



Philosophy of Christian Education

The educational process in a Christian school is dependent on a Biblical philosophy, which provides a biblical worldview and essential truths for life so that students may be prepared to assume their proper place in the home, church and state. Accordingly, the philosophy of education for the school is as follows:

Philosophy based on a God-centered view that all truth is God's truth. Our aim socially is to provide a worldview from which will come a balanced personality and proper understanding and acceptance of a person's role in life at home, work, play, and worship, all grounded in the Christian concept of love. Our goal is to impact students spiritually, mentally, intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally. Our purpose is not for reformation, but for raising up young men and women to godly service, to train them in Biblical principles, responsibility, proper behavior, and citizenship, in order that they may grow to be strong Christian leaders in the future. This will be achieved through Christ-centered teachers integrating God's Word with a high quality academic program and by providing students the opportunity to develop their spiritual gifts and ministry skills.

CSLA Mission Statement

C.S. Lewis Academy is committed to providing an education that is challenging and responsive to individual needs; preparing students for life in a safe, nurturing environment that fosters character development and spiritual growth based on Biblical truth.

CSLA Statement of Faith

The school is founded upon and functions on the fundamental principles of the Word of God, and it espouses the historic Christian view of life as presented in the Bible. God speaks to us through the Bible with the help of the Holy Spirit, Who guides us in understanding and application (John 16:13; Romans 11:36). The Bible is the only inspired, infallible, inerrant and authoritative Word of God. (II Timothy 3:15; II Peter 1:21).

There is one God, the Creator and Sustainer of all things, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:1; Matthew 28:19; John 10:30).

Jesus Christ is the only perfect image of God the Father and shows us the nature of God (John 1:10). We believe in His virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:35); His sinless life (Hebrews 4:15; 7:26); His miracles (John 2:11); His death for our sins (1 Corinthians 15:3; Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 2:9); His resurrection (John 11:25; 1 Corinthians 15:4); His ascension to the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:19); and His personal return in power and glory (Acts 1:11; Revelation 19:11).

The Holy Spirit is God at work in the world and the church today (John 16:7-11). He is the Comforter (John 16:7), leads the believer into truth (John 16:13), and enables us to grow into Christ's likeness. His indwelling in every believer is a sign of salvation (Ephesians 1:13, 14). The teaching of the Holy Spirit will always be consistent with Biblical truth (John 14:16).

Salvation is essential to eternal life due to man's sinfulness, and comes as a gift from God through His grace.

School Board and Administration

CSLA is under the leadership of a Board of Administration. The Board is made up of committed Christians from the community—some being parents of students at CSLA who have a vital interest in the school. Their role includes leadership, policy-making, maintaining the constitution and by-laws, and securing the finances of the school. The daily operations of the school are delegated to the principal who is chosen for educational and spiritual leadership.

Professional Organizations

CSLA is registered with the State of Oregon as an accepted and recognized secondary school. Therefore, transcripts are accepted by state colleges and universities. The school is a member of the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) and is accredited through the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges (NWASC). CSLA is also a member of the Association of Christian Schools International.

Statement of Non-Discrimination

C.S. Lewis Academy is committed to a policy of non-discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, or scholarship, athletic, and other school administered programs. CSLA reserves the right to select students on the basis of academic performance, religious commitment, and personal qualifications including willingness to cooperate with the school administration and abide by its policies.