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# Welcome to Gospel Light Baptist Academy

GLBA was established in 1999. Pastor Brent Lenentine, and the people of Gospel Light Baptist Church share a firm conviction that students should be trained and educated in a God fearing, Christian environment. It is the desire of Gospel Light Baptist Church to provide excellence in its educational program through the ministry of Gospel Light Baptist Academy.

GLBA is not restricted to the members Gospel Light Baptist Church; however, it is asked that all member and non-member families be in agreement with, and enthusiastic toward the program of the school. Simply stated, no child is received as a student of GLBA unless the student and parents are in full agreement with the program and direction of the school. It is expected that a student would never be critical of the church, pastor, school administrator, teachers, or volunteers of GLBA. It is important to understand that enrollment at GLBA is a privilege and not a right. GLBA is not a reform school, but rather a "Christian school" training students in the highest principles of the Christian life.

We believe that the Bible, God's Holy Word, teaches great responsibility in the training of our children. Consider these passages from God's Word:

"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 shalt 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." (Deuteronomy 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)

These scriptures command a Christian family to teach their children the ways of the Lord. At GLBA, students will not be taught anything as truth that goes against the Word of God. Instead, students will be helped to learn God's Word and apply its truths to their everyday lives.

According to the above Scriptures, the rearing and training of children is primarily the responsibility of the parents. The Christian school is not a substitute for the home, but rather an extension of it. GLBA endeavors to strengthen Christian principles taught in the home. The best training and education for your children is when there is a partnership between the home, the church, and the school. In this partnership, all areas will be working together to support and strengthen the same values, character, and educational excellence. Because GLBA is a Christian School, it is our expectation that all students will maintain regular church attendance.

The school's place in training children is only what the parents delegate to the school. Additionally, it is imperative that the parents are in agreement with and supportive of the program of the school.

Our goal at GLBA is to provide a comprehensive program to assist in the education and maturity of every child spiritually, academically, mentally, and physically. Understanding the dynamic and varying needs of different age groups, GLBA has chosen ABeka Book a national and proven curriculum that we believe will provide the best and most appropriate education for our students.

The ABeka program is used in K5 - 12th grade and provides a traditional educational atmosphere for students to learn basic foundational skills.

GLBA is a member of the American Association of Christian Schools and New Mexico Association of Christian Schools and is internationally accredited by Cognia.





#### Statement of Faith

**The Bible** – We believe in the infallible, inspired Word of God. The Old and New Testament scriptures were written by human authors divinely inspired by the Holy Spirit, preserved, unbroken, and passed down to us today. We have the perfect Word of God in our King James Bible (AV 1611). No other version of a Bible will be used in any ministry of our church or school.

II Tim. 3:16, Ps. 119:89, II Peter 1:20-21, Ps. 12:6,7

**God** – We believe God is a person, eternally existing, one true God but in the unity of the Godhead. There are three eternal and co-equal persons; God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, the same in substance but distinct in subsistence. One Godhead made up of three persons who are the same in attributes, power, characteristics, and desires.

Deut. 6:4, Heb. 1:8, Acts 5:1-4, Matt. 28:19, I Cor. 8:6, Col. 2:9

**Deity of Christ** – We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God because of His character, His miracles, His influence, and His power to forgive sins and to set people free from Satan. Jesus Christ was God in the flesh because He claimed to be. He died making this claim and arose victorious over death.

Matt. 26:63-66, John 14:9, John 1:1 & 14, John 10:30

**Salvation by Grace through Faith** – The sacrifice made by Jesus is the only basis of salvation, the only means of reconciliation, and the only grounds of justification. We hold and believe many important truths, but the most important thing to every individual is the personal salvation of his own soul. God's order is first salvation, then works.

Acts 4:12, Romans 10:9-13, Eph. 2:8-10, Titus 3:5-8

**Separation** – We believe that sanctification is a personal separation from things that are unclean to things that are holy, clean, and sacred. We believe all Christians should live separated from the world.

Romans 12:1-2, I John 2:15-16, II Cor. 5:17, I Thess. 5:23, II Cor 6:14-18

#### Standard of Conduct

The Administration and Faculty at Gospel Light Baptist Academy 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. We believe it will help the students, parents, and teachers to know exactly what is expected of them, to prevent future confusion. Students found to be out of harmony with these standards may be invited to withdraw whenever the administration determines it is necessary.

