

Statement of Faith

The educational philosophy of Shine Christian Academy depends upon the Bible to provide the viewpoint for interpreting any subject or any school activity. The mandate for Christian education comes from God's command that children are to be taught to love God and give Him pre-eminence in their lives, and that parents are responsible for the total education of their children (Deuteronomy 6).

The following beliefs are foundational in our Biblical philosophy of education.

- We believe God put man and woman in the garden and gave them the mandate to "Be fruitful and multiply" (Genesis 1:27, 2:20-24). This is God's blueprint for the family, which consists of 1 man, 1 woman and their children. (Matt. 9:4-6, 1 Cor. 7:1-5, Heb. 13:4. 1 Cor. 6:9-10)
- We believe knowledge of Jesus Christ and the Bible is essential to proper spiritual, mental, social, and physical growth. (Col. 1:10, 2 Pet. 1:5-8)
- We believe that the Bible, containing the 66 books of the Old & New Testaments, is the only inspired, inerrant, infallible Word of God and is the final authority on the Christian faith and Life. (II Timothy 3:6, II Peter 1:21)
- We believe there is only one God, who exists eternally in three equal persons - Father, Son, Holy Spirit - and who created out of nothing the heavens and the earth and all that is in them by the power of His spoken word (Genesis 1:1, Genesis 1:26, Psalm 33:6, Matthew 28:19, John 1:1-3, Mark 1:9-11, Hebrews 11:3)
- We believe that all men and women are born spiritually separated from God because of sin (Genesis 3:23-24; Romans 3:10-12; I John 1:8-10), and are incapable of being reconciled to God apart from the work of Jesus Christ (Romans 5:6-8; Acts 4:12; Ephesians 2:1-5).
- We believe in the physical resurrection of both the saved and the lost. Those who are saved will rise to eternal life, and those that are lost to eternal punishment (Matthew 13:49-50; Matthew 25:46; Mark 9:43, 48; Luke 16:19-31; John 5:28-29).
- We believe that the Church is the body of born-again believers in fellowship with Christ and with fellow believers (I Corinthians 12:12-13; Ephesians 2:19-21; Hebrews 10:25).
- We believe in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, who indwells believers enabling them to live a godly life (Romans 8:13-14; I Corinthians 3:16; I Corinthians 6:19-20; Ephesians 2:10; Ephesians 5:15-21).
- We believe that mankind was created in the image of God, after His likeness and therefore has transcendent, intrinsic worth from conception to natural death (Genesis 1:27; Genesis 5:1-2; Genesis 9:6; James 3:9).
- We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect an essential aspect of the image and nature of God, and as such, rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person (Genesis 1:26-27).
- We believe that men and women were created by God in His own image (Genesis 1:27; Genesis 9:6), that marriage was instituted by God whereby a biological man and a biological woman are joined together in lifelong commitment to faithful companionship, and that Biblical marriage is the only legitimate and acceptable context for sexual intimacy (Genesis 2:20-24; Matthew 19:4-6; Romans 7:2; I Thessalonians 4:1-8; Hebrews 13:4).
- God has established three institutions within human society – the family, the state, and the church – with the Triune God reigning supreme over all. Each institution, under God, has a sphere of authority with jurisdictional limits that must be respected. The state, at all levels, exists to preserve order in society, to ensure justice for citizens and residents,



and to protect families and churches, providing them with the freedom and safety necessary to fulfill their God-given responsibilities (Prov. 8:15-16; Dan. 2:21; John 19:11; Rom. 13:1-7; I Pet. 2:13-16; Tit. 3:1). The church is duty bound to promote the well-being of state and society through its moral and spiritual guidance, its worship and supplication of almighty God (II Chron. 7:14; I Tim. 2:1-6), and its charitable institutions and works (Matt. 5:13-16; Eph. 2:10; I Tim. 6:18; Tit. 2:14; 3:8, Heb. 10:24; I Pet. 2:12).

- Parents, under God, are responsible for the care and instruction of their children, natural and adopted. We believe this is an inalienable right given them by God, which the State does not create, should not destroy, and must not alter. Parents may delegate responsibility for specific areas of training and teaching without implying at any point the abolishment of their parental responsibilities. Parental responsibility is taught in the Old Testament and affirmed in the New (Gen. 18:19; Deut. 5:16, 6:4-7; Ps. 127:3-5; Prov. 1:8-9, 22:6, 23:22; Joel 1:3; Eph. 6:1-4; Col. 3:20-21).
- We agree that the state has the right to protect its youngest citizens from the depredations of parents who neglect their God given duties and will work with local government to assist in this necessary task. However, at no point does specific parental failure annul the rights and privileges extended to parents by God, nor may a Christian institution assist the state in pursuing ungodly ends, including, but not limited to, the promotion of any form of sexual sin (Mark 7:7-9; Acts 4:19, 5:29).

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