



## CHRISTIAN HERITAGE ACADEMY

### PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

Christian Heritage Academy's educational philosophy is based upon the recognition of man's unique position in all of creation. Man alone bears God's image and possesses the cognitive capacity to know God and to respond willingly to him. Christian Heritage Academy provides an environment that encourages a Christ-centered inquiry into culture and creation, with the divinely inspired Scriptures providing the foundation, absolutes, and principles for such instruction (2 Timothy 3:16). Students are taught to see all truth as God's, to interpret all learning by God's Word, and to integrate biblical revelation into daily living.

1. We acknowledge that reverence for the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Psalm 111:10) and that in his Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer, are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (Colossians 2:3). Therefore, we desire to maintain a school where instruction will center on the study of the Creator and his creation, bringing the student into fellowship with God, and nurturing a lifelong joy in seeking and learning.
2. We acknowledge that God, the Creator of the family, has placed with parents the overall responsibility for training their children (Ephesians 6:4). Therefore, we desire to maintain a parent-governed school of exemplary educational quality that meets the highest biblical and academic standards which will support training received in the home and church.
3. We acknowledge that the influence of teachers as Christian models is essential in the educational experience of children (Titus 2:7-8). Therefore, we desire to maintain a school which employs only Christian teachers and administrative staff who believe they are called by God to relate all areas of the curriculum to God's truth, who model mature Christian character (Galatians 5:22-23), and who have used their God-given abilities to acquire superior academic training.
4. We acknowledge that Christian education should encourage the development of the individual student, with unique abilities and personality, to love the Lord God fully with heart, soul and mind (Matthew 22:37-38). Therefore, we desire to maintain a school which produces students who are committed to Christ; who are able to analyze issues from a biblical viewpoint, seek answers, and stand for truth; who respond to the Holy Spirit by pursuing purity (Philippians 4:8); who learn to live and work with others; and who are maturing in their ability to live the Christian life as transforming influences in the cultures and societies in which God places them.

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