

LIGHTHOUSE HOMESCHOOL MINISTRY

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OUR MISSION

The purpose of the Calvary Chapel Miami’s Lighthouse Homeschooling Ministry is to honor and worship our Savior Jesus Christ by training up students in the knowledge of God and developing their Christian character, while receiving an excellent education in a safe and loving environment.

ORGANIZATION

Lighthouse Homeschool Ministry operates as one of the many ministries of Calvary Chapel Miami.

MINISTRY OBJECTIVES

It is our conviction that without Jesus Christ as the center of our lives, we will wander aimlessly in this world, tossed about by the circumstances we find ourselves in and thereby not have a fruitful, joyful, and fulfilling life.

Eph 4:13-15 “...Till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ...”

This ministry supports homeschooling parents by facilitating a K - 12th grade Christian education in an environment where students can concentrate on their work and be guided in developing the discipline necessary for godly success in any endeavor. The ministry has on-site ministry leaders & home-school supervisors that provide the guidance and accountability necessary for a successful Christ-filled learning experience.

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STATEMENT OF FAITH

Calvary Chapel has been formed as a fellowship of believers in the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Our supreme desire is to know Christ and to be conformed into His image by the power of the Holy Spirit. We are not a denominational fellowship, nor are we opposed to denominations as such, only their over-emphasis of the doctrinal differences that have led to the division of the body of Christ.

WE BELIEVE that the only true basis of Christian fellowship is His (Agape) love, which is greater than any differences we possess and without which we have no right to claim ourselves Christians.

WE BELIEVE worship of God should be Spiritual. Therefore, we remain flexible and yielded to the leading of the Holy Spirit to direct our worship.

WE BELIEVE worship of God should be Inspirational. Therefore, we give a great place to music in our worship.

WE BELIEVE worship of God should be Intelligent. Therefore, our services are designed with great emphasis upon teaching the Word of God that He might instruct us how He would be worshiped.

WE BELIEVE worship of God is Fruitful. Therefore, we look for His love in our lives as the supreme manifestation that we have truly been worshipping Him.

WE BELIEVE in the inerrancy of Scripture, that the Bible, Old and New Testaments, in the original autographs, is the inspired, infallible Word of God, a complete and final written revelation of God.

WE BELIEVE in one personal, transcendent, and holy God, the creator of all, Who is eternal and who manifests Himself in three separate persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

WE BELIEVE that Jesus Christ, though fully God became a man for the suffering of death, that He is the promised Messiah, born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, provided for the atonement of our sins by His vicarious death on the Cross, was bodily resurrected by the power of the Holy Spirit, ascended back to the right hand of God the Father, and ever lives to make intercession for us. After Jesus ascended to Heaven, He poured out His Holy Spirit on the believers in Jerusalem, enabling them to fulfill His command to preach the Gospel to the entire world, an obligation shared by all believers today.

WE BELIEVE that all people are by nature separated from God and responsible for their own sin, but that salvation, redemption, and forgiveness are freely offered to all by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. When a person repents of sin and accepts Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord, trusting Him to save, that person is immediately born again and sealed by the Holy Spirit, all his/her sins are forgiven, and that person becomes a child of God.

WE BELIEVE in the person and work of the Holy Spirit who indwells, seals, and empowers every believer, baptizing them into the Body of Christ. We further believe that the Holy Spirit will come upon any believer who asks in faith, enabling him/her to preach the Gospel in power. We also believe all of the gifts of the Holy Spirit mentioned in the Scriptures are valid for today if they are exercised within the scriptural guidelines. We believe that love is more important than all the gifts, and without this love all exercise of spiritual gifts is worthless.

WE BELIEVE Jesus Christ is the head of the Body, His church, and that church government should be simplistic rather than a complex bureaucracy. We desire to be led by the Holy Spirit in all the functions and directions of the ministry of the church.

We make it our goal to please Him. 2 Corinthians 5:9

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ADMISSION POLICY

Each student will be accepted into the ministry based upon their previous academic, spiritual, and social records. Lighthouse Homeschoolers' Ministry admits students of any race, color, nationality, or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the ministry. Parents and students must be a regular attendees of Calvary Chapel Miami for at least the preceding six months prior to enrollment. Parents and students must be fully committed to our doctrinal position and ministry direction.

