

AMESBURY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST SCHOOL

# Parent/Student Handbook



*Seventh-day Adventist School*  
*A Christian Elementary School*  
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### *Mission Statement*

The primary objective of Christian education is to restore the image of God in man. It seeks to provide a learning environment where students develop Christ-like characters. This school seeks to establish an atmosphere in which students can develop mentally, physically, and spiritually. Students are educated to accept service as a way of life, to be sensitive to the needs of people in the home and society, and to become active members in their church.

This school seeks to teach the students according to the highest academic standards. All classes and activities are Christ-centered and in harmony with the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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## PHILOSOPHY

The Amesbury Seventh-day Adventist School is operated by the Amesbury Seventh-day Adventist Church under the organizational leadership of the North American Division, the Atlantic Union Conference and the Southern New England Conference in cooperation with the school's governing board.

The educational goal of the Amesbury SDA School is to provide our students with the highest quality and level of education through the thoughtful development of our students' minds, talents and hearts in a safe scholarly environment. We will provide all of our students with a balanced physical, mental, spiritual, social and emotional education with God as the source of all moral value and truth.

The education program and curriculum of the Amesbury Seventh-day Adventist School is predicated on the belief that each student is unique and of inestimable value and therefore focuses on the importance of the development of the whole person. The school's program will assist each student in developing a love, appreciation and respect for the privileges, rights and responsibilities guaranteed each individual and social group. The program is also intended to assist the student in developing a wholesome respect and attitude for the institution of the home, family, church, school and government.

## Objectives

The school aims to achieve its mission through instilling in each student specific religious, intellectual, emotional, aesthetic, physical and social objectives. The categories of objectives are as follows:

1. **Religious:**
  - a. To increase the students' understanding and acceptance of the Bible as the revealed Word of God, with a growing knowledge of God as their Creator and Savior.
  - b. To encourage students to develop a personal religious life of faith based on prayer, worship and service to the family, church, school and community.
  - c. To guide students towards recognizing that Jesus Christ will soon return and help them develop a personal sense of mission in sharing the Gospel message with others.
  
2. **Intellectual:**
  - a. To assist and enable each student to develop competence in the basic skills



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**in reading, science, communication, and mathematics that are required for entry into secondary education.**

- b. To assist students in developing an ability to think critically and problem-solve through deductive and logical reasoning.**
  - c. To help each student develop a recognition of personal interest and abilities with an on-going desire to fully cultivate them.**
- 3. Emotional:**
  - a. To guide and assist each student in understanding how to manage and express one's own feelings and emotions.**
  - b. To help each student develop a sense of self-esteem and a healthy self-image as a valued child of God.**
  - c. To assist students in developing a respectful attitude to all humankind.**
- 4. Physical:**
  - a. To train students to develop an appreciation for and to participate in physical activities and exercise.**
  - b. To help students appreciate the value and dignity of labor, and adopt patterns of healthful living evidenced by proper diet, meaningful work, regular exercise and adequate rest.**
- 5. Social:**
  - a. To help students develop an appreciation for participating in activities that call for supportive and cooperative effort and achieve individual fulfillment within the group. This objective is intended to help students understand that the primary goal of education is to develop one's talents for service.**
- 6. Aesthetic:**
  - a. To help students develop an appreciation of the value and beauty in art, music, literature and nature while developing a regard and sensitivity for for the value of variety, proportion and harmony.**

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### **ADMISSION POLICIES**

**NON-DISCRIMINATION**-The Amesbury Seventh-day Adventist School admits students of any race, color, ethnicity, country of origin or gender, to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities accorded and made available to its students. The school does not discriminate in the administration of education policies, applications for admission, scholarship or loan programs, and extracurricular programs related to the areas aforementioned. The Amesbury Seventh-day Adventist School invites all students and parents who share our philosophy, mission, vision, and objectives for the education of our youth to apply to the school and participate in the educational process.

**ADMISSIONS**-Students who desire a Christian Education and endeavor to live in harmony with the principles of the school are welcome to apply. Although our school is operated primarily for the children of the Adventist churches in this area, membership in the Seventh-day Adventist Church is not required. However, everyone who applies for admission is required to observe the regulations of the school and respect the Adventist lifestyle.

**AGE OF SCHOOL ENTRANCE**-Children applying for entrance into kindergarten must be at least five years of age. Any child registering for grade one must be at least six years of age. All students applying for grades K-1 are required to show proof of birth date.

**MEDICAL EXAMINATION**-New students and students entering grades 4 and 7 are required to have a physical examination. Medical examination forms are available at the school. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires the school to have up-to-date records of immunizations.

**TRANSFER STUDENTS**-A student who transfers from another school will be required to provide a transcript from the previous school and letters of recommendation.

**PROBATION PERIOD**-New students are accepted on a probationary basis for a period of thirty school days.

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**SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL**-All applications for admission must be approved by the School Board.

**REFUSAL OF ADMISSION AND EXPULSION**-The School Board reserves the right to refuse any student whose attitude and conduct are not in harmony with the principles of the school. The School Board may also suspend any pupil during the school year for the same reasons. No student will be admitted or retained who uses tobacco, alcohol, or drugs. The School Board will attempt to explain and resolve these problems with the parents and the student before expulsion takes place.

**ACADEMICALLY CHALLENGED STUDENT**-We have neither the specially-trained staff nor the facilities to deal with a student who has behavioral, educational, or learning disabilities. Therefore, we can not accept students who need special education programs.

**PROMOTION AND RETENTION**-It is our policy to place a student where he/she can function effectively. A student must be working at grade level to be eligible for promotion. The teacher will make the decision to retain a student at his/her present level only after periodic counseling with the parents and the student.

