

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 Statement

We see students who are eager to grow in faith, love learning, and are reaching their full and unique potential to engage and change the world for Christ.

We see this vision being achieved through a partnership between the ACS staff and community who model Christian behavior and are strongly committed to Christ, supporting one another in the mission and vision of the school.



"A cord of three strands is not easily broken." - Ecclesiastes 4:12

Portrait of an ACS Graduate

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

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.

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

Faith Statement

Scripture

We believe that the Bible is the inspired, authoritative, inerrant Word of God and our only guide for faith and living. (II Timothy 3:16-17, Psalm 119:89, II Peter 1:20-21)

The Triune God

We believe in one God who exists in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. All three are uncreated, coeternal, and coequal in power, glory, and honor. The Triune God is infinite, almighty, completely wise, just and good, and worthy of our worship and praise! (Matthew 28:19, I Timothy 1:17, Romans 1:20, Psalm 145:3)

Creation

We believe that God created the universe and is sovereign over His creation. All things are created by and governed by God and exist for His glory. God providentially cares for His world and will one day renew it completely. God's people are called to care for His world. (Genesis 1-2, Psalm 24, Matthew 6:25-34, Revelation 21-22)

Humanity

We believe that all people are created in the image of God. All human life is precious in God's sight and every individual must be treated with dignity and respect. (Genesis 1:26-27, Psalm 139:13-16, Proverbs 30:8-9, Galatians 3:26-29)

Sin

We believe that everyone is born with a sinful nature, separated from God and in need of salvation. Adam and Eve rebelled against God, bringing misery and death into this world and alienation from God. Because of the Fall, we are spiritually dead until God makes us alive in Christ. (Genesis 3, Romans 5:12-21, Ephesians 2:1-5)

Jesus

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God. Jesus is fully man and fully God through whom all things were made. Jesus, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, lived a perfect life, taught about God's kingdom, performed miracles, forgave sins, suffered, was crucified, died, was bodily raised to life on Easter morning, and ascended to Heaven where He now sits at the right hand of God the Father and reigns forever as King of kings and Lord of lords. (John 1:1-2, 14, 3:16; Luke 1:34-35, Romans 3:23-26, Hebrews 4:14-15, I Timothy 6:15)

Salvation

We believe that salvation is found through faith in Jesus Christ and Him alone. It is by grace we are saved through faith. Jesus willingly died on the cross of Calvary to make full payment and atonement for the sins of God's people so that when they repent of their sins and believe in Jesus Christ they will be saved! They are justified fully by the shed blood of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. (John 14:6, Ephesians 2:1-10, Romans 3:22-26, John 10:11-15, Acts 16:29-31, Romans 5:9)

The Holy Spirit

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, the Helper and Comforter, who came with power at Pentecost. We believe in His daily guidance and the leading of His people into truth through the Word of God. We believe that He convicts people of sin, leads God's people to repentance, and dwells within them with His presence, empowering 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, 6:19-20, 12:13; Ephesians 4:30-32, 5:18)

The Church

We believe that the Church is the people gathered by God from all nations into one new and distinct community of faith. The Church is the People of God, the Bride of Christ, and the Body of Christ. This Church is spread and dispersed throughout the entire world, though still joined and united in heart, will and truth, in one and the same Spirit, by the power of faith in Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 2:9-12; 1 Corinthians 12:27; Ephesians 5:25-27; Rev. 7:9)

Spiritual Gifting

We believe that the Lord has gifted all his people to serve him in different ways. All members of the Body of Christ have an important role to play in God's kingdom, and must be equipped, empowered, and encouraged to use those gifts in service to God and His kingdom, (1 Corinthians 12:1-11; 1 Peter 2:9-10, Romans 12:3-8)

Responding in Gratitude

We believe that God's saving grace fills us with joy and hope and leads us into a life of gratitude for what God has done for us. It is a joy to sing God's praises, honor Him with acts of service and compassion, and point our neighbors towards Jesus Christ, the reason for our hope. (Psalm 100, Luke 17:11-19, Romans 12:1-2, Matthew 5:14-16)

Final Judgment & Eternity

We believe that Jesus Christ will return to judge the living and the dead. All people will appear before Him to be judged for their thoughts, words and deeds. Those who are guilty and reject Christ Jesus as LORD will be condemned and separated from God for all eternity. Those who have been redeemed by the saving work of Jesus Christ will be welcomed into glory and live with God forever in the new heavens and new earth. (Acts 1:11, John 3:17-18, Hebrews 9:27-28, Matthew 25:31-46, II Thessalonians 1:6-10)

To understand the Reformed Worldview, we look at the Three Forms of Unity:

1. Heidelberg Catechism
2. Canons of Dort
3. Belgic Confession

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).
- We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male and female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (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 affected 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).
- Every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31.) Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual will not be tolerated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the policies of ACS.