

Covenant Between Parent and Legacy Christian Academy

Kingdom Education is a life-long, Christ-centered process of leading a child into a new identity with Christ and developing him/her according to the specific ability given to him/her by Christ so that the child will be empowered to live a life characterized by love, trust, and obedience to Christ. (Dr. Glen Schultz, Kingdom Education, 1998) Legacy Christian Academy covenants with parents to help parents guide and direct their children to become fully devoted Disciples of Christ.

1. The education of children and youth is the primary responsibility of parents (Deut. 6:4-9; 11:18-21; Psa. 78:1-7; Psa. 127:3; Prov. 22:6; Mal. 2:13-16; Eph. 6:4). "Parents will be welcome. Parents will be viewed as the primary educators of the children. The teacher will not see himself or herself as a replacement for, but as a partner with, the parents." They will work together. The parent will stay informed through school communications and conferences.

2. The education of children and youth is a 24 hour-a-day, 7 days-per-week process that continues from birth to maturity (Deut. 6:7; 11:19; Prov. 22:6). "Students will learn what the Bible says, learn sound doctrines, learn church history, learn every subject (literature, history, math, science, music, art) in the light of the Holy Scriptures." Parents will be intentional in talking with their children about things of the Lord when they sit at home or walk along the road or when they lie down and get up.

3. The education of children and youth must have as its primary goals the salvation of and discipleship of the next generation (Psa. 78:6-7; Matt. 28:19-20). "The school will be committed to teaching students the clear truth of God, in order that the student might become fully devoted as a follower of Jesus Christ." Parents will guide children to salvation and attend a Bible believing church.

4. The education of children and youth must be based on God's Word as absolute truth (Matt. 24:35; Psa. 119). "The school will point the student to God's Word for wisdom or truth." Parents will support Biblical inerrancy.

5. The education of children and youth must hold Christ as preeminent in all of life (Col. 2:3; 6-10). "Believing the truth of the Bible, the school is devoted to a God-centered approach in life and learning." Parents point children to Christ as in Christ is all wisdom and knowledge.

6. The education of children and youth must not hinder the spiritual and moral development of the next generation (Matt.18:6; 19:13-14; Mk. 10:13-16; Lk. 18:15-17). "The school is one place where character is molded, where teachers understand that they will have a profound impact upon the life of their students." Parents role model and teach morality as taught in the word of God.

7. The education of children and youth, if and when delegated to others by parents, must be done so with utmost care to ensure that all teachers follow these principles (Ex. 18:21; I Sam. 1:27-28; 3:1-10). "The school realizes each child will be met at his level of ability and be aided to be thankful for what God has given him and to use what God has given to him. Another way of saying this is that each child will be taught the joy of faithful stewardship of his own abilities and talents." Parents respect and support teachers in their role and work with teachers so that each child achieves their full ability.

8. The education of children and youth results in the formation of a biblical belief system or worldview (Lk. 6:40). Parents create a home built on biblical standards with a decidedly Christian worldview. The school reinforces those standards and worldview.

9. The education of children and youth must lead to true wisdom by connecting all knowledge to a worldview frame of reference (Rom. 1:20; Psa. 19:1; Prov. 4:5,7; 3:19; 9:10; Psa. 104:24; 136:5; Jere. 10:12; Rom. 11:33; Luke 11:52; Col. 2:3; I Cor. 8:1; 13:8; Rom. 1:28). "The school tells students why they live, for whom they should live, what it means to live: God, and God alone." Parents demonstrate that mindset and point their child to God.

10. The education of children and youth must have a view of the future that includes the eternal perspective (Col. 3:1-2; Matt. 6:19-20; 2 Tim. 4:6-8; Acts 20:24; Heb. 11:13; Col. 3:23-24). "The Bible says that all things were created for God's glory. The unifying principle of knowledge is to know God and His Son Jesus Christ, which is eternal life." Parents are professed Christians who are most sensitive to the calling of the Spirit in the lives of their children. The teachers are professed Christians who recognize spiritual distress in a child and work with parents to direct the child to Christ.

I covenant with Legacy Christian Academy to support their Statement of Faith and share with them my God-ordained responsibility to train my children in the ways of the Lord.

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