



## Profile of a Providence Teacher

### *The Christ Follower*

The Providence teacher lives in a way that magnifies the grace and truth of Jesus Christ. As a follower of Christ, the Providence teacher seeks to grow in a robust prayer life and daily study in God's Word. Providence faculty are involved members in their local churches and may also serve in parachurch ministry roles.

### *The Teacher*

The Providence teacher operates professionally and pedagogically with the understanding that the gospel speaks to both the heart and the mind. Relationships and conversations exemplify a biblical worldview as Providence faculty recognize all people to be image-bearers of God. The Providence teacher appreciates art, music, and singing and enjoys instilling those loves in the lives of students. Teaching in the tradition of classical education, Providence faculty form habits, train minds, and shape hearts with delight as a joyful and obedient response to God's call on their lives.

### *Forming Habits*

Punctual and dependable, Providence teachers maintain an organized and professional work environment. Excellence and virtue begin with the discipline of good habits. Providence faculty consistently model these habits to their students.

### *Training Minds*

In the Providence classroom, instruction flows from a biblical worldview through lesson plans and assessments that are thoughtful, organized, and clearly communicated. Seeing each moment of instruction as invaluable, the Providence teacher manages the classroom in a way that maximizes learning and prioritizes character development, including respectful and loving discipline. Providence faculty demonstrate mastery of their subject area and promote a dynamic and joyful classroom environment.

### *Shaping Hearts*

As the Lord uses us as His tools to shape hearts and prepare leaders for purposeful service, they model to students a zest for life and enjoyment of the "great conversation" by continually broadening their experiences and reading good books. The Providence teacher recognizes and appreciates the unique, God-given role of parents and embraces partnership with them. Clear and generous communication, openness to parent insights, and the kind nurturing of students is essential to shaping hearts. Providence teachers enjoy the privilege of stewardship of both the classical tradition and their students' spirits.

### *The Professional*

As a colleague, the Providence teacher whole-heartedly supports the school's mission and leadership and demonstrates collegiality in interactions with others. Unified as daughters and sons of Christ, Providence teachers seek to build up, encourage, and challenge one another while appreciating the uniqueness of each faculty member. Providence faculty engage in open and honest conversation and seek reconciliation in all instances. Faculty participate in mentorship within the School, meaningfully engage in school functions, and actively seek professional growth opportunities.

### *The Individual*

The school motto of Providence, "to be rather than to seem," applies not only to the character instruction offered to students, but to the professional and personal life of the Providence teacher. The love of good character and the ability to foster it in students comes from the Providence teacher's natural overflow, teachable spirit, and heartfelt commitment to seeking the wisdom of the Lord. The pursuit of lifelong learning; a deep affection for what is true, good, and beautiful; a passion for teaching; and an ever-deepening faith are the unique marks of the Providence teacher.