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Academy**

2026–2027 Student Handbook

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True education does not ignore the value of scientific knowledge or literary acquirements; but above information it values power; above power, goodness; above intellectual acquirements, character.

- Education p.225

Vision:

Equipping dedicated Seventh-day Adventist young people who love Christ to be His end-time disciples, winning the world for Him.

Mission Statement:

To know Jesus, to make Him known, and to help others to do the same.

A Message From Our Principal:

Dear Students and Families,

It is a joy to open the doors of a new school year and invite you into a place where education goes far beyond textbooks and classrooms. At Weimar Academy, we believe that true learning is not only academic but also spiritual, practical, and life-changing. Our Mission Statement states that we are “Equipping dedicated Seventh-day Adventist young people who love Christ to be His end-time disciples, winning the world for Him.” And that is not only our aim but we pray that it is your desire too.

We promote a holistic approach to education. Here, students experience rigorous academics grounded in Scripture, hands-on training through programs like Vocational Education, and a supportive environment that nurtures both character and calling. Every part of life at Weimar is designed to help young people discover how they can live fully for Christ and be prepared to meet the challenges of today’s world. And we invite you to actively participate in this design.

As we begin this new academic year, let us ever keep in mind the ultimate goal of our existence. Together we will strive to “Prove God Right” in all that we do. And let’s enjoy doing just that.

With joy in His service,

Pierre Birkenstock
Principal, Weimar Academy

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→ The J.E.S.U.S. Model

Jesus is the model, pure and simple.

We were created in His image and since the beginning, God's plan is that the more time we spend with Him, the more He will change us and the more we will reflect His character and be like Him. Our goal at Weimar Academy is for each and every young person to have an authentic, eternal relationship with God and as a result, they will be like Him.

Our J.E.S.U.S. model communicates many of the fruits of this type of relationship, based on our research in the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy. Our training at the Academy is designed with these fruits in mind, and our handbook has been constructed to help provide the most optimal environment for this relationship to grow. It is our sincere desire that each student develop every one of these fruits and we invite every family interested in partnering with Weimar to join us on this journey, to be like Him. Not out of obligation, not because the alternative isn't attractive, but simply because you love Him, and being with Him and like Him is the desire of your heart. If that is your desire, then join us.

J JESUS AND HIS WILL ARE FIRST IN THEIR HEARTS

E EQUIPPED FOR THEIR LIFEWORK

S SELF-DISCIPLINED

U UNDERSTAND & PRACTICE A HEALTHY AND BALANCED LIFESTYLE

S SPEAK AND INTERACT WELL WITH OTHERS

J JESUS AND HIS WILL ARE FIRST IN THEIR HEARTS

- Unashamed of the gospel (AA p.499, MYP p.28)
- Set apart time for daily devotions (FLB p.125, ED p.185)
- Study their Bibles and the Spirit of Prophecy (DG p.78, Joel 2:28)
- Commit Scripture to memory (Ps 119:11, CE p.58, 59)
- Mission-driven (Mat 28:19–20, 6T p.201)
- Defender of the Truth (ED p.57, PK p.512–513)
- Proclaim the 3 Angels' messages (Rev 14, SD p.207)
- Enjoy the blessing of the Sabbath (CG p.532, Is 58:13)
- Defend the literal 6-day creation week (ED p.128–129, Gen 1)
- Active in the SDA church (CG p.482, AA p. 9)
- Utilize sacred music for evangelism (Ps 9:11, Ps 18:49)

E EQUIPPED FOR THEIR LIFEWORK

- Domestically proficient (AH p.89, FE p.416)
- Great work ethic (FE p.419, Pr 14:23)
- Life-long learners (CE p.52, Pr 1:5, 7)
- Have a clear direction of where God is calling them (MYP p.444, ED p.267)
- Academically equipped to function in society (ED p.262, YI 2/7/1901)

S SELF-DISCIPLINED

- Able to adapt (TDG p.203, Dan 1)
- Persevering (CG p.161, Mat 24:13)
- Teachable (CTR p.74, Prov 1:5,7)
- Make positive decisions (LHU p.127, Ps 1:1)
- Organized (IT p.649–650)
- Problem solvers (CHS p.224, ED p.17)

U UNDERSTAND & PRACTICE A HEALTHY AND BALANCED LIFESTYLE

- Emotionally healthy (1 MCP p.51)
- Take time for active recreation (CE p.183)
- Practice NEWSTART principles (11MR p.174, CT p.294)
- Proficient in natural remedies (CT p.519–20)
- Able to prepare healthy meals (Gen 1:29, CG p.392)
- Dress appropriately (CT p.294, ED p.248)
- Physically fit (CG p.342, AH p.123)

S SPEAK AND INTERACT WELL WITH OTHERS

- Attractive to those seeking God (COL p.340, Mat 5:14–16)
- Have the fruits of the Spirit (Gal 5:22–23)
- Well mannered (CE p.200, AH p.51)
- Emotionally intelligent (1 MCP p.51, Prov 16:32)
- Trained to be a Godly spouse and/or parent (AH p.15)
- Respect all living things (CG p.144, Deut 22:6)
- Possess conflict management skills (CE p.149, Mat 18)
- Communicate effectively (COL p.336, 1 Cor 15:33)
- Proficient in basic English skills (CT p.219, CPTS p.216)
- Multilingual (CT p.508, 9T p.62)
- Good listeners (Mat 11:15, Prov 18:13)

→ Who We Are

In the highest sense, the work of education and the work of redemption are one, for in education, as in redemption, “other foundation can no man lay than that is laid,

which is Jesus Christ.” “It was the good pleasure of the Father that in Him should all the fullness dwell.” 1 Corinthians 3:11; Colossians 1:19, R.V. ED 30.2

Weimar Academy is not your typical school: our focus is not confined to this planet alone. We set our eyes on Heavenly things and follow a Creator whose plans are eternal. We exist to glorify God and pledge our lives to worship Him alone through our thoughts and actions. By His example, we seek a life of genuine worship, where we focus on serving others and loving obedience to God. We seek the highest possible standards in education for our students: not merely academic but also the spiritual, physical, and social aspects as well. We believe that when you educate students following God’s model found in the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy, the result produces youth who are “thinkers and not mere reflectors of other men’s thought.” They are “strong to think and to act, men who are masters and not slaves of circumstances, men who possess breadth of mind, clearness of thought, and the courage of their convictions.” Ed p. 17

“The true teacher is not satisfied with second-rate work. He is not satisfied with directing his students to a standard lower than the highest which it is possible for them to attain.”

– Education p. 29

About Weimar Academy

Weimar Academy, a boarding high school, is a supporting ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and a member of Adventist-laymen’s Services and Industries (ASI). The Academy, located in Weimar, California, shares the same campus with Weimar University and the NEWSTART® Lifestyle Center.

Weimar University is owned and managed by a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation (Weimar Institute Incorporated), whose purpose is to restore the image of God in man. Weimar Academy bases its spiritual, educational, and lifestyle principles on the Bible as the inspired Word of God and on the writings of Ellen G. White.

Facilities

The ladies' and gentlemen's dormitories have a large living room which provides a warm, home-like atmosphere for worship and visiting. Classes and chapel meetings are held in the Academy Center, as well as on the main University campus. The campus church, cafeteria and most Vocational Education programs are located on the University campus as well.

