

SCS Philosophy of Education

The Summit Christian School Philosophy of Education (why we do what we do) is rooted in our **Statement of Faith** and our **Core Values**. With those items as our foundation, we approach Christian education as follows:

We believe that:

- God is the source of all wisdom and all truth, and every good thing comes from Him (*Proverbs 2:6, John 17:17, 2 Timothy 3:15-17, James 1:17*).
- Children are a gift from the Lord (*Psalms 127:3-5*).
- The Bible instructs us to train children in the ways of God (*Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Proverbs 22:6*).
- The responsibility for educating children rests first and foremost with parents, but the church and the Christian school can partner with parents in this holy calling (*Ephesians 6:4, Proverbs 29:17, Proverbs 13:24*).
- School staff members are not perfect but strive to demonstrate excellence in their craft and also to demonstrate godly character and be examples of Christian living to the children in our care (*1 Timothy 4:12, James 3:1*).

We endeavor to:

- Immerse students in a Biblical world view so they can internalize it and make it their own (*Proverbs 22:6, 2 Timothy 3:15-17, 2 Peter 1:3*)
- Share the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ infused within strong academic curriculum (*Proverbs 30:5, John 3:16, John 16:13, Romans 1:18-20*)
- Teach strong, godly character which reflects the fruit of the Holy Spirit (*2 Peter 1:5-7, Galatians 5:22-23*)
- Focus on essential academic subjects free from distraction of cultural agendas (*Joshua 23:6, Colossians 3:1-2, Romans 12:2*)
- Meet students where they are on their academic journey while also challenging them to grow and embrace more rigorous levels of study (*1 Corinthians 13:11*)
- Develop a passion for learning that will serve students now and in their future studies and vocations (*2 Timothy 2:15, Acts 17:11*)
- Teach students respect for and submission to godly authority (*Romans 13:1-7, Hebrews 13:17, Ephesians 6:1-3*)
- Encourage students to develop self-discipline and responsibility (*1 Timothy 4:7, 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, Galatians 5:22-23*)
- Help students see the world around them through the eyes of Christ so they can embrace the great commission (*Matthew 28:19-20*)
- Develop skills of collaboration and cooperation as they work and learn together in a community of students guided by Christian principles (*Psalms 34:14, Romans 12:18*)
- Help students grow in “wisdom and stature before God and men” so they are equipped to be leaders in their home, church, workplace, and community (*Luke 2:52, 1 Timothy 4:12*)
- Be a light to the world around us which reflects God’s love, wisdom, and truth (*Matthew 5:16*)
- Choose to do everything with excellence as an act of worship to God (*Colossians 3:23-24*)