

Southside Christian School – School Overview

Nondiscrimination Policy

- Southside Christian School admits students of any race, color, sex, and national or ethnic origin, to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, or national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies and other school-administered programs.
- Southside Christian School does reserve the right to select students on the basis of academic performance, religious commitment, philosophical compatibility, and willingness to cooperate with the Southside Christian School administration and abide by its policies.

Mission Statement

- Southside Christian School is a college-preparatory Christian school which exists to support Christian families by providing Christ-centered education in an environment which challenges students to pursue spiritual and academic excellence.

Vision Statement

- Southside Christian School students will be prepared spiritually, academically, and socially to make a positive impact for Christ on the next generation, serving as leaders wherever God calls them.

School Motto, Colors and Mascot

School Motto: “Excellence through Absolute Truth in Christian Education”

School Colors: Red, Black and White

School Mascot: Warriors

Warrior Code: I am an SCS Warrior. I will put on the whole armor of God to help me walk the path of righteousness. I will show love, honor and obedience to God through my words, actions and attitudes.

Philosophy of Christian Education

- Southside Christian School is a college-preparatory, Christian educational institution. The School's view of the nature of the student, truth, education, and the role of the teacher is integral to its statement of philosophy.

The Nature of the Student

The student is created by God in His image to have fellowship with Him, but is born in sin and separated from God. The student may be reconciled to God through faith in Jesus Christ and enabled by grace to learn and grow in truth. Each individual has gifts and abilities that need to be developed for God's own purpose. (Gen. 1:26-27; Ps. 51:5; Rom. 5:12; Eph. 2: 8-10)

The Nature of Truth

All truth is of God and no truth exists apart from Him. The Bible is the God-given, unchanging standard by which all things are measured. Apart from spiritual regeneration, the student cannot fully know and understand truth. (Psalm 19:7-11; I Cor. 2:9-12)

The Nature of Christian Education

Christian education is a process of presenting subject matter in a way that shows complete union with all of God's truth. It is a living demonstration of Biblical principles on the part of all personnel involved in the process. It has as its goal, the application of meaning and purpose found in Jesus Christ to all of life.

The Role of the Teacher

The teacher is expected to exhibit in fullest possible measure the fruit of the Spirit. The teacher should foster student effort and encourage the application of spiritual motives for learning. (Luke 6:40)

Statement of Faith

- We teach that the Bible is *the only* inspired, inerrant, complete, and authoritative Word of God that is sufficient for salvation and life in God. This includes the canonized books of Genesis through Revelation and excludes all additional books or additions to the canonized Bible. (39 Old Testament and 27 New Testament)
- We teach that, other than Jesus Christ and the canonized Scriptures, no *living human, writing or document* is or was able to inerrantly speak for God.
- We teach from the Bible that God is a tri-unity of three persons each existing separate from each other yet unified under one Godhead. He is the Creator of all things and has existed eternally without change, sovereignly controlling all things according to His purpose and will. As God, He determines all that is true and right and is in Himself all knowing, all powerful, all just, and all merciful. He is a God of wrath and of love. He alone is holy God.
- We teach from the Bible that each person was created for God's glory, has rebelled against this purpose, is totally depraved in sin from the time of their conception, fails to live up to God's righteous standard, and is rightfully subject to God's just condemnation and wrath. Each person is helpless to alter this bleak eternal status and must rely completely upon the mercy of God to save his or her soul from damnation.
- We teach from the Bible that God graciously poured out mercy upon mankind by sending His Son Jesus Christ to live God's requirement of righteousness. He willingly offered his life as a sufficient substitute sacrifice for the payment of people's sin, was resurrected bodily from the dead, and ascended back to his Father in heaven. He will return for his church some day in the future.
- We teach from the Bible that each person must repent of their rebellion and sin against God and receive Jesus Christ to save and rule over their life. Having done this, they receive the Holy Spirit, become adopted as children of God, are counted as righteous in His sight, and their salvation is secured.
- We teach from the Bible that the Holy Spirit is part of the tri-unity of God and indwells the believer to mature his or her faith and to purge the mortal flesh of its sinful impulses and habits while working to convict unbelievers of their sin and future judgment by God the Father.
- We teach from the Bible that there is a future resurrection for all mankind. Those who have received Jesus Christ will be resurrected to eternal life and will be rewarded by him in regards to earthly service. Those who have not received Jesus Christ will be resurrected to eternal death, judged by God the Father, and sentenced to eternal damnation in the lake of fire.
- We teach from the Bible that the Church is comprised worldwide of all races, tribes, and tongues who profess faith in Jesus Christ. They live on earth to glorify God and to fulfill the mission of his Son to make disciples of Jesus of all nations.

