

WELCOME

Welcome to Floral Crest School. We are so happy that the Lord has led you here to learn and grow with us. We have an exciting year planned just for you. The dedicated teachers at Floral Crest are looking forward to working with each student and helping them to become all that Jesus would want them to be. Each student has talents and abilities. When parents, teachers, and students work together with the Lord to become what He wants us to be then True education will be achieved. Welcome again.

Mrs. Wanda K. Beck, principal

HISTORY

Floral Crest School began in 1905. The beauty of nature atop Sand Mountain surrounds the campus. Floral Crest School is a ministry of the Floral Crest Seventh-day Adventist church.

AFFILIATION

Seventh-day Adventists operate the largest unified Protestant system of education in the world. Scattered among more than one hundred forty-five countries are 7,700 schools, 108 colleges and universities employing 87,000 professional educators with enrollment of 1,680,000 students worldwide. Floral Crest is part of a large worldwide organization of SDA Schools. Our local headquarters is in Montgomery, AL. The regional headquarters is in Decatur, GA. Policy books from the Southern Union Office of Education Code book are updated and kept in the school office for your perusal.

WEBSITE

www.floralcrest.org

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MISSION STATEMENT

We are training students to:
THINK Clearly
ACT Responsibly
SERVE God and Our Community

VISION

Changing Lives for Jesus

PURPOSE

1. To ensure that the youth receive a balanced education: mental, physical, spiritual, social, and vocational, with God as the Source of all values and truth.
2. To nurture dedication and loyalty to God.
3. To develop a practical preparation for service.
4. To produce respectful and responsible citizens.
5. To awaken a desire to reach God's ideals.
6. To provide an educational program which challenges students to academic excellence.

EPHESIANS 4:1
...I urge you to live a life
worthy of the calling you
have received.

PHILOSOPHY

We, the Board of Floral Crest School, recognize that God, Creator and Sustainer of the universe, is the Source of knowledge and wisdom. We believe that faith in Christ and developing a Christ-like character are important. We believe that the image of our Maker can be restored in man. The knowledge of this personal God can never be derived by human reason alone, but God has communicated His nature, purpose, and plans through Divine Revelation. The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God and contain a revelation of His will to man. They constitute the only unerring rule of faith and practice.

There is, peculiar to the Church, a body of knowledge, values, and ideals that must be transmitted to the younger generation. In this process the Biblical principle of social transmission is encouraged.

Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children and their children another generation. Such an education provides more than mental discipline; it provides more than physical training; it strengthens the character, so that truth and

uprightness are not sacrificed to selfish desire or worldly ambition. It fortifies the mind against evil. Instead of some master passion becoming a power to destroy, every motive and desire is brought into conformity to the great principles of right. Education pg. 19.

The following goals have been developed to support the unique Seventh-day Adventist philosophy.

1. Acceptance of God- Surrender one's whole life to God, develop a relationship with Jesus Christ, and allow the Holy Spirit to work in one's life.
2. Commitment to the Church- Desire to know, live, and share the message and mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
3. Interpersonal Relationships- Develop a sense of self-worth, skills in interpersonal relationships, an understanding of the responsibilities of family membership, and the ability to respond with sensitivity to the needs of others.
4. Responsible Citizenship- Develop an understanding of cultural and historical heritages; affirm a belief in the dignity and worth of others; and accept responsibility for local, national, and global environments.

5. **Healthful, Balanced Living-** Accept personal responsibility for achieving and maintaining optimum physical, mental, and spiritual health.
6. **Intellectual Development-** Adopt a systematic, logical, and biblically based approach to decision making and problem solving when applied to a developing body of knowledge.
7. **Communication Skills-** Recognize the importance of effective communication and develop the requisite skills.
8. **Personal Management-** Function responsibly in the everyday world using Christian principles of stewardship, economy, and personal management.
9. **Aesthetic Appreciation-** Develop an appreciation of the beautiful, both in God's creation and in human expression, while nurturing individual ability in the fine arts.
10. **Career and Service-** Develop a Christian work ethic with an appreciation for the dignity of service.

