

DECLARATION OF VALUES



Fort Bend Christian Academy Board of Trustees
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PHILOSOPHY

Fort Bend Christian Academy is fully committed to a superior academic experience integrated with a consistent, Christian approach to learning. We also proclaim that the Bible is the inspired, inerrant Word of God and that all subjects will be presented from a Biblical perspective, with the Scripture as the measuring rod of all truth. Along with academic standards, the goals of the school are to exalt Jesus Christ as students learn to love God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength; to love others as themselves; and to learn to serve God first, in all areas of life and in whatever vocation they are ultimately led. The staff at FBC realizes their solemn responsibility before God in molding the life and character of each student in order to give a solid foundation for each student's future.

VISION STATEMENT

Inspiring students to excellence for the glory of God.

MISSION STATEMENT

Fort Bend Christian Academy exists to glorify God through excellence in college preparatory Christian education. It is the mission of Fort Bend Christian Academy to equip students to thrive spiritually, academically, socially, and physically. Accordingly, Fort Bend Christian Academy will strive to:

- provide a Biblically-based college-preparatory curriculum;
- equip students with an integrated Biblical perspective;
- give students the opportunity to accept, the encouragement to emulate, and the challenge to proclaim Christ;
- provide students the opportunity to participate in a balanced program of co-curricular activities;
- provide students the opportunity to participate in community service projects.

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

1. We believe that the Bible is the infallible, inerrant, verbally inspired Word of God and that it is, therefore, our final authority in matters of faith and practice. (*2 Timothy 3:16-17, Psalm 119:8*)
2. We believe in the eternally existing, triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (*Genesis 1:1, John 10:30, John 14:20, John 15:26*)
3. We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, and in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, where He now acts as mediator and advocate. (*Matthew 16:16, Luke 1:34, Hebrews 4:15, John 5:1-9, 1 Peter 2:24, Luke 24:36-43, Acts 1:9-11*)
4. We believe salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord. (*John 1:11-14, 3:3-21; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 2:11-14*)
5. We believe in the personal imminent return of our Lord Jesus Christ for His own, in His later return in power and glory with His own to reign in righteousness over the earth, and in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of the damnation. (*Acts 1:11, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, Hebrews 9:28*)
6. We believe that heaven is the place of eternal blessedness for the saved and that hell is the place for eternal conscious punishment for the lost. (*Revelation 20:11-21, John 5:28*)
7. We believe that regeneration is by the Holy Spirit whose indwelling enables all believers to live godly lives. (*John 16:7-8, 1 Corinthians 3:16*)
8. We believe that all believers are spiritually joined together by the Spirit of God into His Church of which Christ is the Head. (*1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 20, 27, Ephesians 5:23, Colossians 1:18*)

CORE VALUES

CHRISTLIKE CHARACTER

Ephesians 5:1-2 “Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” (NIV)

1 John 2:6 “Whoever claims to live in Him must walk as Jesus did.” (NIV)

Fort Bend Christian Academy will:

1. Lead individual students to a decision of confessing Christ as Savior and Lord.
2. Employ and/or appoint, develop, and retain board members, administrative staff, and faculty whose actions and attitudes model Christ.
3. Train and encourage students to apply the qualities of Christ in their own lives.
 - a. Help students adopt a realistic and Biblical view of life, service, and work, while providing skills for personal relationships and future endeavors.
 - b. Teach students to treat others with love and respect, recognizing that each individual is made in God’s image.
 - c. Provide opportunities for students to serve God by serving others in our community through personal giving of their time and talents.
 - d. Impart Biblical attitudes toward material things and encourage individual responsibility of using them for God’s glory.
 - e. Promote a proper understanding of time as a God-given commodity and a personal responsibility for effective use of time.
4. Equip students to communicate their faith to others.
5. Train students in the importance of establishing a consistent daily prayer life.

CORE VALUES

BIBLICAL FOCUS

2 Timothy 3:16-17 “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (NIV)

Colossians 3:16a “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom.” (NIV)

Fort Bend Christian Academy will:

1. Teach the Bible as God’s inspired Word and develop attitudes of love and respect toward it.
2. Teach the basic doctrines of the Bible.
3. Provide curriculum, instruction, and discipline that are Bibliocentric.
4. Operate by policies and procedures that are in accordance with Biblical principles.
5. Train students to apply Biblical truths to the issues of everyday life – that is, to live their lives from the perspective of a Biblical worldview.

Biblical Morality Policy

Fort Bend Christian Academy’s biblical role is to work in conjunction with the home to mold students to be Christlike. Of necessity, this involves the school’s understanding and belief of what qualities or characteristics exemplify a Christlike life. The school reserves the right, within its sole discretion, to refuse admission of an applicant or to discontinue enrollment of a student if the atmosphere or conduct within a particular home or the activities of the student are counter to or are in opposition to the biblical lifestyle the school teaches. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to, participating in, supporting, or condoning sexual immorality, homosexual activity, or bisexual activity; promoting such practices; or being unable to support the moral principles of the school. (See Lev 20:13 and Rom 1:27.)

CORE VALUES

PARTNERSHIP WITH CHRISTIAN CHURCHES AND THE HOME

Hebrews 10:25 “Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” (NIV)

Deuteronomy 6:1-2, 6-9 “These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life.