Core Values

Absolute Truth

Students will be taught that the Bible is the ultimate and final authority in all decisions. Biblical principles will be integrated into every subject for the purpose of training students to develop a biblical worldview. Students will learn how to use this worldview as a lens through which to interpret events, set goals, and gain wisdom.

Excellence

Students will be taught to pursue excellence in every aspect of their lives. Realizing that every work is to be an act of love and service to the Lord, mediocrity in attitude, work, or effort will not be accepted. This

spirit of excellence will be seen in the students' relationships, use of resources, and acts of service, thereby developing a lifelong pattern of excellence.

Servanthood

Students will be taught the importance of serving others. Just as God values all life, regardless of ethnicity, abilities, or age, so the students will learn to value all humanity as a gift from our loving heavenly Father. This attitude will be developed through learning effective and loving communication and by actively serving others.

Outreach

Students will be taught that people are created for the purpose of bringing glory and honor to God, that salvation through the blood of our risen Lord Jesus Christ is the only way to obtain eternal life, and that the message of salvation must be brought to a lost and dying world. Students will learn by example how to effectively communicate that message and to defend their faith in the world in which they live.

Integrity

Students will be taught by example how to live a consistent Christian life, both on campus and off, showing integrity in all areas of their lives.

Expected Student Outcomes

- As we strive to attain our vision, we believe it to be important that the school develop programs, strategies, and methodologies within the context of biblical principles, producing graduates with a Christian worldview, who...

Value Wisdom

1. desire to be equipped and prepared for college and attain a 4-year college degree.
2. are well prepared in all academic disciplines, and are skilled in reading, writing, speaking, listening, and thinking.
3. are proficient in mathematics and science.
4. have a knowledge and understanding of people, events, and movements in history (including church history) and the cultures of other peoples and places.
5. appreciate literature and the arts and understand how they express and shape their beliefs and values.
6. value intellectual inquiry and are engaged in the marketplace of ideas (open honest exchange of ideas).
7. have an appreciation for the natural environment and practice responsible stewardship of God's creation.

Effectively Communicate

1. have a critical appreciation of languages and cultures of other peoples, dispelling prejudice, promoting interethnic harmony, and encouraging biblical hospitality for the "alien" or "stranger."
2. are committed to lifelong learning.
3. understand the worth of every human being as created in the image of God.
4. can articulate and defend their Christian worldview while having a basic understanding of opposing worldviews.
5. possess apologetic skills to defend their faith.
6. embrace and practice justice, mercy, and peacemaking in family and society.
7. understand that work has dignity as an expression of the nature of God.

Know and Serve God

1. personally respond to carrying out the Great Commission locally and around the world in a culturally sensitive manner.
2. understand and commit to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
3. know, understand, and apply God's Word in daily life.

4. are empowered by the Holy Spirit and pursue a life of faith, goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love.
5. treat their bodies as the temple of the Holy Spirit.
6. are actively involved in a church community, serving God and others.
7. respect and relate appropriately with integrity the people they work, play, and live with.

Apply Knowledge

1. know how to utilize resources including technology to find, analyze, and evaluate information.
2. have the skills to question, solve problems, and make wise decisions.
3. understand, value, and engage in appropriate social (community) and civic (political) activities.
4. are prepared to practice the principles of healthy, moral family living.
5. are good stewards of their finances, time (including discretionary time) and all other resources.