

# **SENECA BIBLE BAPTIST ACADEMY**

A Ministry of  
**SENECA BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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Seneca Bible Baptist Academy is dedicated to the total child, intellectually, spiritually, socially, and physically. The Bible teaches clearly that parents are responsible for the education of their children.

In addition to what the student will learn in school, there must be a strong Christian influence in the home and church.

Each student, with the guidance of his or her parents will be required to seek out a strong fundamental Bible-believing church to attend each Sunday.

Parents should endeavor to make the home one where Christ is the head of the home and the unseen guest at every meal.

With the complete "Trinity" - the Church, Home, and School, we plan to see great accomplishments in each student during the school year. Let us all work together to "train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he shall not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.

Seneca Bible Baptist Academy is not designed to be a correctional institution. We ask that *you* do not enroll your child with the idea that we will reform him or her, but rather we are here to work with the church and the home, to raise the child in the way God would be honored.

Students must at all times, conduct themselves in a manner which would glorify our Lord Jesus Christ. We ask that *you* not enroll your child in school who does not have an attitude in accordance with school policies.

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## ***Our Doctrine***

1. We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, that it was written by holy men moved by the Holy Spirit, and that is the supreme, infallible authority in all matters of faith and conduct. We believe that the King James Version is God's preserved Word. We use only the KJV in our church, school, and all of our ministries. II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:20-21.

2. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Genesis 1:1; John 1:1.

3. We believe in God the Father: perfect in holiness, infinite in wisdom, measureless in power. We rejoice that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and spiritual death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

4. We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal and only-begotten Son of God, very God and very man: conceived of the Holy Spirit, of virgin birth, sinless in His life, making atonement for the sins of the world by His death through the blood of the everlasting covenant. We believe in His bodily resurrection, His ascension, and His imminent and visible return to the world according to His promise. We believe in the Pre-Tribulation and Pre-Millennial return of Christ. John 1:1,14, I Thessalonians 4:13-18.

5. We believe in God the Holy Spirit who came forth from the Father to convict the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment, and to regenerate, indwell, sanctify and comfort those who believe in Jesus Christ. John 16:11-14.

6. We believe that all men by nature are dead in trespasses and sins and must be born again through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, that those who accept Christ as Savior and Lord will rejoice forever in God's presence and those who refuse to accept Christ as Savior and Lord will be forever separated from God with everlasting punishment. John 3:3,18.

7. We believe that the local church is a company of believers in Jesus Christ, immersed on a credible confession of faith and associated for worship, work and fellowship. We believe that to these local churches were committed for perpetual observance, the ordinance of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe that human betterment and social improvements are inevitable results of such a Gospel. Acts 2:37-47.

8. We believe that every human being is responsible to God alone in all

matters of faith; that each church is independent and autonomous and must be free from interference by any ecclesiastical or political authority, and therefore, that church and state must be kept separate as having different functions, each fulfilling its duties free from the dictation or patronage of the other.

## ***GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS***

It is understood that the student's attendance at Seneca Bible Baptist Academy is a privilege and not a right, and that any student who does not cooperate in maintaining the spiritual and academic standards of the school will be asked to withdraw.

The school day will begin at 8:00 am. Students not in attendance at that time will be considered tardy and will need an excuse. We recommend students arrive at 7:50 am in order for them to have time to get ready for the start of school.

Children who have a history of habitual smoking, drinking of alcoholic beverages, use of drugs, or running away, having been arrested or expelled from another Christian School, will not be accepted.

No body piercing or tattoos are allowed. Earrings only in girls and not excessive.

## ***ACCREDITATION***

Accreditation of a Christian School is not necessary for any Graduate who wishes to enroll in a College or University.

Registrars of such institutions are interested in the academic merits of individual students, not in the name of their school of graduation.

Thus, they evaluate each applicant's academic aptitude through nationally

standardized tests such as ACT, and SAT.

Seneca Bible Baptist Academy has a program of education to properly train students wishing to continue their education beyond the high school level.

Students meeting all academic requirements will be issued a high school diploma. That diploma is NOT a New York State diploma.

