

Covenant Life School Philosophy Statement

Amazed by the Cross and guided by God's Word, Covenant Life School seeks to develop...

- Wise students who, through an ever-deepening revelation of God's holiness and man's sin, embrace God's standard for living.
- Passionate students who experience the love of God and respond by loving Him, loving others, and loving truth.
- Clear-minded and articulate students who engage their culture with a biblical worldview and persuasive proclamation of the gospel.
- Fruitful students who faithfully steward their gifts and mature into disciple-makers themselves.

We pursue these goals knowing that our students, although made in God's image, are sinners in need of a Savior. This salvation is through Jesus Christ, and comes by faith alone. Folly is bound up in the heart of a child (Proverbs 22:15). Yet through regeneration and the sanctifying work of the Spirit, they can put sin to death and bring God great pleasure. That motivates us to be patient with them and encourage them daily. Without minimizing sin, we strive to magnify grace in the gospel.

Under the parents' delegated authority, a Christian teacher guides students to think and live according to Scripture. This is a high calling. We seek to model a love for God and the local church, as well as a love for learning. It is equally essential that we model Christian character. We view our students as individuals with unique gifts and needs. Without stooping to mere entertainment, we seek to make knowledge attractive through a broad range of age-appropriate teaching methods and resources. We maintain biblical standards for student appearance, conduct, and academic achievement, and we communicate regularly with parents. We aim to instruct, exhort, rebuke, and encourage with all humility and diligence, depending on the Holy Spirit to convict and illumine.

Learning is a hard but wonderful privilege. It is an incremental process. Good teachers link new information to previously-learned information and reinforce new skills through repetition. Students learn most effectively as active participants -- by asking and imitating and doing, not simply hearing. The goal of learning is to gain wisdom as biblically defined: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding" (Psalm 111:10).

Whether our graduates continue with formal education or move directly into a vocation, Covenant Life School challenges them to be life-long learners devoted to serving God, the local church, and their community. Our curriculum is anchored in the authoritative truth of Scripture and is saturated with theological instruction. It stresses the rich history, literature, and language of western civilization. It cultivates an awareness and appreciation of music and the arts. It provides thorough training in scientific investigation and mathematical reasoning. It acquaints students with the computer skills necessary to perform in an increasingly technological age. In each subject, each grade, we are teaching students to master the tools of learning, not just the facts, with the goal of producing disciples who love the Lord with all of their heart, soul, mind, and strength.