## **Boy and Girl Relationships**

We encourage wholesome friendships between boys and girls. However, improper conduct such as handholding, kissing, or any bodily contact is not acceptable anytime while at school, church services, or any related functions. Because of the emotions, temptations, and potential regretful outcomes, GLBA strongly discourages teen "dating" relationships. This also means that students will be directed away from talking with other students regarding dating. This often leads to unnecessary drama and is not edifying to the Christian young person, their peers, or their family.

#### **Dress Code**

K5 - 2nd Grade Dress Code:

Girls Lower elementary girls will need a white, blue, or gray undershirt to be worn under their jumper. It can be short or long sleeve but may not be sleeveless. Jumpers are to be purchased from French Toast, but undershirts do not need to be.

Boys Lower elementary boys will wear khaki or navy blue dress pants. Jeans, sweatpants, cargo pants, or joggers are not allowed. GLBA polo shirts are to be worn tucked in. Boys will be required to wear a belt to school.

Lower elementary boys will not be required to wear a tie.

# General statements for 6th-12th grade students:

- Wednesday and Fridays are "chapel" days and students should be in chapel dress code per the handbook
- This means that students should ARRIVE to school in dress shoes and will be allowed to change into athletic shoes only AFTER morning chapel
- Guys MAY NOT wear "jogger" style pants. There is too much variety in styles and they are not in line with the sharp, classic appearance we desire for the young men
- Cargo pants are not allowed
- Athletic shoes must be primarily an approved color (white, black, gray, or blue)
- Guys hair should be conservative. If it is an edgy or trendy style consider it to not be allowed. This would include spiked or mushroomed hair and definite lines cut into the hair. No hair coloring or bleaching is allowed
- Ladies' skirts should be appropriate length defined as 2 inches below the knee
- Ladies should be very careful that attire fits modestly and not tightly

#### **Boy's Dress Code:**

**Boy's Shirts** - Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays – A GLBA polo shirt should be worn. Wednesdays and Friday are chapel days therefore a GLBA button-up dress shirt and tie must be worn.

**Pants** - Khaki or navy blue dress pants with a belt should be worn. Sweat pants, jeans, cargo, and jogger-style pants are not allowed.

**Shoes** - Acceptable shoes consist of neatly kept dress shoes, casual, or tennis shoes (white, black, gray, or blue being the primary color). Shoe laces must be properly tied. No sandals or army boots are allowed.

\*Dress shoes must be worn on chapel days.

**Socks** - Socks must be worn with dress or athletic shoes.

**Hair** - Standard, conservative, tapered cut that is off the collar and ears. Sideburns no longer than ear opening. No skinned heads. No spiked, mushroomed, or greased hair. No hair color or bleaching is allowed. No shaved lines or patterns will be allowed. No facial hair allowed.

**Jewelry** - No pins, badges, bracelets, wristbands, rubber bands, necklaces, earrings, or body piercing. A watch and/or one conservative ring may be worn.

#### Boy's P.E. Dress Code:

Dark blue nylon pants with a school tee shirt (purchased from the school office). Tennis shoes (primarily white, black, gray, or blue in color) and athletic socks. PE uniforms are permitted to be worn all day on PE days in 3rd-4th grades.

#### Girl's Dress Code:

**Tops** - Girls may wear either a button-up GLBA shirt or a GLBA polo.

**Skirts** - Girls will wear French toast navy blue and gray skirts. Ankle-length leggings may be worn in the winter with a full sock. Acceptable colors are navy, gray, and white. Capri-length leggings are not allowed. Tights may also be worn underneath skirts.

**Jewelry** - One earring no bigger than the size of a dime in each ear lobe is allowed. No body piercings are allowed. One ring is allowed on each hand. One watch or bracelet on each hand.

**Shoes** - Casual or dress shoes are acceptable but must not have a heel higher than 2 inches, and be closed-toe and closed heel. Tennis shoes are allowed in the classroom, (white, black, gray, or blue being the primary color). Shoelaces must be properly tied. Neither dress nor tennis shoes should have heavy lug soles. Dress boots are allowed but shouldn't have heavy soles. No army boots are allowed. Dress shoes must be worn on chapel days.

**Hair** - Hair must have a dry appearance, not a wet or greased look. Box style or pixie cuts are not allowed and no part of a girl's head should be shaved. No unnatural hair color is allowed.

