

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT INWOOD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

FAITH STATEMENT AND AGREEMENT OF SUPPORT

The mission of Inwood Christian School is to provide an atmosphere in which each unique child of God is challenged both academically and Biblically to live as a Christian, serving Him in all areas of life.

1. Education at Inwood Christian is based on the Bible and supported by Reformed Confessions including the Belgic Confessions, the Canons of Dort, and the Heidelberg Catechism which gives us the following Christian beliefs:

- ✧ We believe in one God who is known to us as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
- ✧ We believe we are sinful and in need of salvation.
- ✧ We believe that salvation is available to us through our faith in Jesus Christ.
- ✧ We believe that we have been created to use our whole being to praise God in all areas of our lives including our time, abilities, work, and education.

2. The principles of Christian instruction we base our teaching on are:

- ✧ To make children aware of what it means to be God's image bearer
- ✧ To enable children to grow in their knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of God's creation
- ✧ To enable children to better understand the effects of sin upon God's perfect creation, including themselves, and the culture we live in
- ✧ To encourage them to respond to God's call to live as His disciples, and to help them grow in their faith and see their own responsibility of developing a personal relationship with Jesus as their Savior
- ✧ To help them develop the Christian characteristics of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control
- ✧ To help children grow intellectually and acquire skills for them to use to better analyze, evaluate, and respond as God's disciples in our world

3. Parents are asked:

- ✧ To agree that they are choosing Inwood Christian School primarily because of their sincere desire for a God-centered education
- ✧ To agree to and support the standards of the school in every area of its philosophy and policies including academic, behavioral, spiritual, moral, and disciplinary policies
- ✧ To assume joint responsibilities with the teacher for their child's education by supervising homework, encouraging them, and keeping in contact with their teacher
- ✧ To support the school through attendance and participation in school activities such as the mother's group called Hearts and Hands, fund-raisers, and other various programs and committees
- ✧ To support the entire school to the best of their ability with prayer, time, and

financial gifts

- ✧ To agree that the conduct of children attending must conform to the standards and beliefs of Inwood Christian School

Inwood Christian School is here to serve families that value and desire Christian Education. We request your pledge of support to cooperate with the above list of principles and beliefs. We also request that at least one parent and the child faithfully attend a Bible-believing church in order to avoid doctrinal confusion between the home and school.

After reading the above information regarding Inwood Christian School and as parents who sincerely desire my child(ren) receive a God-centered education, I agree to support Inwood Christian School in its mission.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

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Student Outcomes

It is the desire of Inwood Christian School for the students to:

- ✧ Know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior
- ✧ Be a lifelong learner of Christ and His Word
- ✧ Develop a Christ-centered lifestyle
- ✧ Develop personal skills, academic skills, and a faith in God that will allow them to meet life's opportunities and challenges in a way that shows respect for authority and confidence in themselves
- ✧ Be academically prepared for success in the next level of education
- ✧ Use their abilities, talents, and faith to reach into their communities and the world around them in service

Statement of Faith at Inwood Christian School

- ✧ We believe there is one true God who is holy and perfect. We believe that God reveals Himself to us as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
- ✧ We believe that man was created in the image of God. We believe that man was created perfect, but through choice, man sinned. We believe that it is only through the grace of God through Jesus Christ that man is brought back into fellowship with God.
- ✧ We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God. It is our source for instruction, the center of focus for our education, gives instruction for a Godly lifestyle and all that happens at Inwood Christian School. The Bible, the Word of God, provides the final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind and of all we believe. For purposes of Inwood Christian School's faith, education, policy, discipline, and use of its facilities, everything must be done in accordance with God's Holy Word.