

PART TIME AND/OR DUAL ENROLLMENT STUDENTS

In seeking enrollment at the *Auburn Road Presbyterian Academy* in either a “part time” or “dual enrollment” status, I _____, and my child, _____, do affirm both the statement of faith and moral agreement that is associated with enrollment at the academy. I likewise recognize that any serious offense and/or breach of these standards will bring about a review of the student’s academic status with the academy, possibly resulting in disciplinary action and/or dismissal from the Auburn Road Presbyterian Academy.

Moreover, in signing this agreement, I do recognize the necessity to uphold the highest of academic effort, and do certify that this course of study will be pursued with the intent of glorifying Jesus Christ, the savior of sinners. In addition (for dual enrollment students), I likewise recognize that I must both meet and maintain the academic standards set forth by Southeastern University, as articulated in the course and program standards of that institution of higher learning.

Finally, I do hereby affirm that the student who is to be registered for this course, _____, is a professing Christian and disciple of Jesus Christ, and therefore, has an obligation to walk in a manner of covenant faithfulness and fidelity towards Him. Moreover, I do also recognize that the Auburn Road Presbyterian Academy is associated with Auburn Road Presbyterian Church, a member of the Presbyterian Church in America, and as a result, in the course of study, I may encounter teachings that are in not complete agreement with my theological understanding. And, while I do retain the right to discuss, disagree and question particular teachings or interpretations of the Bible in a manner which is fitting of Christ’s redeemed, I likewise affirm that I will not create a hostile and/or argumentative environment which disrupts other students within the class.

Parent

(Print) _____

(Signed) _____

(Date) _____

Student

(Print) _____

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(Date) _____

AUBURN ROAD PRESBYTERIAN ACADEMY MORAL AGREEMENT

As Christians and professing followers of Jesus Christ, it is incumbent that we look to our savior daily for guidance, forgiveness and strength in our moments of weakness. It is a reality that even those who have been redeemed in Christ will sin, for the only perfect man to walk the earth was the Lord Jesus Christ. Yet, even in those times of sin and failure, the Christian man or woman should be compelled to confess their sins to the Lord and seek forgiveness, which is readily available to those who earnestly seek Him, as noted by the apostle John when he proclaims, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). But how does a Christian “know” what sin is, or, how can it be defined? 1 John 3 answers such a question where it reads, “Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.” (1 John 3.4). In this citation, the apostles John informs his readers that “sin is lawlessness,” or, the denial, breaking or rejection of God’s law, which is His holy standard of righteousness. With this in mind, the following “moral agreement” finds its basis in the Ten Commandments, which is the standard that both the Bible and the Auburn Road Presbyterian Academy utilizes as a measure of morality and righteousness.

1. **We are to have no other God’s before the Triune God of Scripture.** Meaning, our devotion in things both “religious” and “non-religious” will be solely focused towards Him.
2. **No images in worship.** This commandment relays to the reader that God demands that we both recognize Him and worship Him in the manner that He has revealed Himself.
3. **Do not misuse God’s name.** We are not to use the Lord’s name in an unfitting manner, which includes as a curse word, for personal gain, or in a manner unworthy of our calling as Christians. It is a reality that in baptism, the name of the Triune God is placed upon the individual, thereby marking that individual as a member of the family of God. With this in mind, we can likewise misuse God’s name when we act contrary to our relationship with Christ.
4. **Remember the Sabbath/Lord’s Day.** While this commandment is subject to various understandings in this modern era, the heart of the commandment itself is not, namely, that the Lord demands that His people worship him in spirit and truth. Hebrews 10:25 tells the reader that we should not “forsake assembling together,” thus, implying that Christians should be among other Christians, when possible, on the Lord’s Day.
5. **Honor both father and mother.** This commandment has much great implication than simply respecting one’s parents, which is the primary focus of the commandment itself. Instead, in the broad understanding of this precept, all authority is to be honored, “For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God” (Romans 13.1).
6. **No murder/unlawful taking of life.** All life is made in the image of God, which is the foundation and basis of human worth. Hence, the unlawful taking of life is opposed to God’s unchanging moral law. However, the “heart” of the individual is also in view regarding this commandment, as noted by the words of the Lord Jesus when He proclaims, “‘You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council;

and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire." (Matthew 5:21-22). In short, it is morally required of Christians that they view others with "love and compassion" and not "hatred and spite," if we are to uphold this commandment.

7. **No adultery.** Faithfulness in marriage is an absolute requirement by God to man, and this commandment serves to preserve the marital union in such a way as to bring glory to the Triune God. Yet, it is likewise true that all of sexual relations are identified in this commandment. Hence, this commandment serves as a prohibition against fornication, homosexuality, and other forms of sexual misconduct. And, like the sixth commandment, there is an element of the heart that must be recognized in this precept, for, if one "even looks upon a woman with the intent to lust, he has committed adultery with her in his heart" (Matthew 5:28). Ultimately, one's faithfulness to this commandment is an indicator of their faithfulness towards God Himself, as those who compose the church are known as the "bride of Christ."
8. **No stealing.** While there are many applications of this commandment, the more obvious implications include stealing of any sort, robbery, shop lifting, cheating on taxes and the like. Or, one could look towards the modern era and note that the unlawful downloading of music, videos and the like would fall within the realm of this commandment. In short, man is to work for his goods (2 Thess 3:10), and he is to be thankful for the provisions which the Lord provides to him (James 1:17).
9. **No bearing false witness.** Lying is the act of intentionally deceiving or misleading another person. In this commandment, "bearing false witness" serves as the pinnacle of this sin, as a person who lies in this environment could lead another to death or imprisonment. Yet, the courtroom setting in which this commandment is given does not negate the broader understanding of this precept, namely, that it is sinful to lie in any context.
10. **No Coveting.** To covet is to desire in one's heart the materials, possessions or life of another. This commandment, which is intimately connected to the eighth, is the driving force behind greed, envy, strife, deceit and the like. A violation of this precept is likewise a rejection of the grace and love that the Lord has blessed us with in providing the everyday provisions in which we are to live.

In utilizing this standard as the moral code of the Auburn Road Presbyterian Academy, it must be noted that this agreement is not from men, but rather, from God Himself. Hence, this "moral agreement" is the standard for all men, of all ages, and is wholly Biblical, as it comes from God's self-revelation. And while it is recognized that all men violate this standard of righteousness on a daily basis, it is likewise recognized that this standard of morality is the objective manner of life in which the Christian is to live, all for the glory of the Triune God of scripture.

AUBURN ROAD PRESBYTERIAN ACADEMY: STATEMENT OF FAITH
DUEL ENROLLMENT AND PART TIME STUDENTS

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.

Who, for us men for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father [and the Son]; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic (*universal*)¹ and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

¹ The term “catholic” in the Nicene Creed is not a reference to the “Roman Catholic Church,” but rather, it is a term that expresses unity. Hence, “catholic” in this context refers to the “universal” church, or, the whole collection of believers worldwide that make up the “body of Christ.”