**Makeup** - Makeup is allowed in moderation. It should be limited and not obvious. Nail polish must be one solid color on all fingernails. Black nail polish is not allowed. No dark outlines of lips or eyes.

#### Girl's P.E. Dress Code:

Athletic school shirts are required and can be purchased from the school office. Athletic skirts must be ordered from the school office. Tennis shoes with athletic socks are required.

#### **Attendance Procedure**

GLBA is required to comply with NM Compulsory Attendance Law (22-12-1 NMSA 1978). The written attendance policy provides more information and can be obtained from the school office.

Grades 1-12 begin their school day at 8:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. K5 begins their school day at 8:00 a.m. and dismisses at 12 p.m. unless they are staying for full daycare.

The school provides 30 minutes of supervision before and after the school bell rings (which is included in the monthly tuition). For more information on before and after school care see page 4.

Regular attendance is very important to every student's education. Missed school days create hardships for students and teachers because make-up work is time consuming. If it is necessary for the student to be absent, there is a definite procedure to follow. A phone call by 9:00 am is required on each day of an absence. By 10:00 am each day, the school secretary will begin calling for a positive confirmation on all absentees.

A doctor's note is required for an absence due to illness to be excused. All students in excess of 8 absences will be required by the school administration to take steps to address the attendance issue. The State of New Mexico considers more than 10 absences to be truant.

It is expected that parents make every effort possible to schedule necessary medical appointments at a time that does not interfere with school hours. If a student must attend an appointment during school hours, a doctor's note will be required. Parents and students should also understand that the doctor's note does provide an acceptable excuse for the time missed, however, instruction time missed will ALWAYS hurt the student's learning progress. This is why we ask that every effort possible be made to not schedule appointments during school hours.

#### **Tardiness**

Arriving 1-5 minutes late to school is a demerit. Greater than 5 minutes late to school is considered tardy and results in 10 demerits and a recorded school tardy. Whether a tardy is excused or unexcused is at the discretion of our office. **Every three tardies will count as one absence.** This means that tardies can have a significant impact on attendance. Most issues with absences are caused in large part by tardiness adding up.

#### **Medication:**

It is required by law for all medications, both prescription and over the counter medications, to be brought to the school office and left with instructions. Students MAY NOT have medication on their person or in their belongings including pain relievers. Students MAY carry a rescue inhaler to be used as intended.

#### **Snow Days:**

Every year there are at least a couple of days where inclement weather interfere with the normal school schedule. Any school delays or closings will be listed on KOB TV 4, kobtv.com/clsoings, on the GLBA Facebook page, as well as through our parent alert text message system.

#### Social Media Sites:

Social media can be dangerous and it can also just be a time-waster. With that in mind, GLBA has the following social media policies:

- Students are allowed to maintain accounts on Facebook, Instagram, and Pinterest
- GLBA always supports the parent. So if a parent is against the use of these sites for their student then so are we.
- Students must friend at least two staff members on each site
- Students must use their own name to make it clear who they are
- Any content published on these accounts is subject to school rules and any content deemed inappropriate by school leadership must be taken down
- Students found to not be following these guidelines may forfeit their ability to have social media and be a student at GLBA.

#### Lunches:

Pre-packaged lunches are available to be purchased each day. These lunches are provided at the prices posted. Soft drinks may be purchased and consumed during the lunch break. Sack lunches are also appropriate if you prefer to bring your own.

#### Respect for Faculty, Staff & Students:

An environment of mutual respect is more conducive to learning, both spiritually and academically, and since it gives a better testimony to those without, GLBA puts 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, which will be strictly enforced, is for the students to address adults as Miss, Mrs., Mr., or Bro. and not by their first names. Using the replies of "Yes, Sir", or "Yes, Ma'am", etc. will be also required.

#### **Discipline Procedures:**

Scripture teaches us that all 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 being corrected for wrong behavior (Proverbs 19:18), and praise when they do right (I Peter 2:14). Students at GLBA receive correction for wrong doing in the form of Demerits, Detentions, Suspension, and Expulsion (if the first three are not effective).

In an attempt to focus on wrong behavior being identified, addressed, and corrected, GLBA has adopted updated discipline procedures effective beginning in the 2021-2022 academic year. The procedure is as follows:

Once a student is on campus, he or she is subject to all rules. All school rules apply on any school activity.

