

MOLINE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FAITH COVENANT

THE STANDARD of Moline Christian School shall be the scriptures of the Old and New Testament confessed to be the infallible Word of God as these are interpreted in the historic confessions.

We believe that all teaching and learning occurs within the context of fundamental views of life and society. Starting with the belief that God is the source of all truth, education becomes the exciting adventure of seeking to appropriate knowledge in all its various facets under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Christian education at Moline Christian School takes for its perspective the Biblical view of God, man and the universe in their relationships.

From the Bible we derive the following principles which provide the framework for education at Moline Christian School:

1. **GOD:** That the triune God who has revealed himself in the Bible and in creation is sovereign as creator and sustainer of the universe and as redeemer and sanctifier of His people. All studies in school must acknowledge God, and He must be given primary allegiance in all of life.
2. **THE BIBLE:** That the Bible is the infallible, authoritative, written Word of God, through which God enlightens our understanding of Himself, of ourselves, of our fellow human beings, and of the world. Through His Word, God also directs humanity in all relationships and activities and thus guides His people in the education of their children.
3. **CREATION:** That God by the Word, that is His Son, has created the heavens, the earth and all creatures, giving to every creature its being, shape, and form and office, to serve its creator. God's children must come to learn that humanity and the entire world can be rightly understood only in relation to God who directs all things to the coming of His kingdom and the glory of His name by His creations, restoration, and providence. We recognize that we are to be stewards of this creation, holding it in trust for our Lord.
4. **HUMAN LIFE:** That human beings are created in the image of God. The choice is clear: all of life is either in service to the God of the Scripture or to a god of human invention. For us as Christians, life is lived in service to the true God of Scripture and we intend to bring praise and glory to God alone.
5. **SIN:** That outside of Christ, human sin is radical and pervasive. Human sin distorts our view of the true meaning and purpose of life, and it misdirects human culture, thereby bringing God's curse on creation.
6. **REDEMPTION:** That Christ, the only begotten Son of God, is the Word incarnate and Lord of creation. Christ, as redeemer, restores the relationship between God and His creation and renews human life through His Holy Spirit.
7. **THE GOSPEL:** That the Gospel is the good news that salvation is the free gift of God, through faith, not by our own works. The Gospel is revealed as a single Covenant of Grace, which binds together the Old and New Testaments. Although the preaching of the Gospel is primarily the task of the church, the Christian School must teach these truths as well.
8. **KNOWLEDGE:** That true knowledge is made possible by knowledge of the true God, enlightened through the Word of God by the Holy Spirit. Thus, knowledge of the true God plays a decisive role in the understanding of our everyday experience and of all educational activity.

9. **GOD'S KINGDOM:** That the kingdom of God embraces all of creation, and thus it transcends all political and temporal boundaries. The ultimate purpose of our teaching and learning is to broaden and increase the depth of understanding of God's kingdom.
10. **CALLING:** That God's people may be called to work in a broad spectrum of occupations in God's kingdom. The calling of believers is to know God's Word and His creation, to consecrate the whole of their lives to the establishment of God's kingdom, to love their fellow human beings, to be stewards of all that God entrusts to their care, and to transform culture, bringing it into subjection to Christ.

This goal of providing our children with a Christian education is entirely dependent on a partnership between the families, the church, and the school. Our common beliefs must mutually support and reinforce the responsibility we each have to raise our children in the fear of the Lord. The following beliefs undergird our teaching. These ideas stem from the fundamental statements above.

Purpose: To define and articulate the Christian worldview of Moline Christian School as based on Scripture and to implement procedures to ensure consistent compliance and adherence to this covenant, focusing on the faith and practice of the staff and board members. The goal is to remain true to our established Biblical foundation so that all who come behind us find us faithful.

Rev. 3:2 "Strengthen that which remains."

Col. 2:6-8 " So then, just as you received Jesus Christ as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

Hebrews 2:1 " We must pay careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away."

Psalms 101: 2-4, 7 "I will conduct the affairs of my house with a blameless heart, I will not look with approval on anything that is vile. I hate what faithless people do; I will have no part in it. The perverse of heart shall be far from me, I will have nothing to do with what is evil. No one who practices deceit will dwell in my house: no one who speaks falsely will dwell in my presence."

II Timothy 4:3-5 " For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

I have read and agree with the Faith Covenant.

Signature

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Head Administrator

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