Steps for Admission:

- Obtain registration packet from the church office or LHM Ministry Staff.
- Complete the registration packet and return it to the office with a non-refundable and voluntary, ministry support. This payment is non-refundable unless the student is not accepted by Lighthouse Homeschool Ministry administration.
- The office will call new families to meet with the administration for an enrollment meeting. New students must attend this meeting.

Parents are expected to be forthright and honest, and are responsible to inform and not withhold any information from Lighthouse Homeschool Ministry that might be relevant to the physical, medical, emotional, or spiritual needs of the student. In specific cases or situations in which the student may have very unique ministry needs, Lighthouse Homeschoolers' Ministry may seek out and recommend a different ministry that might be more viable and better suited to meet the special needs of the student.

Kindergarten Students

In order to be enrolled under the A-Beka accredited program, students must be at least 4 years and 6 months old at the time of enrollment.

If student is at least 4 years old and younger than 4 years and 6 months at the time of enrollment they can be enrolled in the non-accredited program.

All students entering kindergarten must be bathroom trained and not use diapers or disposable under garments.

Parental Agreement

I acknowledge that I have been praying and sense that, as a parent, the Lord is leading me to be involved and to enroll my children in Lighthouse Homeschool Ministry. I understand that this is a ministry and as such, the work of instruction, development and growth in me and my children of Christ-like character and virtues (such as stewardship, faithfulness, accountability, punctuality and responsibility) are just as important as the academic disciplines that God wants to develop in my child. We, as parents, have entered into this agreement prayerfully, and agree that it would be healthy to agree and commit to the following guidelines:

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Financial

1. As we have prayed and sought the Lord concerning our desire to be involved in this ministry, we as parents sense that God is leading for us and our children to be a part of Lighthouse Homeschool Ministry. We also sense that He is leading us to make a commitment to the suggested ministry support which are to be turned in no later than the 1st of every month. We urge parents to provide for the ministry support as a total sum payment for the year. However, as a courtesy to the parents the ministry support can be accepted in ten equal support installments with the first installment due by August 1st and the last by May 1st. Further, we as parents understand that an installment represents 1/10th of the year’s ministry support and does not represent a month of education.
2. We as parents understand that if students are enrolling after the first day of the academic year, all ministry support will be due upon acceptance of enrollment. This includes ministry support that cover the costs of Registration into the ministry, the DVD Program Fee (which must be paid to A Beka), any Activity or Accreditation Fees (if applicable), and the first installment of the first month’s ministry support will be due when the student is accepted for enrollment.
3. For students enrolled by September 15th, the full academic year’s ministry support will be due without pro-ration.
4. For students enrolled after September 15th, the annual ministry support will be prorated based on the number of days remaining in the academic year using 170 academic calendar days as the basis.
5. By committing to involvement in this ministry, I understand that it is important that all of the ministry support and fees be turned in on time. LHM depends upon the regular income of the ministry support to help pay for all of the operating expenses of this ministry.
6. Since this is a ministry, we understand that these guidelines are meant to grow us spiritually. In the interest of growing in the areas of stewardship, responsibility, and punctuality, we’ve prayerfully sought the Lord and agree that God would be leading us to voluntarily provide an additional \$25 to our regular, monthly, suggested ministry support whenever our regular support isn’t given in full by the 5th of each month. Post-dated checks cannot be accepted in order to avoid this additional \$25 expenditure.
7. In the interest of being disciplined in the area of stewardship and responsibility through this ministry, we sense the Lord leading us to submit to an additional \$25.00 charge for all checks returned due to insufficient funds or any other reasons. Only cash, money order, or cashier’s check will be accepted after two checks have been returned during an academic year.
8. Please be aware that students whose suggested monthly ministry support are thirty days or more past due may not be allowed to return to class until all accounts are made current. If an unexpected financial hardship arises and you are unable to submit your ministry support on time, contact the ministry office immediately.