Demerits will become cumulative throughout the school year to put the focus on wrong patterns being given the attention required for improvement. Students will receive an after school detention every 20 demerits. This detention will be what we previously deemed a "Level 2" detentions. The offense will be communicated, logged, and, if a detention was issued, there will be a \$5 charge added to the bill. Additionally, every 60 demerits, parents will have a mandatory meeting with either a teacher or the principal.

#### **Demerits received for Offenses:**

- 1 Talking in the classroom/homeroom without permission
- 1 Out of seat without permission
- 1 One to five minutes late to class
- 1 General disturbance in classroom
- 1 Not using the proper reply of "Yes, sir" or "Yes, ma'am" to a member of the staff.
- 1 Not using the correct name when addressing a member of the staff
- 1 Homework not completed (one demerit per subject)
- 1 Out of dress code
- 1 Leaning back on chair
- 1 No Bible at school
- 1 Leaving trash behind or outside
- 1 Communication slip not returned or not signed
- 5 Chewing gum anywhere at school (repeated offense will result in detention)
- 5 Breaking the six-inch rule (girl-girl or boy-boy in the classroom, boy-girl or girl-boy anytime).
- 5 Not showing proper respect for Bible or flags
- 5 Throwing an object in classroom.
- 5 Passing notes in class
- 5 One or more textbooks missing or not brought to school (Billed for replacement Textbook if it cannot be found)
- 5 Running in building or sidewalks
- 10 Repeated dress code violation (defined as more than two dress code violations for the same offense in a month)
- 10 Writing on another student's person or property. (May involve restitution)
- 10 Being in an off limits area without permission
- 10 More than 5 minutes tardy to school
- 10 Out of complete P.E. uniform
- 10 Throwing rocks or other items that cause harm or could cause harm to someone
- 10 Out of classroom without permission
- 10 Throwing food in lunchroom
- 10 Defiant Disobedience
- 10 Unnecessary roughness as determined by staff
- 10 Nonsense answers on homework assignments
- 25 Questionable language or behavior
- 25- Being in cars during school hours, or around teachers' cars anytime without the teacher's permission or unsafe driving on campus (Unsafe driving may result in revocation of driving privileges)
- 25 Disrespectful toward faculty or staff to include arguing, talking back, talking disrespectfully about, etc.
- 25 Leaving campus without permission
- 25 -Holding hands or hugging
- 50 Kissing
- 50 Lying, cheating, or stealing
- 50 Destroying school property (also requires restitution)

# Students receive discipline when accumulation of demerits are reached as follows:

20 demerits = detention

40 demerits = detention

60 demerits = detention and mandatory Parent Teacher Conference

80 demerits = detention

100 demerits = detention

120 demerits = detention and mandatory Parent Teacher Conference

140 demerits = detention

160 demerits = detention

180 demerits = 1 day In School Suspension and mandatory meeting with Principal

200 demerits = detention

220 demerits = detention

240 demerits = 3 day out of school suspension and meeting with Principal

260 demerits = detention

280 demerits = detention

300 demerits = expulsion

# The following actions will result in Suspension:

- 1. Accumulation of 240 demerits in a school year
- 2. Use of tobacco on or off school property
- 3. Critical or uncooperative attitude
- 4. Dangerous behavior
- 5. Possession of a knife or other weapon

## **Suspension Policy:**

Suspension will result from any of the above infractions stated to result in suspension. In-School Suspensions is almost always one day and is only initiated after a meeting with parents. Students are placed in isolation and progress is checked on throughout the day. Students in ISS are not allowed to participate in breaks, class projects, field trips, or sports functions while in ISS. *A \$40 charge is added to the monthly bill for each suspension issued.* 

#### **Expulsion Policy:**

- 1. Students may be expelled if they are suspended for the same offense twice in one year as determined by the Principal.
- 2. 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 can and will be expelled.
- 3. Students will be expelled for using drugs.
- 4. Students will be expelled for sexual immorality.

