Trade School

Student Handbook

“Do you see a man skillful in his work? He will stand before kings.”
- Proverbs 22:29

Streams of Light International

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Welcome Letter from the Director

Dear Students and Families,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Streams of Light International (SOLI) Trade School, I extend to each of you a warm and heartfelt welcome to our Gulf Coast Campus community. When you arrive, you should know that your presence here is not accidental — you have been called to something greater than a career. You have been called to a life of service, and we are honored to walk that path beside you.

Our mission at SOLI Trade School is rooted in a conviction as old as Scripture itself: that honest, skilled labor is not separate from spiritual devotion — it is an expression of it. Through hands-on technical education, our students gain knowledge and skills, not merely for personal advancement, but to carry the light of the Gospel into communities that need both physical help and eternal hope. You are training to be self-supporting missionaries: men and women who can serve wherever God leads, fully equipped to meet the practical needs of the world around you while proclaiming the good news of Christ's soon return.

The pages that follow outline the expectations, rhythms, and responsibilities that define life at our campus in Lumberton, Mississippi. I encourage you to read every section carefully and prayerfully. This handbook is not merely a rulebook — it is an invitation to a community of excellence, integrity, and faith. Embrace the early mornings, the callused hands, the late-evening study, and the fellowship of those who labor with purpose. May the Lord bless your time here abundantly and may the skills you acquire in these workshops and classrooms open doors of ministry in every corner of His world.

Maranatha!

William Polk
Director, Streams of Light International Trade School
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Spiritual Foundations and Core Beliefs

At Streams of Light International Trade School, we uphold core values shaping how we live, work, and engage in our mission. These values are deeply rooted in Scripture and the Spirit of Prophecy, guiding every aspect of our training and ministry.

Belief in the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy

We affirm that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and the authoritative foundation for all Christian faith, doctrine, and practice. We also recognize the Spirit of Prophecy as a special gift given to the Seventh-day Adventist Church to provide counsel, instruction, and encouragement in fulfilling its mission. All instructional content, institutional policies, and daily campus life are grounded in these two pillars of truth.

The Power of Prayer

SOLI places strong emphasis on both personal and corporate prayer as essential components of spiritual growth and effective ministry. The campus is intentionally cultivated as an environment of continual prayer, with regularly scheduled prayer meetings, prayer vigils, weeks of prayer, and other opportunities for united intercession. We uphold the conviction that prayer is central to successful literature ministry, as expressed in the counsel: “Humble, fervent prayer would do more in behalf of the circulation of our books than all the expensive embellishments in the world… Then pray and work, and work and pray, and the Lord will work with you” (CEv 12.3).

The Importance of Faith

Faith is the foundation of the Christian walk and the basis of all effective ministry. SOLI encourages students to cultivate unwavering trust in God’s promises and to rely on His guidance in every circumstance. We believe that even when situations appear impossible, God remains faithful to His Word and will accomplish His purposes.

Complete Surrender to God

We believe that full surrender to God is essential for spiritual maturity and for carrying out Christ-centered ministry. In harmony with Jesus’ instruction, “Whoever does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple” (Luke 14:33), students are encouraged to yield every aspect of their lives to God’s will. Through wholehearted surrender, individuals are enabled to experience the transforming power and fullness of Christ.

The Importance of the Holy Spirit

SOLI affirms that only through the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit can true character transformation occur and the mission of reaching the world for Christ be fulfilled. We

emphasize the daily need for the baptism of the Holy Spirit, recognizing that without His presence and power, no lasting spiritual work can be accomplished.

Unreserved Dedication to Mission

SOLI is committed to advancing the proclamation of the three angels' messages and inspiring students to dedicate their lives fully to mission. We encourage a spirit of urgency, passion, and self-sacrifice in the work of soul-winning, fostering a willingness to "spend and be spent" for the sake of the gospel.

Respect and Love

In harmony with Christ's teaching that love is the identifying mark of His disciples (John 13:35), SOLI seeks to cultivate a campus environment characterized by respect, kindness, humility, and genuine care for others. We believe that unity in Christ and shared commitment to the mission of SOLI make it possible to demonstrate Christlike love toward God, one another, and the communities we serve.

Support of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and Its Leadership

SOLI operates as a supporting ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and stands in harmony with its mission, doctrines, and leadership. We follow the counsel outlined in the Church Manual and actively support the global work of sharing the gospel. SOLI does not endorse antagonism, division, or independent movements that undermine the unity or mission of the organized church.

Trade School Culture

Spiritual Life

Devotional Time

Students are encouraged to maintain a consistent and personal devotional life. This includes daily personal Bible study, prayer, and reflection time. Participating in morning worship is expected.

