



# FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES

**FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURE:**     *In all things...Christ Pre-Eminent. Colossians 1:18*

## **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

### ***We believe:***

1. In one God, the creator and sustainer of the universe, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
2. In the divine inspiration, infallibility and final authority of the Bible as the Word of God.
3. In the uniqueness of man, by virtue of his special creation in God's image, and his responsibility to understand and master the world to the glory of God.
4. The unique Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnate, virgin-born Son of God.
5. In the representative and substitutionary death of our Lord Jesus Christ as the necessary atonement for our sins.
6. In the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord and that blessed hope, His personal return.
7. In the power of the Holy Spirit in the work of regeneration and His continuing work in the heart of the believer.
8. In the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved and the everlasting punishment of the lost.
9. In the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.
10. In the covenant of marriage, between one man and one woman only, as an important and critical part of God's created order.

## **VISION**

Salisbury Christian School leads students to spiritual, intellectual, social and physical maturity, in partnership with parents and the church, so that students become disciples of Jesus Christ, walking in wisdom, obeying His Word and living their faith.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Salisbury Christian School exists to honor Jesus Christ by offering a comprehensive educational program founded upon Biblical truth and academic excellence.

## **CORE VALUES**

### ***Christ-centered***

SCS is committed to keeping Jesus Christ at the center of all that we engage in spiritually, academically, socially and physically. This commitment takes vigilance and fortitude and must be the foundation of all programs at all levels of life and culture at SCS. (*Colossians 1:18*)

### ***Academic excellence***

SCS is committed to providing an optimal academic environment for the learning experience of every student. Nothing less than excellence is worthy of a school named for our Lord Jesus Christ. (*I Corinthians 10:31*)

### ***Community***

SCS is proud to be a community of believers from many different denominations knowing that Christian unity pleases God (*Psalms 133:1*). We recognize that the major tenets of the faith (see *Statement of Faith*) are what bind us together as a Christ-centered family. (*Romans 15:5-6*)

### ***Servant Leadership***

SCS is committed to hiring and retaining Christian role models who exhibit not only professional excellence but also true leadership through service to our students. Jesus is our example when he said that he came "not to be served, but to serve..." (*Mark 10:45*)

### ***Stewardship***

SCS is committed to exercising biblically based stewardship of all assets and resources recognizing that we have an obligation to properly care for all that is entrusted to us by the Lord. (*I Chronicles 29:11*)

## **EXPECTED STUDENT OUTCOMES**

### ***Spiritually, the school expects its students to:***

- possess an established faith in God as Creator, Redeemer, and Provider
- love and respect the Bible
- have a developed Biblical worldview through the integration of life and studies with the Bible
- live a life of obedience and excellence for the glory of God
- have a servant's heart

### ***Academically, the school expects its students to:***

- possess high academic personal standards reaching to his/her full academic potential
- master the fundamental processes in communicating: reading, writing, speaking, listening and mathematics
- possess a love for reading and creative writing
- have good study skills
- think critically, creatively, and constructively
- be an independent and lifelong learner
- proficiently engage in discussion on current events in the community, the nation, and the world
- fulfill the cultural mandate of captivating all areas of culture and nature for the honor of Christ
- possess an understanding and appreciation of various world cultures
- have an appreciation of the fine arts
- have a disciplined approach for logical thinking and research
- be proficient in the use of computers
- be able to demonstrate life application of math facts, concepts, and skills
- possess a scientific understanding of God's creation

### ***Socially, the school expects its students to:***

- have a biblically developed personality
- respect and protect all human life
- possess a biblical view of time, work, and material possessions
- be a responsible citizen, actively participating in all areas of community life and government
- attend and serve a local church
- consistently practice biblical principles within all relationships

### ***Physically, the school expects its students to:***

- have respect for the human body as the Temple of the Holy Spirit
- continually develop fine and gross motor skills
- maintain proper dietary habits
- be promoters of lifelong health habits

## **PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION**

### ***Christian Education***

The purpose of education is to impart knowledge in order to prepare students for life. The primary responsibility for the education of the child lies with the parents. The interaction of the parents, church, and school forges values and practices that can last throughout the child's life. The Christian school partners with the parent in establishing an orderly and structured setting for learning to take place. Christian education seeks to encourage the students to view the acquisition of knowledge within a worldview that is consistent with the home and church experience of the student.

*In support of the role of the parents and church, there are three unique components of Christian school education:  
the student, the teacher, and the curriculum:*

### ***The Student***

Humans are created in the image of God and therefore each student possesses incredible worth and potential. As such, each student must be viewed as an individual with unique intellectual, social, and physical capabilities. The student must be an active participant in the educational process for learning to be maximized.

### ***The Teacher***

The teacher must first have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and exhibit a passion for the education of children. The teacher must possess a mastery of his subject area and its biblical integration. It is imperative that the teacher knows his students and provides a dynamic and interactive learning environment. In addition to providing academic training, the teacher must also nurture, guide, and promote spiritual growth within the student.

### ***The Curriculum***

The curriculum must reflect the knowledge of God as well as the theme of the redemption and restoration of man. A Christian curriculum permeates all subject areas. The curriculum must be based upon an excellent academic foundation in which all subject areas are intentionally taught from a Christian worldview.