

# *Dikaio Christian Educators Association*

Handbook 2022-2023

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## **Introduction**

This handbook was written for our families to have a convenient reference source and information easily available. Dikaios Christian Educators Association is a support group that began in 1987. The name Dikaios is taken from the Greek word "Righteousness." Our key verse is 2 Timothy 3:16-17, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable to doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." Dikaios calls us to conform to the standard, will, or character of God. Our prayer is that this organization will aid in teaching our children to do exactly that.

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## Calendar of Events

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>July:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Enrollment</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>January:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19<sup>th</sup> - Enrichment</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>August:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9<sup>th</sup> – Back to School Meeting</li> <li>• 23<sup>rd</sup> – Workshop</li> <li>• 25<sup>th</sup> – Enrichment Classes Begin</li> <li>• 30<sup>th</sup> – Picture Day</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>February:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 16<sup>th</sup> - Enrichment</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>September:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8<sup>th</sup> &amp; 22<sup>nd</sup> – Enrichment</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>March:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 16<sup>th</sup> - Enrichment</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>October:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> – Senior Meeting and Pictures</li> <li>• 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> – Enrichment</li> <li>• 12<sup>th</sup> – PSAT testing</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>April:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> - Enrichment</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>November:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> – Fall Fundraiser</li> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 17<sup>th</sup> – Enrichment</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>May:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> – Enrichment</li> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> – Open House for New Families</li> <li>• 20<sup>th</sup> – Promotion Day</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>December:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> - Enrichment</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>June:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6<sup>th</sup> – Senior Graduation</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> – Member Enrollment for 2023</li> </ul>

## **Section 1 - General Information**

### I. Mission and Purpose

Dikaios Christian Educators exists to encourage and equip parents in their calling to biblical home education.

Dikaios offers support to our families through:

- Cooperation - Providing opportunities to enrich at home learning with others through our *Enrichment Co-op* and monthly *Field Trips*.
- Socialization - *Membership* cultivates a safe and encouraging atmosphere with like minded families.
- Facilitation - Dikaios organizes many in-person opportunities within the group including *Graduation, Sports Practice/Events, Testing and Fundraisers*.
- Exhortation - Encouraging families to stay the course and finish strong through *Dessert Night Fellowships, Mom's Night Out* and *Mentorship*.
- Informational and Instructional - Families that join our *Academy* are kept aware of legal and minimum requirements according to California State Standards. Record keeping and cumulative files are maintained. Seminars and one on one educational help is available throughout the year.

### II. Statement of Faith

1. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, fully inspired and without error, written under inspiration of the Holy Spirit and holds supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His atoning death and resurrection.
4. We believe that man is sinful by nature and that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is necessary for his salvation.
5. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ
6. We believe in the creation of man by the direct act of God.

### III. Code of Conduct for Parents

This Code of Conduct is the expected behavior for Adults at all Dikaiois functions. The Dikaiois Board of Directors wish that the membership families comply with these policies. If you wish to address the Board on any of the following or if your family is unable to comply, the Board may cancel membership.

1. We agree to train up our children in such a way that would reflect godly character in dress, conduct, and speech.
2. Children must be under adult supervision at all times.
3. If a child becomes a distraction or disrespectful we ask that you remove them from the group until they are able to rejoin with self-control.
4. All speech should be honoring to the Lord in both public and private conversations.

### IV. Code of Conduct for Students

This Code of Conduct is the expected behavior for students at all Dikaiois functions. The Dikaiois Board of Directors wish that the membership families comply with these policies. If you wish to address the Board on any of the following or if your family is unable to comply, the Board may cancel membership.

1. All speech should be honoring the Lord.
2. Keep hands and feet to oneself.
3. Respect and obey all supervising adults.
4. Be a good steward of all things.

### V. Dress Code (Applicable to both parents and children)

Appropriate attire will vary from activity to activity, but keep in mind the basic principle of wanting others to see Christ in us rather than to take notice of what we wear. Our clothing should be free of tears, rips, stains, or questionable content. It must not be restricting or too tight and able to bend and stretch without becoming revealing or immodest.

All shorts and/or skirts/dresses must be longer than the end of your fingertips. All pants/shorts/skirts must be worn at the waist covering all undergarments. All tops must have a sleeve wider than 2½ inches and must cover your waistline even while arms are raised.

(No bare midriffs). Spaghetti straps, tank tops and low cut or strapless tops are not acceptable.

Girls may have pierced ears, but no other piercings are allowed. Boys should not have any piercings. Other piercings must be removed or covered.

Tattoos that display any kind of sexual, violent, derogatory wording or images should be covered at all times.

This dress code applies at all Dikaios related functions including picture day, co-op classes, field trips, sporting events, meetings, graduation, etc. whether the event is formal or informal.

The Dikaios Board of Directors wish that the membership families comply with these policies. If you wish to address the Board on any of the following or if your family would like to file an exception please contact the administrators.

