

Goals of Education

1. Theological Foundation

The educational philosophy of Kootenay Christian Academy is based upon a God-centered view of man and truth as presented in the Bible. The essential truths of this view are detailed in the Statement of Faith.

Since God created and sustains all things through His Son, Jesus Christ, the universe, and all life are dynamically related to God and have the purpose of glorifying Him. This is pointedly true of man who was made in God's image, different in kind from all other creatures, with the unique capacity to know and respond to God personally and voluntarily.

Because man is a sinner by nature and choice, he cannot, in this condition, know or honour God in his life. He can do this only by being born again to do God's will. This should be the ultimate purpose of his life. The goal of education should therefore be to enable men to know God, encourage them to love Him, and equip them to serve Him.

The authority for such an education comes both from God's command that children be taught to love God and place Him first in their lives, and from the fact that Parents are responsible for the total education and training of their children. At the Parents' request, the Christian School, along with the Church, becomes a partner in giving this education. From this philosophy stem certain aims and objectives:

2. Spiritual & Moral

- 2.1. To teach the Bible as God's inspired Word and to develop attitudes of love and respect towards it.
- 2.2. To teach the basic doctrines of the Bible.
- 2.3. To lead or confirm each Student to a personal relationship with Christ as Saviour and Lord.
- 2.4. To develop a desire to know and obey the will of God as revealed in the Scriptures.
- 2.5. To equip the student to carry out the will of God daily.
- 2.6. To impart an understanding of each Christian's place in the church and its worldwide task of evangelism and discipleship and to stimulate the student's involvement in this task.
- 2.7. To develop the "mind of Christ" towards godliness and sin, and to teach the student how to live an overcoming life through exercising of self-restraint and consideration of others.
- 2.8. To encourage the development of self-discipline and responsibility in the student based on respect for and submission to God and God-ordained authority.
- 2.9. To help the student develop a Christian worldview by personally integrating life and studies with the Bible.

3. Personal and Social

- 3.1. To help the student develop his personality based on a proper understanding and acceptance of himself as a unique individual created in the image of God.
- 3.2. To teach the student to treat everyone with love and respect since everyone is made in God's image.
- 3.3. To make the student a contributing member of his society who realizes his dependence on others and their dependence on him.
- 3.4. To promote an understanding of time as a God-given commodity which is to be used for his.
- 3.5. To show a Biblical view of life and work, and provide the skills needed for developing mature personal and career relationships.
- 3.6. To develop godly attitudes toward marriage and the family and the understanding and skills needed to establish a God-honouring home.
- 3.7. To promote physical fitness, good health habits, and wise use of the body as the temple of God.
- 3.8. To impart Biblical attitudes toward material things, and to encourage individual responsibility for using them for God's glory.
- 3.9. To help each Student accurately assess his strengths and weaknesses and recognize his responsibility to develop his talents fully and use them for the benefit of others.

4. Academic

- 4.1. To promote high academic standards within the potential of the individual as uniquely created by God and to help each Student realize his full academic potential.
- 4.2. To help each Student gain a thorough comprehension and command of the fundamental processes used in communicating with others, such as reading, writing, speaking, listening, viewing, and representing.
- 4.3. To teach and encourage the use of good study habits.
- 4.4. To teach the student how to do independent research and to critically evaluate sources of information.
- 4.5. To develop an understanding of the order and design in Creation and the laws which govern its processes and interactions.
- 4.6. To motivate the student to view education as a lifelong goal.
- 4.7. To develop creative and critical thinking, logical reasoning, and the proper use of Biblical criteria for evaluation.
- 4.8. To promote good citizenship through developing the understanding and appreciation of our Christian and Canadian heritage of responsible freedom, human dignity, and Biblical acceptance of authority.
- 4.9. To develop an understanding of current affairs in all fields and to relate them to God's plan for man.
- 4.10. To develop an understanding and appreciation for God's world, and an awareness of man's role in his environment, and how to use and preserve it properly.
- 4.11. To promote the student's appreciation, understanding, and expression of the fine arts.

- 4.12. To develop an understanding of fundamental mathematical concepts and skill in using them in everyday life situations.

5. Family

- 5.1. To cooperate closely with the Parents in every phase of the student's development especially as it relates to the school program.
- 5.2. To help the Parents to understand the school's purpose and program.
- 5.3. To aid families in the overall Christian development of their children so that the children will mature with the values and the vision to make a positive contribution to the home, the church, and the community.
- 5.4. To assist Parents in understanding our changing culture, its effects on our homes and children, and how to deal with them from a Biblical perspective.
- 5.5. To encourage regular attendance and involvement in a local church.
- 5.6. To involve Parents regularly in the ministry of the school.