Location & Climate

Weimar Academy is located on 457 acres of wooded land in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains at an elevation of 2,250 feet. It is just off California's Interstate 80, 45 miles northeast of Sacramento and about 45 miles southwest of Lake Tahoe. Both San Francisco (west) and Reno, Nevada (northeast) are approximately ninety miles from the school. Winters are mild (30/40 degrees Fahrenheit), with frequent rainfall and occasional snow. Daytime summer temperatures can rise above 100 degrees. Spring and fall are mild and sunny.

Accreditation

Weimar Academy's program, based on the principles of true education (as outlined in the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy), provides a wholesome balance of spiritual, mental, and physical training. It seeks to meet God's standards for true education, and operates under an approved status from the State of California.

Weimar Academy is accredited with ISEI Education Association and NCPSA (National Council for Private School Accreditation), and our academic program (college preparatory or general) meets or exceeds the scholastic expectations of accredited institutions in terms of curricular quality and verifiable evidence of student achievement (as shown on standardized test scores). Graduates are readily accepted by Christian or secular colleges and universities.

→ Spiritual Focus

Prayer

“Prayer is the breath of the soul. It is the secret of spiritual power. No other means of grace can be substituted, and the health of the soul be preserved” (GW p.254, 255).

You cannot have a healthy relationship without communication. This is why we talk to God. We intentionally take time every day to pray to our Creator and Best Friend.

Bible Study

“Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You” (Ps 119:11).

It is also important to listen to God. By reading God’s Word, we hear what He wants to say to us. His Word is powerful and changes us. This is why we set aside time each day to read the Bible.

Worship

All Weimar Academy students take part in worship services, while also having the opportunity to lead in both singing and sharing God’s word from the pulpit.

Service

“The restless energy that is so often a source of danger to the young might be directed into channels through which it would flow out in streams of blessing.” (DA p.640)

We believe that the fruit of an authentic relationship with Jesus is manifested in loving service to others, whether that be across the world, or across the street. Weimar seeks to consistently provide opportunities for its students to work for their Creator in service.

→ Financial Information

School fees

School fees are made on a monthly basis and are based on a 10 month payment plan. Upon receiving notification of acceptance, the student will need to submit an advance deposit of \$350 to guarantee a space at Weimar Academy (international student advance deposit is \$3,625—see International Student Fees). This nonrefundable deposit will be applied toward the fees due at registration. Village student Activity Fees are \$300/semester.

Basic Fees	Total Cost (Dorm)	Total Cost (Village)
Tuition \$9,500	\$22,950	\$11,000
Room \$4,600		
Board \$7,700		
Non-Refundable Fees	Fees due upon Registration (Dorm)	Fees due upon Registration (Village)
Registration Fee per student \$900	First month's tuition, room, board and registration fees	First month's tuition and registration fees
International Student Fee \$3,625 (see International Student Fees section)	Totalling \$3,330	Totalling \$1,850
Activity Fee-Village \$600		
Technology Fee per student \$150		

Refundable Fees	Uniform Cost
Room Deposit \$250	Approx: \$250

Music Fees

Private instrument or voice lesson fees can be arranged from Weimar Institute staff. The whole semester amount is due at registration or at the beginning of the second semester. Please check pricing with the music director.

Graduation Fees

There is a graduation fee of \$200 for seniors. This helps cover the cost of caps and gowns, flowers, etc.

Transportation Fees

Trips to the Sacramento airport are \$50 when only one student is being transported, or \$30 per student if multiple students are taken at the same time. If transportation is needed outside the normal shuttle times, personal arrangements will need to be made by the students. All drivers must be approved by the staff. Personal trip costs for dental, immigration, etc. vary by trip.

International Student Deposit

Students who are not citizens or permanent residents of the United States and its territories are required to send \$3,625 USD to the Academy before the student immigration form (I-20) is sent. One-half of that sum (\$1,750) will be applied directly to the student's first month's bill, and the remaining \$1,750 will be held on deposit until the student's enrollment is terminated, and the student has been transferred

out of the SEVIS program. At that time the \$1,750 will be refunded in the form in which it was sent, minus applicable costs, if any (e.g. international wire transfer fees). The additional fee of \$125 USD is for the additional costs involved in the admission process for international students, including the processing of the I-20, etc.

Health & Hospitalization

All students are required to have health insurance. Foreign students should arrange for their own health and hospitalization insurance. You may choose any suitable insurance company including www.internationalstudentinsurance.com.

Family Discount

A discount of 3% on tuition only is allowed when two or more members of the same family are enrolled simultaneously as full-time students at the College and/or the Academy.

Delinquent Accounts

A returning student must settle any outstanding account balance before they may reapply for the next school year. Arrangements must be made with the business office if a monthly payment might be late. Accounts must be paid in full by the end of the semester in order for the student to take their final exams.

Accident Insurance

Any medical, dental, optical, or counseling expenses are the responsibility of parents or guardians. Parents will be asked to fill out a "Consent to Treatment" form for any emergency care that may be required while a student is enrolled at Weimar Academy.

Student Accident Insurance carried by the school is secondary to any health insurance carried by the student's parent or guardian. Any claims must be filed through the primary policy first. The secondary policy will only cover costs not covered by any other medical insurance the student may have. All deductibles, co-pays, etc. from the primary policy are the responsibility of the parent/guardian. Benefits are payable for expenses incurred for up to one year from the date of an injury that occurred on school premises or on a school - sponsored event (on or off campus) during the school year. This insurance will not cover injuries incurred while the student is on home leave or vacation.

In order for insurance to cover an injury, the accident must be reported as soon as the injury occurs. Expenses for treatment must be incurred within 60 days after the accident. The charge for this accident insurance is included in registration fees.

Payment Option 1: Advanced

Under this plan, full payment of tuition, room, board, and miscellaneous fees for the school year is made before or at the time of registration. Academy students who pay annual tuition, room, board and fees in advance are entitled to three percent (3%) discount on tuition only, provided the payment is made by check, money order, cash, or wire transfer. Credit card payments do not qualify for a discount. If the student withdraws during the first semester, the discount will no longer apply. If the student withdraws during the second semester, half of the discount will be applied.

Payment Option 2: Monthly

Payments will be due by the 15th of each month. Following the final month of school, a statement will be issued, reflecting any refund of deposits. Payments may be made by cash, credit card, check, bank check, wire transfer, or money order. Please include the student's name when making the payment. Money orders should be made payable to:

Weimar Academy
Student Finance Office
P.O. Box 486
Weimar, CA 95736

Room Deposit Refunds

Room deposits will only be refunded if no repairs and no cleaning are required.

Summer Camp Grant

A summer camp grant of up to \$2,000 is available for students returning from a summer camp assignment in North America sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church and conference-related organizations. The grant is based on 50% of the earnings up to \$2,000 paid to Weimar. The earnings should be forwarded directly to Weimar Institute by the issuing organization, or by the student/parents if the organization does not. When the monies and pay stub documentation are received, the monies can be applied. Half of the scholarship money will be applied each semester of the school year that the student is enrolled as a full-time student. Should the student leave school, any credit balance up to the amount of the scholarship will not be refunded to the student, but will be returned to the issuing organization.