## ***PLEDGES***

Each day will begin with an opening service of Prayer, Song, and the following pledges, followed by a time of devotion.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE BIBLE

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word,  
I will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path, and will hide its words in my heart  
That I might not sin against God.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG

I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag,  
And to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands. One Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again, with Life and Liberty for all who believe.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

I pledge allegiance to the flag, Of the United States of America,  
And to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## ***GENERAL RULES***

There is to be no talking during classroom study time, except between student and supervisor.

Anything to be displayed on the desks must first be approved by the supervisor.

Students are expected to use the restrooms during their breaks, lunchtime, and before school starts. This also applies to the use of drinking fountain and sharpening pencils.

Radios, tape players, knives, and guns are not allowed.

Marked or defaced property will be replaced at the offending student's expense.

No student will be allowed to leave the school property without written consent of parents.

A student office or desk is private. Students invading another's desk will be reprimanded.

Scoring Area is just for scoring. No talking allowed unless with a supervisor.

Testing Area is just for testing. No talking allowed. Student must remain at the testing area until test is completed, and he/she has permission to return to his/her office/desk.

Only books and magazines approved by the Staff will be allowed in the learning center.

School phones are business phones and are not to be used by students except in the case of emergency.

Cell phones are not allowed during school hours.

At all times there will be a hands-off policy toward one another. Boys and girls are not allowed to be alone at any time.

## ***DRESS CODE***

DEUTERONOMY 22:5; 1 SAMUEL 16:7

Girls will be expected to dress modestly and in good taste.

Blouses, dresses, and sweaters must have a modest neckline, while standing, sitting, and/or leaning forward.

Skirt/dress length should cover the knee when standing. Please keep in mind; the hemline will be much further up the leg when in a sitting and bending position.

No slits above the knee. Kick pleats are OK because the material overlaps.

No picture and/or slogan T-shirts are acceptable. We understand some are OK to look at, but students will gradually start wearing the wrong kind.

Boys are to wear modest fitting dress pants.

Shirts should be styled with a collar and buttons. Dress shirts are preferred. Ties are not required every day. Teachers, Administrators and the Pastor will

determine when ties are required.

Shoes must have a smooth sole; this helps in preventing mud being tracked throughout the building.

Shoes for both boys and girls should be polished and neat at all times.

Hair length for boys should not touch the collar or cover the ears or eyebrows.

The school has an important testimony to maintain in the community. One way the community judges the school is by the appearance of its students and faculty. Even though God looks at the inward man, the world looks at the outward man.

## ***CHURCH ATTENDANCE***

The primary responsibility for the education of the child or young person rests with the parent; however, God has given this school to assist the parents in this instruction.

We believe also that church attendance is an important factor in the full education of a child or young person.

For this reason, it is expected that all students will be in regular church attendance and that they must attend at a minimum, two services each week.

## ***CHRIST-LIKE BEHAVIOR***

The students must have a proper respect for teachers, staff and other students. They should address their teachers with proper respect and should obey them that have the rule over them.

Teachers, bus drivers, janitors, lunchroom workers, secretaries, and all other staff members should be treated with utmost respect.

A student should treat fellow students with the courtesy and kindness with which he would like to be treated. Students must also have a proper respect for the property of others, including the school building, teacher's materials, and other student's belongings. Defacing school property or personal belongings will not be tolerated.

Principles found in the Word of God clearly instruct the believer to refrain from activities that place him in a setting that is not pleasing to the Lord and

that may have a harmful influence on weaker Christians. Students should avoid activities that are forbidden in the Scriptures or that violate Biblical principles. For this reason, students must avoid gambling, dancing, smoking, drinking, drugs, and other worldly activities that do not bring glory to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Bible commands Christians to flee fornication and to abstain from the appearance of evil, and every type of immorality. For this reason we follow a "Hands-Off" policy. (No physical contact between boys and girls). Students are expected to act as ladies and gentlemen at all times and should not seek isolated areas of the school to be alone.

## ***UNCHRISTIAN BEHAVIOR***

In Ephesians 4, Paul encourages Christians to put off certain undesirable types of behavior and to replace them with godly types of behavior. He specifically names five sins, which must be controlled.

