

New Hope Christian School

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*Ambassadors for Christ
Armed for Kingdom Work*



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*"Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet
and a Light unto my path." Psalm 119:105*

AGREEMENT TO COOPERATE WITH NHCS FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENTS PARENTS, GUARDIANS, AND NON-ROLE MODEL VOLUNTEERS

All persons involved with NHCS, in any capacity, do so fully of his/her own free will; no one is required to be part of the New Hope family. NHCS understands that not all school families or students agree with our Foundational Statements. However, all families and students who choose to be part of NHCS must agree to fully cooperate with New Hope Christian School, its policies and practices, and the following Foundational Statements:

Basis of Authority

1. The Bible, as the only inspired, infallible, authoritative Word of God, is the sole and final source of authority for all matters of truth, faith, doctrine, morality, conduct, and any other matter pertaining to NHCS.
2. For the purposes of all NHCS's beliefs, practices and policies, our School Board of Directors is NHCS final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.

Vision Statement

Ambassadors for Christ Armed for Kingdom Work

Mission Statement

Christ—Arming with the Gospel of Christ (Rom. 1:16)

Character—Arming with the righteousness of Christ (Phil. 1:11, 3:9)

Curriculum—Arming with the mind of Christ (Rom. 12:2, 1 Cor. 2:16)

Community—Arming one another to represent Christ (1 Thess. 5:11, Heb. 3:13)

Core Values

Nurturing relationships by cherishing and cultivating Christian love among our New Hope family.

Educating for eternity by preparing students to be productive, Godly citizens who know God personally through worship, prayer, service, and His Word.

Weighing all teachings and practices in the light of God's Word.

Honoring God and one another by seeking to live Christ-centered lives.

Operating with integrity by striving to be upright and accountable in all our decisions and practices.

Providing a safe, wholesome, educational environment and teaching our students to be responsible, respectful, and considerate of others.

Excelling in everything by doing our best to glorify God in our ministry at New Hope.

Statement of Purpose

Concise instructions for raising successful generations for the future are given in Deuteronomy 6:1-9. This clearly states that God's Word, together with accounts of how God works with His people, must completely surround youth on a 24-hour basis. NHCS exists to assist families and local Bible-believing churches in the nurturing and training of their children in Biblical truths. (Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:4). Christian education is to teach all truth to our students, pointing them to Christ as the only Savior and Lord, encouraging them to make a personal commitment to Him and to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). The school upholds standards of appropriate behavior and academic excellence, with God's Word as the unchanging standard.

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Member of Association of Christian Schools, Int'l and Oregon Federation of Independent Schools*

Statement of Philosophy

New Hope Christian School is both a religious and an educational institution. The school's view of the nature of the student, truth, and education, along with the role of the teacher, is integral to the school's statement of philosophy.

1. 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; Rom. 5:12; Eph. 2:8-10)

2. 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. (Ps. 19:7-11; 2 Tim. 3:16-17)

3. The Nature of Christian Education: It is a process of presenting subject matter in a way that shows complete union with all of God's Word. It is a living demonstration of Biblical principles on the part of all persons involved in the process. Its goal is to apply the meaning and purpose found in Jesus Christ to all of life.

4. The Role of the Teacher: The teacher is expected to live by Biblical mandates and exhibit the fruit of the Spirit in the fullest possible measure. The teacher is to motivate each student according to his or her ability, foster student effort, and encourage the application of spiritual motives for learning. (Luke 6:40)

Statement of Faith

(In summary form; complete form available on our website or in the school office).

We believe the Bible to be inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.

We believe in the historical reliability of the Bible, including the literal six-day creation, fall of man, and the global Genesis flood.

We believe in the Trinity - God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

We believe in the deity of Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death, His resurrection from the dead, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His imminent, personal return in power and glory.

We believe in the necessity of repentance and regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation, and that because of the sinfulness of human nature, men are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Christ. Only by God's grace and through faith are we saved.

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost - the saved to the resurrection of life and the lost to damnation.

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by Whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life.

Our Religious Conviction on What the Bible Teaches Regarding Gender Identity, Marriage, Sexuality, and the Sanctity of Human Life:

Gender Statement: NHCS continues to recognize and teach that, from the beginning, God created a man and a woman distinct from one another, yet equal in His image and likeness. (Gen. 1:26, 27) As a result, because every man and woman reflects God uniquely and differently from the other, God intends each male and each female to remain in their same gender (biological form) throughout life. NHCS teaches that a human's DNA communicates God's original design and gender (biological form) for each person. All other choices made outside of one's specific DNA gender (biological form) is therefore considered against God's original design. Such choices prohibit any person from employment, board membership, administrative, and any role-model staff or non-staff position since these roles place them in a position of influence to New Hope students. (Ps 139:13-16; Mk 10:6; Matt. 19:4)

Marriage and Sexuality Statement: NHCS continues to recognize and teach that God instituted marriage after creating one man and one woman distinct, yet equal, in His image (Gen 1:27; Mt 19:5-6; Mk 10:6-9). God therefore intends that marriage be defined as: "One man and one woman, equal in essence, brought together by God to display Him in a loving, one-flesh (conjugal) union, making this a comprehensive relationship made possible by distinct forms with distinct, yet equally valuable functions. Because of their distinct conjugal designs, procreation is made possible and therefore serves the good of the potential children, the good of the spouses, and the common good of society." (Gen. 2:24) God declares this union of one man and one woman "very good!" (Gen. 1:31) Those involved in non-Biblical unions and/or any sexual relationships outside of marriage are prohibited from employment, board membership, administrative, and any role-model staff or non-staff position since these roles place them in a position of influence to New Hope students. (Gen 19:4-7; Lev 18:22, 20:13; Jud 19:22-23; Rom 1:22-32; 1 Cor 6:9-11; 1 Tim 1:9-10)

We believe God's plan for human sexuality and sexual activity is to be expressed only within the context of marriage, that God created man and woman as unique biological persons made to complement each other. God instituted monogamous marriage between male and female as the foundation of the family and the basic structure of human society. For this reason, we believe that marriage is exclusively the union of one genetic male and one genetic female. (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5-6; Mark 10:6-9; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9.) (Adapted from Samaritan's Purse)

Sanctity of Human Life Statement:

We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. Because we are called to defend, protect, and value all human life (Ps 139), we cannot participate in nor support any activity that is contrary to the sanctity of human life.

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 6:9-11.) We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31.) Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor with the policies or practices of NHCS.

I AGREE TO COOPERATE WITH NEW HOPE'S FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENTS.

Printed Name

Signature

Date