Literature Evangelism Scholarship

A scholarship of up to \$2,000 is available for students in an approved literature evangelist program during the summer. The scholarship is available in the form of tuition reduction applied to the student's account, and matches 50% of all monies forwarded to the academy by the conference or publishing entity, or by the student/parents if the conference does not. When the monies and pay stub

documentation are received, the monies can be applied. Half of the scholarship money will be applied each semester of the school year that the student is enrolled as a full-time student. Should the student leave school, any credit balance up to the amount of the scholarship will not be refunded to the student, but will be returned to the Literature Evangelism Scholarship.

Mission Trip Funding

Service is at the core of the Weimar experience. We are passionate about serving our Creator and fellow man in various ways during the year. One major way in which we serve is through our annual mission trips. Typically, we travel both domestically and internationally to different parts of the world as we fulfill the Gospel commission that our Lord gave us in Matthew 28. Our students have opportunities to lead out in construction projects, evangelistic series, health clinics, and to teach others about the love of Jesus Christ. These experiences are life-changing, and every student who attends Weimar Academy participates in them each year. Students are expected to raise the money for their trip and can do so by personally working outside jobs, soliciting funds from others, etc. Our trip costs typically start around \$1,000 and can go above \$3,000 depending on the destination. Any outstanding balance for mission trip fundraising at the time of the trip will be charged to the student account to be paid with the next month's tuition. Any overage received will stay in the mission trip fund.

→ Admissions

Weimar Academy provides an environment of positive Christian living and a strong educational program, primarily for students who are affiliated with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. However, any young person who shares the philosophy of Weimar Academy and who chooses to live according to the same Biblical principles is welcome to apply. Many high schools offer a purely academic program. Along with having strong academics, Weimar's program is unapologetically geared toward helping young people reach their full potential: "Higher than the highest human thought can reach is God's ideal for His children." Education p18

Questions

The following questions will assist you, as a potential student (or parent), to determine whether you (or your child) would benefit from Weimar Academy's unique program:

1. Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Friend or are you actively seeking or desiring such a relationship? Do you devote some time each day to learning more about Him and seeking His guidance in your life?
2. Does your previous classwork reflect your best efforts? Does your sense of duty and responsibility to yourself and your supporters encourage you to do and be your best, by God's grace?
3. Are you willing to get your hands dirty if necessary and cheerfully do whatever job or community outreach is assigned to you? Will you meet your appointments on time, regardless of your mood at that moment? Will you speak positive words of encouragement to others rather than negative ones?

4. Weimar Academy's guidelines on dress, food, music, social relationships, and other issues are unique. They are Biblically-based and designed to nurture a deeper desire for and understanding of God and eternal realities. Are you willing to lay aside any habits, or desires that would hinder your relationship with God? Are you willing to appear different when the world's styles or practices conflict with Christian modesty and propriety? Are you willing to test the results of a more healthful diet and lifestyle?

Steps

The Student Application and related documents are all available online at <https://weimaracademy.org/new-students/> or through the Apply button at <https://weimaracademy.org>

If you would like an electronic copy of the documents sent to you, please contact us by email at academy@weimar.org or call us at 530-422-7961.

The steps you will need to take are as follows:

1. Application

- a. Complete Student Application found on <https://weimaracademy.org/new-students/>
- b. Thoughtfully complete student and parent essay.
- c. Complete financial worksheet. Sponsor forms are available.

2. References

- a. Each of the following 3 persons must complete a reference form:
 - i. Teacher that has taught you within 2 years
 - ii. Non-family member that knows you on a personal basis
 - iii. Current or most recent work supervisor.
- b. Transcripts from no further back than 7th grade must be emailed to the Weimar Academy Registrar. A request form is on our website.

3. Medical Records & Immunizations

- a. Students must submit an official copy of updated immunization records.

- b. Students coming for the first time must submit an up-to-date medical exam report as well.

4. Application Fee

- a. First-time applicants must submit a nonrefundable \$80 application fee online, by mail or over the phone.

5. Submission

- a. Submit the admissions forms along with other requested documents:
 - i. Online: <https://weimaracademy.org/new-students/>
 - ii. Mail: Director of Admissions, Weimar Academy, P.O. Box 486, Weimar, CA 95736
 - iii. Email: academy@weimar.org

6. Interview

- a. When all Admissions documents have been received, you will be notified and an interview (by Zoom or in person) will be scheduled. The interview will be conducted by the appropriate dean and/or another qualified staff member. This interview is designed to get to know you and determine the fit between you and Weimar Academy.
- b. Acceptance to Weimar Academy is based on the student's answers to questions on the application form, the personal interview, grades from previous schools, references from teachers and other adults, and financial accountability.

Special Needs Students

Weimar Academy has limited resources to support exceptional students. Therefore, the school may not be able to accept students with significant spiritual, educational, physical, mental, or social challenges.

Non-Discrimination Policy

Weimar Academy admits students of any race, color, nationality or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities made available to students at the

school. No administrative discrimination for educational policies, scholarships, work-education, extracurricular activities, or any school program is allowed.

Home Scholars

Weimar Academy welcomes applications from young people who have been properly home schooled. Our homeschool policy can be found [here](#). Please follow up with the registrar for details regarding credit transfers.

International Students

The Academy is authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant alien students. The school welcomes international students who would like to learn and study on its campus. Transcripts and proficiency tests will determine a student's grade placement. Language proficiency is tested with Duolingo and an invitation will be sent to the applicant based on their listed information and citizenship. Applicants from outside the United States should expect the application process to take extra time and should plan accordingly when applying. Any student whose parent or guardian is not a permanent or long-term resident in the United States is highly recommended to have a US-based sponsor family that will act as the student's guardian and provide a home for the student during home leaves and vacations.

Obtaining a Student Visa

Applying for a student visa must be done after acceptance to Weimar Academy, and upon receipt of an official Acceptance Letter and I-20 document. The admissions process should be completed early, as it takes time to obtain a student visa. In order to qualify for a visa, the student must:

1. Be willing to take a full class load.

2. Participate in the vocational education program for the required hours each week.
3. Prove the ability to pay for study before coming to this country.

Registration Procedures

All students should register on the day indicated on the school calendar and begin classes on the scheduled first day of the semester. Students who register two weeks or more past the beginning of the semester will be permitted to carry a full academic load only with the permission of the Administration.

Returning Students

Current students wishing to attend the following year will need to have their current year's bill paid in full, and a \$350 non-refundable deposit made before June 15 in order to secure their spot for the following year at the Academy. Please contact the principal or business office if a payment plan is needed for any outstanding balance. It is important that we have accurate numbers for the school year as soon as possible so we can prepare accordingly. Thank you for your cooperation.

→ Campus Life

At Weimar Academy, we seek a healthy balance of spiritual, academic, vocational and social training centered on Christ. School should be a joy to each student: we desire to foster a positive atmosphere in which our young people can thrive.

Some students may have the temptation to spend too much time socializing, which interferes with the primary purposes for being in the Academy. We encourage a reasonable balance in this area.

We take the development of interpersonal skills and social responsibilities seriously. Social education is an important preparation for successful Christian ministry and for a stable Christian home. Students should not be so preoccupied with their study program that they fail to develop friendships with other students and Academy staff.

While social development is largely a personal responsibility, the Academy has specifically addressed several areas of social interaction in this section.

Discipline Policy

If guidelines are disregarded, Weimar Academy retains the right to take disciplinary actions that we deem are in the best interest of the student and the school. When disciplinary issues arise, we follow the 3–step process listed below. More serious offenses by students may result in immediate disciplinary action.