**Lying** - In verse 25 Paul says "Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor."

**Anger** - In verse 26 Paul admonishes Christians to be "angry, and sin not." Students are trained to control their emotions; consequently, fighting and other exhibitions of uncontrolled anger cannot be tolerated. Especially on the athletic fields, students must strive for complete control of their behavior.

**Stealing** - In verse 28 Christians are told not to steal. The Christian young person should be encouraged to work for everything he gets instead of stealing it.

**Corrupt Communication** - In verse 29 Paul admonishes Christians to "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth." Students must be encouraged to edify one another with their words rather than tear one another down. Improper speaking, vulgarity, profanity, and other sins from the tongue have no place in the Christian School.

**Bad Attitude** - Paul concludes the "put off and put on" section in Ephesians 4, by warning against several sins of attitude and "evil speaking". Students must be expected to maintain a good attitude at all times. Insubordination, deliberate disobedience, negative attitudes, destructive talk, criticism, and griping cannot be tolerated in the Christian school. "Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." (Ephesians 4:32)

## ***DISCIPLINE***

### **OFFENSE**

Immorality  
Smoking  
Use of drugs  
Fighting

### **DEMERITS**

150  
150  
150  
100

Profanity	100	
Stealing	100	
Lying	65	
Cheating on tests	65	
Disrespect for Authority		35
Cheating on homework	35	
In off limit areas	25	
Homework not complete		20
Leaving Bible, books, work, etc. at home		20
Gripping / Arguing	15	
Hatred – Pushing – Name calling		15
Conversations on inappropriate subjects		10
Envious Rivalry	5	
Running in buildings		5
Yelling in buildings		5
Inappropriate dress		5
Tardiness	5	
Passing notes		5
Talking without permission		5

***Administrator and/or teacher will have final determination in all discipline situations.***

35 demerits Letter will be sent home and student will meet with the administrator.

75 demerits Parents will be required to meet with the administrator and student will be on disciplinary probation.

120 demerits Student will be given a three-day suspension.

150 demerits Student may be dismissed from school for the remainder of the semester.

## ***SCHOOL OFFICE***

The school and church offices are off limits to students.

Parents are welcome to visit at any time, however, we require you go to the office first. Please do not go directly to the classroom. Lunches, books, homework, etc., may be left in the office to be delivered.

If you need to discuss a matter concerning your child, please set up a time when parent, staff member, and student may meet in the office, away from other students.

Emergency school closing will be announced. If the Seneca Falls School District is closed, we will be also. If your school district is closed, please do not send your child. You may call the school and get any assigned work.

Fire drills will be practiced on a regular basis, to acquaint your child with the procedures to insure his or her safety.

## ***MEDICAL RESPONSIBILITY***

All students must be immunized in accordance with State and County health standards.

No student will be accepted without appropriate records.

After an illness, upon returning to school, the student must submit an excuse signed by the parent or guardian, explaining why the child was absent and the dates.

All excuses will be kept in the office for the remainder of the school year.

No more than 20 absences will be allowed within the school year.

Please do not send your child with sore throats, fevers, headaches, and colds. It only spreads throughout the school. If your child comes to school sick, you will be notified and required to make arrangements to pick up your child.

## ***FINANCIAL***

Our school is here to aid the parents in raising their children in the admonition of the Lord. We are in no way required to accept your child or children.

Because we are a Christian School, does not give us reason to not meet our financial obligations.

We cannot do this when parents do not meet their obligation to us. Please do not ask us to make an exception in your situation. What we do for you, we should do for others.

Tuition rates and fees have been established to cover the operating expenses. It is necessary that all accounts be kept current. Those accounts not kept up to date will endanger their children's privilege of attending our school.

Payments are due on the first day of month.

If there is a problem making payments, please notify the administrator and or the pastor as soon as possible.

## ***SCHOOL SUPPLIES***

Students are responsible for having their own supplies such as paper and pencils. Students should not make it a practice of borrowing from other students. This becomes a real nuisance.