#### **Definition of Off Limits Areas:**

The following are off-limit areas unless a student has permission from one of the staff:

- Other students' desks
- Teachers' desks and files
- •In classroom without staff member present
- Auditorium
- Pastor's, principals, or secretary's office areas
- Arroyos
- Parking lot and drive areas
- Any uncleared areas of church property
- Other classrooms without authorizations
- •Telephone, except in case of emergency
- Any parked cars
- •Bicycles or motorcycles
- Kitchen
- Any part of church facilities not normally used for school
- •Knowingly being separate from the class even if in an area that is not normally considered "off-limits"

#### **Homework Policy:**

The student bears some of the responsibility for their scholastic achievement and is, therefore, expected to show responsibility in the completion of homework. It is our goal that students not be assigned large and exorbitant amounts of homework. We do not want homework to be an intrusion on the home. Though workload and type of homework varies across grade levels, it is typically for students to be able to complete their daily homework workload in 20-30 mins per evening. This is assuming that students are being focused and driven to complete their assignments.

Occasionally, students may have questions in their homework that the parent is not able to help with. In these cases, parents should have the student do everything that they are capable of in that homework assignment AND the parent should write a note in the homework folder to the teacher explaining that every possible effort was made, but the assignment could not be completed due to lack of understanding. Following these procedures helps to prevent the student from possibly getting into the bad habit of stating that they do not understand when maybe they really do.

It is the student's responsibility to complete the work and get the parent to sign their homework folder, but encouragement from the parents is very helpful. The parents should provide a designated area, free from distractions, with enough light, and a reasonable amount of time for each student with homework. T.V. watching, telephone conversations, texting, 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 do not 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 folders or incomplete homework will be dealt with in the demerit system.

#### **Policy on Searches:**

The school staff and/or leadership have the right to search student's automobiles, backpacks, purses, pockets, lunch boxes, lockers, desk, or persons. Items deemed to be against school rules will be confiscated and must be picked up from the office by a parent. This will always be done within the guidelines of Christian appropriateness.

#### **Cell Phones:**

If it is necessary for a student to bring a cell phone to school, the student must turn in the cell phone to the office by the start of school and pick it up at the end of school. Students may not use a cell phone during school. Students should only bring a cell phone to school if it is deemed necessary by a parent. Video games, iPODS, MP3 players, etc may not be brought to school.

#### Student of the Month:

Each class will have a Student of the Month chosen by the teacher and that student will receive lunch with the School Administrator. In order to be chosen for Student of the Month, the student must have the following:

- •Maintain Academic Balance
- Christian Service
- •Improvement in Areas of Difficulty
- •Overall Christian Attitude

## **Closed Campus Definition:**

GLBA has a closed campus. The students are required to stay on the school grounds from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 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 and student illness.

Only students and staff of G.L.B.A. and their families are allowed on campus during school hours. Anyone else must obtain permission from the school administrator to visit the school during those hours. Students should remember that visitors will leave with a good impression if we are friendly and courteous.

#### **Restricted Child Pick-up:**

Only those listed on the Student Pick Up Form are allowed to pick up students from the academy. This information is kept in the student profile at all times for reference.

#### **Student Auto Policy:**

GLBA must be supplied a photocopy of student's driver's license, proof of insurance, and vehicle registration. It is the student's responsibility to provide updated copies of "Proof of Insurance" as policies expire, are extended, or changed.

Students may transport other students with written parent permission, but MAY NOT transport students of the opposite gender who are not family.

Once the student arrives at school, the vehicle must be parked and left in the parking lot. The student may not remain in the vehicle nor return to the vehicle during regular school hours. Students are strictly forbidden to congregate around student's vehicle, sit in them or on them during school or lunch hours, or before or after school. GLBA is a closed campus school, therefore the student may not leave the school grounds for lunch.

## Report Cards, Parent Teacher Conferences, & Parent Night

Parent Night is held at the end of each semester. Students are required to be in "chapel dress code" for parent night regardless of whether or not they are receiving an award. Parent Nights are mandatory\* for parents and students.

Parent-Teacher Conferences (PTC night) is held after the first and third quarters in place of a parent night. Parents wishing to have a conference with their student's teacher at other times should feel free to ask for an appointment. The teachers encourage communication with parents but request that these conferences be set up through the office to avoid class distractions and to keep from using church time or family time for school business. If you need to meet with or talk to the school principal, you can make an appointment during school hours through the school office.

\*Report Cards will be issued during these meetings. If you are unable to attend the Parent Night your account will be charged a \$10.00 handling fee to cover the cost of mailing your student's report card.

## Field Trips:

Frequency and type of field trip vary greatly by age and classroom. Elementary students will take field trips at least once a quarter if not more, while middle and high school will take field trips, generally, less often because of their increased participation in extracurricular activities. All field trips or school functions that involve students participating in non-regular school activities and any school function that involves leaving school property requires signed permission from a parent.