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9. We accept all students with the assumption they will remain for the entire academic year. As parents, we understand that at any point the Lord can show you or us to go in different ways. We understand and agree to the position of Lighthouse Homeschoolers' Ministry regarding the ministry relationship they hold with us and our family, which is that if any of the elements that we have agreed upon in entering this relationship with them as ministry providers is breached, it is very possible that they may refrain from the active ministry position that they have hitherto been able to participate in (i.e. The child may not be allowed to remain in Lighthouse Homeschoolers' Ministry). The following policy has been established regarding withdrawals:
- If the day of withdrawal (either voluntary withdrawal or expulsion) is on or before the tenth of the month, I agree to pay a flat charge of \$90.00 per child withdrawn. If the withdrawal is after the 5th of the month, I will pay the full monthly suggested ministry support plus any applicable late charges.
 - Written notification of withdrawal must be given to Lighthouse Homeschool Ministry office in order to officially recognize the withdrawal and the date it is to be effective.
 - I understand and agree to the stipulation that no transfer of records will be made until the student's accounts are completely settled, and all the voluntary, suggested ministry support of that academic year up to and until the end of the month of withdrawal are submitted in full.
 - No student with an unpaid balance on his or her account will be re-admitted to the Lighthouse Homeschool Ministry.
 - It is understood that the above terms in this "Financial Information" sheet are accepted as part of the Understanding Agreement Contract signed by the student's parents or guardians upon acceptance of enrollment into Lighthouse Homeschool Ministry.

Registration

A non-refundable, suggested *registration support is due with the Enrollment Application Form*. (If a child is not accepted for enrollment, the registration support will be refunded.) The suggested support is:

\$75 per student if registering between Jan- March

\$150 per student if registering between March- May

\$400 per student if registering after May

TEXTBOOKS AND CURRICULUM FEE:

This fee is paid to A Beka Academy. Please go to www.ABekaAcademy.org under "Homeschool" & "Tuition and Fees" for the DVD Video Complete. Costs are set by A Beka. For assistance in ordering curriculum please see one of the Ministry staff.

HOMESCHOOL MINISTRY SUPPORT:

Suggested Ministry support value to Calvary Chapel Miami Lighthouse Homeschool Ministry

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Ministry support is paid in full in advance. However, as courtesy to parents 10 monthly installments can be accepted (see “Financial Information” section under Item 1). The first installment is due by August 1st.

| Grade | Annual LHM support | Aug 1st thru May 1st (10 pmts)* |
|----------------------|---------------------------|--|
| K5 | \$2520 | \$252 |
| 1st–6 th | \$2730 | \$273 |
| 7th–12 th | \$2992 | \$299 |

Checks:

- Please make checks payable to **Calvary Chapel Miami**.
- In the memo field please include STUDENT NAME and the letters “LHM”.
- Please ensure to give checks directly to CCM office only (Chris Rodriguez or Tiffany Torres). Do not place in the CCM donation boxes or else it will not be credited to your account. **(Note: payments are due 1st of each month)**

Discounts:

- 10% for full payment up front by August 1st.
- 10% Multi-Child from the same family. Discount taken from the youngest child.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

Ministry Hours:

8:05 AM to 3:30 PM. No Student should arrive before 8:00 AM or stay past 3:30 PM.

Parking Lot Procedures

Please exercise extreme caution when driving on the property. Students should be dropped off and picked up inside at the crosswalk. To facilitate the flow of traffic, vehicles should enter the property from S.W. 67th Ave. through the South side gate and proceed to the cross walk for drop off. After drop off pull forward, turn around at cones and proceed to exit south gate. If there are cars in front please form a line and be patient. Please be courteous to our neighbors by refraining from entering or exiting property from or to the west through the neighborhood streets.

Parental Visits

Parents are always welcomed at the CCM property. However, when a visit to the video classrooms is necessary, please schedule an appointment with the office first. Do not go directly to the video rooms. We need to be respectful of the other students' academic time to be in class.

Meetings with LHM staff

If a meeting is desired with the Lighthouse Homeschoolers' Ministry Staff, please arrange a private conference with ample notification. As you may be aware, appointments are not made during class hours or in the mornings before school starts. Lunches, homework, books, and other

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items may be left in the Church office for delivery to the student. Please call the Church office to schedule a meeting at [305-667-8577](tel:305-667-8577).

Closings due to severe weather or other difficulty

When the Ministry closes because of severe weather or other unforeseen events, information about the closing will be distributed via Lighthouse Homeschoolers’ Ministry office. It is the ministry policy to NOT close the Ministry once we have started the day of studies. We want you to be assured your child will have a safe place to stay and will not be faced with the possibility of being sent home to an empty house. It is the parent's discretion whether or not to pick up the student early due to weather.

Medications

Non-prescription and prescription medication will be administered only with a written request and written instructions from the parent. All medications will be supplied by the parent, in the original pharmaceutical packaging, and must be labeled with the student’s name clearly on the outside. Medicine (prescription or non-prescription) must not be kept in the student’s possession but must be secured in the ministry office.

