

Appendix "A"
CONSTITUTION
OF
THE EUGENE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Article I. EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

It is assumed that sound scholarship and Christian faith and experience are mutually interdependent and meaningful, and that sound education must correlate these in the growing experience of the student. High scholastic achievement is to be combined with Christian faith and culture and the development of citizenship and leadership for family, church and state in a democratic society.

The school seeks to provide an educational adventure within a Christian community. Objectives, curriculum, counseling, and teaching are conceived within this framework. An attempt is made to integrate learning and doing in a pattern of experience which recognizes that man is both a spiritual being with an eternal destiny and a responsible member of a socially interdependent society.

We believe parents are responsible for the education of their children. The function of the Christian School is to assist Christian families in this responsibility by helping each pupil to become a born again Christian and build Christian character and a Christian perspective.

Article II. INSTITUTIONAL OBJECTIVES

In harmony with its philosophy of education and its statement of faith, Eugene Christian School has identified institutional objectives.

- A. To teach all truth as God's truth, integrating all fields of learning around the person and the work of Jesus Christ, bringing the divine revelations through sense, reason, and intuition to the confirming test of the Bible. ("All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." II Timothy 3:16-17, R.S.V.)

- B. To support academic programs which liberate the students for a life of purpose and fulfillment, through an awareness of the resources of knowledge and culture available to them.
- C. To maintain a program of varied activities that: communicates the saving gospel of Jesus Christ and supports the student in faithful discipleship; encourages attitudes and behaviors of reverence and devotion toward God; leads to recognition that the law of God as revealed in biblical commandments establishes the conditions for life to flourish and drives students to the need for Christ as savior and Lord; teaches the student that Christ is not only God's saving gift, but also our example to strive to imitate in all relationships; develops a greater desire to serve mankind and make disciples of all nations in a spirit of Christian love; and through the gospel of Christ delivers the student into "the obedience that comes from faith" (Romans 1:5). "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death." (Romans 8:2, R.S.V.)
- D. To promote curricular activities that will emphasize the development of leadership, initiative, and teamwork by giving opportunity to make practical use of the skills and ideas acquired through academic courses.
- E. To make itself a community in which studies and activities are made relevant to life; to develop insight into social and political issues confronting mankind, and learn to participate democratically in decision making and policy implementing as responsible citizens.

The institution seeks to influence contemporary culture and to be involved in it. It stands unapologetically for the Christian faith, seeks to bring a Biblical worldview to bear upon the culture, and challenges the prevailing secularism and humanism of our times. It aims to prepare students for creative vocational leadership and constructive community involvement.

Article III. THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Eugene Christian School aims to bring the student to a knowledge that he walks in the grace of God in Christ who "makes us free indeed" (John 8:36).

- A. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21).
- B. We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:1, Matthew 28:19, John 10:30).
- C. We believe in the deity of Christ (John 10:33), His virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23, Luke 1:35), His sinless life (Hebrews 4: 15, 7:26), His miracles (John 2:11), His vicarious and atoning death (1 Corinthians 15:3, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 2:9), His Resurrection (John 11:25, 1 Corinthians 15:4), His Ascension to the right hand of God (Mark 16:19), His personal return in power and glory (Acts 1:11, Revelation 19:11).
- D. We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature, and that men are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Christ, and that only by God's grace and

through faith alone are we saved (John 3:16–19, 5:24; Romans 3:23, 5:8–9; Ephesians 2:8–10; Titus 3:5).

- E. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of condemnation (John 5:28–29).
- F. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 8:9, 1 Corinthians 12:12–13, Galatians 3:26–28).
- G. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life (Romans 8:13–14; 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19–20; Ephesians 4:30, 5:18).
- H. We believe that the term marriage has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Genesis 2:18–25). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (1 Corinthians 6:18, 7:2–5; Hebrews 13:4).
- I. We believe that God's command is that there be no sexual intimacy outside of or apart from marriage between a man and a woman.
- J. We believe that God wonderfully foreordained and immutably created each person as either male or female in conformity with their biological sex. These two distinct yet complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Genesis 1:26–27).

Our Statement of Faith is not exhaustive of all of our beliefs. The Bible, as the inspired and infallible Word of God, speaks with absolute authority regarding the proper conduct of mankind and is the unchanging foundation for all belief and behavior. The Eugene Christian School Board of Directors holds final interpretive authority on biblical meaning and application with regard to faith, doctrine, policy, practice, and discipline.

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