

# Kalamazoo Christian Schools Statement of Beliefs and Purposes

The Kalamazoo Christian School Association has been established and maintained by parents/guardians who are committed to training children in keeping with the teachings of the Holy Bible as interpreted in the Reformed Standards. As a parent/guardian seeking to enroll my child(ren) in the Kalamazoo Christian Schools and to become a member of this Association, I/we affirm the Statement of Beliefs and Purposes contained herein is consistent with my/our own beliefs.

- 1. God exists in three persons, namely, God the Father who is the creator and sustainer of the universe; God the Son who became incarnate in Jesus Christ to save sinners who believe in Him and who now rules as King of the universe and the universal church; and God the Holy Spirit who was sent as the Christian's comforter, sanctifier, and guide. (Ex 20:2-3, Deut. 6:4, Rev 4:11, Matt 28:19).
- 2. The Holy Bible is the only infallible and inspired Word of God and it must be taught and used as the guide for the Christian's life and conduct. (II Tim 3:16-17, II Peter 1:19-21)
- 3. The Word of God requires Christian parents/guardians to make every effort to train their children in the fear and nurture of the Lord, and for this reason the instructions of children in the school as well as in the home must be in keeping with the teachings of the Word of God. (Prov 3:2-4)
- 4. The primary responsibility for education rests upon parents/guardians to whom children are entrusted by God, and that Christian parents/guardians should accept this obligation in view of the covenantal relationship which God established with believers and their children. As such, KCS parents/guardians partner with the school by entrusting their children to the teachers, administration and school board as they carry out the articulated mission and vision of KCS.
- 5. We must help our students understand that God summons them to honest worship, moral discipline and personal holiness, and we must equip them for meaningful service in the Kingdom of God.
- 6. Students enrolled in Kalamazoo Christian Schools and their parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be associated with and regularly attend a Christian church. (Heb 10:22-25, Rom 12:4-8)
- 7. Kalamazoo Christian Schools shall meet the academic standards of the state both in respect to academic requirements for faculty and administration and in terms of

offering the basic curriculum to enable the student to contribute to the general welfare of the state and the society in which (s)he lives.

## **Parent or Guardian Agreement**

- 1. I agree that I am enrolling my child(ren) in the Kalamazoo Christian Schools primarily because of my earnest desire that my child(ren) receive a God-centered academic education.
- 2. I want my child(ren) to be educated in a manner consistent with the above-stated beliefs and purposes of the Kalamazoo Christian School Association.
- 3. I agree that as a parent/guardian, I will support the schools in their efforts to provide an education that is distinctively Christian and I will seek to uphold and maintain the fundamental unity of the schools and the home.
- 4. I understand the personal conduct of all students and parents/guardians must conform to the standards of the Association as stated in our Parent/Student Handbook. If disagreement exists, I will have the opportunity to discuss such matters with the faculty, administration, and the Association Board.
- 5. I understand that enrollment is subject to the governing authorities of the Kalamazoo Christian School Association who reserve the right to accept or reject any student.
- 6. I understand that the Kalamazoo Christian School Association admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded and made available to students of the schools. I further understand that the Kalamazoo Christian School Association does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies and admission.

I hereby certify that I have read this supplemental registration form consisting of the Basis, Statement of Basic Beliefs and Purposes, and the Parent/Guardian agreement, and I do affirm that my beliefs are consistent with those stated. I furthermore accept the conditions and requirements of this document and all other official policies and procedures of the Kalamazoo Christian School Association, including the payment of fees and charges according to the published schedules of the Association. Violation of the parent/guardian agreement may result in immediate termination or jeopardize enrollment in future years.

# Parent/Guardian Signature

# Position Statements on Marriage, Sexuality and the Sanctity of Life

In a culture where marriage, gender and life is central to many conversations and controversies, we feel that it is important that Kalamazoo Christian explain the position we

hold on how marriage, gender identity and the sanctity of life is seen and taught (where appropriate) within the school setting. Through all of the conversations, we see all people as image bearers of God, and we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.

KCS understands that differing opinions on Marriage, Gender Identity and the Sanctity of life and other topics may exist within our broader constituencies, but in this and all matters requiring discernment, we ask our staff to be Christ-like, loving of one another, seeking mutual understanding, and emphasizing a spirit of grace and reconciliation.

### Marriage

God's plan for marriage is intended between a man and a woman. (Gen 2:22-24, Prov 5:18-19, Matt 19:4-6, Mark 10:6-9, Eph 5:31)

#### **Gender Identity**

God created each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Gen 1:26-27, Matt 19:4)

### **Sanctity of Life**

God created human life to be sacred and in his image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect and value all human life. (Psalm 139)