



# Grace Academy - Education for Life

*The cornerstone of our instruction is a biblical worldview.*

*We teach subjects in harmony with the mind & heart of Christ.*

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## Grace Academy's Core Principles

### 1) **The foundation for all our instruction is a biblical worldview.**

It has been said that wisdom is seeing life from God's perspective. Experience and information may make a person knowledgeable, but only God can make him wise. Students need to see that the goodness, patience, and wisdom of God are manifested in every area of life. We all need to see life through God's eyes, not just toss some Bible concepts and principles on top of social issues and call it Christianity. Students today continually face unimagineable confusion and challenges regarding the basic issues of life. They need to be submerged in God's perspective or they will become cultural victims, instead of overcomers.

### 2) **We endeavor to impart the mind and heart of Christ to the students, not just information.**

This is the biggest challenge. We need to impart, not just instruct. That requires a willing heart on the part of the students and a sensitivity on the part of the teacher. Students want answers for topics that deal with the practical issues of life, like anger, forgiveness, and friendships. If you look at Christianity through the ages, it only takes a generation to see our faith be abandoned. We need to impart the Lord's heart to each student.

### 3) **The school is a quiet, structured, and safe environment for learning.**

We have a disciplined and controlled setting. The environment is quiet, organized, and focused. Students fear for their safety in many school settings today, and it is a source of significant stress. That is not a problem we face. Here, we deal with any social issues before they become big issues. We do not allow bullying.

### 4) **We work with the parents and consider the needs of each family.**

We are flexible when it comes to family needs. There may be different challenges in each student's home, and we can adjust schedules and workloads to accommodate most of these special circumstances.

### 5) **We give personal instruction to students where they are academically, emotionally, and spiritually, then help them mature in these areas.**

We mold the subject matter to fit a student's specific goals and needs. Our limited enrollment allows us to work one-on-one and really get to know each student. We learn how students think, their strengths and weaknesses, their emotional challenges, and then develop the best approach to make them be successful.

We desire for each student have a genuine relationship with the Lord because it is the most effective way to make progress in all other areas. Sometimes youth who grow up in Christianity can struggle in their walk with the Lord. They may not be convinced that Christian values are better than the World's, which continually pulls on them. We endeavor to help students have an accurate grasp of God's heart and love for them.

### 6) **Students must take responsibility for their personal actions, and they learn the process of conflict resolution and biblical reconciliation.**

Wrong choices and offenses are just a part of life. Getting people to face their choices and their consequences is typically a struggle. In addition, most people struggle with how to communicate effectively so that they may overcome offenses. If we can lay a foundation for the youth to be successful in this area, it will have benefits now and for years to come.

### 7) **Our approach gives students the life skills and academic tools they need to succeed, not only in future school and career settings, but also in life.**

Many struggles in education center around getting students to care, to focus, and to think. This problem is discussed by employers, K-12 teachers and college educators, and also in academic publications. We have a generation that has grown up surrounded by cell phones, the internet, feeling entitled, and constantly exposed to a post-Christian perspective in many areas of life. Teaching them life skills, not just information is a real challenge. We want our students to excel in all areas of their lives now and for years to come. At Grace Academy we are trying to do something about it.