ADMISSION

Any student who expresses the earnest desire for a Christian education is eligible to enroll in Floral Crest School.

Non-Discrimination

It is the policy of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in all its church-operated schools, on elementary and secondary levels in the US, to admit students of any race, religion, sex, or national origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students in its schools and to make no discrimination in administration of educational policies, application for admission, or extra-curricular programs.

Beginning Age

Research shows that students who begin school at age seven or above tend to advance with greater success than do students age six and under. Therefore, the faculty and Board of Floral Crest School strongly recommend that students not begin school until seven years of age. However, if parents choose, a student may enter the first grade if he/she is six years old by September 1 and is able to pass the Metropolitan Readiness Test, Level II, with an average or better score. Teachers will set up a test date and inform parents concerning schedule.

Acceptance

All new students are required to go through an application process. First, they must have all registration paperwork completed. Secondly, the student and their parents or guardians must make an appointment and meet with the teacher and or principal for an interview. All new students are evaluated after a probationary period of thirty days. If deemed necessary, the Floral Crest School Board will review the student's progress at the end of that period. Students

cannot be accepted who have outstanding (unpaid) accounts. All fees and tuition must be paid in full before students are allowed to enroll. The School Board makes the final recommendation for students to be accepted. Finally, a school transcript must be received from the school where the student attended previously.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Application Form

The application must be fully completed and signed stating that the parent has read the Floral Crest School handbook.

Report card

If a student is transferring from another school, then the last report cards must be presented at the time of registration.

Financial Agreement

A signed financial agreement is required at registration.

Birth Certificate

A copy of the birth certificate is needed at registration.

Immunization

A medical examination is required of all new students. Each student must present an Alabama proof of immunization (Blue Slip) before attending school. This is state law and *must* be enforced.

Testing

A home schooled student or any other student who wishes to enroll at Floral Crest School without presenting recent academic records for an accredited school will be required to take an entrance exam to determine grade placement. A certified teacher

will administer a placement exam from Floral Crest School or an educational worker from Gulf States conference Office of Education before enrollment. There will be a nominal charge for the placement test. The school faculty will determine the grade level of the student in consultation with the Conference Superintendent of Education.

Transcripts

In harmony with the policy established by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist, Department of Education, transcripts of credits or diploma will be issued only when student's school account is paid in full.

Tuition

**All payments will be 10 months
August -May**

**One child \$225
Two children \$450
Three children \$675**

**If paid by 15th of month cost will be
One child \$214 (5% discount)
Two children \$382.50 (15%
discount)
Three children \$506.25 (25%
discount)**

**Registration Fee is \$250 due on
registration day**

Miscellaneous Expenses
Field trips
Education Fair grades 5-8

Outdoor School Grades 5-6
Mission Trips grades 7-8

Important Notice

Any student whose account with Floral Crest School is NOT current from the previous year will NOT be allowed to register for the current year until the account has been paid in full. Grade transcripts will also be withheld until all of the student's account is paid in full.

The parent will be contacted by a school board member, (treasurer, pastor, or chairman) if the school account is delinquent for more than 60 days. Arrangements will need to be made to pay the bill or the student will not be allowed to return to class.

School Hours

School begins at 8:00 am and dismisses at 3:00 pm Monday – Thursday and Friday dismissal is at 2:00 pm. These times are for the Central Time Zone or “Slow Time.”

Correct Time

The clock in the entry way (controlled by the National Bureau of Standards) will be the official school time. Set your watches accordingly.

Time of Arrival

Upon arrival at school, all students will wait in the hallway until teachers dismiss them to the classroom. Students should plan on arriving no earlier than fifteen minutes before school (7:45 am).

Close of the School Day

Following dismissal, the teachers are involved in activities such as parent-teacher conferences, faculty meetings, lesson planning, maintenance, security, and grading papers. Therefore, drivers are expected to pick up their students at the front doors promptly at the close of the day. If you are not able to pick up your child from school, please leave the name of the person who will be pick-up your child.

