

PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE

A Four Pillar Approach

I. Relationship with Christ (Spiritual)

The CHEROKEE CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL graduate will:

Know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Evaluate their entire range of experience in the light of the Scriptures, and who do so with eagerness in joyful submission to God.

Have a heart for the lost and the courage to seek to dissuade those who are stumbling towards destruction.

Distinguish real religion from religion in form only, and that they possess the former.

Possess humility and gratitude toward God.

II. Making a Difference (Social)

The CHEROKEE CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL graduate will:

Be socially graceful and spiritually gracious.

Be able to recognize cultural influences as distinct from biblical, and to be unswayed towards evil by the former.

Desire to grow in understanding and wisdom, yet fully realizing the limitations and foolishness of the wisdom of this world.

III. Intellectual Competence and Worldview (Academic)

The CHEROKEE CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL graduate will:

Think clearly and listen carefully with discernment and understanding.

Reason persuasively and articulate precisely.

Be equipped with and understand the tools of learning, well prepared in all situations, possessing both information and the knowledge of how to use it.

IV. Work Ethic and Due Diligence (Physical)

The CHEROKEE CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL graduate will:

Train the mind through high academic standards by understanding that challenge is good for the mind just as physical work is good for the body.

Search and pursue things that are worthwhile and difficult.

Use projects, homework, and study to emphasize self-reliance, resourcefulness, and independence while maintaining a dependence on Christ.

Develop a lifelong work ethic in all aspects of life.

Cherokee Classical Christian School aims to graduate young men and women who are approaching their highest capacities in the spiritual, social, intellectual, and physical domains of life:

Spiritual

1. Articulate the Biblical story and its culmination in the gospel of Christ in the hope that they may glorify God by building up his church and by witnessing to the lost.
2. Contrast a biblical vision of the good life with those of the culture.
3. Explain and provide reasons for Mere Christianity.
4. Learn to exhibit the natural and theological virtues in all areas of life.

Socially, we aim to graduate students who

1. Comport themselves politely in all circumstances,
2. And to converse with charisma.
3. Participate in a Christian community in and out of school.
4. Are relationally adept and pursue biblical peacemaking in all relationships.

Intellectually, through the liberal and fine arts, we aim to graduate students who

1. Listen and read carefully.
2. Reason precisely.
3. Articulate persuasively.
4. Possess knowledge, skill, and wisdom.

Physical:*

1. Know how to care for their bodies with exercise, sleep, and nutrition.
2. Are capable of the highest level of physical exertion within their reach.

* Socrates says this of care of the body: "Besides, it is a disgrace to grow old through sheer carelessness before seeing what manner of man you may become by developing your bodily strength and beauty to their highest limit. But you cannot see that, if you are careless; for it will not come of its own accord."