

The Christian Academy of ACTSchools, Inc.

Mission Statement

The Christian Academy of ACTSchools, Inc. actively aspires to high quality, distinctively Christian education that will enable each student to serve God and others with Christian character and academic excellence.

Vision Statement

The Christian Academy of ACTSchools, Inc. is a Christ-centered provider of spiritual, academic and athletic excellence, preparing our community's youth to be Christian leaders in our time.

Statement of Cooperation

It is understood that my child's attendance is a privilege and not a right, and that if at any time his/her conduct, academic progress, or cooperation with the school's authorities is not keeping with the school's requirements, the school reserves the right to terminate, at its discretion, my child's enrollment.

I pledge to cooperate with the school in its efforts to administer discipline to my child in accord with the standards the school sets for itself. I agree to use the Matthew 18 principle in resolving conflicts with parents, teachers, or administrators. First: Speak to the person directly involved; Second: If not resolved, speak to that person's immediate supervisor; Last: Speak to the Headmaster of the School.

I hereby pledge to pay my financial obligations to The Christian Academy of ACTSchools, Inc. on or before the due date, or accept the late fee charge.

If my child voluntarily withdraws or is requested to withdraw by the school, it is understood and accepted that the year's tuition or unpaid portion thereof and instructional fee will become due immediately.

If a student is expelled from The Christian Academy of ACTSchools, Inc., no adjustment is made to the student's account and it is understood that the balance is payable immediately.

Financial Commitment: All fees and tuition owed to ACTSchools, Inc. **must be paid** before school records, report cards and/or diploma will be released.

Code of Conduct Agreement

Parent cooperation and support of our discipline procedures will help ensure the success of your student in our school structure.

In cases of unacceptable behavior, and disruption in the classroom, the parents will be notified and expected to cooperate with the school in administering proper discipline.

The administration reserves the right to expel a student at anytime if it is felt that we can no longer help the student, or if we feel that the student's actions and/or attitudes are an improper influence on the other members of the student body.

Also, in cases of unacceptable behavior, and disruption in the classroom, the administration, and School Board reserves the right to deny re-admission to The Christian Academy of ACTSchools, Inc. the following year.

School Activities Statement of Cooperation

The Christian Academy of ACTSchools, Inc. has permission for my child to take part in all school activities, including field trips, sports activities, and school-sponsored trips away from the school premises. It is agreed to hold the school and its agents harmless for any liability to my child or any guardian or parent thereof because of any injury or alleged injury to my child.

Should legal action, for any reason, be taken against The Christian Academy of ACTSchools, Inc. or any employee or agent thereof, on my child's behalf and the school or its agent not be found at fault, I agree to pay any attorney fees, court fees, damages or other cost that The Christian Academy of ACTSchools, Inc. or its agent should incur to defend itself against such action.

This Statement of Cooperation will be in effect for as long as my child(ren) (or others to be enrolled) attends The Christian Academy of ACTSchools, Inc., whether it is in the kindergarten, elementary, or secondary school.

It is understood that should my marital status change it is my responsibility to have a corrected Statement of Cooperation signed and updated and delivered to The Christian Academy of ACTSchools, Inc.

The Christian Academy of ACTSchools, Inc. admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

Philosophy of Education

We believe that Jesus is the Lord of all creation. He is our Lord, our God, our Savior and our Creator. All are called to be His students (disciples). Because He is the creator of all things, all that He has made – all that is true, noble, pure and good reveals Him and draws us closer to Him. Jesus is our inspiration for living well and learning all He has to teach us. Knowing and following Jesus establishes the foundation of the Christian world view. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. In Him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Uniquely Christian learning and education spring from and inspire awe and worship of our heavenly Father, His Son and His Holy Spirit. God's fingerprints are found in us and all around us. His power, brilliance, majesty and loving condescension are on display on a grand scale whether detected with the natural senses or with the aid of telescope or microscope or theoretical studies. We are his creation. We delight in His gifts of prayer, revelation, morality, reason, faith, math, language, history, and sciences. We delight in His gifts of birth, growth, rest and all that pertains to our spiritual, bodily and social existence. As we learn and grow, we find that all truth is God's truth, and we are moved to thank Him and worship Him for He is truly awesome, holy and wise. Having tasted of the goodness of God, we hunger for Him even more, and so is fueled a continuous cycle of seeking God and discovering more and more reasons to thank God and be in awe of Him.