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### **ADMINISTRATION**

**TEACHER/PRINCIPAL AVAILABILITY**-If you need to talk to the principal or one of the teachers, please call before or after school hours so you do not interrupt classes.

**PROGRESS REPORTS**-Progress reports are issued after the close of each nine week period. Parents are asked to examine the report of scholarship and conduct.

**MEDICAL TREATMENT**-Basic First Aid will be administered in case of accident or illness. Current teachers are certified in both First Aid and CPR. Parents are expected to give authorization for emergency medical treatment and to provide the staff with information regarding any medical problems the student may have. School personnel are not permitted to dispense any kind of medication.

**USE OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**-Cell phones, MP3 players, iPods, lasers, or any other type of electronic equipment is not permitted in the school building. Students are permitted to use the school telephone only for emergency purposes.

**FIELD TRIPS**-Written consent from a parent/guardian is required for all field trips. Students are expected to dress appropriately for the occasion. Field trips are a privilege and not a right. Class-work must be current in order for students to take part. Any vehicle used to transport students on school functions must have bodily insurance coverage.

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### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STUDENT**

**SCHOLARSHIP**-Students are expected to be prepared for classes and to complete daily assignments.

**CHRISTIAN CONDUCT**-Students are expected to conduct themselves as Christians.

**RESPECT FOR GOD'S WORD**-Students are expected to show respect for the Bible as the inspired Word of God.

**READING MATERIAL**-Students are expected to bring only that reading material which is appropriate for Christians.

**HONESTY**-Each student is expected to be honest; to refrain from stealing and other acts of dishonesty.

**LANGUAGE**-Every student is expected to use language befitting a follower of Jesus. The use of impure and abusive language or taking God's name in vain is not permitted.

**RESPECT FOR PROPERTY**-Students are expected to show respect for school property. Any type of vandalism will result in disciplinary action. Students and parents will be responsible for any damage done to school property.

**FIREARMS & WEAPONS**-Any student who brings firearms or any type of weapon, such as knives, onto school grounds will be expelled and local police will be immediately notified.

**DRUGS AND ALCOHOL**-Selling, using or possessing drugs, alcohol, tobacco or other controlled substances are not permitted.

**SCHOOL GROUNDS**-Students are not to leave school grounds during school except by permission of the principal and parent or guardian.

**\*\*\*Gum chewing is not allowed on school grounds.**



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### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS**

**HOME HABITS**-Please be aware of good home habits in your child:

- a.) A well-balanced diet
- b.) Adequate sleep
- c.) Daily grooming habits
- d.) A good study environment
- e.) Limited television viewing

**SCHOOL LUNCHESES**-In harmony with the health principles taught at our school, parents are requested not to send Biblically unclean foods (such as ham or pork) in the student's lunches. We also discourage the excessive use of caffeine and sugar found in candy, soda, and desserts.

**SUPPORT OF SCHOOL AND TEACHERS**-Parents are expected to uphold the school, its ideals, objectives and its teachers to the students.

**PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**-It is the goal of each teacher to ensure that all students succeed. Parents are expected to show their interest in their child's progress by attending the two parent/teacher conference during the school year. Parents may also request a parent/teacher conference at any time during the school year.

**STUDENT ILLNESS**-Please keep your child at home when the symptoms of a communicable disease are present. No child should be at school with a fever. Parents will be called to pick up their child if symptoms develop during school hours.

**PROTECT SCHOOL HOURS**-Please confer with teachers in person or by phone outside of school hours.

**SCHOOL PROPERTY DAMAGE**-Parents, as well as the student, are responsible for damage done to the school property by their child.

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### **DRESS CODE**

- 1. Parents should guide their children in selecting appropriate school clothes.**
  - Girls: dresses/skirts/slacks/jeans; blouses/knit tops/polo shirts (avoid T-shirts and camisoles, faded jeans, sweat pants)**
  - Boys: pants/jeans; knit tops/polo shirts (avoid T-shirts, faded worn jeans, sweat pants)**
- 2. Students are expected to dress modestly, neat and clean during school and to all school activities.**
- 3. During warm weather, students are allowed to wear modest shorts. Cut-offs, frayed shorts, or ripped/torn jeans are not allowed.**
- 4. During the winter months, students are asked to dress accordingly: winter coats, snow boots, snow pants, gloves/mittens, hat, scarf, etc.**
- 5. Sneakers are to be worn during all gym activities.**
- 6. Students should avoid the following:**
  - \*over-sized clothing (including baggy pants & jeans)**
  - \*shirts with inappropriate logos (skulls, wrestlers, body parts, etc.)**
  - \*tight fitting clothes**
  - \*midriff shirts/blouses (no abdomen showing) & camisoles**
  - \*hip-hugger jeans or slacks or skirts**
  - \*baseball caps/hats are not allowed in the classroom**
- 7. Jewelry is not allowed (earrings, rings, necklaces, bracelets or any body piercing)**
- 8. Natural beauty is best. Therefore, avoid excessive make-up, hair color dyes, body tattoos, bright nail polish, etc.**
- 9. The following will not be allowed on school grounds without permission:**
  - \*skateboards**
  - \*scooters**
  - \*four-wheelers**
  - \*snow-boards**
  - \*bicycle**
- 10. Play areas or physical education equipment are to be used by the students only under teacher supervision.**

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### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**FINANCES**-Parents are expected to make tuition payments on time each month according to school policy. Any student whose account is delinquent will not be allowed to register for school the following year. (Refer to financial school policy)

**PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS**-Tuition is charged on a ten month basis. The registration fee and the first tuition payment are due on the first day of September. The registration fee may be paid in August, however. Any account more than 30 days overdue will be referred to the School Board.

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