Homeschool Term

Lighthouse Homeschool Ministry operates on a nine-month basis which consists of 2 semesters. Each semester consists of 2 periods for a total of 4 periods for the year.

Grading Scale

Grading scale is set by the A Beka academy.

Homework

We believe homework is an integral part of the ministry program and each teacher is at liberty to give homework to aid the students in advancing in their studies. Each student is expected to complete the homework assigned.

Homework is given to drill, as this allows mastery of material essential to the educational process. Also, homework is given as remedial work to strengthen academic weaknesses.

*Please note these recommendations regarding homework:

- Homework is for your child’s benefit. Do not complete it for him or her. The teacher needs to see what the student has accomplished, not the parent’s accomplishments.
- Be aware of your child’s homework requirements and test schedules.
- Review homework after it is finished for completeness and to see if the teacher’s instructions were followed. Careless errors can be caught at this point.
- Reserve a quiet area, away from interruptions, for completing homework.

A Beka Materials

For accountability and proper administration of classes, all A Beka materials (DVD's, student texts, teacher texts, etc.) all materials are to be shipped from A Beka directly to the church office. The Church office address is:

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**6737 South West 39 Street
Miami, Miami-Dade, FL 33155**

Punctuality

The greatest ability is dependability. Being on time is important. Worship & Classes begin promptly at 8:05 AM. Let us show our respect to our Lord and others by committing to be on time. **Planning to arrive at 8:00 AM** will avoid you some uncomfortable moments from traffic or other unforeseen circumstances .

Attendance

A-Beka students will only be excused for being absent for the following reasons: Personal illness, death in the family, medical appointments, or other approved educational experience. When there is an absence, the parent must write a note explaining the reason for the absence. If required, it will be forwarded to the academy for them to determine if it is acceptable. If the reason for the absence is due to a medical appointment, the doctor should supply a "physician's excuse" document. Please ensure that family vacation times do not conflict with the LHM Ministry Yearly calendar, otherwise any missed days will be counted as unexcused.

Note: Physical Education is required to graduate. If the student can not participate due to illness please send a doctor's notice which we can forward to A-beka for their approval.

Absenteeism

Excessive absences may result in repeating the same grade again, repeating of a course, or dismissal. Note that all absences can place an additional work load on our limited ministry staff by having to "catch up" the student.

Make-up Work

Failure to make up the requested assignments or tests will result in zeroes being given for the missed work. Each student is responsible for seeing that make up work is completed on time.

Student Life

Lighthouse Homeschoolers' Ministry Bible Verse

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Pledge 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.

Bible

The King James Version (KJV) of the Bible is the Bible chosen by A Beka Academy. Therefore, the KJV is used in the classroom, for study, and for memorization.

Closed Campus

The Ministry operates a "closed campus" which means attendance is required from opening until dismissal regardless of the number of free periods a student may have. It also means that students from other schools or friends are not permitted on campus unless they are cleared by the Administration and have obtained the required visitor's pass (Kiddos Tag) from the ministry office.

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Chapel Time

A chapel time is set aside periodically as a means of presenting the tenets of the Christian faith and to develop strong moral character based upon Biblical teaching. All students are required to attend chapel as part of their Bible class.

DRESS CODE

It's very important that, in all that we do, our first priority be to honor the Lord and who we are in Christ. The influences that we allow to shape and affect our choices, conduct, and dress code should therefore reflect a heart that prioritizes pleasing the Lord and not one that is seeking to merely reflect the culture. As such, it is our heart to abide by three essential, biblical principals when it comes to conduct, dress code, and behavior both on behalf of the parents and students involved in the ministry:

1. It is our heart to ensure that we are being an example to the world and other believers in all that we do (2 Tim. 4:12).
2. It is our desire to be very mindful that we are not becoming any kind of distraction to the students, teachers, or other parents through our speech, actions, dress, or conduct. Though we have freedom in Christ, we must consider if what we are doing and how we are dressing is beneficial to our spiritual walk and to those around us (1 Corinthians 10:23-24).
3. We do not want to do anything that would cause anyone to stumble by the choices that we make (Matt. 18:6-11). We have a responsibility, not only to ourselves, but also to our brothers and sisters in Christ that are participating in Lighthouse Homeschoolers' Ministry, students and parents alike.

