

# Philosophy, Beliefs and Resulting Actions

Philosophy and belief are only words unless we translate them into action. The following states how we approach and view the way we deliver education services, as well as the actions we take based on our philosophy and beliefs.

**The Bible is the inerrant Word of God, inspired by God.** It reveals God, His nature, His love, His life instruction, His prophecy, His Son, His Spirit, His relationships to mankind, salvation...and so much more. It is our prayer and intention that students become deeply rooted in Christ, for this is the most important aspect of life.

**Therefore, we:**

- Explore Scripture with students and pray daily, asking for the Holy Spirit's guidance in teaching spiritual truths to our students in order to help them develop a relationship with Christ and to build a foundation for their lives founded in knowledge, wisdom and truth.

**Knowledge through academics based in Biblical truths is powerful in a Christian's life.** Excellent academics that incorporate a Biblical worldview are primary in our mission. It is our intention that students attain an excellent education based in truth and develop a lifelong appetite for learning.

**Therefore, we:**

- Create a culture where knowledge is valued and students are motivated to learn;
- Create an environment where children are engaged, stimulated, motivated and secure, so learning happens;
- Employ well-qualified staff who provide a safe and nurturing environment that is rich in academics and who utilize a variety of instructional methods to help each child excel in their academic studies;
- Use curriculum that is current and relevant;
- Permeate academics with scriptural truth so that students attain knowledge with a Biblical world view.

**Character begins in the heart and is communicated through attitudes and actions.** The heart provides the motivation for Christian character which is developed through knowledge, faith and life experiences. As Christians, we make a choice to entrust our hearts to Christ for a lifetime. This faith provides fertile ground for lifelong character development. Daily participation in the Christian community at school fosters rich opportunities to learn and develop Godly character.

**Therefore, we**

- Teach students the Biblical standards of Christian character;
- Partner with parents to develop these Christian character traits;

- Encourage students to trust Christ as their Savior and to invite Him to mature their faith and character;
- Model excellence in workmanship and character;
- Acknowledge and encourage dependence on God for strength and guidance every day to cultivate our hearts and character.

**Leadership is influence and, as a Christian, influence comes with responsibility.**

Everyone has influence, whether intended or not. By cultivating a student's ability to have positive and responsible influence, we also model Jesus who was a responsible and wise leader.

*Therefore*, we:

- Teach the fundamentals of leadership skills;
- Help students understand influence and its results;
- Develop students' strengths and abilities to influence through practice;
- Incorporate Christian values into practicing responsible influence;
- Study leaders and their influence and practices;
- Place students in leadership roles, when appropriate to help them mature their leadership skills;
- Develop a strong sense of the skill and model of servant leadership.

## VALUES

Our values indicate our priorities as we work together to accomplish our mission.

### • **Focus on Mission.**

We refer back to our mission to understand our school's role, and our responsibility as faculty and staff. Everything we do rises and fall on our mission.

### • **Partner with Families.**

We are an extension of the family home specializing in education through the lens of the Bible.

### • **Pray with Purpose.**

We believe our school was established through the leading of the Holy Spirit. We pray every day to accomplish His purpose.

### • **Worthy of Trust.**

While student safety is front and center, we place an emphasis on earning both parent's and student's trust through respect, confidentiality, discernment, financial accountability, and open and honest communication. We make it a point to connect with both students and parents to build trust.

- **Excellence through Modeling.**

Excellence is found getting the details right. Our goal is to model excellence for our students, and to expect excellence in return.

- **Choose for the Best.**

When tough or gray area decisions are to be made and emotions are high, we follow one simple rule. We chose for the betterment of the school as a whole. Our goal is to be the trusted source for Christian education. To do so, we must remain healthy as an organization and perform with excellence.

- **Play for the Team.**

We are a tight community, and we purpose as a community to eliminate negative emotions and activities that are divisive.

- **Serve with Gladness.**

We are strong proponents of community service and both home and foreign missions, and we offer service opportunities to both students and staff.