

Scarborough Christian Academy

MISSION STATEMENT

*We are committed
to educating our students
from a Biblical perspective,
with excellence in academics,*

*The school environment will be
joyful and industrious,
within a loving Christian context,
where students may grow in the Lord.*

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Bible

We believe the Bible to be the infallible Word of God. It is God's message to people today; thus, we give to it the place of supreme authority.

God

God is the one infinite and eternal, self-existent One—the Creator, Controller, and Sustainer of all things. This Divine One is tri-personal, involving the distinctions of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, coequal in attributes, creation, and redemption.

Our Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ, eternally God the Son, by His incarnation through the virgin birth, became what He never was before, Perfect Man, thus combining in one Person two natures, both complete and forevermore. This Sinless One, in full obedience to the divine will, suffered the death of the cross. He rose bodily from the grave and ascended into heaven, where He functions as Great High Priest and Advocate.

Holy Spirit

The Eternal Spirit proceeded from the Father, in the name of the Son. He is the source of all life and the Holy Scriptures. He convicts men of sin, aids them in repentance and faith, and seals every believer unto the day of redemption.

Man

Man came into existence by a distinct act of creation. God created man in His image and made him capable of communion with Himself. Man sinned and is now the object of redemption. Before him is the certainty of future judgment and unending personal existence.

Salvation

Man is freed from the condemnation of sin by repentance and acceptance, through faith, of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. Salvation results not only in deliverance from final judgment in the life to come but also, in this present life, in the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit for the deliverance from sin.

SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

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The purpose of Christian education is to place the educational part of a child's life under the teaching of the Word of God and the standard that it represents so that (1) the parents are assisted in their responsibility of rearing the child in the fear and admonition of the Lord, (2) the child may see the unifying whole of truth in the universe around him, (3) the child may interpret all information in accordance with the teaching of the Word of God, and (4) the child may learn within a spiritual environment so that his spiritual life is cared for and Truth is warmed by a spiritual dimension.

Therefore a Christian school will be distinguished from a secular school by the following considerations.

1. Teachers will be consecrated Christians who view their spiritual responsibilities to be as important as their educational responsibilities.
2. The course material covered will constantly and consistently reflect the Biblical teaching of truth, as well as a comprehensive awareness of the worldview as related to the academic courses.
3. The morals and standards taught and expected of staff and students will be those taught in the Scriptures.
4. The standards expected in all areas—academic, social, spiritual, and moral—shall be the highest obtainable and at all times must equal and excel those of the public school systems.
5. The so-called sheltered, "hothouse" limitations will be consciously avoided at all times. Contemporary views will be considered by students with the Biblical reputation or perspective added.
6. The school will obtain governmental accreditation until such time as the government refuses to recognize our distinctives and the membership elects to drop this expectation.
7. The student body composition (the ratio of Christian to non-Christian) will be such that it will not upset the spiritual standard and tone of the school.

Two further considerations that are vital to the nature of the school must be decided by the membership at large. These are (1) the interpretation of the Biblical standard and teaching of God's Word, and (2) the type of academic school to promote.

PURPOSE, AIMS, AND OBJECTIVES

PURPOSE

The purpose of The Evangelical Christian Education Association of Scarborough is to establish a high quality educational program that will lead each child to commit his heart to Christ the Truth, to grow in understanding, wisdom, and righteousness, and to perform his competent and responsible service to God and man.

AIMS

We aim to provide a learning environment of mutual trust and understanding

- that motivates a child to discover God's world
- that deepens his understanding and appreciation of the diversity and integral unity of creation
- that calls for a response in obedience to God's Word
- that develops an integrated Christian philosophy so that each student grows in the understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

OBJECTIVES

Our objectives are

- to form small learning communities, each led by a teacher coordinator
- to involve resource personnel who will lead the educational program in specialized areas
- to employ an integrated curriculum approach considering themes and interrelating subjects through participation in lectures, seminars, field trips, group and individual projects
- to develop effective communication skills and other technical and scientific skills necessary for life.

EDUCATIONAL GUIDELINES

Believing that the Lord God, by graciously giving us the Scriptures, has revealed to His people ordering principles intensely relevant to education, and has mandated man to bring the whole Word of God to bear in all its power upon education, we believe the following:

The Bible is the Word of God. It is the Truth by which the Holy Spirit enlightens our understanding of God, ourselves, and the world, and the infallible authority by which He directs and governs all our activities, including the education of our children.

Since the world, in its origin, gracious preservation, and ultimate restoration, is the work of the sovereign Triune God, and the glorification of His Name is its purpose, we can understand the world rightly only in its relation to Him.

God has given Christian parents the responsibility to nurture and educate children in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

The Christian community should establish and maintain schools to enable parents to carry out their responsibility to the Lord.

The child needs to be directed to a life commitment to Jesus Christ through guidance, correction, and instruction. Christian Day Schools help meet this need.

The teacher, as a servant of God, exercises authority in the performance of his office in educating the child in the school.

The school, established and controlled by an association of Christian believers in accordance with legitimate standards and provisions, possesses the freedom to function in education in total and voluntary submission to Jesus Christ the Lord.

OBJECTIVES OF THE TEACHING STAFF

1. To develop and administer a standard of excellence in education, while meeting the spiritual, social, and physical needs, as well as the academic needs, of the students.
2. To provide an atmosphere that will produce physical and mental health, as well as optimum spiritual and emotional growth, of students and teachers.
3. To establish a sustained supportive relationship between teachers, students, and parents.

4. To promote professional growth through exchange visits and active participation in professional organizations, and the sharing of acquired knowledge with other professionals in the field.

5. To evaluate teaching techniques in terms of the overall goals of the school.

6. To participate in the training of students in the activities of daily living.

7. By recording observations of students' progress and actions, to promote an understanding of the students' needs and to meet these needs.

8. To recognize problems and deal with them effectively.

9. To evaluate the education program in terms of the overall goals of The Evangelical Christian Education Association of Scarborough.