## BURGE TERRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

K3 - Grade 6 <u>St. 2002</u>

## **EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY**

Burge Terrace Christian School (BTCS) and Learning Readiness Center (LRC) is a ministry offered to the community under the auspices of Burge Terrace Baptist Church. The doctrinal position of the school is identical to that of the church as expressed in the Burge Terrace Baptist Church Constitution and By-Laws. BTCS is traditional in its classroom organization, fundamental in its doctrinal position, conservative in its educational philosophy, and consistent in its stand for kind, but firmly reinforced discipline policies. Sound mathematics principles and applications, traditional English grammar, a phonetic approach to learning reading skills, a Creation-oriented science program featuring discovery learning, a biblical worldview interpretation of history emphasizing hands-on discovery, weekly chapel program, and well-disciplined culture and fine arts program combine to make up a curriculum which is uniquely able to give students a complete and thorough education.

It is the belief of Burge Terrace Christian School and Learning Readiness Center that the "fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Psalm 111:10), and that the "fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, arrogance, and the evil way and the froward mouth" (Proverbs 8:13).

The educational program and methods of instruction at BTCS/LRC are dependent upon a biblical philosophy to provide the general background truth, principles, and viewpoint for interpreting the facts encountered in the study of any subject. We believe that the foundational concepts of a Christian education are these:

- God is the Creator and Sustainer of all things, the Source of all things, the Source of all truth.
- God maintains control over His entire universe.
- Because of sin, man tends to omit God. He fails to relate himself to God, and he fails to relate his knowledge to God, Who is the Source of all wisdom.
- Regeneration comes by faith in Jesus Christ. True meaning and values can be ascertained only in the light of His person, purpose, and work.
- God has revealed Himself in a general way in His world and universe, but in a specific way in the Bible.