

Immanuel Christian School Statement of Faith

Principle Guidelines

Believing that the Lord God, by graciously giving us the Scriptures, has revealed to His people principles intensely relevant to education, and mandates man to bring the whole Word of God to bear in all its power upon education, we confess:

1. LIFE
That human life in its entirety is religious, for God created men to serve him everywhere, and requires us to educate our children for this purpose.
2. BIBLE
That the Bible as the inspired written Word of God is truth by which the Holy Spirit enlightens our understanding of God, ourselves, and the world, and the infallible, eternal authority by which he directs and governs all our activities, including the education of our children.
3. CREATION
That since the world, (in its origin, gracious preservation, and ultimate restoration), is the work of the triune God, and since the glorification of his name is its purpose, we can understand the world rightly only in its relation to him.
4. MAN
That man was created in the image of God to enjoy covenantal fellowship with his Creator and to reflect in his person and works the excellencies of his Maker, and was instructed to exercise dominion over the world in strict and loving obedience to God and to interpret all reality in accordance with His law and design.
5. SIN
That sin is disobedience of God's law and that man by sinning forsook his office and task, estranged himself from God and his neighbour, and brought God's curse upon the creation. As a result, man has become corrupt in heart and blind to the true meaning of life, and represses and misuses the knowledge of God which confronts him in creation and in Scripture.
6. CHRIST
We believe that Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, according to the Scriptures, is both truly God and fully man. By His life, death, and resurrection He reconciles us and all the world to God and redeems our life in its entirety. Through His spirit He renews our hearts to God and neighbour, and redirects our understanding to rightly know God, ourselves, and the world. He is the only way of salvation.
7. THE KINGDOM OF GOD

The rule of Jesus Christ over all things (the Kingdom of God) makes education possible and meaningful. In obedience to Christ, we reject every attempt to withdraw any area of life from the divine commandment to love the Lord with all our heart and mind.

8. PARENTS

That God has given parents the responsibility to nurture and educate their children. Thus we seek a Christian education for our children.

9. THE CHILD

That the child, entrusted by God to parents, needs ordering, correction, and instruction. Children of the Christian home share in the promises and demands of the Gospel, and are required to receive Christian instruction. The child participates in this educational process by recognizing and assuming his/her responsibility for learning.

10. THE TEACHER

That Christian teachers, both in obedience to God and in cooperation with parents, have a unique pedagogical responsibility while educating the child in the school.

11. THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

God has commanded two institutions to educate: the home and the church. As an extension of either or both of these institutions, the Christian school has a Biblical mandate to educate. That the Christian school established and controlled by a society of Christian believers, in accordance with legitimate standards and provisions, possesses the freedom to function in education in total and voluntary submission to Christ the King.