These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.” (NIV)

Fort Bend Christian Academy will:

1. Impart an understanding of each Christian’s place in the church and its worldwide task of witnessing, evangelism, and discipleship, and stimulate the student’s involvement in those tasks.
2. Partner with local churches to reach the evangelistic goals of the school and meet the spiritual growth needs of its students through inclusion of church pastors as guest speakers in chapel, spiritual life conferences, career day events, etc.
3. Develop lines of communication with university student ministries to assist our alumni in connecting with area churches and ministries.
4. Work with local churches and ministries to provide outlets for Christian service.
5. Be good stewards of our facilities and make them available to local congregations and Christian ministries when at all possible.
6. Partner with parents in all areas of the student’s development, including assistance in:
 - a. Providing up-to-date information on our changing culture and its effect on the home and implications for our children.
 - b. Encouraging families in Christian growth and strengthening of Christ-centered homes.

EDUCATION FOR KINGDOM PURPOSES

Ephesians 4:11-12 *“It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up . . .” (NIV)*

Proverbs 22:6 *“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.” (NIV)*

Fort Bend Christian Academy will:

1. Promote high academic standards and help each student gain a comprehensive command of the fundamental processes used in communicating and dealing with others, an understanding of current affairs in all fields, and an appreciation of the fine arts.
2. Encourage students to understand and effectively apply their individual God-given abilities for His glory.
3. Teach and motivate students to develop good study habits, pursue independent study, and commit to lifelong learning and intellectual growth.
4. Establish a lifestyle that includes good health habits and wise use of the body as the temple of God.
5. Help each student develop creative and critical thinking skills and proper use of Biblical criteria for evaluation and decision-making.
6. Encourage students to embrace and articulate a Biblical view in all areas of their lives, including marriage and the home.
7. Encourage students to embrace work and study ethics that are honest, ambitious, and have integrity.
8. Promote good citizenship by developing an understanding and appreciation of our Christian and American heritage of responsible freedom, human dignity, and acceptance of authority.

STATEMENT OF CURRICULUM

Our curriculum goal is to apply the Core Values of FBCA by encouraging each student to achieve his/her fullest potential spiritually, academically, socially, and physically through excellence in academics, arts, and athletics.

Spiritual Development will be encouraged by providing:

- Instruction from the Bible concerning the meaning of the Christian Gospel.
- Opportunities for students to hear, understand, and believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ and trust in Jesus as personal Savior.
- Opportunities for students to observe and practice the teachings of Jesus Christ throughout the school day and to adopt Christian attitudes and values.
- Opportunities for each student to develop a positive understanding of his/her personal worth, abilities, and potential as a child of God.

Academic Achievement will be encouraged by providing:

- Instruction from a curriculum that stresses the basic skills of reading, writing, computing, listening, and communicating.
- Opportunities for logical thinking processes (analysis, evaluation, synthesis, and problem solving).
- Opportunities for creative thinking processes involving original combinations of ideas, as well as the development of new ideas and solutions.
- Opportunities to understand, appreciate, and participate in musical, dramatic, and other artistic expressions of cultural experiences.

Social Participation will be encouraged by providing:

- Instruction concerning civic and social responsibilities.
- Opportunities to develop and demonstrate respect for people and property, and for the rights of all other members of society.
- Opportunities to form satisfying and responsible relationships with persons of various backgrounds.

Physical Development will be encouraged by providing:

- Instruction and activities that promote physical fitness and coordination.
- Opportunities to develop a wholesome spirit of competition, cooperation, and sportsmanship in athletic activities.
- Opportunities to understand and practice principles of physical health, nutritional habits, and personal hygiene.

THE TEN BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES OF KINGDOM EDUCATION

In order to raise future generations of Christians who are able to think and act from a Biblical worldview, the following principles will direct the education of our children and youth.

1. The education of children and youth is the primary responsibility of parents. (*Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 11:18-21; Psalms 78:1-7; Psalms 127:3; Proverbs 22:6, Malachi 2:13-16; Ephesians 6:4*)
2. The education of children and youth is a 24 hour-a-day, 7 days-per-week process that continues from birth till maturity. (*Deuteronomy 6:7, 11:19; Proverbs 22:6*)
3. The education of children and youth must have as its primary goals the salvation and discipleship of the next generation. (*Psalms 78:6-7; Matthew 28:19-20*)
4. The education of children and youth must be based on God's Word as absolute truth. (*Matthew 24:35; Psalms 119*)
5. The education of children and youth must hold Christ as preeminent in all of life. (*Colossians 2:3, 6-10*)
6. The education of children and youth must not hinder the spiritual and moral development of the next generation. (*Matthew 18:6, 19:13-14; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17*)
7. The education of children and youth, if and when delegated to others by parents, must be done so with utmost care to ensure that all teachers follow these principles. (*Exodus 18:21; 1 Samuel 1:27-28, 3:1-10*)
8. The education of children and youth results in the formation of a belief system or worldview that will be patterned after the belief systems or worldviews of the person's teachers. (*Luke 6:40*)
9. The education of children and youth must lead to true wisdom by connecting all knowledge to a Biblical worldview frame of reference. (*Romans 1:20; Psalms 19:1; Proverbs 4:5,7, 3:19, 9:10; Psalms 104:24, 136:5; Jeremiah 10:12; Romans 11:33; Luke 11:52; Colossians 2:3; 1 Corinthians 8:1, 13:8; Romans 1:28*)
10. The education of children and youth must have a view of the future that includes the eternal perspective. (*Colossians 3:1-2; Matthew 6:19-20; 2 Timothy 4:6-8; Acts 20:24; Hebrews 11:13; Colossians 3:23-24*)