#### **Honor Roll:**

Overall grade average for the quarter

Above 97%	Pastor's Honor Roll
90%-96.9%	Honor Roll

Students achieving at least a B or C average who are not failing any classes will be awarded with the Performance Award.

Students must also quote the monthly scripture each week of the grading period to be eligible to achieve honor roll or honorable mention.

## **Annual Awards Night:**

There will be an assembly in the last week of school each year to honor those students showing special achievement in certain areas. Awards will be presented for saying Scriptures every week all year, high academic achievement, perfect attendance, various competitions during the year, and other special achievements.

No student will be eligible for Perfect Attendance or Honor Roll All 4 Quarters unless they were enrolled at GLBA throughout the entire school year.

#### **Grades:**

For clarity, GLBA mostly uses number grades. Listed below is the grade conversion:

A+	100% - 97%	4.00	C+	79.99% - 77%	2.50
A 9	6.99% - 94%	3.75	C	76.99% - 74%	2.25
A-	93.99% - 90%	3.50	C-	73.99% - 70%	2.00
B+	89.99% - 87%	3.25	F	69.99% or below	,
В 8	6.99% - 84%	3.00			
B-	83.99% - 80%	2.75			

<sup>\*</sup>Note that all classes must be passed with a 70% or higher

#### **Electives Offered:**

Some of the electives offered on a regular schedule are:

- Spanish I
- Life & Leadership
- Speech
- Old Testament Survey
- New Testament Survey
- Music Theory
- Bible Study
- Basic Computer Science
- •Other Academic subjects not required for graduation

Some Electives may require an additional fee.

## Fine Arts Competition:

Every year GLBA takes high schoolers and some qualifying middle schoolers to compete in a fine arts competition sponsored by the the American Association of Christian Schools. Since all students in the middle and high school take fine arts as a class, this is an opportunity for students to use those developing talents at a high level. The competition is usually a 1 - 2 day event depending on the host school. This is a required event for high school students.

Student have the opportunity to compete in academic competitive tests, vocal ensembles, instrumental ensembles, Bible quizzing, speech, science projects, and much more. Not only is this event a time of development and inspiration, it is also just a lot of fun! GLBA secondary teachers go with the students to provide excellent supervision and the whole student body participates in our annual fall fundraiser to help offset the costs. The better your student does in raising money during the fall fundraiser the more affordable the event is.

You can find out more about GLBA's fine arts program and the competition by visiting **myglba.org/finearts** 

#### Youth Conference:

All students in grades 6-12 also have the option to attend Youth Conference at the end of January. This is usually a two-day conference out of town and is a great help to the teens.

## **HS Courses of Study:**

GLBA's standard diploma is a 26 credit College Preparatory Diploma. Students achieving 28 credits and meeting other requirements may earn the Honors Diploma.

In order for students to stay on track for graduation, GLBA requires certain credits to be earned before classifying students into high school grade levels. These requirements are as follows:

Credits required to be earned to be classified as a:

**Sophomore** - 5 credits **Junior** - 11 credits **Senior** - 17 credits

### **Pledges:**

Pledges are part of daily opening exercises. All students are required to memorize and respectfully participate in the daily pledges.

#### THE UNITED STATES 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."

#### THE CHRISTIAN FLAG

"I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Saviour for who kingdom it stands, one Saviour, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty for all who believe."

#### 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. I will hide its words in my heart that I might not sin against God."

#### Graduation

#### **High School Graduation-**

Graduates have a dress code by which they must follow.

**Boys Dress Code-** Must be in a white dress shirt, black pants and black dress shoes. **Girl's Dress Code-** A mid-calf, light-colored dress, two fingers from the collar bone in the front and up to the neck in the back. No sleeveless or sheer material.

There will be a fee for all graduates. This offsets the cost for the evening. Students are given cap, gown, any honors cords, and a tassel. Cap and gowns are returned after graduation night but the tassel and any cords are the student's to keep.

We will have a senior slideshow and senior tables to celebrate your graduate at the ceremony.

#### K5 Graduation-

K5 Graduates have a dress code by which they must follow.

**Boys Dress Code-** Must be in a white dress shirt, black pants and black dress shoes. **Girls Dress Code-** A below the knee, light colored dress. White dress shoes, socks/tights.