Sabbath Observance

The Sabbath of the 4th commandment is a sacred time dedicated to worship, rest, and outreach. All students are encouraged to refrain from secular activities and fully engage in Sabbath services, outreach activities, in addition to personal time with God.

Campus Life

Respect and Courtesy

Students are expected to treat fellow students, staff, and community members respectfully and courteously. This includes being mindful of language, tone, and behavior in all interactions.

Dress Code

Students are expected to follow the biblical principles on dress as emphasized in the New Testament. Those principles of modesty, simplicity, and appropriateness are to be reflected throughout the campus. Everyone is expected to wear clothing that is modest and morally decent. For both men and women, that means clothing that is not tight, not sleeveless, or revealing. Clothing should be simple, good condition, neat, clean, and free from offensive or derisive pictures or words. Jewelry and unnatural colorful cosmetics (including nail polish) are not allowed.

Specific guidelines are as follows:

Men – For vocational classes attire should be appropriate for the individual vocation or trade. See class syllabi for guidance. For religious classes, witnessing activities, and non-Sabbath religious activities, men are expected to wear business causal (slacks and shirt with a collar, and in some cases, event T-shirts). For church, formal attire including dress slacks, dress shirt, tie and jacket is encouraged. For other activities as necessary, men can wear alternative modest apparel (such as jeans, work pants, knee-length shorts, and T-shirts).

Women - For vocational classes attire should be appropriate for the individual vocation or trade. See class syllabi for guidance. For religious classes, witnessing activities, and non-Sabbath religious activities, women are expected to wear skirts or dresses that are modest in length, extending past the knee. For other activities that would call for alternative modest apparel (such as culottes, pants, slacks, and knee-length shorts), clothing should be loose-fitting, and tops for ladies must extend past the waist.

Interpersonal Relationships

Students are expected to interact with the opposite sex respectfully, avoiding undue attention, unnecessary familiarity, and respecting physical boundaries. Additionally, students are expected to abstain from any behavior or appearance that could be perceived as compromising or inappropriate, thereby upholding the biblical principle of avoiding the

appearance of evil. Students are encouraged to build friendships rooted in accountability, purity, and mutual edification. These guidelines help foster an atmosphere of mutual trust, accountability, and spiritual growth.

Conflict Resolution

Students are encouraged to resolve conflicts biblically and respectfully, following the principles outlined in Matthew 18. If a resolution cannot be reached, students should seek assistance from the institute's educational staff for resolution.

Health and Lifestyle

Diet and Nutrition

Students are encouraged to maintain a healthy diet as promoted in the Adventist health message. Meals provided by the school will be plant-based, and we encourage our students to follow a plant-based diet.

Exercise and Recreation

Regular physical activity is encouraged. The campus offers outdoor activities, such as walking, hiking, and biking. Students should use their free time wisely to engage in healthy recreational activities that refresh the body, mind, and soul.

Substance Use

The use of tobacco, alcohol, illicit drugs, and any other harmful substances is strictly prohibited. Violation of this rule may result in dismissal.

Technology and Media Use

Media Consumption

Students should limit their use of entertainment media to maintain a focus on spiritual growth and mission work. The use of electronic devices for non-academic purposes should be minimized. While on campus, during school activities, or using school resources, students may not access or play worldly TV programs, secular music, and video games inconsistent with the school's spiritual and conduct standards.

Social Media

The use of social media should reflect the values of the school and the Seventh-day

Adventist faith. Students are encouraged to use discretion when posting or sharing content.

Personal Devices

Students are encouraged to use laptops, tablets, and phones for academic purposes. However, these devices should not be a distraction during class, worship, or outreach activities.

Student Life

Meals

Students will be served two nutritious, plant-based meals each day. For students who would like supper, simple provisions for a light meal will be provided. Students are encouraged to approach meals with gratitude. If you have specific dietary needs or concerns, please contact the administration before arrival to discuss options. We will do our best to accommodate medical, or disability related issues.

Housing

Campus students will be housed in shared dormitories on campus throughout the duration of the program. Each student should expect to share accommodations with other students, and each dorm room will include basic furniture, such as twin beds, desks, and closet space. Students are expected to bring their own bedding, towels, and personal toiletry items.

Students are responsible for maintaining cleanliness and order in their dormitories. Routine room inspections will be conducted by the institute's staff to ensure that the living spaces are kept neat and tidy. Shared areas such as bathrooms, common rooms, and laundry facilities must also be kept clean and orderly. Students are encouraged to be mindful of their roommates and the community by maintaining a respectful and organized living environment.