School Accident Insurance

Floral Crest School has accident insurance for each student. It covers the student while on the school grounds, while travelling directly to and from home for regular sessions and when participating in any school sponsored, supervised activity. Accidents should be reported to the teacher immediately.

School Emergencies

In case of any emergency, a school faculty member will contact parents when initiating a change in schedule. The first day of inclement weather Floral Crest School follows Jackson County, AL school closings.

If parents feel that conditions in their area are too hazardous to bring their students to school, the students will receive and excused absence, not to exceed three a year.

Health Hygiene

Personal hygiene is necessary for a student's total well being. Important hygiene includes daily bathing, well-groomed hair, clean fingernails, brushed teeth, and a good breakfast. Each child should have between eight and ten hours of sleep nightly in order to do his/her best.

Breakfast

Students who skip breakfast tend to experience a lack of concentration long before lunchtime. Please plan to eat breakfast before arriving to school.

Diet

Since we believe and teach that our bodies are temples of God, we feel that each person is responsible to care for his/her body. **We require that all caffeine beverages and meats (including fish) be excluded from lunches.** We request that soft drinks not be sent to school. Juice or water is a better choice to help students learn. Reduce the amount of sugar snacks in lunches to enhance concentration. Students are not to share lunches, unless in case of emergency. Thank you for cooperating in this matter.

Media and Technology

Much media and technology such as video games rob students of needed sleep and it dulls the sensitivity to moral, spiritual, and intellectual insight. Parents, please assist your child's total development by teaching proper use of media and technology.

Medication

If your child requires medication for any reason, please send it to the teacher, labeled with student's name and instructions for assisting with self-administration. Neither teachers nor school personnel can legally dispense medication. No student is allowed to share his/her medication with anyone at any time.

Illness

Students are not to attend school with a fever of 100.5 F or more. A student needs to be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. Students are not to attend

with pinkeye, however, may return 24 hours after first dose of antibiotics is taken.

Parent-Teacher Relationship

The success of the school depends in a large measure upon the fullest cooperation between parent and teacher. Should any question arise, please communicate promptly for resolution of the matter in the best interest of the student. The teachers welcome parent conferences but request an appointment be made so that full attention may be given the issues to be addressed.

Procedure for Concerns

The following guidelines are not only the Biblical way to deal with a problem, but are also the legal way to resolve an area of concern. Parents, teachers, and students are to follow Matthew 18 in resolving a concern. A meeting will be scheduled to discuss the concern until agreement can be reached. Please do not write a critical remark or post any photos on any public forum, blog, social media or group email. Only when a solution cannot be reached should the concern proceed to the next step. These steps must occur in the following sequence:

1. Concerned party meets with teacher.
2. Concerned party meets with teacher and principal.
3. Concerned party meets with teacher, principal, and school board chairman.
4. Concerned party meets with teacher, principal, chairman, and Conference Office of Education staff.

Discipline

Most discipline problems are resolved in an atmosphere of mutual respect and cooperation in the classroom. When necessary the teacher will inform parents of any situation that needs a team

effort by school and home. Suspension is considered as a last resort.

A general outline of the school's discipline policy procedure follows:

1. Teacher implements classroom management.
2. Teacher contacts parents and informs principal.
3. Principal/teacher/ parent hold conference.
4. Student is suspended (not to exceed 3 days) until School Board Executive Committee can meet. The Executive Committee or Discipline Committee consists of School Board Chairman, the School Board Vice- Chairman, the Church Pastor, the Principal, and the Home and School Association leader.

Zero- Tolerance Policy

Problems in any of the following area **may result in immediate suspension:**

1. Sexual harassment or implications of a sexual nature including the use of words, gestures, or pictures;
2. Exhibition of physical violence;
3. Cheating or plagiarism;
4. Stealing;
5. Dishonesty (lying);
6. Disrespect towards authority;
7. Profanity or euphemisms for God such as golly, gee, gosh, and other slang.

