occurs again, the student may be expelled or asked to withdraw.

Uniforms must be ordered through – **ROADRUNNER CUSTOM APPAREL (Ken)**
6611 Lomas NE Phone # 505-266-7623

BOY'S LEARNING CENTER DRESS CODES:

Shirts -- Wednesday - white dress Oxford shirt. All other days must wear either white or light blue button up shirts. Shirts may be short or long sleeve.

Pants – Navy pants, no side pockets or extra zippers. The length of pants must not be longer than the top of the shoe sole.

Shoes -- Solid black shoes, cowboy boots or dress style shoes. No heavy black lug soles. Laces must be tied and tightly fitted. **No tennis shoes.**

Sweaters --- (No fleece or flannel), all sweaters must be one solid color. (navy, burgundy, black, gray or white) Shirt collars must be visible (and ties are worn on Wednesday). No logos, and no sweatshirts may be worn over shirts.

Ties -- Ties must be worn on Wednesday all day long. Bolo ties may be worn. There is no color requirement.

Belt -- Black with a plain or Christian belt buckle. Belts may not hang.

Hats -- No logos are allowed except our school logo.

Jackets & Coats -- Only school approved jackets may be worn. Jackets may not be worn in the learning centers.

Additional -- Boys must be clean-shaven, no facial hair. Shoes must be in good repair. Tears in pants should be mended. Pants should be long enough for a proper fit. No tattoos or writing on skin.

Decorative Items -- No pins, badges, bracelets, necklaces, or earrings. A watch and/or conservative ring may be worn.

Hair -- Standard, conservative, tapered cut; must be off the collar and ears. Sideburns, no longer than ear opening. No shaved heads. No obvious line or ridge, and no dyed hair.

Socks -- Navy or black dress socks, or white cotton if preferred. Ankle may not show.

BOYS' P.E. DRESS CODE:

Shirt -- Athletic tee shirt purchased from Road Runner

Shorts -- Blue shorts may be worn to the knee; for sports practice and P.E.

Pants -- Properly fitting blue sweat pants or blue parachute material may be worn.
* Pants will be worn at games.

Shoes -- Athletic shoes with non-marking soles. Black, rubber cleats will be permitted for football.

Socks -- White, cotton athletic socks with or without stripes at top may be worn. Ankle may not show.

GIRL'S LEARNING CENTER DRESS CODES:

Blouses – Only white blouses may be worn, either long or short sleeves.

Jumpers & Skirts – only authorized uniforms may be worn, from Road Runner.

Culottes -- Culottes must be ordered from Road Runner.

Shorts -- Dark colored shorts may be worn under the uniforms. Modesty should be practiced with or without shorts.

Shoes -- White Keds style, with white laces, or polishable navy or black dress shoes. Must be enclosed heel and toe, and heels may not be over 1 ½" high. No heavy, black lug soles.

Socks -- White, navy, light to medium blue, or gray; one solid color. Either socks or nylon hose must be worn. Girls may also wear tights but not sweat pants. Ankle may not show.

Sweaters -- (No fleece or flannel), all sweaters must be one solid color. (navy, burgundy, black, gray or white) Shirt collars must be visible (and ties are worn on Wednesday). No logos, and no sweatshirts may be worn over shirts.

Jackets And Coats -- Only school approved jackets may be worn. Jackets may not be worn in the learning centers.

Hair -- No fad hairstyles. (Including shaved areas, male-style haircuts, and teased or sprayed hair higher than 2" above hairline.) No hair hanging in front of eyes. No dyed hair.

Makeup -- Allowed in moderation. It should be limited and not obvious. Only clear or light pink nail polish allowed, if worn at all. No dark outlines of lips or eyes. No painted eyebrows.

Decorative Items -- One small pendent-type or chain necklace may be worn. One ring on each hand is permitted. One bracelet and one watch are allowed. One stud-type earring in each ear is allowed. No tattoos or writing on skin.

GIRL'S P.E. UNIFORM:

Shirt -- Athletic shirt to be purchased at Road Runner. Culottes -- Modest, full, and covering the knees at all times. Must be ordered through Road Runner.

Shoes -- Athletic shoes with non-marking soles. Black, rubber cleats will be permitted for softball.

Socks -- White cotton with no stripes. Ankle may not show.

P.E. Bags For All -- Standard bags with no logos except R.G.C.A. Book folders, carriers, lunch boxes, pencil boxes, etc. must be solid colors (no designs or logos)

ANNUAL AWARDS ASSEMBLY: There will be an assembly after the last day of school each year to honor those students showing special achievement in certain areas.

No student will be eligible for Perfect Attendance, Scripture memory, Honor Roll, or Letterman Award all year unless they were enrolled at R.G.C.A. throughout the entire school year.

ELECTIVES OFFERED: Each year the electives we are able to offer will be announced at the first Parent-Teacher Fellowship. Some of the electives offered are:

- Chess
- Art (PACEs)
- Creative Writing
- Geography
- Latin * -- Spanish I and II * -- Russian* -- Mandarin Chinese* - (Rosetta Stone)
- Science & Biology Lab (Every other year)
- Bible Study (PACEs)
- Christian Growth and Literature Series (PACEs)
- Drama – Choir -- Fine Arts – Regionals & ISC
- Music Appreciation (PACEs)
- Computer -- (ACE Connect)

* (Foreign Language is required for a College Preparatory Diploma)

Parents with ability in other areas are invited to talk to the Administration about volunteering to teach other electives or help in one of the above areas.

OTHER ACADEMIC SUBJECTS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION:

State History and typing are required for graduation and therefore not considered electives.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

A minimum of 26 credits are required for a General Diploma.

A minimum of 28 credits are required for a College Prep Diploma.

A minimum of 30 credits are required for an Honors Diploma.*

*Honors Diploma includes an overall 90% avg., and 1200 wpm on Readmaster.

A prescribed course of study will be determined through a conference among the staff, parents, and student at the beginning of the 8th grade level to determine the course of study for the desired diploma, whether a General, a College Prep., or a Honors diploma. This prescribed course will be revisited at the end of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd quarters, with the parents & students; to insure students are on course.

REPORT CARDS AND PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES:

Report cards will be issued at Parent-Teacher Conferences at the end of each nine-week grading period. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be scheduled after the 1st, 2nd and 3rd quarters. Parents wishing to have a conference with their student's teacher at other times should feel free to ask for an appointment, through the Principal.

HONOR ROLL FIELD TRIPS:

Field trips will be held as an incentive for students to achieve Honor Roll. The parents are expected to accept cost for transportation, which will be provided by the school, at a reasonable cost.

HONOR ROLL REQUIREMENTS: 1st – 12th GRADE: (Overall PACE average)

- 98.5% and above..... "Pastor's" Honor Roll
- 94% - 98.4%..... "Principal's Honor Roll
- 88% - 93.9%..... "Supervisor's" Honor Roll

Students must say the monthly Scriptures at least once during each grading period, and have completed all the required work for the period.