Curfew and Lights Out

A nightly curfew is in place to ensure that students get adequate rest. "Lights out" is at 9:30 p.m., and all students are expected to be in their dorms by this time. Disregarding curfew time will result in corrective measures.

Social Activities and Recreation

Social activities and recreation are an integral part of the student experience. These activities provide opportunities for students and staff to bond, improve health, and grow

closer to God. Students are encouraged during their free time to engage in recreational activities that promote health and relaxation and maintain a Christ-centered atmosphere.

All social and recreational activities should be conducted in harmony with biblical and Spirit of Prophecy principles. Sports, games, and activities that compromise spiritual principles are not allowed. Activities should reflect the values of respect, modesty, and Christian behavior. Students are encouraged to make the most of these opportunities to build relationships, maintain a healthy lifestyle, and deepen their walk with God.

Organized group activities, such as outdoor excursions and get-togethers, will be arranged by staff to encourage fellowship and physical fitness.

Work Experience

All programs include work experience which contributes to the daily operations of the campus. Trade school work assignments will be tailored to bridge the gap between laboratory experience and employment in the chosen trade or vocational area.

Integrity and Honesty

Christian integrity demands absolute honesty in every area of life, including our personal relationships, economic dealings, and academic pursuits. See the catalog for policies regarding academic integrity.

Typical Weekly Schedule* 2026-2027

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sabbath
0700 - 0800		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	
0800 - 0900		Fund. Evangelism	Fund. Evangelism	Fund. Evangelism	Fund. Evangelism	Worship	
0900 - 1000		Vocational Lecture	Vocational Lecture	Vocational Lecture	Vocational Lecture	Local Outreach	SS
1000 - 1300		Vocational lab	Vocational lab	Vocational lab	Vocational lab	Trades/ESL	Church
1300 - 1400		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
1400 - 1800		Vocational Work Experience	Vocational Work Experience	Vocational Work Experience	Vocational Work Experience	Sabbath Prep	
1800 - 2130		Free	Free	Free	Free	Vespers	
2130		Lights Out	Lights Out	Lights Out	Lights Out	Lights Out	

*The weekly schedule is typical of most trade programs but will vary by program and instructor availability.

Counseling and Guided Intervention

Violations

Failure to adhere to the rules and expectations outlined in this handbook may result in corrective measures, including warnings, consultations with staff, loss of privileges, or dismissal from the school.

Dismissal

Serious violations, such as substance abuse, theft, inappropriate relationships, or repeated misconduct, may result in dismissal for cause. The decision to dismiss a student will be made by the institute's administration after consultation and prayerful consideration.

Transportation

Once every two weeks, students can participate in scheduled trips to town to purchase necessary supplies. Transportation for these trips will be provided by the school. Aside from the scheduled shopping trips, all personal errands must be handled during free time and at the student's expense.

While students are not required to bring a personal vehicle, it is perfectly acceptable. Students who bring their own vehicles will be responsible for keeping them insured, licensed, and properly maintained. Personal vehicle use during outreach or other school-related activities must be coordinated with school staff, and students may be asked to assist in transporting fellow students during these activities. Any other transportation requests should be sought through SOLI staff.

Student and Staff Relations

If a student requires counsel or consultation on a private or sensitive matter, it should, as much as possible, be addressed with a staff member of the same gender. In situations where a staff member of the same gender is not available, the student is encouraged to bring along another individual of the same gender for support.

Final Reflections

The rules and expectations outlined in this handbook are designed to help you grow spiritually, mentally, and emotionally during your time at SOLI Trade School. Embrace these guidelines as tools to enhance your journey with Christ and to prepare you for a lifetime of service.

Student Commitment and Handbook Acknowledgement Form

Streams of Light Trade School

Academic Year: 2026–2027

Life at the SOLI Trade School is a call to a life of service, spiritual devotion, and skilled labor. This handbook is not merely a rulebook—it is an invitation into a community dedicated to carrying the light of the Gospel into the world as self-supporting missionaries. Your signature below represents a mature commitment to honor the spiritual, academic, and community standards of SOLI.

Student Affirmation & Commitment

By signing below, I certify that I have prayerfully and carefully read the SOLI Trade School Student Handbook and I am committed to abiding within these guidelines while in attendance. I understand that failure to adhere to the policies, rules, and spiritual expectations outlined in this handbook will result in corrective counseling or guided intervention. I explicitly recognize that serious or repeated violations—including substance abuse, theft, inappropriate relationships, or defiance of curfew—may result in my formal dismissal for cause by the institute's administration.

Student ID Number: _____

Program of Study: _____ _____

Student Printed Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____