Please note that although this is a 3–step process, much communication, prayer, and heart work is done in between, and before a student is placed on a step:

1. A verbal and written warning will be given to the students and their parents.

2. A meeting will occur with the staff, parents and student to discuss the situation and corresponding disciplinary consequences.
3. A meeting will occur with the staff, parents and student to discuss the future of the student at Weimar Academy.

Once again, the educational experience at the Academy is one that allows for the utmost development of spiritual, mental, physical, and social development. Student choices can allow these years to be the best of their lives.

Dating Policy

Our goal at Weimar Academy is to foster and promote healthy friendships for all of our students. We have set up standards here that will promote this principle.

Weimar Academy students are educated to pursue romantic relationships at the right time and place, with proper biblical guidance. **For that reason, dating is not permitted at Weimar Academy.** We encourage our students to fasten their affections on God, and trust in His plans for them.

“Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.” Psalm 37:4

“Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.” Psalm 37:5

“While at school, students should not allow their minds to become confused by thoughts of courtship. They are there to gain a fitness to work for God, and this thought is ever to be uppermost.” CT100

Evidence of an Inappropriate Relationship, Dating, etc.

1. Spending time almost exclusively with one person, with little time for others.
2. Missing or arriving late for appointments (work/classes) because of a special friend.

3. Spending more than the average time talking to one person either face to face or through media.
4. Disregarding Weimar Academy's general social guidelines.
5. Choosing to go any place at any time that you know to be against social and school guidelines.
6. Using emotional pressure or manipulation in order to keep a special friend.
7. Expressing affection in a physical manner.

Evidences of a Healthy Relationship

1. Students are willing to participate in conversations and school activities with a wide range of friends.
2. They seek the comfort and happiness of others.
3. They include many individuals in their friend groups.
4. They avoid the appearances of dating/inappropriate relationships with one another and interact in open public spaces rather than places that are off limits or in private.
5. They are willing to counsel with a trusted staff member and follow guidelines provided.
6. They avoid expressing affection in a physical manner.
7. They don't detract from the fulfilling of obligations.
8. Avoid attention seeking behavior.

When the staff become aware of special friendships forming, and especially if there are evidences of dating or inappropriateness, conversations will be initiated to provide counsel and guidance. Attraction is normal, and will be directed into safe and healthy channels. If students are receptive and follow provided guidance, no disciplinary measures will be needed. However, if guidance is clearly unwelcome or disregarded, disciplinary measures such as social no-contact and communication, suspension, or expulsion from school may become necessary.

Dress & Personal Appearance

Weimar Academy seeks to heed the following counsel:

“No education can be complete that does not teach right principles in regard to dress.” CG 419

It is important that a Christian campus has a standard of dress. While we want to allow freedom for the individual, the following guidelines help to form our campus culture and must be followed. Students and faculty are asked to dress in a manner that reflects the sacred purposes of Christian living.

All associated with Weimar Academy are expected to positively portray the principles of God’s kingdom and enhance the impact of our mission through courteous demeanor and dignified, attractive personal appearance.

“In dress, as in all things else, it is our privilege to honor our Creator. He desires our clothing to be not only neat and healthful, but appropriate and [attractive]” CG p. 413

Principles of Personal Appearance

Considering Biblical counsel of Christian conduct, Weimar Academy advocates the following principles of personal appearance:

Simplicity, Aesthetic Sensitivity and Durability

Students are to select clothing and hairstyles that express God-given appreciation for beauty, simplicity and durability. They are to avoid carelessness, sloppiness, or untidiness and the opposite extreme of showiness, extravagance, or excessive formality. It is of great importance to also choose quality clothing that is practical, durable and classic.

Appropriateness

Students must wear clothing that is fitting and appropriate to their work and environment. In addition, clothing that advertises or promotes alcoholic beverages, rock group emblems, suggestive slogans, sports teams, guns/rifles or anything out of harmony with Christian standards, is not permitted anytime.

Modesty

Clothing should focus on the entirety of the individual rather than draw attention. It must demonstrate respect to self and others, a sense of mission and security in Christ. Students are to wear clothing that is not form-fitting (tight dresses, skirts, tops, shorts or slacks). The upper portion of the attire must cover the shoulders and the sleeves must be rolled down.

Gentlemen are expected to wear pants at the waist. Ladies should wear skirts or dresses that cover the knees while standing, sitting, or working, and supplement attractiveness without the use of jewelry or conspicuous cosmetics.

Role Distinction

Students are to wear clothes and hairstyles that emphasize the unique and sacred identities of men and women.

Health

Students are to choose clothing that promotes health. Good circulation is vital to good health. Therefore, they are to avoid tight, restrictive clothing that hinder proper posture as well as exposing arms and legs to the cold.

School Attire

Girls

- Weimar polo top
- Black, navy blue, gray, or khaki non-denim a-line skirt (which covers the knee when sitting, standing or moving), no slits
- Solid color socks, leggings or tights of the same uniform colors
- No pants or sweats under the skirt
- Solid gradients of brown or black (e.g. tan, gray) shoes. A white sole and or logo is an approved exception.
- Undershirts must be of the same uniform colors if visible.
- Outerwear must be black and fit within the business casual category.
- No hats or hoods/hoodies

Boys

- Weimar polo top
- Solid, dark colored belt

- Black, navy blue, gray or khaki non-denim pants (that have only inside pockets)
- Solid gradients of brown or black (e.g. tan, gray) shoes. A white sole and or logo is an approved exception.
- Undershirts must be of the same uniform colors if visible.
- Outerwear must be black and fit within the business casual category.
- No hats or hoods/hoodies

Vespers & Church Attire

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| Girls | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dresses and skirts that cover the knees while sitting, standing or moving. • Blouses and sweaters must cover the shoulders (sleeveless tops are allowed only if worn with a sleeved jacket or cardigan) and have modest necklines • Dress shoes/sandals are required • Any additional layers are accepted if they fit the business professional category. |
| Boys | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress shirts are to be worn with ties for church (ties are not required for Friday Evening Vespers) • Slacks. No cargo pants • Dress shoes and socks • Any additional layers are accepted if they fit the business professional category. |

Choir Attire

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| Girls | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black Uniform Dress • Black flats |
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- Boys**
- White long-sleeve dress shirt
 - Black dress pants
 - Black socks
 - Black dress shoes
 - Uniform vest and tie

Work & Casual Attire

- Girls & Boys**
- Casual attire for both men and women may include jeans, athletic wear, sweatshirts, t-shirts, and/or knee-length shorts.
 - No tight-fitting clothing or low-neckline tops
 - No graphics.

Navy blue Weimar Academy polos are available for purchase online:

<https://landsend.com/co/account/school-uniforms?launchSearch=true>

School code: 900129297

Dress Code Violations

Students who arrive at school or class out of dress code will be required to change into the proper uniform before returning to class. Regardless of arrival time, students who are not in compliance with the dress code will be marked **TU (Tardy Unexcused)** in Gradelink for the affected class period.

Dress code violations that result in TU marks will be treated in accordance with Weimar Academy attendance policy. Accumulated tardies and absences may result in assigned community service hours, which are typically completed on Friday afternoons or Sunday mornings.

Students and parents are encouraged to review uniform expectations regularly and ensure compliance before coming to worship each day.

Conclusion

In conclusion, clothing is to be selected primarily for its potential to minister to others and for personal health, while recognizing God-given individuality and practical judgement. The aim in personal appearance should be to reflect our Christian mission.

