



For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, ...Ephesians 2:10

The Christian School looks to the Holy Bible as the book for determining a philosophy of education and objectives that are valid. Since the Bible is inspired by God and is inerrant, philosophy and objectives derived from it will be God-honoring. They differ from those of schools, which do not derive their statements from God's revelation.

Christian Schools exist because their philosophy is unique in the educational world. They stand apart, for their philosophy is based upon the truth, according to none other than the Lord Jesus Christ. He said in John 17:17, "Sanctify them in the truth; Thy Word is truth."

Statements of philosophy and objectives must be clearly written and understood if they are to give direction to the school, and if they are to permeate the life of the students. Administrators, teachers, board members and parents, should be involved in formulating these statements and their periodic review and revision.

The Scriptures lay the philosophical foundation as the Master Teacher taught by precept and example; by knowing and doing. Though He reached the masses, He loved each individual. The teachings of Christ were dynamic for He, who is truth, understood His pupils and used His own methods to affect changes in them. The teacher sent by God declares truth and guides experiences. They rely daily upon God's promise, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with Mine eye" (Psalm 32:8). It is this blessed, peaceful security that the Christian teacher passes on to his students.

GENERAL PHILOSOPHY AND OBJECTIVES

Palmetto Bay Christian Academy is founded upon the perpetual mandate of Proverbs 22:6 to "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

We believe this responsibility is given to parents; "and fathers do not provoke your children to anger; but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). However, upon enrollment, the Academy joins in partnership with parents in providing this training.

Training is viewed as guiding each child's development toward Christ-like character and conduct, through a loving concern for his physical, mental, social and spiritual needs. "But the goal of our instruction is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith." (1 Timothy 1:5) NASB

We believe as Psalm 127:3 states, "Children are a gift from God," and possess special abilities and talents.

We strive to provide an enjoyable environment in which the abilities and talents of the average and above-average student may be developed to their fullest potential. "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. And there are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons" (1 Corinthians 12:4-6). NASB

It is our aspiration to guide children toward Christ as the source of all truth and the provider of spiritual life according to Colossians 1:16-17, "For by Him all things were created, both in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or under authorities – all things have been created by Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together."

We believe the Word of God is to be at the center of the educational process and the means by which to evaluate all of life. "Holding forth the word of life; so that in the day of Christ I may have cause to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain" (Philippians 2:16). NASB

Learning experiences are designed to assist students in realizing five major objectives:

- 1. To understand and accept God's love for Him as revealed in Jesus Christ through the Bible as presented in John 3:16.*
- 2. To develop a positive attitude toward learning, himself, and others as presented by the positive teachings of Jesus throughout the New Testament. "For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 3:11) NASB*
- 3. To learn the basic facts and concepts fundamental to a formal education. "Let the Word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another...And whatever you do in word and deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father." (Colossians 3:16-17) NASB*
- 4. To develop skills of reasoning and communication. "Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned, as it were, with salt, so that you may know how you should respond to each person." (Colossians 4:6) NASB*
- 5. To learn to obey, to do right and to love God and country. "...But I want you to be wise in what is good and innocent in what is evil." (Romans 16:19) NASB*