#### VI. Requirements for membership:

1. It is required that every family be dedicated to the training of their children both academically and in the Word of God.
2. Must agree and sign the following agreements; code of conduct, dress code and statement of faith.
3. Families must be actively a part of a local Christian church or home fellowship, and attend on a regular basis.
4. Each member must pay the annual membership fee and attend the Back to School meeting held in August. Excusals to the meeting must be submitted to the board 1 week prior to the meeting, all absences without permission will incur a fee of \$50.
5. Interview and tour school with Administrators.

#### IV. Open Enrollment and Tuition:

Dikaio's has open Enrollment from June 1st - August 1st for new families interested in joining our membership and mid year enrollment from December 15 - January 15.

Annual membership is \$150 per family from June 1st - July 31st and price increases to \$200 after. Mid-year enrollment (December 15th - January 15th is \$100)

Academy is an additional annual registration of \$45 per family. Students k-8th grade is \$15 per student/per month and High School is \$25 per student/per month. \*Family tuition not to exceed \$650 per year.

All fees must be paid to participate in programs or activities and/or to receive transcripts/diplomas. Fees can be paid in full or a payment plan can be scheduled per family.

If paying monthly payments: payment must be received on the 1st of every month, after the 10th a \$10 fee will be applied to your balance.

We don't want finances to prohibit families from joining. Please contact the office if you would like to apply for a scholarship.

#### VII. Office Hours and Location

Our office and classes are held in the "Education Building" at Faith Bible Church, 2898 N. "G" Street, San Bernardino, CA 92405. Our office is on Thursdays from 9:30 - 3:30 pm, and by appointment throughout the week.



## Section 2 - Programs

Dikaios Programs seeks to run high quality programs that would glorify God in all aspects. The following policies apply to all our programs on or off campus.

- *Punctuality* is a very important character trait, we ask that your family make it a priority to arrive at programs on time.
- *Language* should be wholesome, encouraging and loving. Any words or conversations that appear cutting, teasing or unloving, along with profanity will be called to the attention of the offender. If multiple offenses occur a suspension from programs may be applied.
- *Respect* for adults should be displayed in attitude and conversation. They should be addressed as Mr. or Mrs.
- *Public Display of Affection* is not allowed for students on campus or at off campus school events. Scriptural precepts warn us against the lust of the flesh, it is our objective to remove temptation and not give any footholds. For this reason there will be absolutely no hand-holding or other displays of affection.
- *Distractions* like ipods, mp3 devices, handheld video games, etc. should be left at home and not be used on campus unless specific approval is granted. Cell phones may be in a student's possession however must be silenced and stored out of sight.

### I. Athletic Program

In the past we have been able to offer Basketball, Volleyball, Baseball and Track and Field. Sports programs are offered based on interest and participation. Dikaios participates in a Homeschool Sports League which allows us to compete with other homeschool groups in Southern California.

### II. Enrichment Co-op

Classes are held every other Thursday from 11 am to 3 pm on the Dikaios campus. The co-op is designed to be a cooperative, sharing gifts and talents to serve the homeschool students. These class times are designed to supplement each family's home-school program by offering extracurricular and scholastic classes.

These classes are three, fifty-five minute, parent led classes with similar age grouping. At least one parent from each family is required to be present and participate at co-op. All families are required to be on campus for assembly and devotions promptly at 11 am.

All parents/guardians on campus are required to have a livescan done by the first week of class. If you would like to be reimbursed for your livescan a receipt needs to be turned into the office.

Each family's role and co-op is vital to the success of our program. Therefore, we ask that each parent take their responsibility seriously. Excessive absences cause a hardship on the other families, for this reason there will be a charge of \$10 for any family that is absent twice during the semester. A parent who is not present during one of the three scheduled periods (i.e. leaving class early) is considered absent. You must contact the coordinator in advance if you will be absent.

Please park in the main parking lot and not on the street out of consideration for the neighbors.

Teachers are required to submit a class syllabus 1 week prior to class start date. Teachers are to delegate responsibilities to their assigned helpers.

Families will receive their class assignments by the first day of classes. These assignments will include teaching/helping two of the three periods. Families will also be asked to volunteer for chores at the end of third period. The amount of chores are dependent on how many families enroll and then divided by week.

*Schedule of Day:*

*11 am ~ Assembly, Roll Call, Pledges and Devotions*

*11:20 - 12:15 ~ 1st Period*

*12:15 - 1 pm ~ Lunch*

*1 pm - 1:55 ~ 2nd Period*

*2pm - 2:55 ~ 3rd Period*

*3 pm ~ Chores*

*Pledges:*

Pledge to the American Flag ~ I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands: one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Pledge to the Christian Flag ~ I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag, and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands; one Savior crucified, risen and coming again with life and liberty for all who believe.