Housing Policy

Students enrolled at Weimar Academy must live in Academy dormitories, not with friends or relatives in the area or in University housing unless they are an approved village student. Students whose parents are campus employees may live with their parents. All non-dormitory students are expected to cooperate with all applicable regulations of the school.

Deans

The deans are responsible for protecting the rights, safety, and privacy of each resident. Both the head and assistant deans have the right to set specific guidelines that will best provide a safe, pleasant home and spiritual environment.

Dormitory Living

Group living situations provide excellent opportunities to practice personal courtesy, cooperation, social responsibility, and thoughtfulness of others' needs. All students should respect the privacy, personal feelings, and personal property of roommates and neighbors. While the Academy desires students to have significant freedom in developing interpersonal relationships, dormitory living requires some guidelines and codes of conduct for efficiency and personal comfort. Dorm students will be provided with a Dorm Handbook.

Dorm Rooms

Dormitory rooms are the students' homes away from home. They may decorate to their taste as long as they reflect Christian lifestyle and ideals. Inappropriate magazine pictures, posters, or advertisements should not be brought to the dorm.

Framed pictures or posters of good taste may be used. Please follow up with the dean for mounting pictures to walls and attaching lightweight items to doors. Each student will be assigned a bed, a chest of drawers, a desk, and a closet.

Roommates share equal responsibility for the care and condition of their rooms and furnishings. A \$250 cash deposit must be made at the time of registration to cover any cleaning, repair or key costs. The deposit will be refunded if the room is returned in original condition.

Closet and Dresser Storage Space

There is limited closet and dresser space in the dorm. Please make sure you do not bring more than is necessary. We recommend that students plan carefully (call if you have any questions) and bring only the most necessary items for one school year. On the last section of Campus Life, there is a list of things you are allowed/not allowed to bring.

Curfew

Adequate rest is necessary to properly function in Weimar Academy's schedule. Therefore, bedtime is at 9:30pm. Any exception must be approved by the dean.

Electrical Items

To ensure safety and meet insurance liability, students are asked not to keep, prepare, or eat food in their dorm rooms.

All electrical appliances should be approved by the dean. Curling irons, straighteners, blow dryers, and hot rollers are allowed. Students need to bring their own lamps and light bulbs. Food prep or storage devices, such as rice cookers, microwaves, hot plates, or refrigerators, are not allowed.

Roommates

Deans are in charge of assigning roommates and preferences will be considered. Deans do have the right to move students during the year. Requests for roommate changes may be submitted to the dean for consideration. A student may sleep in another student's room only if the dean approves.

Student Words

The Bible says, "Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones" (Prov. 16:24). Students in their conversation should use pleasant words, and avoid using vulgar (common) and meaningless slang expressions. Casual reference to the Lord's name or usage of curse words by euphemisms is not becoming of Christian students.

Laundry Facilities

There are two washers and two dryers that students may use in each dormitory. They are supplied with laundry soap and dryer sheets. Liquid bleach is not allowed in dorm rooms. Washers and dryers are not to be used during Sabbath hours (sundown Friday until sundown Saturday).

Study Hall Periods

Study hall periods are provided for students each weeknight in the dormitories.

Telephones

Each dormitory has two phones available for students. Evenings are the best time to reach most students, either at a dorm or at the Academy Center study hall, but no calls will be accepted during dormitory worship time.

Pets

Because of our extended homeleaves and mission trip time off, pets are not allowed in the dorms.

Signing Out

In the case of an emergency at home or elsewhere, the school may need to locate a student immediately. For that reason, students must ask permission and sign out when leaving a dormitory for any reason other than classes, work assignments, worship, or other regularly scheduled Academy activities. Signing out does not imply permission to leave; it is merely a record of destination.

Dorm students who wish to leave the campus with anyone or visit a campus home must have written and verbal permission from their parents and their dean. Absence from the dormitory at any time without permission will be considered a serious infraction. Leaving the dormitory without permission between 9:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. will be grounds for dismissal.

Room Check

Order is the first law of heaven, where everything is done “decently and in order” 1 Corinthians 14:40. Deans will check dorm rooms routinely and appropriate consequences will be given by the dean to ensure cleanliness.

Town Trips

Town trips for each dorm enable students to purchase personal items. Additional town trips may occur with the dean’s permission and at the student’s expense. The student must secure an approved driver.

For all non-school-related travel, the deans’ permission will be based upon the parents’ written permission slips (signed at registration) that indicate which drivers their students may travel with as well as a verbal approval from the parent. See the section on What to Bring/Not Bring for guidelines on items that may be purchased.

Student Center

The Student Center near the cafeteria is intended for Weimar University students only. Academy students are not permitted to be there without an Academy staff present.

Motorized Vehicles

A student who is of legal age, is a licensed driver, and who must have a motorized vehicle at the Academy for transportation to and from home, may complete a request form at registration or upon receipt of license during the year.

All vehicles must remain parked in the assigned student parking area, and the keys must be entrusted to the student’s dormitory dean.

Dorm students will only be allowed to use the vehicle for transportation to and from their home during approved breaks. Staff/Village students will be allowed to use their vehicles for transportation to and from home during the school day. Their keys are to be turned in to the principal and their vehicle is to remain parked at the school during the day unless a one time approval has been given by a staff member.

Staff/Village students will be under their parents' regulations for their personal use of a vehicle outside of school hours. However, Academy students can not transport other students at any time unless prior approval has been given on a one time basis by a staff member. Campus work vehicles may be used with permission from the work supervisor but cannot be used to transport other students except under the supervisor's instructions.

No students are to ride in the back of trucks or on trailers (or any other non-enclosed vehicle). California state law says this is illegal unless seat belts are provided. State law also requires seat belts while riding in any private vehicle on public roadways.

Non-Motorized Vehicles

Bicycles are a helpful means of transportation from the Academy to the main campus. They may be used freely on roadways but not on lawns, sidewalks, trails, or dirt paths. State law and insurance requires that helmets be fastened and worn at all times while riding bikes. For safety's sake, students are not allowed to give rides. Students must assume responsibility for the security of their own bikes. Bicycles may not be ridden after dark unless they are equipped with an appropriate headlight. The posted speed limit must be adhered to.

All safety signs on campus that apply to vehicles also apply to bicycles.

Hand turning and stopping signals should be used on paved roadways.

Due to insurance regulations, skateboards, Heelys, and scooters are not permitted on campus.

Music

At Weimar, we love to sing and praise God. Our students are encouraged to sing quality hymns and spiritual songs that uplift and focus on praising Him and Him alone. We believe that sacred choir, vocal, and instrumental music helps you maintain a living connection with God. The entire school is involved in music ministry through choir (orchestra and handbells are optional), and we enjoy serving far and near. We witness the power of sacred music to open people's hearts as we sing for church members, public school students, or strangers in the park.

According to the 18th edition of the SDA church manual p.144, "We should exercise great care in the choice of music in our homes, social gatherings, schools, and churches. Any melody partaking of the nature of jazz, rock, or related hybrid forms, or any language expressing foolish or trivial sentiments, will be shunned." The following styles are related to the hybrid forms of jazz and rock: country, rhythm and blues, hip hop, rap, indie, electronic dance music, pop, soul, and their "Christian" counterparts.

We understand that music is a controversial topic in our society today. Weimar Academy does not wish to make this issue a divisive one, but chooses to focus on the concept of "Something Better" as emphasized throughout the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. Students who choose to attend the academy, do so with the understanding that this is the direction the academy has chosen to go in and agree to respect that decision, as well as support it.

