

PHILOSOPHY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Mission Statement

Faith Christian Academy *partners* with the church and with Christian families committed to a Christ-centered, biblically-based education for their children, to *prepare* each student to hold a biblical worldview of life, to excel in academics, to realize their full God-given potential, and to enable children to *proclaim* Jesus Christ to their culture.

Purpose

Spiritual

- To seek to win to Christ those who are uncommitted
- To educate students so that they successfully integrate a Christian philosophy into their total life
- To lead students into a personal, saving relationship with Jesus Christ
- To teach the Bible as God's inspired Word and as completely true
- To assist students in beginning to integrate Biblical truth into each area of their lives in order to think in a Christian manner, and make decisions based on Christian principles
- To employ staff members who are committed to Jesus Christ and can communicate God's love and principles by example
- To employ teachers who have the necessary certification and skills to teach effectively in appropriate instructional areas, and be sensitive to the home background of each student

Intellectual

- To provide an academic climate conducive for learning
- To encourage the learning of skills required for meaningful participation in society as an adult
- To nurture competency in communication, research skills, and the ability to make mature decisions
- To realistically instruct each student academically, and to help him progress as far as his potential will carry him
- To encourage good study habits in order for students to excel in all educational disciplines

Social

- To provide children with opportunities for growth in the social skills required for adequate involvement in today's society
- To enable students to adequately understand and appreciate the privileges and responsibilities of living in a democracy
- To develop a respect for authority in one's life: God, parents, government, school, work, etc. evolving into complete self-discipline
- To promote good citizenship and appreciation of one's Christian and American heritage
- To impart knowledge of the world and current affairs from God's perspective that relates man to God's plan
- To instill character qualities that would be applied in every area of one's life and lead toward establishing a God-centered home

Cultural

- To promote appreciation for and creativity in the arts
- To encourage students to understand and appreciate cultural patterns different from those of their own
- To develop an appreciation of God's creation and respect for His sovereignty throughout the world, including people from all cultures
- To develop the application of creative and critical thinking from God's perspective

Physical

To provide opportunity for the learning of physical skills necessary to participate in sports

To provide opportunities for growth in physical performance skills

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Convinced that the Bible is the verbal, plenary, inspired Word of God, Faith Christian Academy is a Christ-centered, interdenominational, Christian school. It is a policy of the school not to discriminate in the admission of students, or hiring, on the basis of race, color, sex, or national or ethnic origins. Therefore, we affirm the following truths:

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, infallible and authoritative Word of God. The Word of God is the foundation of all truth, therefore all truth is God's truth.
2. We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
4. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
5. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.
6. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by indwelling the Christian, enabling him to live a Godly life.
7. We believe God is Creator and Sustainer of all things and the Source of all truth.
8. We believe man was created in God's image, but chose to rebel against God. His rebellion brought all men under the dominion of sin.
9. We believe God provided a means of regenerating man and restoring him unto Himself. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to shed His precious blood as the sacrifice for man's sin. Therefore, each student is encouraged to receive Christ as his personal Savior and as the Lord in his life. As a Board and faculty which represent a variety of Protestant backgrounds, we believe our unity is found in the Person of Jesus Christ, whom we see as "the Way, the Truth, and the Life" according to John 14:6.

Final Authority

The statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of FCA's faith doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our School Board is FCA's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.