Therefore, it is the policy of Lighthouse Homeschoolers' Ministry that, on a case by case basis, if conduct, dress, speech or behavior is deemed to have breached these established biblical principals and guidelines, then the students may be sent to the office or home until the situation is corrected. They may return to Lighthouse Homeschoolers' Ministry functions once they are dressed in conformance with the guidelines stated below, and the reason has been clearly communicated to them by Lighthouse Homeschoolers' Ministry Staff. Upon administrative review, any questionable or extreme styles may be disallowed.

Dress General:

- All students are expected to maintain a standard of modesty in all jewelry, style-choices (hair, make-up, etc.) , and clothing.
- Exposed tattoos (temporary or permanent) are not permissible.
- Torn clothing exposing skin is not acceptable.
- Midsection of body should not be visible when sitting or bending.
- Pants and shorts must fit loosely. Baggy pants that appear to be falling off or exposing under-garments are not permissible.
- No tank tops.
- No see-through material.
- No pajama-style pants or shorts.
- No exposed under-garments.
- Body piercings are not permissible.
- Unnatural hair coloring (i.e. blue, green, orange, etc.) and extreme styles are not permitted, unless pre-approved by administration.

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- No cutting or designs on eyebrows.
- Religious symbols that are not Christian in nature or which are only applicable to specific denominations are not permitted. (Small Christian crosses are allowed.)
- No flip/flops (beach style sandals).
- No Croc style shoes.

Boys:

- Boys are not to wear earrings.
- Boys must maintain a clean and neat haircut and a clean shave.

Girls:

- Girls may have 2 earrings max. on each ear.
- Girls’ skirts should be knee length. Slits in skirts may not extend above the kneecap.
- No cleavage should be visible at any time. No strapless tops or dresses. Backs should not be exposed.

UNIFORMS

Uniforms are required for Sixth through Twelfth grade and will be optional for Fifth grade through K5. A uniform check is required prior to start of school year. Uniform consists of a Polo type top, pants and belt, and closed shoes. Sneakers (not torn) are acceptable. Shirt colors can be white, yellow (light to dark) and blue (light to dark). Pant colors are tan (light or dark) and black or dark blue. All uniforms must be loose fitting and worn as specified in the applicable dress general section.

Field Trips/Activity Dress Code

Students are to wear modest apparel that suits the particular activity or trip. Appropriate dress is at the discretion of the Ministry Staff. Students are expected to abide by dress regulations at all ministry functions.

P.E. Dress Code

Girls and boys may wear knee length basketball shorts with a P.E. t-shirt. **Sneakers are mandatory. Absence of PE attire will be counted as a day missed in PE and will reflect on the final grade.**

Student Drivers

Students who drive to Lighthouse Homeschoolers’ Ministry must realize this is a privilege that may be revoked for unsafe practices or for violations of the following stipulations:

- Student vehicles must be parked within areas designated by the administration.
- Student drivers may not transport other students in their vehicles without the permission of the driver’s parents and the parents of the other student.
- Students are not permitted to leave church property once they have arrived unless a signed permission note is received from the parent.
- Vehicles are off-limits during ministry hours without a written pass from a teacher or the office.
- Students should not be loitering in or around vehicles before or after the hours of Lighthouse Homeschoolers’ Ministry.

STUDENT CONDUCT

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Attitude

An attitude of Christian humility and cooperation should be exhibited by the student. A critical, griping, or uncooperative attitude is not acceptable. Students should display a genuine concern for others and demonstrate an attitude of “JOY” {Jesus first, Others second, You last}.

Cell Phones or other personal electronic devices (PED)

Cell phones or P.E.D. are not permitted to be used while on Church Property or during Lighthouse Ministry events. All such devices need to be left at home or be kept in the LHM office, or turned over to the LHM staff before entering classrooms. They will be returned at the end of day. Lighthouse Homeschoolers’ Ministry will not be held responsible for any damage to or loss of any confiscated or turned in cell phones or electronic devices.

Cheating

Cheating is deceptive and a form of lying, which is a sin. Cheating will not be tolerated. We want our students to practice honesty and earn a testimony of trustworthiness. Cheating will result in a zero for that day in all subjects and 3 days suspension. All work for the 3 days suspension will also be given a zero.

Courtesy

Students are expected to be friendly, helpful, and polite and to exhibit courtesy to each other, to the faculty and staff, and to any visitors they may come in contact with. Students are to proceed to their classes and other ministry activities in an orderly manner.

