



# ALLENDALE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Academically Prepared **C**alled to Service **S**piritually Equipped

## Foundational Statements

### Mission Statement

The Mission of Allendale Christian School is to equip students academically, spiritually, and socially to gratefully serve God in all aspects of life.

### Vision Statements

1. At ACS, we see **students** who are eager to grow in their faith, who love to learn, and who are being equipped to reach their full and unique spiritual, academic, social, and physical potential in order to engage and change the world for Jesus Christ.
2. At ACS, we see **faculty and staff** members who are Christ-followers and are passionate about their calling, possess servant hearts, are committed to growth, model Christian behavior, support each other, and are excited to help students grow in their faith and reach their God-given potential.
3. At ACS, we see a **community** that has a strong commitment to Christ-focused education, prays for and supports each other, and is passionate about promoting the mission and vision of the school.

### Characteristics of a Graduate Statement

An Allendale Christian School education will encourage graduates to be...

- Academically successful in high school and beyond.
- Effective communicators that think critically and write and speak thoughtfully (**Loving Communicator**).
- Confident that God loves them, and others, as His unique and valuable masterpiece (**Image Reflector**).
- Able to see, cultivate, and use their God-given abilities in worship to God (**Beauty Creator**).
- Mature disciples of Christ that confidently share their faith and the gospel with others. (**God Worshiper**).
- Able to discern the world through the lens of scripture. (**Idolatry Discerner**).
- Concerned for their fellow man and eager to show Christ's love to others through action. (**Justice Seeker**).
- Servants within their community (**Servant Worker and Community Builder**).
- Stewards of creation, find beauty and order in God's world (**Creation Enjoyer, Earth Keeper, and Order Discoverer**).
- Thankful to those who provided them the gift of Christian education

## Faith Statement

1. **We believe the Bible is God breathed, inspired by the Holy Spirit and the absolute Word of God.** Deuteronomy 4:2, Psalm 19:7-9, Proverbs 30:5-6; 1 Corinthians 2:10; Galatians 1:6-10; II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:20-21.
2. **We believe that there is one God, a Holy Trinity, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.** Genesis 1:1-3; Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 12:29; John 1:1-4; II Corinthians 13:14.
3. **We believe in God the Father. We believe He is the creator of all, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He concerns Himself sovereignly in the affairs of each person, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.** Genesis 21:33; Exodus 33:14; II Samuel 24:14; Isaiah 40:28; Jeremiah 31:3, 32:17, 33:3; Romans 5:8 and 11:33-34; Ephesians 1:19-20; Hebrews 4:16; I John 5:14-15; Revelations 4:8.
4. **We believe in God the Son, Jesus Christ the Savior. We believe in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His substitutionary and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His continuous intercession for His people, and in His personal return with power and great glory.** Matthew 24:30; Luke 1: 34-35; John 1: 1- 2, 14, 3:16; Romans 3:23-26, 8:34-39; I Corinthians 15:3-4; Hebrews 4:14-15.
5. **We believe in God the Holy Spirit, the Helper and Comforter. We believe in His daily guidance and revelation of truth, in His conviction of sin, and in His indwelling presence at the moment of salvation, enabling believers to live godly lives.** John 3:5-8, 4:24, 14:16-17, 16:13-14; Acts 1:8, I Corinthians 2:6-16, 12:13; Ephesians 4:30-32, 5:18.
6. **We believe that everyone is born with a sinful nature, separated from God and in need of salvation. Rebirth by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for salvation through the repentance from sin and the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.** John 3:5-8, 5:24; Acts 2:21; Ephesians 1:6-7, 2:8-9; Titus 3:5; I Peter 1:23.
7. **We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; the saved unto the resurrection of eternal life and the lost unto the resurrection of eternal death.** Luke 16:19-26; II Corinthians 5:8; II Thessalonians 1:7-9; Revelation 20:11-15.
8. **We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.** Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:42-47; Romans 15:5-6; I Corinthians 11:23-26; 12:13; Hebrews 10:25.

Curriculum and instruction at ACS are grounded upon and bound by the Holy Scriptures (distinctly Christian), reflects a Reformed worldview, as it is interpreted in the doctrinal standards of the Reformed faith.

## Core Values Statement

### Academic Excellence that is Christ-focused

At ACS, students are provided a Biblically-based, excellent academic program that will prepare them for high school and life-long learning. Staff members have a committed relationship to Christ and are highly qualified to teach in their placement. We teach from a Biblical perspective and give God the glory for His blessings to our school.

*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17*

### Called to Service

At ACS, students are taught the importance of serving others. Christ is our ultimate model of service and love in our relationships. Servant leadership is an important part of the ministry of our school, and students will learn about and be given the opportunity to live in service to God, so that they may positively impact their community and the world for Jesus Christ.

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10*

### Spiritually Equipped

At ACS, students are presented and study the gospel in order for them to better understand God's word. Faith nurture and the ability to discern the world through the lens of scripture is a focus so that students are spiritually equipped to exhibit a Christ-like character and glorify God in all they do. We desire students to know and be confident that they are saved.

*<sup>6</sup>So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Colossians 2:6-7*

# **Positional Statement on the Teaching of Human Sexuality at ACS**

In a culture where sexuality is central to many conversations and controversies, we feel that it is important that Allendale Christian explain the position we hold on how human sexuality is seen and taught (where appropriate) within the school setting. Through all of the conversations, we see all people as image bearers of God, and we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.

## 1. Image Bearers and Sexuality

- We believe God created all things good. God also created all people in His image. Sexuality, as part of the creation, was given as a gift to Adam and Eve (Genesis 1:26-27).
- God's design for sexual expression, as stated in scripture, was intended between a man and a woman in the context of marriage. (Genesis 2:22-24; Proverbs 5:18-19; Matthew 19:4-6; Mark 10:6-9; I Corinthians 7:1-9).

## 2. The Impact of the Fall on Image Bearers and Sexuality

- No image bearer is exempt from the fall. Every aspect of creation was affected by humanity's fall into sin (Romans 3:23, 5:12).
- The brokenness that resulted from the fall impacted all of humanity in many ways, including sexuality and all human relationships. In our brokenness, humans have expressed their sexuality in ways that fall outside of God's original design (Leviticus 18:22, 20:10,13; Matthew 5:28; Romans 1:26-27).
- Despite this fact, Christians are called to a life that glorifies God (Leviticus 18:22; Matthew 6:33-34; I Corinthians 6:18-20; Ephesians 5:3; Hebrews 13:4).

## 3. Redemption of the Image Bearer

- Though sinful by nature, all Christians are granted grace and forgiveness through Christ (Matthew 26:28; Romans 6:23, 7:24-25; Ephesians 2:8-10).
- As a response for the grace and forgiveness given by God, Christian people are called to love their neighbors as themselves (Matthew 22:39; Ephesians 5:1-2; Philippians 2:1-5).