

## **Sunrise Christian Academy Philosophy**

**All truth comes from God, and truth from God's word provides the standard for right and wrong. Discerning this truth is instrumental for all understanding since the Bible relates in Proverbs, "there is a way that seems right unto a man but the end is death." All people need the truth of the gospel; therefore, every student must have the opportunity to respond to that truth. Transformation is from God, and He uses teachers, mentors, and students in this process. Quality education presents all information from that standard base of truth.**

**Worldview is an issue of increasing importance in modern education. Culture in America is no longer based on Christian standards but is based on pluralism and relativism. Young people must be made aware of differing worldviews; they must be given the right questions to ask in order to pursue truth and seek wisdom and knowledge from the Lord. A student must have as his central focus Christ and his finished work on the cross. This is the only worldview that gives meaning and purpose to life, and it is the only worldview that perceives reality clearly.**

**All people learn differently having different temperaments and different capacities for acquiring knowledge and skills. Learning needs to progress from basic information recall to synthesis and analysis of information. Students must be directed through the learning process with a variety of techniques. Developing skills based on knowledge requires practice in each area of learning. Practice requires that a foundation of discipline has been established in earlier years. When a student is taught how to learn at the lower levels, critical thinking skills will be developed early, and the student will be able to develop a broader base of knowledge.**

**Knowledge and skills must not stand alone in a quality education, but must be directed toward an attitude of service. Christian young people must be taught that God wants to use them as servants and has gifted them with the ability to learn. Acquiring information, discipline, and skills are ultimately for the purpose of glorifying God. The education process and development of minds and character should not be perceived as a temporal exercise, but is purposeful for time and eternity.**

## **Sunrise Christian Academy Mission, Vision, and Purpose**

### **Mission:**

**Just as, "... Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man, "Sunrise Christian Academy will educate students in mind, body, and soul, to live in favor with God and man for time and eternity.**

### **Vision:**

**In order to educate students in mind, body, and soul, Sunrise Christian Academy will come alongside parents to raise their children through a program that provides growth for wise living, strength for strong bodies, and depth in the knowledge of God and man. Students are encouraged to "go unto all the world" sharing the truth with people of all nations. Students from Sunrise Christian Academy impact their families, the community, and the world for time and eternity.**

### **Purpose:**

**Sunrise Christian Academy provides a broad base of educational possibilities so that students will be able to live in community as the body of Christ and live as emissaries to the world. In order to do that, Sunrise Christian Academy will train minds to think after the ways of truth. Students will understand that the Bible provides a standard for truth not only for each independent classroom discipline, but for time and eternity.**

## **Core Values**

**Because Jesus said, “And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, with all your strength. . . You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” we value:**

- **Belief – in the one true creator God**
- **Truth – of the inspired inerrant Word of God**
- **Service – unto all the world**
- **Love – for others as yourself**

**These core values promote excellence in education because they provide answers for all of life’s big questions. Why am I here? What is my purpose? Where am I going?**

## Overall Student Outcomes

**Students who graduate from Sunrise Christian Academy are equipped with core values of:**

**Belief:** *Jesus said, "I am the way the truth and the life, no one comes to the father except by me." John 14:6*

The student will:

1. Believe that God is a triune, personal God, creator of all things
2. Know Jesus Christ as his/her personal savior, that Jesus was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, gave his life for our sins, and was resurrected to live eternally
3. Know the Holy Spirit as the third person of the trinity
4. Recognize that his/her view of God establishes worldview, and the true Christian worldview must be the standard for achievement in all areas of life
5. Proclaim the truth of God's word boldly

**Truth:** *"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Timothy 2:15*

The student will:

1. Know that Truth is the person Jesus Christ whom we can know
2. Know that God's word provides truth for living
3. Understand that the Bible is the inerrant word of God
4. Apply him/herself to the task of lifelong learning for the glory of God
5. Know how to utilize resources and technology to enhance learning
6. Achieve proficiency standards in core academic disciplines

**Service:** *"If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My father will honor." John 12:26*

The student will:

1. Develop the attitude of humble service of Christ recounted in Philippians 2: 3-4 considering others better than him/herself
2. Look for opportunities to help others
3. Learn the value of hard work -doing what needs to be done when it needs to be done
4. Serve God through obedience to God's word and authorities
5. Fulfill the Great Commission as God calls him/her to go

**Love:** *"Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart..." I Peter 1:22*

The student will:

1. Love the Lord God with all his/her heart, soul, mind, and strength

Love all people everywhere, without favoritism, knowing that all humans are made in the image of G