Coed Activities

Various activities are afforded where young people can enjoy the company of one another among their friends in a proper environment of supervised activity. However, any inappropriate physical contact (such as hand holding, hugging, kissing, and the like) are not permitted. In order to avoid the appearance of evil (I Thessalonians 5:22), and in a desire to not defraud our brother or sister in these matters (I Thessalonians 4:3-7) “couples” of any sort should not be alone together in rooms or anywhere on the church property without permission.

Drug Policy

It is forbidden of students attending Lighthouse Homeschoolers Ministry to use, possess, or sell narcotic drugs or controlled substances. Students found to be in possession of drugs, using, or selling drugs shall be immediately dismissed from the Lighthouse Homeschool Ministry and result in a police case opened.

Discipline

The total program of the ministry is to develop the Godly, spiritual and academic qualities that characterize the student. In order to carry out total character development, we believe it is necessary to follow the Scriptural admonition to correct a student when his or her behavior is in violation of proper or reasonable rules and procedures. This could include biblical instruction, extra work, writing sentences, issuing of demerits, restriction, probation, suspension, or

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expulsion.

Restriction

Students may be placed on restriction when accumulation of demerits or any act, event, or attitude is deemed by the Administration to warrant such action. Restriction can exclude a student from holding any position of leadership, Honor Roll recognition, or participation in class field trips, class picnics, or any other extracurricular activity. Restriction will be a minimum of thirty calendar days.

Probation

For repeated misconduct, a student may be placed on disciplinary probation. This allows the student the opportunity to correct the problem. Disciplinary probation shall exclude a student from holding any position of leadership, Honor Roll recognition, or participation in class field trips, class picnics, or any other extracurricular activity. Disciplinary probation periods last a minimum of ninety calendar days. If the student does not improve satisfactorily, the student may be asked to withdraw from the homeschool program.

Suspension

A student whose behavior or action is unacceptable is subject to suspension for one to several days. A student on suspension is not allowed on church premises during Lighthouse Ministry hours unless otherwise indicated by the ministry or church office and cannot participate in the ministry activities. Zeroes are given in all subjects for each suspension day and these grades are averaged in with the current grading period. A student receiving a suspension is not eligible for Honor Roll recognition or for holding any position of leadership during the academic term when the suspension occurs.

Demerit System

A demerit system is used to discourage inappropriate behavior. It sets boundaries so that students understand what is considered acceptable and unacceptable conduct. The use of demerits is just one tool to aid in discipline. It is not the end of the disciplinary process but is part of it. Demerits themselves are not punishment, but they may lead to punishment if disregarded. Our goal is to teach students to develop self-control. Acts of willful, blatant, and malicious conduct will be considered severe and will be subject to a greater degree of disciplinary action. Receiving demerits, regardless of the offense, should be deemed as serious. Continuous receipt of demerits indicates unwillingness on the part of the student to abide by prescribed rules of conduct. A student who demonstrates complete disregard for the spirit of the rules and regulations of Lighthouse Homeschool Ministry will be expelled regardless of the number of demerits actually earned.

We trust that as you learn about this system that it will help you understand that it provides the ministry staff with an effective way of dealing with students on a consistent basis. How can a student disagree with an issued demerit? A student who feels that a demerit was given unfairly should not be argumentative. The student should talk privately at a time convenient to the person who gave the demerit. If that person agrees, the demerit may be withdrawn. If they do not agree, the demerit should be accepted graciously, and the student should exhibit courtesy and respect at all times. The Administration will make final determination regarding issuance of demerits.

Demerit System (these are representative but not necessarily all-inclusive of all infractions)

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DEMERITS

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| Unprepared for class or work not done at stated date & time | 5 |
| Doing homework in another class or chapel | 5 |
| Writing, passing, and/or reading notes in class or chapel | 5 |
| Using a cell phone or personal electronics during ministry hours | 5 |
| Inappropriate conduct in room or halls (rowdiness, fighting, etc.) | 5 |
| Out of seat without permission | 5 |
| Talking without permission | 5 |
| Making noise/sounds that are disturbing & interrupting class or chapel | 5 |
| Chewing gum or eating/drinking in class or chapel | 5 |
| Violation of the dress code | 5 |
| Throwing objects or dangerous actions | 10 |
| Inappropriate attitudes or speech (gripping, pridefu, sneering, defiance, etc.) | 10 |
| Failure to follow instructions | 5-10 |
| Listening to inappropriate music | 15 |
| Possession of matches, knives, on church property or on a activity | 40 |
| Direct disobedience, disrespect or rudeness to teachers or staff | 40 |
| Profanity or Inappropriate slang | 40 |
| Inappropriate physical contact | 40 |
| Vandalism or willful damage to property of others or church property | 40 |
| Stealing | 40 |
| Cheating on homework, quizzes, or tests | 40 |
| Lying or untruthfulness | 40 |
| Smoking or possession of tobacco products | 120 |
| Drinking or possession of alcoholic beverages | 150 |
| Possession of a firearm on church property or on a ministry activity | 150 |
| Partaking or possession of illegal drugs | 150 |
| Immoral activities | 150 |

