

Statement of Faith

Anchor Christian Academy's statement of faith is adapted from the Association of Christian Schools International, is fundamental to historic Christian tenets, and contains those doctrines to which we unreservedly adhere and teach. Beyond these primary doctrines, Anchor Christian Academy respects and acknowledges that many secondary doctrinal questions exist among the true Body of Christ. We defer to parents and their local evangelical churches to instruct their children on these points and to clarify these issues. Although there will be healthy, edifying, educational discussions, there shall be no attempt made by parents, students, staff, or academy board members to promote or disparage any doctrinal or denominational beliefs, practices, or positions regarding issues upon which Anchor Christian Academy itself has assumed no official stance. We desire to remain united in the salvation and love of Christ, avoiding the dissention that may be caused by denominational distinctives.

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21).
2. We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:1, Matthew 28:19, John 10:30).
3. We believe in the deity of Christ (John 10:33), 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 vicarious and atoning death (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 God (Mark 16:19), His personal return in power and glory (Acts 1:11, Revelation 19:11).
4. We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature, and that men are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Christ, and that only by God's grace and through faith alone are we saved (John 3:16–19, 5:24; Romans 3:23, 5:8–9; Ephesians 2:8–10; Titus 3:5).
5. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and those that are lost unto the resurrection of condemnation (John 5:28–29).
6. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 8:9, 1 Corinthians 12:12–13, Galatians 3:26–28).
7. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life (Romans 8:13–14; 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19–20; Ephesians 4:30, 5:18).
8. We believe that the term *marriage* has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Genesis 2:18–25). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (1 Corinthians 6:18, 7:2–5; Hebrews 13:4). We believe that God's command is that there be no sexual intimacy outside of or apart from marriage between a man and a woman.
9. We believe that God wonderfully foreordained and immutably created each person as either male or female in conformity with their biological sex. These two distinct yet complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Genesis 1:26–27).

Our Statement of Faith is not exhaustive of all of our beliefs. The Bible, as the inspired and infallible Word of God, speaks with absolute authority regarding the proper conduct of mankind and is the unchanging foundation for all belief and behavior. The ACA Board shall be the final authority in determining the purposes, values and practices within the purview of its educational mission, including all policies, curriculum, content, and disciplinary standards.

Purpose

To glorify God by supporting parents as they raise a generation to love the Lord whole-heartedly and to be Christ-like leaders in their homes, churches, communities, and the world. *Deuteronomy 6:4-7*

Mission

The mission of Anchor Christian Academy is to minister to families by partnering with Christian parents to provide for their children an education founded upon a Biblical worldview so that these children may commence a lifelong pursuit of knowledge, wisdom and understanding in their purposeful and passionate service of Jesus Christ, for the glory of God. Anchor Christian Academy has adopted a University-Model® approach which integrates professional instruction with parent mentored study and character development to achieve a college preparatory level of academic excellence.

Vision

Anchor Christian Academy's community of Christian educators and families impacts, influences, and transforms lives through academics, character development, and servant leadership.

Educators

- Display a love for God, a love for children and a love of learning
- Demonstrate a passion for Christian education and excellence in teaching
- Assist parents in their role as spiritual and academic mentors
- Utilize effective communication skills to motivate and inspire students
- Demonstrate Christ-honoring character and humility
- Serve as a positive role model for students, parents, and the community
- Commit to love, hunger for, and submit to God as revealed in His Word

Parents

- Assume the responsibilities of teaching and supervising their children
- Accept their role as most influential spiritual advisor for their children
- Participate in academy learning opportunities and activities
- Utilize their gifts to support and strengthen the academy
- Encourage one another in training children to glorify God
- Commit to respond and act with grace, humility, and a pioneering spirit
- Commit to love, hunger for, and submit to God as revealed in His Word

Students

- Develop a love of learning and desire to grow in wisdom
- Cultivate personal expression and creativity
- Develop a Biblical worldview and a heart for the world
- Display Christ-honoring character and humility
- Learn to communicate persuasively and eloquently
- Demonstrate respect and honor for others
- Commit to love, hunger for, and submit God as revealed in His Word

Guiding Principles

Christian Worldview

Education is never neutral. It is more than the mere transmission of facts; it involves the communication of life principles and values and, therefore, requires a spiritual context. Because God created, sustains and will consummate all things through His Son, Jesus Christ, we believe that facts, whether mathematical, historical, scientific, or otherwise, can only represent truth if they are taught in the context of a Christian worldview. This belief will permeate our goals and objectives, our teaching methods and our curriculum.

Christian and Non-Denominational

Anchor Christian Academy is a developing University-Model® academy. It is not a ministry of any particular church or denominational body, nor does it promote or endorse any particular denomination. It is our desire to maintain this position for the purpose of unity and fairness to each student, avoiding any dissension that may be caused by denominational distinctives. As a Christian organization, all board members, faculty, staff and student families profess faith in Jesus Christ.

Family Ministry

At Anchor Christian Academy, we affirm that parents are the child's first and best teachers. Parents are the single most influential factor in a child's educational performance, as well as in emotional, social, and spiritual development. Therefore, Anchor Christian Academy seeks to assist parents in their God-given task to train their children in mind, body, and spirit (Deuteronomy 6 and Ephesians 6:4). By providing time, flexibility, and academic expertise, we promote a partnership that enables parents to adequately fulfill the Lord's commands for the education and training of children for His glory. Anchor Christian Academy provides a support structure for parents through leadership and character development programs, as well as through seminars for parents to deepen their own understanding of academic subjects and the way in which faith shapes their worldview.

Joy of Learning

At Anchor Christian Academy, our goal is to challenge our students without exasperating them. While we will maintain rigorous academic standards for our students, we resist a learning environment hampered by excessive competition or pointless drudgery. We foster wonder and delight in the academic process through hands-on learning, real-life experiences, field trips, and special academic events that bring joy to learning. Education should not be rigid or dull, but full of life. We desire our students to not only learn, but to love learning.