

## STATEMENT OF MISSION

Genesis Christian Academy exists to equip students to take their places in God's world through the development of godly character, academic proficiency, and Biblical life skills

## EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY AND EDUCATIONAL GOALS POLICY

The Philosophy of Education and Educational Goals shall be approved by the Board of Elders of the Southview Grace Brethren Church, the Senior Pastor of the Southview GBC and the Board of Education of the Genesis Christian Academy.

The Philosophy of Education and the Educational Goals shall reflect a God-centered view of truth and view of the world as presented in the Bible.

The Philosophy of Education and the Educational goals shall give direction to the educational program and provide the basis for the daily operation of the school.

## THE EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY OF GENESIS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Equipping students is our task. If we are going to point students toward godly goals, we must provide them with the tools to get there. Parents have been given this responsibility by God (Deut. 6:4-9, Eph 6:4). The Christian Academy does not replace the parents in this position. The role of the Christian Academy is to help parents to bring their children up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Equipping students for God's world means more than teaching facts. It means preparing them to use facts in godly ways to achieve godly objectives.

To take their places in God's world is our goal. It is not enough to prepare a student to be a productive member of society or to have a successful career. We believe that every person will someday give account to God (I Cor. 3:12-13, Heb. 9:27) and any education that does not seek to prepare students for that event is sadly insufficient. This is God's world, fallen though it may be, and the Lord has specific tasks for every believer to fulfill in obedience to Him (Eph. 2:10). The measure of a life is not in wealth or position or popularity or even academic achievements. It is a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and voluntary submission to His will. Our desire to equip students so that they will choose to obey God and will be used by Him to accomplish His purposes.

The development of godly character, academic proficiency, and Biblical life skills is our objective.

Godly character - The first priority in any Christian education. We must teach and hold Christian students to Christian standards, for knowledge has to begin with a proper fear of the Lord (Prov. 1:7) Godly character must be taught, modeled, and enforced lovingly and consistently, because it does not come naturally to any person (Rom. 3:23)

**Academic proficiency - Without an emphasis on godly character, a Christian Academy cannot properly be called Christian, but without a commitment to academic proficiency, it ceases to be a school. This is more than the ability to recite material for a test. It is a demonstration that the student has learned how to learn, so that the process of education may continue beyond the years of classroom training. The skills, disciplines, and methods of a thorough curriculum taught with a Biblical worldview, and combined with wisdom and discernment of Godly character prepares a student to communicate and apply God's truth to all areas of life.**

**Biblical life skills - where the effectiveness of Christian Education is tested. When godly character and academic proficiency meet, their fruit should be seen in the relationships, choices, and goals of a student. Indeed almost any setting or circumstance, becomes an arena of application of Biblical life skills. (I Cor. 10:31) GCA seeks to provide a variety of planned arenas for our students. Field trips, athletics, academic meets, extracurricular activities, and service projects are designed and chosen to help students live what they learn.**

**The truth of the Bible is our resource. It must be the standard of evaluation for all other claims, theories, and conclusions, for ultimately, the success of Genesis Christian Academy will not be measured by public opinion, parents, staff, or even students. It will be measured by God Himself.**