Zero Tolerance Policy

Problems in the following areas **will result in the student's immediate suspension;**

1. The use or possession of any illegal drug (including alcohol or tobacco).
2. Possession on school grounds of a weapon (knives, guns, etc).

All work missed during suspension must be completed within the same number of days student was absent. The student will receive only 50% of the grade during suspension period.

Threat Policy

Please note that all information received by the school administration and or staff regarding a student who threatens others or inflicts others with personal injury, or causes property damage to the school will be treated in a serious manner by the administration, School Board, and Conference Office of Education.

Care of School Property

It is the responsibility of everybody to care for school property during school and non-school hours. Students are not to enter schoolrooms except during scheduled school hours. Any willful destruction of property or equipment is a disciplinary matter and will be dealt with accordingly. Parents will be billed for damage to school property at current cost replacement.

Non-School Items

Students are not to bring personal items from home without prior permission. Such items include, but not limited to radios, iPod, iPad, mp3 players, DVD, video, jewelry, fireworks, matches, knives, toys, pets, lighters, squirt guns, PSP, novels, gum, nail polish, and explosive materials.

Students are not to buy or sell or trade personal property during school hours or on school grounds.

“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things”
Philippians 4:8

In harmony with Scripture, all students and parents and teachers will maintain a helpful, positive attitude and exhibit Christian cooperation.

Telephone

The school phone is for school business only. Teachers and students should not be called during school hours, except in cases of emergency. The phone will be provided for students use in case of emergency. Cell phones Must Not be used by students at school.

School Sponsored Outings and Trips

Students participating in school sponsored activities or outings are representatives of Floral Crest School and the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Therefore, students should conduct themselves in accordance with the standards and practices of the school and church in regards to healthful living, behavior, dress, language, and attitude.

Parents are welcomed to help with supervision and transportation on field trips. They should carry proper auto insurance and pass the Shield the Vulnerable, an online class. All school rules apply to all school sponsored trips.

Dress

In 2008 Floral Crest School adopted a dress uniform. Students are to wear a Polo style shirt (with no advertisements) with modest slacks, jeans, or knee-length shorts. A blue School Shirt will be provided subsequent shirts must be purchased. Makeup, jewelry, chains, frayed or sloppy and unkempt clothing is not considered proper dress. All students are expected to dress neatly, healthfully, plainly, and modestly. Girls may wear modest knee-length dresses, skirts, slacks or jeans. No holes are allowed in any clothing. Low heeled shoes for playing are to be worn. Athletic shoes are the best choice. No Flip-flops or open back shoes are allowed. Hair should be kept clean, neat, and attractive. Please avoid faddish styles and haircuts.

Attendance policy

Floral Crest School strives to operate in accordance with the guidelines of the Alabama State Department of Education. The Department of Education has published a *School Attendance Manual*, Bulletin 1999, No. 6. The following attendance rules are adapted from that manual:

Parents who are residents of the state of Alabama must complete a Church School Enrollment Form for each child who is being enrolled at Floral Crest. This form will be forwarded to the Jackson County board of Education in Scottsboro, Alabama. When a child withdraws from Floral Crest School, his/her name will be given to the Jackson County Board of Education including the date and reason of withdrawal.

The following criteria will be used for the reasons for consultation with the principal of Floral Crest School just prior to referral to the Jackson County Board of Education for truancy prosecution:

1. Two (2) or more unexcused day's absence per 9-week period.
2. Four (4) questionable excused day's absence per 9-week period.
3. Five (5) unexcused tardy or early dismissals per 9-week period.
4. Parent's notes will be accepted three (3) times per 9-week period. After the third parent note, verification from a professional health care provider will be expected.
5. Excused absence include illness, death in immediate family; inclement weather which would be dangerous to the life of the child; legal quarantine; emergency conditions determined by principal; and prior permission upon request of the principal upon request of the parent or legal guardian.

Students must be in attendance for ½ day to be counted as present. **Students are required to make up all work missed due to absence within 3 days of the absences.** Parents plan to pick up a list of assignments the day the child is sick so he/ she will be able to work while at home during illness.

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