Probationary Period

All new students at Weimar Academy are accepted on a probationary basis for the first six weeks of attendance. We desire the student and parents to be happy with their experience at Weimar, and designate this time for both the family and school to evaluate whether the placement is a good match. During this time, the student can be dismissed and a pro-rated portion of their tuition paid, minus the

registration fee, will be refunded based on the date of their departure. Weimar Academy may dismiss a student for the following reasons:

1. The student and/or parent/guardian has not cooperated with the Weimar Academy staff regarding the student's discipline needs.
2. The student and/or parent/guardian has not supported the policies stated in the Weimar Academy Handbook.
3. The student has not been fulfilling their academic requirements at the academy.
4. The responsible parent/guardian has been late paying the agreed upon tuition/fees.

Student Participation

When a student registers for attendance at Weimar Academy, they are expected to participate fully in all planned extracurricular programs (spiritual or social activities and recreational outings).

Technology & Computers

Technology is a great tool that can be used for God's glory when properly used. Weimar Academy utilizes technology in its program and wishes to enter into an agreement with each student and family desiring to attend the school.

The Internet is a powerful resource for expanding the educational experience of each student. Access to the Internet will enable students to explore unlimited resources while exchanging messages with other users throughout the world. Unfortunately, it is true that some materials accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or offensive.

Since the network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others, access is given to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parental permission is required. Access is a privilege—not a right. Access entails responsibility. School staff may review files and

communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are using the system responsibly. We want there to be no confusion on how technology is to be used during the school year. Please read carefully the following statements below.

Computer Usage Details

- School chromebook will be issued to each student at registration or shortly thereafter.
- Chromebook use is limited to school-related work.
- The use of personal computers, tablets or other electronic devices is prohibited at Weimar Academy, unless approved by Weimar Academy staff.
- If a student brings a personal electronic device to school, it must be turned into the deans (dorm students) or administration (village students) immediately upon arrival. Failure to surrender a personal device upon arrival will be considered a violation of school policy and will result in disciplinary action, such as confiscation of the device, suspension or dismissal.

3 Step Discipline Process for Breaking this Policy

Step 1 – Confiscation: A verbal and written warning will be given to the student and communicated to the parents. The principal will work on a student by student basis to decide how long the personal device should be confiscated up to a period of one month.

Step 2 – Suspension: The second offense will result in a second written warning, confiscation of the device, and student suspension, as well as a written improvement plan drafted by parents, student, and staff reaffirming the Technology Policy, which must be signed by both the parent and student.

Step 3 – Dismissal: If the student continues to violate the Technology policy, it will be grounds for dismissal from Weimar Academy.

Vacation & Home Leaves

All students need to leave the dorms during scheduled home leaves and vacation periods. A student whose home is outside the continental United States needs to have a prearranged host family with whom to stay during home leaves and holidays.

Any portion of a day missed surrounding a home leave or outside of it will be subject to the guidelines in the attendance policy. If a situation arises which requires the student to miss time other than during scheduled breaks, parents must make arrangements directly with administration. If the leave is unexcused, it will be the student's responsibility to work with the teacher to see what work can be completed ahead of time or made up, if any. Since transportation of the student will happen out of regular airport/bus station runs, the student will be responsible for arranging their own transportation.

A leave form must be filled out and returned to the dean before a leave begins. We request that all leave forms be submitted one week in advance of your departure date. Failure to do so may result in your leave request being denied. This form will indicate the destination, a contact number while away, the form of transportation to be used, exact days/times of leave/return, and whether Academy assistance to or from the train, bus, or plane terminal is needed.

Students are allowed to leave campus on open weekends. Students whose grades are C or above may get approval to leave if a written request (and parental approval, if necessary) is submitted to the appropriate dean by Thursday prior to the leave. If a student wishes to visit the home of someone other than their parents/guardians during a home leave or weekend, a written invitation from the host family and permission from the student's parents must be received by the dean. This type of weekend leave is limited to once per month.

The Academy also reserves the right to deny a leave request if the staff deems it to be detrimental to that student in any way.

Village & Staff Students

1. Village and staff students must abide by all Academy policies when attending Academy functions, including classes, required work, recreation, and any other activity.
2. Village and staff students are not required to attend dorm worship, but they are required to attend field trips, choir trips, camp-outs and other regularly scheduled activities of the Academy. Village or staff students shall be

charged the prevailing meal rates during Academy functions. Students will be charged an activity fee.

3. If a student does not plan to attend a school-scheduled activity, the parents of the student should contact the school with their request before the planned occasion.
4. School functions are part of the student's life and attendance at these activities is required.
5. Before a non-dorm student spends a night in the dormitory, the dean must receive and approve written or verbal permission from the parent or guardian.
6. Dorm students are not to stay overnight in a village or staff student's home, unless receiving permission from the staff and parents prior to the event.
7. Village students must park their vehicles upon arrival in the morning, and may not use them without permission until they drive off-campus at the end of the day. Village students should not allow any other student to drive their car. Village or staff students cannot transport other students in their vehicles, on campus or taking them off campus, without proper approval from parents and administration.
 - a. If a driving policy is broken:
 - i. First offense: Loss of driving privileges for 1 week
 - ii. Second offense: Loss of driving privileges for 2 months or the remainder of the semester (whichever is longer).
 - iii. Third offense: Loss of all driving privileges on Weimar Campus while a student at Weimar Academy.
8. Village students who own cell phones are asked to check them in to administration while on campus. Cell phones are not to be used while on campus. If cell phones are used on campus, they will be confiscated.

Visitors

Parents are welcome to attend school functions during the year. Please confirm plans to visit with the dean or the registrar's office. Weekends are the best time for a visit because weekdays are filled with classes, work, and study obligations.

Upon arrival on campus, visitors should check in with the respective dean and inform them if they plan to take a student off campus. Family members of the opposite gender who need to enter a particular dormitory must check with the dean of that dorm first. Visitors should comply with all Weimar Institute and Academy guidelines while on campus.

Contact Information

Phone: 530-422-7961

Fax: 530-422-7910

E-mail: academy@weimar.org

<http://weimaracademy.org>

Girls' dorm: (530) 422-7962

Girls' Dean: (530) 422-7954

Boys's dorm: (530) 422-7958

Boys's Dean: (530) 422-7992

All mail should be addressed to:

Weimar Academy

[Student name]

P.O. Box 486

Weimar, CA 95736

Weimar Institute operates an on-campus mailroom where students can mail letters and packages and purchase stamps. Mail addressed to the students is given to the deans for distribution. Packages sent by UPS or other non-U.S. Postal Service carriers require the following street address:

20601 West Paoli Lane, Weimar, CA 95736.

Campus Visits

If you are interested in studying at Weimar Academy and have an opportunity to come for a visit, please call and make plans to stay with us for up to two days. We'll give you a tour of the campus, arrange for you to observe classes, provide meals, give you a room, and answer your questions. So come and see us! Talk with students and faculty, take a look around, and experience Weimar Academy for yourself.