Note: Demerits are accumulated over a full semester. The student begins each semester with zero demerits.

30 demerits: After 30 demerits a notification is sent to the parent and the student is required to see the Principal for discipline.

75 demerits: The student is placed on Restriction and a Parent/Administrator conference is required.

120 demerits: The student is given a suspension and a Parent/Administrator conference is required.

150 demerits: The student is subject to expulsion from the ministry based on the final decision of the Administration.

AGREEMENT SECTION:

In signing this form, I understand and agree with the following:

LIGHTHOUSE HOMESCHOOL MINISTRY

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1. The Calvary Chapel Miami Lighthouse Homeschool Ministry (LHM) will facilitate the homeschooling of and supervise the Biblical education of my child using the A-Beka curriculum and according to the *Statement of Faith* of Calvary Chapel Miami. (See the Statement of faith at www.CalvaryMiami.com under the "**who**" section).
2. If the actions of any student demonstrate that they do not want to be a part of the ministry of LHM through a failure to respect the spiritual standards, a failure to cooperate in the educational process, or a failure to fit into the spirit that we sense that the Lord has called us to as a ministry; LHM reserves the right to confirm that decision that the student and parent has made by dismissing said student from Lighthouse Homeschoolers Ministry. These decisions will be made at the sole discretion of the LHM Administrator.
3. As parents, we are to see that our child conforms to the dress and conduct standards of LHM.
4. Church property or personal property destroyed or damaged or lost due to the student's negligence will be repaired or replaced immediately, and the cost will be born by the parent.
5. If I have criticisms, constructive or otherwise, I will request a private meeting and inform the appropriate LHM Staff.
6. In case of emergency when I cannot be contacted, LHM will seek reasonable medical care, including taking my child to a doctor or a hospital.
7. LHM may administer any necessary tests to my child which will help in evaluating his/her educational needs.
8. All withdrawals must be handled through the LHM staff, and no transfer of records will be made until all accounts are satisfied in full.
9. Our family will be represented at Parent-Teacher meetings by at least one parent.
10. I give permission for my child to take part in all LHM activities including LHM sponsored trips away from the Church property. I hold harmless LHM (and its staff) and Calvary Chapel Miami from all liability in the event my child is injured at the LHM or during any LHM activity.
11. LHM has full discretion in the discipline of my child, according to Biblical principles. *[LHM is honored that you have asked our staff to assist you in training your child for Christian leadership. Our ministry is designed to develop the spiritual and academic qualities that characterize your child. In order to carry out your wishes for total character development, we believe it is necessary to follow Scriptural admonition to correct a child when his behavior is in violation of proper or reasonable rules and procedures. Correction may include issuing of demerits, sentence writing, additional homework, suspension, detention, disciplinary counsel, or even expulsion].*
12. It is understood that participation at LHM is a privilege and not a right, and this privilege may be forfeited by any student who does not conform to the standards and regulations of this ministry. LHM may request the withdrawal of any student at any time that does not fit into the spirit of the ministry that God has called us to, regardless of whether or not he/she conforms to

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the specific rules and regulations of LHM.

13. It is understood LHM is Christian in nature and a ministry of Calvary Chapel Miami. It is understood that lessons will be presented from the Bible and I agree to the teaching of God's Word to my child.

14. It is understood that the LHM Parent-Student Handbook has been read entirely and understood by the Parents/Guardians and the student. Additionally, the Parents/Guardians and the student agree to the principles set forth in the LHM Parent-Student Handbook.

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Student Name: _____

My signature below is evidence that I have read, understood and I agree to abide by the LHM Handbook and the Agreement section.

_____ **Date:** _____
Father's Signature:

_____ **Date:** _____
Mother's Signature:

_____ **Date:** _____
Student's Signature: