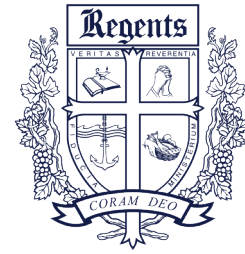


# PHILOSOPHY AND DOCTRINAL STATEMENT



## PURPOSE

The purpose of Regents School is to operate a school that will closely adhere to, and do nothing in conflict with, the Mission, Philosophy, Objectives and Doctrinal Statement set out in this Article II of these Bylaws.

## MISSION

The mission of Regents School is to provide a classical and Christian education, founded upon and informed by a Christian worldview, that equips students to know, love and practice that which is true, good and beautiful, and challenges them to strive for excellence as they live purposefully and intelligently in the service of God and man.

## PHILOSOPHY

Regents School is a classical and Christian school.

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1. It follows the methodology of the Trivium, seeking to identify appropriate analogies of grammar, dialectic and rhetoric in all subjects and to teach all subjects in a manner consistent with the appropriate stage of development of the child.
2. It understands the term “classical education” in the context of the classical search for wisdom and virtue through the pursuit of truth, goodness and beauty.
3. It emphasizes and seeks to preserve and pass to successive generations the richness of our Western cultural heritage.

By Christian we mean:

1. All knowledge is made complete only when seen and understood in relation to the eternal glory and purposes of the triune God.
2. Each aspect of our educational endeavor is founded upon and informed by a thoroughly biblical worldview.
3. All subjects are taught as part of a unified, integrated whole that demonstrates God’s character and glory as revealed through creation, providence, and Scripture.

Education is inherently value-laden. A classical, Christian education is essentially a Christian liberal education - an education for Christians that prepares them to be free Christian men and women for service in God’s kingdom. Therefore, we seek to offer an education that: 1) is both rich and challenging for the academically gifted students and at the same time accessible to those students God has gifted with “average” academic ability; 2) recognizes that all truth, goodness, and beauty consist in and proceed from the holiness and eternal majesty of God and are divine absolutes. We reject any subjective relativism that the secular world may assign to any of these; and 3) is designed to develop Biblical wisdom and Christian virtue by equipping students to know, love and practice that which is true, good, and beautiful.

Regents School recognizes that God has established spheres of earthly authority including the family. He has entrusted specifically to parents the responsibility to educate their children. (Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Ephesians 6:4). Therefore, Regents School is established to operate as an extension of the family to cooperatively assist parents to carry out their God-given educational duty (*in loco parentis* - in the place of the parent) by providing the particular type of Christian education outlined in these Bylaws.

## OBJECTIVES

Education at Regents School is inherently different from secular education in philosophy, pedagogy and content. Regents School recognizes that God has entrusted parents with the responsibility to educate their children, and therefore operates as an extension of the family in a cooperative educational partnership. At all its levels, programs and teachings, Regents School seeks to:

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## DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

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- We believe that because of a profound love for His creation, God has initiated a plan of redemption that He has accomplished on behalf of His people in the realm of temporal history. The apex of this redemption is found in the historical incarnation of God in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. We confess Jesus to be the Messiah of Old Testament prophecy, being at the same time fully God and fully man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and He lived a sinless life of perfect obedience. He was crucified as a substitutionary atonement for sinners. He was raised from the dead on the third day and is sitting at the right hand of the Father interceding on behalf of His people.
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# **Article II of the Regents Bylaws**

## **Purpose, Mission, Philosophy, Objectives and Doctrinal Statement**

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