What To Bring

- A Bible
- Two sets of twin sheets, a pillow, two pillow cases, and a mattress cover
- A bedspread and blankets (non-electric)
- Towels and washcloths
- Toiletries
- Bathrobe and slippers
- Mending kit
- Water bottle
- Table lamp or study lamp (with bulbs)
- Rain gear (boots/waterproof shoes, raincoat, umbrella)
- Durable, practical walking/hiking shoes
- Wastebasket & Laundry Basket
- Battery-powered alarm clock
- Decorative/family pictures (optional)
- Camping gear (sleeping bag, hiking boots, backpack, flashlight, water bottle, etc.) - If you have a tent and can bring it, please do
- Clothing for school (bring at least 3 Weimar Academy Polos), work, Sabbath, and recreation
- Cold weather clothing & undergarments
- Work Clothes that you do not mind getting stained/dirty
- Ski/Snowboard equipment and clothing (if desired)
- Bicycle and helmet (if desired)
- School Supplies (See School Supply List*)

Don't Bring

Some examples are given below. The examples are not an exhaustive list, only a generalized illustration of what NOT to bring:

- Fire or explosion-producing materials (firecrackers/matches/cigarette lighters/candles/kerosene lamps/incense/etc)
- Weapons of any kind (only knives 3 inches in length or less are allowed)
- Electronic entertainment (tv's/videos/video or computer games, etc)
- Personal listening devices (DVD players/iPods/mp3 players/boom boxes or stereos/etc)
- Secular and/or "Christian" music recordings that have the same sound and rhythm as secular, contemporary music (CDs/DVDs/mp3s/etc)
- Illegal chemical substances (any prescribed or over-the-counter drugs will be held for the student by the dean)
- Playing cards/games that could lead to gambling
- Novels, whether secular or religious fiction
- Extreme hair coloring that is not your natural color
- Jewelry (pins/necklaces/bracelets/anklets/rings/earrings/friendship bracelets, etc)
- Skateboards/Scooters/Small Wheeled items (due to insurance regulations)
- Refrigerators
- Meat/dairy products/caFFEinated drinks (sodas, coffee, teas, etc)
- Tacky clothing that's frayed, patched (old or new), or drags on the ground
- Immodest attire. See dress code for guidelines.

→ Academics

Academic Accountability

Students with a combination of any two D's or F's at the end of the quarter will earn academic probation. If a student earns academic probation for two consecutive grading periods, the student may be asked to withdraw from school. Students with a D or F in any class will have their extracurricular activities—recreation, town trips, etc.—modified or restricted to allow for more study time. They will also be required to attend a mandatory study hall in the evening.

Academic Integrity

Students are expected to turn in original work that they have created themselves. Any form of plagiarism or cheating, including the use of AI on an assignment or exam, will not be tolerated. If this behavior occurs, the student must redo the assignment, completing it themselves and submitting it for zero credit. Failure or refusal to do so could result in their dismissal from the academy. Weimar Academy will not condone dishonesty and reserves the right to discipline this type of behavior in whatever manner it deems best, including up to expulsion from the academy.

Acceleration

Weimar Academy understands that people learn in different ways and at different rates. Students seeking to finish high school at a faster pace can submit an acceleration request to the academic standards committee (the registrar and principal). The request should include written permission from their parent or guardian and include a detailed plan of how they will achieve their goal. Once all of

this information is submitted to the committee, a decision will be made and the applicant will be notified of the committee's decision in writing.

Add/Drop Classes

Students are responsible for making desired program changes with the registrar. Classes may be added until the end of the second week and dropped until the end of the third week of each semester.

Add/drop: The student adds/drops a class after securing the parents, the appropriate teacher(s), and the registrar's approval on the required add/drop form. The add/drop form can be picked up from the registrar's office.

Attendance Policy

Attendance

Regular attendance at all appointments is expected of every student. This includes classes, assemblies, meal times, work, music, D&F study hall and weekend religious services. Progress in school and success in daily learning activities are directly related to a student's presence in class.

Absences

Absences will include the following areas; scholastic, disciplinary, work, and assemblies. An unexcused absence occurs when a student misses one of these events without a valid excuse. Leaving an assigned classroom without permission, or leaving with permission but not returning, is also considered an unexcused absence. Make-up work is not allowed for unexcused absences unless pre-arranged and at the teacher's discretion.

Tardiness

Each student is expected to develop promptness by meeting each appointment on time. Two unexcused tardies will equal one absence. A student will be given an unexcused tardy, if the student comes to class without an excuse during the first ten minutes of the class period, after which the student will be given an unexcused

absence. Any class work missed due to an unexcused tardy cannot be made up. Only absences/tardies in the scholastic and work areas will be recorded on the permanent transcript.

Excused Absences/Tardies

An absence/tardy is excused by the administration if the student provides verification from the parent, legal guardian, or staff member stating one of the following as the reason for the absence/tardy:

- Illness of the student (verified by parent or dean)
- Death in the family
- Mandatory court appearance
- Unavoidable medical or dental appointments (verified in advance)
- Parent initiated absences arranged in advance and subject to the approval of the Administrative Committee
- Impassable/unsafe roads
- Emergencies

Administrative Absences

These include the following areas; promotion tours, field trips, emergencies, work substitution. When a student is required by the administration to miss appointments, these absences will not be recorded on the permanent transcript.

Administration of Officially Excused Absences

The Principal, Vice Principal and Deans have all been delegated the authority to officially excuse absences. Work supervisors may excuse their own workers in case of emergency or upon prior administrative approval.

Procedure to follow after any absence/tardy

After a student has been absent/tardy from any appointment the student must do the following:

If excused:

Obtain a written excuse within three school days from the authorized staff member. (Those whose names are given from the dean for sick list will not need a written excuse. Village students will need to bring a note from a parent.)

*Absences or tardies not excused within 3 school days of returning to school automatically become unexcused.

Bring the written excuse to the Attendance Office following the absence

If not excusable, the student should return to class.

Disciplinary Unexcused Absence

If an unexcused absence is given to the student, because of continued, unsatisfactory conduct in class, including sleeping, the student will be sent from the class to the Vice Principal or Principal as deemed necessary by the teacher.

Special Prearranged Absences

Parents are strongly encouraged to plan vacations and educational trips during the scheduled home leaves and vacations throughout the school year. Students desiring to accompany parents on vacations that are scheduled during class time are required to send a written request to the Attendance Officer to present at Administrative Council at least two weeks in advance for approval. Even when attendance exceptions are granted:

Unexcused absences are recorded on the transcript (trips and vacations are typically unexcused absences).

See the section Excessive Absences Course Grade Policy before you submit your request to fully understand the effect this will have on the student.

The section Attendance Discipline does not apply to these absences, however the following must be completed by the student as a result of going on the trip: –

Make up work must be obtained ahead of time at the teacher's discretion.

Attendance Discipline

For every unexcused class or worship absence, a student will receive 1 point. For every unexcused tardy a student will receive 1/2 point. To avoid attendance discipline, total attendance points each quarter must stay below 3 points. While points reset at each quarter, attendance discipline levels accumulate throughout the year if a continued problem is seen. Parents are notified at each step.

First Level

If the student receives 3 points within the quarter they will be assigned an hour of community service to be accomplished on a Friday afternoon or a Sunday. Staff

and faculty may request that a student fulfill the assigned community service hours at their residence under the staff or faculty member's supervision. At every 3 point interval, another hour will be assigned. Village parents will be consulted about which day would work best for them. The student will need to pick up a sheet from the principal to be signed off by the one supervising the community service.

If the student receives more than 6 points in the quarter, the student will lose all recreation privileges and the student will complete a conference with the principal and parents.