The Christian school musters all of a person's faculties for studying and learning God's revelations and truths, so that intellectual, social, emotional, spiritual and physical development is given unity, direction, and balance. With the ancient Christians we affirm that God created mankind in His image and likeness. This is to say mankind was created to be like Jesus – created in His image and likeness. Humanity's first parents chose to disobey God's loving command, and in doing so, they rejected God's way of nurturing their growth in love, freedom, and responsibility. They exchanged God's truth for a lie. They stepped away from our Lord, the only source of life. They stepped into deception, darkness, death and the devil's influence. Our first parents died spiritually long before dying physically. In dying, their bodies were surrendered to decay and returned to dust. Their deceiver and enemy, Satan, was condemned to feed on the dust of the earth—to feed on the dying—like a roaring lion devouring the descendants of Adam and Eve. Having disobeyed God, our first parents were no longer like Jesus. Communion with God was broken. Communion among humans was broken. God's will was not being done on earth, like it was in heaven. Adam and Eve's offspring were born in the image and likeness of their parents.

It would be thousands of years before another man in the image and likeness of God would walk the earth –this time, Jesus, Himself—the divine Son of God, fully God and fully man. As Paul says, Jesus is the expressed image of the invisible God. Jesus showed us how a human being, created in the image and likeness of God is supposed to live. Humans in the image and likeness of God live lives full of the Holy Spirit, living in full communion with the Father, full of selfless, self-sacrificing love, single-mindedly doing God's will. In His life, death, resurrection and ascension, Jesus made a way for fallen humans to be forgiven of their sin, restored to fellowship with God and one another in the Holy Spirit, and set free from the tyranny of sin, death and the devil. When Jesus sat down at the right hand of the Father, He poured out His Spirit on all who believed in Him (Acts 2:32). The Spirit of Jesus is the Holy Spirit who leads Jesus' followers into all truth (Jn 16:12-15) making it possible for Jesus' followers to discern the mind (1 Cor 2:1-16) and will of God (Eph 5:17-20). Jesus reconciles Christians to God, forgives them, cleanses them, regenerates them, calls and enables them to live holy lives like Him. Once again, people created in the image of God, can be like Him—like Jesus.

Christian education and discipleship is uniquely equipped to minister to and challenge the whole human being, because one may only achieve their full, God-given potential through Jesus and the life He makes possible. This is a blessing and a responsibility. From those who have been given much, much will be demanded. It is required that those who have been given trust must prove faithful. Christian discipleship is all together impossible were it not for God's grace. In Christian education, we constantly lean on Jesus to teach us what we need to know (Col 2:2-14) and we offer all we learn and all of our life to Him in worship (Rom 12:1-2). All we do should be for God's glory! All our faculties are summoned to please God! There is no higher calling to excellence! We receive all from Jesus and we offer our all to Jesus! It's all for Jesus!

Only a Christian school can integrate God's revelations and human learning. It is, therefore, our purpose to provide sound academic training integrated with a distinctly Christian view of God and the world. Important differences exist between the Christian view on any given subject and the many non-Christian views on that same subject. Even though knowledge is factually the same for all, no subject can be taught accurately or completely if the Creator is ignored or denied. Many competing world views begin with assumptions that are not consistent with the character and will of God revealed in Jesus Christ and the Scriptures. As followers of Jesus we are told to take captive every thought for Jesus, to be renewed in the transforming of our minds and to allow God's truth to set us free from false beliefs, negative patterns and sin. Knowledge is properly understood only by the recognition of God's preeminence in it. We see accurately only when we see through God's eyes. We live in right relationship to all things only when we live like Jesus—full of love and life and joy and thankfulness, having the mind of the Holy Spirit. No formal education can be entirely adequate unless God is honored throughout.

The hub of human relations in the Christian school is personal concern for each other in the Spirit of love following Jesus' commands (Jn 13:34; 14:15-21; Matt 5-7). This should be evident in the general atmosphere of the school, and in the personal relationships among teachers, pupils, staff and parents. For by this will all people know that we are followers of Jesus: if we love one another. We are to treat others the way we want to be treated. In humility, we are to value others above ourselves.

Because Jesus has called us to do everything in His name, as His ambassadors, we will pursue excellence in all our endeavors of teaching, serving, learning, discovering and communicating. Because Jesus has uniquely created and gifted each individual, we will seek to uncover, nurture and encourage each student in pursuit of their strengths, gifts and vocational callings.