All students should have:

- Personal Bible (King James Version)
- Pencils (two required at all times)
- Colored pencils
- Standard notebook
- Paper
- Eraser
- Ruler
- Tissues
- Clipboard or folders for loose papers

Elementary level

Same as above plus:

- Scissors
- Crayons
- Glue sticks

## ***MUSIC***

Music is a program we should enjoy and the type of music should glorify our Lord Jesus Christ.

All students in grades K through 9 will be required to participate in music.

Grade 9 is included in this program to fulfill the required 1-year of music to graduate.

Music for grades 10 - 12 is optional.

We will have a select Choral Group. Anyone wishing to participate in this group must be in the school choir.

Only students in the School Choir will be allowed to participate in any "Special Music", such as solos, duets, trios, and quartets. This includes any school competitions such as the Language Arts Festival.

Practices for "Special Music" will be held after school hours.

Students should listen to spiritual songs that make melody in the heart. Rock music and other music that appeals solely to the flesh, undermines that scriptural principle. Since there is much confusion in the Christian world today about what is and is not acceptable music, we try to establish a plain standard. Too strict a standard is better than one that is not strict enough.

A song with Christian words is not necessarily Christian.

## ***PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS***

All students will be required to participate in the Physical Education Program.

Girls will be required to wear culottes and a plain top such as a T-shirt or sweatshirt.

Boys will need jeans, sweats, or modest fitting shorts, and a plain top such as a T-shirt or sweatshirt.

If you must be excused from Physical Ed class, a written excuse will be required.

Please remember, participants are representatives of their school, church, and our Lord Jesus Christ. We ask that you dress and act accordingly.

## ***HOMEWORK***

The responsibility for scholastic achievement is placed on the students in our program. It is believed that no student should need to take academic work home, as long as he or she apply them self during school hours.

If the supervisor deems it necessary to give homework, a slip to be signed by the parent will be sent home, and must be returned the next school day.

## ***CLASS TRIPS***

Class Trips are educational as well as entertaining.

The parent or guardian for a student to participate must give written permission.

If necessary, the cost of the trip will be the responsibility parent.

## ***LUNCH PROGRAM***

Lunches are to be provided by the parents unless the school offers a hot lunch. We periodically offer a hot lunch at a cost to the student. Parents will be notified in advance when a hot lunch is provided. Lunch is from 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm for elementary and 12:30 – 1:00 for high school. There is also a break time from 10:00 – 10:15 for the elementary students. They are to bring a snack for that time.

## ***PARENTS AGREEMENT FORM***

### **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.**

We give permission for our child to take part in all school activities, including sports and school-sponsored trips away from the school premises, and we absolve the school and church from liability to us or our child because of any injury to our child at school or during any school activity.

We agree to uphold and support the high academic standards of Seneca Bible Baptist Academy by providing a place at home for our child to study and giving our child encouragement in the completion of homework and assignments.

We recognize that for our child to make good progress in his work, it is essential that he or she have confidence in the teacher and the school. Therefore we will do all in our power to see that our child respects and obeys the school staff and rules. We agree that if our child should become involved in any difficulty with other children in the school, we will in no case complain to any parent but with prayerful Christian spirit will register necessary complaints with the teacher or principal.

We consider it a privilege to have the opportunity to send our child to Seneca Bible Baptist Academy and shall endeavor to support and uphold the principles, practices, and educational policies of the school in every way.

We realize that the Christian school is not a substitute for the training, fellowship, and discipline of the local church. Therefore we agree to have our child in regular attendance in a Sunday school and church where God's Word is preached, believed, and obeyed.

We agree to pay the tuition on or before the first of each month.

We agree to cooperate and discipline our child in the home when deemed necessary. We understand that any student is subject to review for dismissal by the school at any time. If our child is dismissed or withdrawn, we realize that the current month's charges are due and will not be refunded.

We understand that Seneca Bible Baptist Academy offers its own high school diploma and is in no way connected with the State of New York Regents Diploma.

We have read the Student-Parent Handbook. We concur with it and agree to see that our child/children adhere to it. We have read the Statement of Faith and give our permission to the school to teach this doctrine to our child.

Parents/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date

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Date