Biddle Freshman students are students who have been selected to receive enhanced academic support and assistance. This select group of students is assigned to intrusive advisors who work very closely with classroom instructors. Biddle Freshmen also participate in co-curricular activities and are expected to meet specific academic goals during their freshman year at the university. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the academic program.

**Expectations**

- Biddle Freshmen students will take a maximum of 13 credit hours during their 1st semester at Johnson C. Smith University (JCSU). These courses are required courses from the liberal studies curriculum. Choir and band students may take a maximum of 14 credit hours.
- Biddle Freshmen students will delay declaration of a major until 2.5 GPA is earned after 1st semester or 2.0 is earned after 2nd semester.
- Biddle Freshmen students will be instructed and advised by dedicated Biddle Institute faculty and staff.
- Biddle Freshmen students will reside as a community in designated dorms and on designated floors.
- Biddle Freshmen students will be expected to attend all Biddle Freshmen meetings and co-curricular activities.
- Biddle Freshmen students will participate in group community service initiatives; these will be announced prior to their scheduled date.
- Biddle Freshmen students are expected to meet with their advisor regularly.
- Biddle Freshmen students are expected to have an exemplary class attendance record. Attendance will be closely monitored.
- Biddle Freshmen students are required to fulfill lab/academic assistance requirements. This includes: Writing Studio, Math Lab, Tutorial Center, Student Support Services, library, etc.
- Biddle Freshmen students are required to participate fully in university-wide initiatives/events.
- **ALL freshmen students participate in the Freshmen Investiture ceremony. Dress for this ceremony is strictly enforced. The attire includes only the following: White shirt/blouse, dark (blue or black) pants, dark socks/hose, and dark shoes.**
- Biddle Freshmen students are expected to display the utmost respect in dress and language both in class and in social venues.
- Biddle Freshmen goals for 1st semester 2012 are: GPA – 2.9; Community Service – 5 hours
- **Biddle freshmen who fail to obtain a GPA >1.8 after 2 semesters or 20 credit hours earned will be dismissed from the university.**
- Biddle Freshmen students who obtain exemplary academic performance will be formally recognized and rewarded for their hard work.

“I have read and fully understand the Biddle Freshman Guidelines. My signature indicates my acceptance of the responsibilities and the consequences associated with carrying out the expectations stated therein.”

Student Signature_________________________________________ Date____________________

Parent/Guardian Signature_________________________________ Date____________________