

**DESERT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**  
**STATEMENT OF FAITH & PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION**

**Core Values**

& *DCS discipled children to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and commit to lives of loving Kingdom service.*

John 14:6 “Jesus answered, ‘I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’”

& *DCS seeks to glorify God in all that it does.*

1 Corinthians 10:31 “...whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”

& *DCS teaches every subject and nurtures character development from a Biblical Christian perspective, imparting knowledge and wisdom to our students.*

Colossians 2:2-3 “...in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”

& *DCS is dedicated to academic excellence and cultivating life-long learners.*

Ecclesiastes 9:10 “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might...”

& *DCS is laying the foundation in children’s lives through its instruction to enable them to impact their culture for Christ.*

1 Corinthians 3:11 “For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Christ Jesus.”

& *DCS is a parent-sponsored, board-directed, covenant Christian school that encourages a high level of parental involvement.*

Genesis 17:7 “I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.”

& *DCS partners with Christian families to educate, nurture and train children as followers of Christ.*

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.”

## **Statement of Faith**

- § We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
- § We believe there is only one God, eternally existent in three Persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- § We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, His miraculous conception and virgin birth, His sinless life, His sacrificial and atoning death, His resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, His return in power and glory to establish His earthly kingdom.
- § We believe in the absolute necessity of reformation by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the sinfulness of human nature; and that we're justified by the shed blood of Jesus Christ; and that only by God's grace, through faith alone, are we saved.
- § We believe in the resurrection of the saved into eternal communion with God, and that they that are lost will be separated from God.
- § We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- § We believe that the indwelling of the Holy Spirit enables the Christian to live a Godly life.

## **Philosophy & Objectives of DCS**

Desert Christian School holds to a Christian philosophy of education and views this as the foundation for all policy, procedures, instruction, and activities. A Christian philosophy acknowledges that there is a Creator God who has given us His Word and its principles as a guide for faith and life. We teach, unashamedly, God's Word to be the absolute Truth. All students are confronted with the fact that man is sinful and lost, and are encouraged to accept Christ's free gift of salvation. The skills of Bible study, prayer, and the development of Christian character and a Christian mind are taught as foundational for a successful Christian life. Students are encouraged to share their faith, stand for their convictions, and seek to fulfill God's plan for their lives.

Academically, students are challenged to excellence and integrity, learning the skills of analysis, problem-solving, and critical thinking. Cultivation of an intellectual curiosity that will result in self-motivated, life-long study in areas of personal interest is emphasized. Students are taught to think logically and to develop research skills, while also gaining a command of the fundamental communicative processes of reading, writing, speaking, and listening. We attempt to balance these intellectual pursuits with Christian ethics and character.

Socially, DCS seeks to help each student develop a well-balanced personality based upon a proper acceptance of himself as a unique creation of God, made in His image. Acceptance of self is then the foundation for acceptance and respect for authority, responsible freedom, and good citizenship. Students are taught Biblical truth as the basis for a morally and socially responsible, self-disciplined life. Good attitudes towards society's institutions such as parents, families, and marriage, are taught and modeled. Students learn that they are members of their society and should treat everyone with love and respect and seek to be of service to others.

## **Basis of Christian Education**

Every aspect of life is subject to the will of God. Therefore, all knowledge, every value, and each choice is under His authority. We are admonished to continually seek the Lord (Amos 5:4, 6, 8, 14; James 4:8, Jeremiah 29:13) in an effort to become one with Him (John 17:22-23). This unity is Christ's heartfelt desire in order that the world may know that God sent Him – because He loves us.

Christianity is wholly relational: How we relate to and impact our culture; the manner in which God relates to us and we relate to him (covenant); and the dynamics of our varied relationships with one another.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Christians carry on the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. With this goal in mind, Christian educators provide a framework to prepare young people to live according to His will, contributing to the Biblical pursuit of truth.