God rewards and disciplines those He loves. Our heavenly Father is the giver of all good things. He has fixed boundaries for our health and benefit. With the support of parents and guardians, the faculty and staff will ensure the school remains an effective and orderly learning environment through consistent recognition of student and team accomplishments, and through the application of consistent discipline and encouragement. It is our purpose to personally see that the education we provide is excellent, challenging, inspiring and thoroughly Christian. We diligently seek to instill the time-honored values of faith in God, love of family, patriotism, respect for authority and hard work. It is our responsibility to nurture, instruct and train students in order to help parents fulfill their God-given mandate to "train up a child in the way he should go" (Pro 22:6) and to "bring them up in the fear and admonition of the Lord" (Eph 6:4).

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Christian Academy Statement of Faith is reaffirmed annually by its School Board, faculty, and staff. It provides a summary of faith affirmations consistent with ancient and evangelical Christianity. The statement also affirms the biblical perspective which informs the Christian Academy's education.

1. WE BELIEVE in the Bible as the only authoritative word of God. We treasure the scriptures as Jesus showed us by His teaching and example: the scriptures are to be read, studied, memorized, meditated upon, taught, consulted, prayed, sung, proclaimed, relied on, and obeyed for they are the very words of God. (Matt. 4:1-4, 5:8; Jn 5:39, 14:6; Psa 119; 2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 3:16-18)

2. WE BELIEVE there is only one God, eternally existing in three persons—the everlasting Father, His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, and the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life; and we believe that God created the Heavens and the earth, and all things visible and invisible. (Matt. 28:18–19; Mk 12:29; Jn 1:14; Acts 5:3–4; 2 Cor. 13:14; Heb. 1:1–3; Rev 1:4–6).

3. WE BELIEVE in the full deity and full humanity of Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death, His resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, His personal return in power and glory. (Matt 2:1, 28:9-17; Lk 1:34-35; Jn 1:1-2, 10:30-38; Acts 1:9-11, 2:33-36; 1 Cor. 15:3-5; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 7:24-26, 9:26; Rev. 5:1-14)

4. WE BELIEVE salvation is by grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. We affirm that repentance from personal sin toward God, faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit are necessary to salvation. (Lk 13:3; Jn 3:3-21; 14:21-24, Acts 4:8-12, 26:17-20, Rom 6:20-23, 8:9-17, 10:8-13; I Cor 15:53-58; Eph. 2:8-10; Jam 2:14-26; Gal 5:13-26; Heb 6:1-2; Tit 3:4-7; Rev 7:9-10)

5. WE BELIEVE in the blessed hope that Jesus Christ will soon return to this earth, personally, visibly, and unexpectedly, in power and great glory, to gather His elect, to raise the dead, to judge the nations, and to bring His Kingdom to fulfillment. We believe in the final resurrection and judgment of the just and unjust. The just will be resurrected unto eternal life with God. The unjust will be resurrected unto eternal suffering. We believe in ministering in this light with the passion of those who believe: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (Jn 3:16).

(Jn 5:28-29; Rom. 14:10-12; 2 Ti. 4:1-2; 1 Pet. 4:7; 2 Pet. 3:11-14; 1 John 3:2-3; Rev. 20:11-15)

6. WE BELIEVE in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that all who are united to the risen and ascended Son of God are members of the church which is the one, holy, universal body and bride of Christ.

(Matt 16:16–18; Acts 2:42–47; Rom 12:5; 1 Cor. 12:12–27; Eph 1:20–23, 4:3–10; Col 3:14–15)

The task of Christ's people in this world is to be God's redeemed community, embodying His love by worshiping God with confession, prayer, praise and service; by proclaiming the gospel of God's redemptive love through our Lord Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth by word and deed; by caring for all of God's creation and actively seeking the good of everyone, especially the poor and needy.

(Matt 5:13-16, 24:14, 28:18-20; Mk 16:15; Jn 13:34-35; 15:12-13; Acts 1:8; 2:36; Rom 15:7; 1 Cor 12:3; 2 Cor 5:18-21; Gal 3:26-29; Eph 2:19-23, 4:1-6; I Thes 4:9-12; 1 Jn 2:3-6; 3:8, 4:7-21)

7. WE BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets, Who indwells and gives life to the Church equipping them for service and witness to spread the Good News, and to minister the love of God in every way consistent with His will and truth.