Second Level

If the student exceeds 15 points during the semester, they will complete all of the above in addition to being put on an Attendance Checklist. The checklist will list all required appointments for the student, and the student must get a signature from each teacher or supervisor. This procedure will last 10 school days.

Third Level

If the student continues to accumulate points after the checklist, the student's name will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee for a possible withdrawal from school.

Policy of Class Make-up Work

When classes are missed they can be made up only at the discretion of the teacher. Make-up work from pre-arranged unexcused absences must be arranged ahead of time at the discretion of the teacher.

Excessive Absences Course Grade Policy

Students may not be absent, excused or unexcused, for more than 2 weeks in a specific course within a semester. This would be 6 class periods for MWF classes and 4 class periods for TTh classes. After the maximum absences in any given class, the school will hold a conference with the student and parent to determine whether the student should receive credit for the affected class, and whether or not the student should remain in school. A grade of "FA" (failure due to absences) may be given in such circumstances.

Students being absent for more than the maximum class periods during a marking period, whose absences are unexcused, will receive the grade FA without appeal.

Make-up Work for Excused Absences

The student will have the opportunity to make up work missed if the absence is excused. The student is responsible to obtain make-up work from the teacher and complete the work to the satisfaction of the teacher. If the absence is unexcused and not prearranged, make-up work will not be allowed.

Challenging a Course

Students interested in taking a challenge exam are requested to meet with the Registrar to schedule the exam. In order for a student to successfully pass a challenge exam, they must receive a score of 75% or above. If a student successfully challenges a class, the student will be given a "CR" (for Credit) and it will be recorded on their transcript. Passed challenge exams are to be kept in the student's cumulative folder, failed exams may be disposed of after 30 days. Challenged classes will not be included in the calculation of the student's GPA, but will count towards required credits. Students may challenge two courses available for them to take at Weimar Academy. Any exceptions must be approved by the academic standards committee. Any request for additional retakes of challenge exams will be reviewed and a decision rendered by the academic standards committee. Staff members will not be held responsible for tutoring for these tests. Challenge exams will be developed/selected by Weimar Academy faculty with expertise in the requested course.

Correspondence/Summer Work Grade Reports

Registered students desiring to take a correspondence, online, or summer school course for academic credit to be transferred to Weimar Academy should submit a written request to the registrar and principal prior to applying for such work. Credit is not guaranteed and will not be given until approved by the academic standards committee.

All courses required for graduation from Weimar Academy must be earned from approved schools and completed. Grades/transcripts must be received by March 31, unless preapproved by the registrar.

Each school year is divided into two semesters. At the mid-point of each semester, progress reports will be sent to the students and their parents/guardians upon request. Semester grades are used to determine the student's official grade point average that will appear on their transcript. Grades can always be checked on our online grading program.

Incomplete/Back Assignments

Students will have the opportunity to make up work missed for excused absences. The student is responsible to obtain make-up work from the teacher. Discuss with the teacher what the conditions are for making up work. If the absence is unexcused, make-up work may or may not be allowed at the teacher's discretion. An incomplete grade (I) will be given only in the case of an extended excused absence (major illness or family emergency).

Grading System

Weimar Academy uses a standard grade point average (GPA) system.

Other grades may include:

WP—withdrew passing

WF—withdrew failing

Student Leadership

Students seeking election to student leadership or to serve as members of administrative or academic committees must be approved by the staff.

Once elected, they must consistently support Weimar Academy's principles and maintain at least a 3.25 GPA. Students in leadership positions must maintain these standards throughout their term of service.

Transcripts

Weimar Academy typically accepts all transfer credits from approved accredited sources. The acceptance of credits from non-accredited school settings will require the submission of a course validation form available from the registrar. Approved non-accredited credits as well as international credits will count towards meeting your graduation credit requirements at Weimar Academy, but will be excluded when factoring your official Weimar Academy GPA.

Weimar Academy issues transcripts of a previous student's academic records upon receiving a written request from the student or from the school the student wishes to attend.

Transcripts of graduating seniors will automatically be sent to Weimar University admissions unless we receive a written request otherwise from the student or parents.

Transcripts and grades will be issued as long as the student has a zero balance on their account.

Vocational Education

Program

Weimar Academy seeks to train our students in developing an excellent work ethic. Students will be involved in several training opportunities to give them a breadth of exposure in the work place. Job placement for each student is decided by the vocational education director and the academy administration.

Units

Academic credit is earned for every semester the student is involved in the Vocational Education program. The student's VocEd grade will be based on the supervisor's evaluation, which includes attendance, focus and accomplishment of

work assigned by the supervisor. Every student is enrolled in vocational education and the credits are required to graduate.

College Credit Classes

Students have the opportunity to take 2 courses per semester through Weimar University and will receive dual credit both in the academy as well as the University. Any exceptions to the policy can be requested and is evaluated on a case-by-case basis. The student would submit a request to the Academic Standards Committee and email it to registrar@weimar.edu. There are fees associated with dual enrollment classes that can be clarified through the registrar's office or the University.

Diploma Requirements

General Education Diploma

A Weimar Academy general diploma requires the completion of 22 credits with a minimum GPA of 2.0. Many colleges/universities will permit a general diploma to meet their entrance requirements. The 22 credits for a general diploma (1 unit equal to 1 year of coursework) will include the following:

4 credits of English	3 credits of Math (Algebra I required)
1 credits of Foreign Language	2 credits of Science (Biology or equivalent required)
.5 credits of Government	2 credits Social Studies (US History required)
.5 credits of Economics	1 credit of Computer Science
1 credit of Health/Equivalent	.5 credit Personal Finance
	8 elective credits**

****All Students are required to take and pass the following classes every year/semester they attend Weimar Academy:**

Bible | Agriculture/Life Skills | Vocational Education | Music

College Preparatory Diploma

Weimar Academy offers a college preparatory program designed to meet college/university entrance requirements. Students should plan their programs so they meet the specific requirements of the colleges/universities they plan to attend. A college preparatory diploma is earned upon completion of 25 units with a minimum GPA of 3.0. The 25 units (1 units equal to 1 year of coursework) include the following:

4 credits of English	4 credits of Math (Algebra I required)
2 credits of Foreign Language	3 credits of Science (Biology or equivalent required)
.5 credits of Government	2 credits Social Studies (US History required)
.5 credits of Economics	1 credits of Computer Science
1 credits of Health/Equivalent	.5 credit Personal Finance
	70 elective credits**

****All Students are required to take and pass the following classes every year they attend Weimar Academy:**

Bible | Agriculture/Life Skills | Work Education | Music

Class Offerings

English I-IV	Personal Finance
Bible I-IV	Government
Algebra I/II	Economics
Geometry	Computers
Pre-Calculus*	Spanish I/II
Biology	Agriculture
Chemistry	Choir/Orchestra
Physics	Vocational Education
World History	Fitness
US History	Health

**Precalculus can be taken for dual credit both in the academy as well as in the college.*

Suggested 4-Year Plan for Weimar Academy Students

Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
English I	English II	English III	English IV
Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II	College Pre-Calculus
Bible I	Bible II	Bible III	Bible IV
Health	Biology	Chemistry	Physics

Life skills	GC I (World History)	GC II (US History)	Government
Computers	Spanish II	Agriculture	Economics
Spanish I			Personal Finance

Weimar Academy reserves the right to make amendments to this handbook at any time.