

Philosophy and Goals

Central Valley Christian High School

Introduction

The educational philosophy of Central Valley Christian HS is based on the firm foundation of God's Word as it is revealed in the Bible and interpreted in the Reformed confessional standards. The design of the curriculum of CVCHS reflects a desire that our children and their children after them may fear the Lord their God as long as they live by keeping his decrees and commands (Deut. 6:2).

God's Creation

God the Father, the first person of the Trinity, is the creator of the universe. The Bible teaches that mankind as the crown of creation is created in the image of God. Man's calling and mandate is to glorify God his creator and to be a steward of his creation.

Man's Fall

Man's fall into sin has resulted in a broken relationship and being out of harmony with God. Sin has affected every part of man's life. It is important to educate sinful humans about their selfish nature and God's salvation plan offered in Jesus Christ.

Christ's Redemption

Jesus, God's incarnate Son, was sent by God the Father to redeem his people from their sin. Through Jesus' death and resurrection and the work of the Holy Spirit, the relationship between man and God is restored. This redemption of fallen mankind is received by grace without merit through a personal exercise of faith in Jesus' sacrifice for us (Ephesians 2:8-10). Therefore, out of gratitude to Christ, those who are recipients of this grace choose to live a life of obedience to Christ, the giver of new life.

The Bible

The Bible is the infallible Word of God. *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be equipped for every good work* (II Timothy 3:16). Thus, the Bible is God's revealed truth about himself, man in God's creation, and his work of redemption through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ and the working of the Holy Spirit.

Parental Responsibility

God has given parents the privilege and responsibility of teaching their children about the covenantal relationship which he made with believers and their children.

Parents are also required to observe the educational requirements of the state according to Romans 13. To discharge this responsibility, parents have established Central Valley Christian High School, where Christian teachers join with parents to educate their children.

Education

The education offered at CVCHS is based on biblical principles of a proper relationship between God, man, and the creation. Students are taught that all of life is to be consecrated to God, lived in service to our fellow man as stewards of God's creation in fulfilling the cultural mandate (Genesis 1:28).

Curriculum

Since every person has unique needs, the program at CVCHS will attempt to meet those needs. The curricular program, therefore, must meet certain standards. The curricular offering will

- Bring students back into harmony with God's order for life.

- Recognize the dignity and uniqueness of each student.

- Aid the development of the student's God given potential.

- Enable the student to make a positive contribution to society.

The curriculum offerings follow biblical principles and present a prevailing dynamic Christian perspective.

The School and the State

CVCHS has been organized and administered according to the legal standards and provisions of the State of California and will therefore follow all laws applicable to the school.

The Home

The spheres of influence within the life of the student are the home, the church, and the school. It is within the home that the nurturing process begins, and where a supportive learning atmosphere for the educational process at school is developed. A student's value system originates in the home and, as he grows, is further developed by the home, church, and school working together. Working together they form a structure of great strength and stability.

The Church

An active church life for a student and his family is essential. Enrollment at CVCHS requires regular attendance at a Bible believing church by the family. Bible believing churches are those which faithfully preach the Word, faithfully practice the sacraments, exercise spiritual discipline among the members, and hold

to all the doctrines summarized in the Apostles' Creed. Only a church which is true to the Scriptures can be effective in genuine kingdom building. It is within the fellowship of believers that Christians encourage one another to love, service, and obedience, including the establishment of Christian schools.

The School

The Christian school is responsible for working with those brought into God's kingdom through the home and the church by preparing them to live responsibly in God's creation. It derives its authority in discipline and character training from the fact that the school is an extension of the home and is founded on the Word of God. The school delegates this authority to its teachers.

The school must have a competent staff of Christian teachers who are dedicated educators, trained in the skills of teaching and understanding students, submissive to the Holy Spirit and faithful to the Scriptures.

Summary

It is important that the influence of the home, church, and school in the life of a student be in harmony with one another and with the Word of God, in order to enhance the growth of the students to be stable, active members of God's kingdom.

Goal: God at the Center

The educational goals of CVCHS guide the total curriculum. Students are transformed into a new nature of loving God and their neighbor. Students will redirect their focus to one that is God centered, so they can live lives of obedience to the will of God (Romans 12:1-3).

Goal: A Love for Learning

Students of CVCHS will be taught to develop a love for lifelong learning. The students will be stimulated to an intellectual curiosity through investigating what God has created and what he has enabled man to develop and discover. The joy of intellectual discovery will be nurtured in our students.

Goal: Developing a Value System

Our students will learn to discern Christian values. Students will grow in Christian wisdom by being guided to biblically based standards so they demonstrate that Jesus Christ is the Lord of their lives (Philippians 1:9-11).

Goal: Reflected in the High School Curriculum

Students of CVCHS will continue to develop the skills needed in the pursuit of learning in all curricular areas. The emphasis will be on synthesizing, applying, and implementing

what has been taught in the lives of our students. An atmosphere conducive to the development of social skills will be provided. Aesthetic sensitivity will be promoted through the arts and other forms of self expression. The school will seek to provide creative expression through extra curricular activities. Special needs and abilities may be discovered through standardized testing and/or individual counseling. The school will seek to promote the ESLRs throughout its