(Matt 3:11, 24:14; Lk 3:16, 24:48-49; Jn 14:12, 15:26, 20:21-23; Acts 1:4-8, 2:1-4; Rom 12:5-8, 1 Cor 2:10-16, 12:4-11; Gal 5:22-23; Heb. 13:8; 2 Pet 1:19-21)

As a non-denominational school, we welcome families from a wide variety of churches.

As a missional school, we welcome non-Christian families.

The Christian Academy affirms the ancient creeds of the Church such as the Apostles Creed, Nicene Creed, and subscribes to the Statement of Faith of the National Association of Evangelicals (USA).

Other than the seven points listed above, the Christian Academy does not take a position on the many issues that have traditionally differentiated denominations.

Core Values and Educational Purposes

The school is committed to:

1. Foster spiritual formation within the context of Christian community and life-long learning which recognizes the on-going development of Christ-like character and conduct in cooperation with God's purpose to change us to be ever more like Jesus.
(Matt 28:18-20; Luke 2:52; Jn 17:20-23; Rom 8:28-29, 12:3-8; Gal 4:19; Eph 4:11-13; Col 1:27; 2:2-3; 1 Jn 2:6)
2. Give instruction and discipline for practical training which promote healthy habits of the heart, mind, body and soul, and which equip students, families and faculty for fruitful ministry in the church, community, and the world.
(Ex 34:21, Luke 6:31, 1 Cor 6:19-20; Gal 6:10, Eph 4:11-32; Phil 4:8; Col 3:17,23; 2 Tim 3:16-17)
3. Require the disciplined exercise and cultivation of God given talents. Assist in discerning individual strengths and vocations to prepare students for success in life and further academic study at the university level. Encourage these gifts and callings to glorify God.
(2 Tim 1:6-7; Act 19:8, 28:23; Rom 12:1-21; Eph 4:11-16; Heb 12:1-3)
4. Develop their minds that they may be able to think logically, lovingly and rightly discern all things from a Biblical world view.
(Pro 3:5-6; Isa 50:10-11; Jn 3:1-36; 5:24-30; 7:24; 8:28; 17:3; Rom 8:1-39, 12:1-2, 1 Cor 1:10, 2:7-16; Gal 6:7; Phil 2:1-12; Heb 11:6; Jam 1:27; 2 Timothy 1:7, 3:5-16; 1 The 5:21; 1 Pet 1:13, 4:17; 1 Jn 2:1-6, 5:20)
5. Give instruction and discipline so God's children may learn to walk in God's law and to shine with Christian virtues.
(Psa 94:12; Matt 18:12-20; Luke 15:4-24; 1 Cor 5:6; 2 Cor 2:7, 7:10; Gal 6:1; Eph 4:10-32; Heb 12:6-11; 1 Pet 2:12; Deu 8:1-18)
6. Give this instruction and discipline in order to meet human needs with excellence, but also preeminently to labor for and seek God's glory that there might be faith, true knowledge and personal holiness in generations to come.
(Deu 10:18, 14:29, 24:17-21, 26:13, 27:19; Jer 7:6; Mal 3:5; Mat 22:34-37; 25:31-46; Luke 18:8; Act 6:1-7; Rom 12; 1 Cor 10:31-32; 2 Thes 2; 2 Tim 3:1-17; Col 3:12-25)
7. Advance the gospel, discipleship and God's kingdom, which are biblical mandates.
(Matt 6:9-15, 9:35-38, 28:16-20, Mk 16:15; Lk 11:14-28; 15:1-32; Acts 1:6-8, 2:38-39, 1 Jn 3:8, Rev 22:17)

Statement of Agreements

In signing the Statement of Agreements for Parents/Guardians, I agree that:

I have read The Christian Academy of ACTSchools, Inc.:

1. Mission Statement
2. Vision Statement
3. Statement of Cooperation
4. Code of Conduct Agreement
5. School Activities Statement of Cooperation
6. Philosophy of Education
7. Statement of Faith
8. Core Values & Educational Purposes

I agree to discuss these principles with my child(ren), to work in accordance with the above documents, and explain to my child(ren) the expectation of his/her cooperation with these principles.

I understand that I have a responsibility to actively support the authority, purpose, philosophy, objectives, policies, procedures, rules and discipline of the school as established by the Academy's School Board.

I understand The Christian Academy of ACTSchools, Inc. reserves the right to dismiss any student for lack of cooperation on the part of the student, parent, or guardian with the Christian education process.

Signed:

Enrolled Student(s):

Father/Guardian

Mother/Guardian

Date Signed