Pledge to the Bible ~ I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy

Word. I will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. I will hide it's Word in my heart that I might not sin against God.

### III. Field Trips

Various field trips are offered throughout the year. Some field trips are targeted for elementary and others for Jr./Sr. High, generally the whole family is able to attend. Trips are advertised in M Cubed.

### IV. Fundraising

We host an annual Fall Fundraiser in November. This event helps raise funds to continue various upgrades to our building and or programs.

Link your AmazonSmile account with us. Everytime you shop, Amazon sends us a percentage for doing your regular shopping.

Raise Right is our most popular fundraiser as it gives back to you and the school! Download the RaiseRight app and purchase "Gift Cards" to be used at hundreds of popular retailers. You have the option to purchase physical, egift cards or reloadable cards. By using the app you can make purchases in the store and a 50% credit will be applied to your balance and the other 50% goes to the school. Use our school code when setting up your account [L9F9ELAD25968](#)

### V. Graduation

All members may participate in our Graduation and Promotion ceremonies for students completing K-12th grade. A Dikaios Christian Academy diploma will be awarded only to the students enrolled in our Academy. There is an additional Senior Graduation fee per student however no cost to those participating in the Promotion ceremony.

### VI. Mentorship and Parent Nights

Dikaios offers encouragement to moms through our Secret Sisters and Mom's night out events.

Our Titus 2 Fellowship is a mom's mentorship group that gathers monthly.

Dessert Fellowships are an evening where we encourage both husband and wife to come and join us for an inspirational speaker and sweet treats.

VII. School Pictures/ID Cards

A professional photographer comes on campus to take photos for our yearbook. Packages are available for purchase including student and teacher ID cards.

VIII. Testing

The Preliminary Scholastic Achievement Test or PSAT is offered once a year in October on campus for students in the 10th and 11th grades. Pre-registration is required and payment received by September 15th.

IX. Yearbook

We are dedicated to doing our best work and producing a high quality full color yearbook. Picture submissions are encouraged (remember to submit with the dress code in mind). Not all photos submitted will be used. All photos taken on Picture Day will automatically be added to the class pages.

### **Section 3 - Academy (PSP)**

Dikaios Christian Academy allows your children to be enrolled in an established multi-student private school recognized by the State of California's Board of Education. Students in the Academy receive their education in the home but are recognized as students in a Private Christian School under current state law.

#### **Requirements:**

- Membership in the Homeschool Legal Defense Association ([www.hslda.org](http://www.hslda.org)) is required for all members of Dikaios Christian Academy Families. As a member of Dikaios you are entitled to a \$15 discount using our group number **#290021**.
- Parents are fully responsible for the education and instruction of their children in the home.
- Two Courses of Study (one per semester), Monthly Evaluations, and two Report Cards are required to be submitted for each student enrolled in the Academy.

Dikaios is available to support and encourage Academy families in their homeschool journey. Please call/email the Academy Director for appointments, family difficulties, and/or educational guidance.

*Annual Registration Fee is \$45 per family.*

#### **Annual Tuition Fees:**

- K-8th Grade: \$150 per student
- 9th-12th Grade: \$250 per student
- Family tuition fees will not exceed \$650 per year.
- Payment plans available.

For questions and registration interest for Dikaios Christian Academy, please contact the Academy Director or visit our website

[DikaiosChristianEducatorsAssociation.org](http://DikaiosChristianEducatorsAssociation.org).

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## **Section 4 - Waivers and Release Forms**

### *Release of Responsibility*

I, acknowledge that myself and my family will release and forever discharge and hold harmless Dikaios Christian Educators Association and its staff/leadership from any and all liability, claims and demands of whatever kind or nature, either in law or in equity, which arise or may hereafter arise from your families attendance on campus and or participation in activities associated with Dikaios Christian Educators Association.

### *Release of Infectious Diseases*

You further understand that your child's attendance and or participation may expose your family and others to infectious diseases including COVID-19. As such, you hereby expressly and specifically assume the risk of injury of harm, and also expressly release Dikaios Christian Educators Association and assume the risk of injury or other harm, and also from injury, illness and other issues resulting from or in any way related to your families attendance or participation.

### *Photography Release*

I give permission for photography and or videotaped of our family while on campus or school related trips. I understand that these images will be used for promotional and website content as the yearbook.

## Dikaios Christian Educators Membership Agreement

**BY SIGNING BELOW, YOU ACKNOWLEDGE HAVING READ AND UNDERSTOOD ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN THE DIKAIOS CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS HANDBOOK AND ARE SIGNING AND ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY OF YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY.**

Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
Husband and Wife's Full Name

Agree on this date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ to the following for Dikaios Christian Educators school year 2022-2023

- Statement of Faith
- Code of Conduct for Parents and Students
- Dress Code
- Release of Liability
- Waiver/Release for Infectious Diseases
- Photography Release

Husband's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_