# **A** FAMILY VALUES CHECKLIST

What do you want your child to carry into the classroom—and into life?

As parents, we have a God-given calling to raise our children in truth, love, and wisdom. The culture may try to shape their minds—but you set the foundation. This checklist will help you define the values you want reinforced—not undermined—by your child's school environment.

Check all that apply—and use this as a reference when reviewing curriculum, talking to teachers, or attending school board meetings.

## 🙏 SPIRITUAL & MORAL DEVELOPMENT

- □ Respect for faith and freedom of conscience
- □ Acknowledgment that truth exists and is not relative
- ☐ Teaching right and wrong, not just "self-expression"
- □ Encouragement of personal responsibility and integrity

# **UNDERSTANDING OF HUMAN IDENTITY**

- □ Recognition of biological sex as God-designed and unchangeable
- □ Respect for the uniqueness of male and female
- □ Rejection of ideology that confuses or contradicts God's design
- Support for children to be comfortable in their own bodies, not pressured to question them

### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE OVER ACTIVISM

- ☐ Focus on core academics (reading, math, science, history)
- ☐ Freedom from political or ideological indoctrination
- ☐ Honest, balanced presentation of history and current events
- ☐ Encouragement of critical thinking over identity-based bias



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## HEALTHY COMMUNICATION & RESPECT

- ☐ Use of respectful language in classroom materials
- □ Encouragement of civil discourse and listening to different views
- □ Zero tolerance for bullying, including faith-based bullying
- ☐ School policies that support parents, not replace them

# AGE-APPROPRIATE CONTENT

- □ No exposure to sexually explicit materials
- □ No lessons on sexual orientation or gender identity without parental input
- □ Upholding of childhood innocence, not rushing maturity
- □ Respect for parental boundaries and family teaching on sensitive topics

# 🎇 PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT & OVERSIGHT

- ☐ Full access to curriculum, lessons, and assignments
- □ Informed consent for all health, emotional, or sensitive discussions
- ☐ Protection of my right to opt my child out
- □ Partnership between school and home—not secrecy
- What values matter most to your family? Use this checklist to have conversations with teachers, school staff, and fellow parents. When you know what you stand for, you'll recognize faster what doesn't belong.
- Want help evaluating your child's school or curriculum?

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