

**Approved Policy Changes:  
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**Revised version of Policy 2:**

Principia strives to conform its ideals, policies, and practices to the teachings of Christian Science.

**Previous version of Policy 2:**

In its dealings with individuals or organizations, in the formulation of policies and regulations, in the establishment of methods, and in all that it does, The Principia shall strive to conform its ideals and its practices to the teachings of Christian Science.

**Revised version of Policy 5:**

Principia is committed to the demonstration of Christian Science. Principia supports members of the student body, faculty, and staff in turning to Christian Science, so that all may gain practical experience utilizing Christian Science in daily living. In obedience to the *Church Manual of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts*, by Mary Baker Eddy, Christian Science is not formally taught at Principia.

**Previous version of Policy 5:**

The Principia clearly recognizes that Christian Science shall not be taught except in the Sunday School classes provided for in the Manual of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, by Mary Baker Eddy.

In obedience to the Church Manual, Christian Science shall not be taught in the classrooms or elsewhere. Each member of the faculty and staff shall strive to demonstrate "the beauty of the music he teaches in order to show the learner the way by practice as well as precept." (*Science and Health*, p. 26:19-21, "He" here is a generic term, including all individuals.) It shall be the purpose of The Principia so to conduct its activities as to turn the members of its student body, faculty, and staff to Christian Science at all times, so that all may gain practical experience in utilizing the teachings of Christian Science in daily living.

**Revised version of Policy 9:**

Principia emphasizes devotion to the democratic way of life and individual dedication to its service, including:

freedom of thought,  
freedom of speech,  
freedom of religious worship, and  
freedom of press.

**Previous version of Policy 9:**

In all departments of its work, both curricular and extracurricular, The Principia shall place emphasis upon devotion to the democratic way of life and upon dedication of the individual to its service. Emphasis shall be laid upon the priceless privileges of the democratic way of life expressed in

freedom of thought,  
freedom of speech,  
freedom of religious worship,  
freedom of press.

**Revised version of Policy 14:**

Principia is an inclusive educational institution and strives to provide all its community members access to opportunities and responsibilities for which they are eligible. The Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, staff, and students will strive to advance their skills in understanding and supporting all community members. "Love is impartial and universal in its adaptation and bestowals" (*Science and Health*, p. 13).

**Previous version of Policy 14:**

The Principia shall be a coeducational institution in the fullest meaning of the term.

Trustees, administrators, faculty, staff, and students shall be eligible for responsibility regardless of sex, and shall enjoy equally all the opportunities which The Principia is able to provide. "Union of the masculine and feminine qualities constitutes completeness" (*Science and Health*, p. 57:4-5).

**Revised version of Policy 20:**

All obligations incurred by or due to Principia should be met promptly and fully. Principia students and employees are expected to meet their obligations honestly and in a timely manner. Business practices at Principia should be based on Principle and guided by the Golden Rule.

**Previous version of Policy 20:**

The Principia shall conduct its activities on the basis that all obligations of whatever nature incurred by or due to The Principia shall be met promptly and fully.

The practices of the business department shall not be controlled by sentiment and shall be based upon the inspiration of the Golden Rule. This policy shall not only govern the business dealings of the institution and its members in contractual or financial matters, but shall be reflected also in the demand that all obligations resting upon members of the administration, faculty, staff, and student body as members of this educational community shall be met squarely and promptly.

**Revised version of Policy 21:**

Any organized activity associated with Principia and carried on in the interests of Principia must exist only as authorized by The Principia Corporation.

**Previous version of Policy 21:**

Any organized activity associated with The Principia and carried on in the interests of The Principia shall exist only as it is authorized by The Principia Corporation.

**Revised version of Policy 22:**

All Principia activities – curricular, co-curricular, extracurricular, or work-related – must be consistent with the Purpose and Policies of Principia, and community members must abide by published Principia standards.

**Previous version of Policy 22:**

All activities taking place on the campus or within the school or college community, whether they occur as part of the organized work or as extracurricular phases of school or college life, shall be permitted to exist only to the extent that they are consistent with the purpose and policies of The Principia.

Since smoking, the use of intoxicating liquor, and loose social conduct are inconsistent with the teachings of Christian Science, they must be eliminated from the experience of members of the Principia community.

**Revised version of Policy 23:**

In the spirit of the Sabbath, Principia honors sacred time for spiritual refreshment, reflection, and renewal for individuals, families, and the community.

**Previous version of Policy 23:**

At The Principia, Sunday shall be a day of quiet, and the recreations and activities permitted on the school and college campus shall be of a type that does not conflict with the spirit of the Sabbath as a day set aside for rest and spiritual refreshment.