

BAPTIST REGIONAL SCHOOL

PHILOSOPHY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Baptist Regional School operates from a Christ centered perspective of education. This means that our total program is developed from the biblical point of view. The Bible is the inspired Word of God and, as such, it carries absolute authority for the Christian. All things are taught in the light of God's Word for it is our belief that God is truth (John 14:6), that His Word is truth (II Timothy 2:15), and that we are to worship Him in truth (John 4:24).

It is our belief that in order to teach from a Christian perspective, all faculty, administrators, and staff members must know God personally through salvation in Jesus Christ and have a daily walk that evidences fellowship with God. As a result, teachers will view the student as a person in need of redemption and seek to bring the student to the place of receiving Christ, for salvation is the first prerequisite to true learning.

Everything that exists was created by a direct act of God, and when we study the world around us, we are studying God's creation. We believe that truth, in all areas of life and learning, is of God and that to be properly educated this must be recognized. When we study history and current events, we are really looking at God's acts and when we study man himself, we are investigating the "image of God". Therefore, whatever we study we see God, for He has revealed Himself in all things.

The family is the first institution God created and children are an heritage of the Lord (Psalm 126:3). God has commanded Christian parents to train their children according to the Word of God (Proverbs 22:6, Ephesians 6:4). The Christian school is an extension of the home and church and operates to assist Christian families in training their children.

We believe in training the whole child, which includes the physical, mental, emotional, social, and spiritual areas. Education is the process of communicating new ideas, perceptions, values and skills to students and of securing their acceptance and adoption in the students' lives. The child should be educated that he might have knowledge, understanding and wisdom to become an effective tool for God in society. We believe that it is much more important to teach from the context of "how to live" than "how to make a living" (Matthew 6:31-32). A truly educated person is one who knows Christ as Savior and Lord, and thus is led by the Holy Spirit in the process of learning.

It is within this framework that Baptist Regional School will offer education with a high standard of excellence, leading children to Christ while providing a Biblical view of God and the world. The Word of God will always be the focal point of the total program.

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