

PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. **THE BIBLE:** That God by His Holy Word reveals Himself; renews man's understanding of God, of himself, of his fellowman, and of the world; directs man in all his relationships and activities; and therefore guides His people in the education of their children.
2. **CREATION:** That in their education, children must come to learn that the world, and man's calling in it, can be rightly understood only in their relation to the Triune God who by His creation, restoration, and governance directs all things to the coming of His Kingdom and glorification of His Name.
3. **SIN:** That because man's sin, which brought upon all mankind the curse of God, alienates him from his Creator, his neighbors and the world; distorts his view of the true meaning and purpose of life; and misdirects human culture, man's sin also corrupts the education of children.
4. **JESUS CHRIST:** That through our Savior, Jesus Christ, there is renewal of our educational enterprise because He is the Redeemer of, and the Light and the Way for, our human life in all its range and variety. Only through Him and the work of His Spirit are we guided in the truth and recommitted to our original calling.
5. **SCHOOLS:** That the purpose of Christian schools is to educate children for a life of obedience to their calling in this world as image-bearers of God; that this calling is to know God's Word and His creation, to consecrate the whole of human life to God, to love their fellowman, and to be stewards in their God-given cultural task.
6. **PARENTS:** That the primary responsibility for education rests upon parents to whom children are entrusted by God, and that Christian parents should accept this obligation in view of the covenantal relationship which God established with believers and their children. They should seek to discharge this obligation through school associations and the school boards which engage the services of Christian teachers in Christian schools.
7. **TEACHERS:** That Christian teachers, both in obedience to God and in cooperation with parents, have a unique pedagogical responsibility while educating the child in the school.
8. **PUPILS:** Christian schools must take into account the variety of abilities, needs, and responsibilities of young persons; that the endowments and calling of young persons as God's image-bearers and their defects and inadequacies as sinners require that such learning goals and such curricula be selected as will best prepare them to live as obedient Christians; and that only with constant attention to such pedagogical concerns can education be truly Christian.

9. **COMMUNITY:** That because God's covenant embraces not only parents and their children, but also the whole Christian community to which they belong, and because Christian education contributes directly to the advancement of God's Kingdom, it is the obligation not only of parents, but also of the Christian community to establish and maintain Christian schools, to pray for, work for, and give generously to their support.

10. **EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM:** That Christian schools, organized and administered in accordance with legitimate standards and provision for day schools, should be fully recognized in society as free to function according to their principles.

This world view is one that we trust you agree with and seek to implement in your daily life. It is our intent that Providence Christian School offer you ample opportunity and means to realize this understanding of God and the world He has created and sustains.

At all times, it is expected that our students live in accordance with what our school represents and believes, and that, in all things, they will be consistent representatives of Providence Christian School.

STATEMENT OF BELIEF AND ALLEGIANCE

This statement is to be signed yearly by each, faculty person, administrator and staff person upon issuance of an employment contract; the signature below is confirmation of his/her belief in and allegiance to the mission, creeds, confession and Reformed commitment of Providence Christian School as presented in the PCS Doctrinal Statement as set forth in the constitution. Copies of this statement are available in the Business office of the School and may be viewed on the PCS School's web site: pcslions.org

The undersigned is responsible to be familiar with and affirming of the Doctrine and teaching summarized in the PCS Doctrinal Statement. The Westminster Confession of Faith and Westminster Catechism and/or The Heidelberg Catechism, Canons of Dort, Belgic Confession.

A Board Member, a faculty person, or senior administrator is expected to accept, incorporate and promote the mission, creeds, confessions, and Reformed Doctrine of Providence Christian School as noted in the PCS Doctrinal Statement in their work for the School; to understand, respect and not undermine the doctrinal position of the School. If exception is taken to any element of the PCS Doctrinal Statement or the degree to which the person is expected to confirm, the person will state so in a brief, written form, providing the grounds for his or her position, and attach these to this document. The Board of PCS and the Session of EPC respect a person's liberty of conscience but may determine that an exception may make that person ineligible for serving as a Board Member, or employment by the School.

Statement of Exception attached? Yes_____ No_____

By_____

Print Name_____

Date_____