



Grace Academy - Education for Life

CORE VALUES OF GRACE ACADEMY



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Grace Academy's Core Values

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 need to see life through God's eyes, not just add Bible concepts and principles on top of social issues and call it Christianity. Today, students continually face tremendous confusion and challenges regarding the basic issues of life. We do not embrace the current trends regarding gender identity or lifestyles that are in conflict with the Bible. Students need to understand and embrace God's perspective on issues or they will be overcome by our culture.

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 God's heart, not just give students information about Him. That requires a willing heart on the part of the students and a sensitivity to Jesus 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 environment is a quiet and structured for learning, and it is safe.

We have a disciplined and controlled setting. The environment is quiet, organized, and focused. This is actually quite a contrast to the media bombardment of our culture. Students are allowed to work together on projects, but are also required to develop the ability to be self-motivated and complete tasks on their own. We deal with any social issues before they become big issues, and do not allow bullying. We address inappropriate situations and discipline disruptive students.

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. We have a full-time program and also a homeschool covering to provide the best fit for each family.

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 small size allows us to work one-on-one and really understand each student. We learn how students think, their strengths and weaknesses, their emotional challenges, and then develop the best approach to help them be successful.

We desire for each student have a genuine relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ because it is the most effective way to make progress in all other areas. Some youth who grow up in Christianity struggle in their walk with the Lord because they feel it is forced on them. 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. We teach students how to take an effective approach to resolve conflicts both at school and at home, and achieve a biblical reconciliation on issues.

Wrong choices and offenses are just a part of life. Getting students to face their choices and the consequences is a struggle. In addition, many students lack the ability to communicate effectively so overcoming offenses is a challenge. If we can lay a foundation for them to be successful in this area, it will have benefits both 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 and educators, and is also discussed in the media. 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. At Grace Academy we are trying to do something about it.