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ROCKY VIEW SCHOOLS

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# Parent/Guardian Covenant

Commitment to a genuine partnership between home and school is emphasized at Cochrane Christian Academy (CCA). This partnership is best achieved when parents, teachers, and students each support the beliefs and philosophies of the school. CCA promotes and encourages all students to experience spiritual salvation and to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

CCA recognizes that not every student benefits from our alternative school, nor does the school benefit from every student; however, when the goals of the family match the goals of the school, it is a very successful and rewarding experience for both. We ask all parents and students to determine whether their goals match those of the school before enrolling.

# A Christian Education Partnership

Parents and students understand that a multi-denominational, Protestant, Christian Worldview will be evident throughout all curricular and extra-curricular aspects of CCA. Bible instruction, scripture memory, chapel, and Godly worship will be a part of daily and weekly activities. Parents are required to acknowledge that they have read and understand the Christian Education Partnership, Mission Statement, and Statement of Faith for Cochrane Christian Academy and agree to uphold and support them.

A fundamental key to the success of CCA is the partnership between the school, students, parents, and church.

# Why Choose a Christian School?

At CCA, we believe that a Christian philosophy of education is fundamental to our mission. We are grateful that you have chosen our school to support you in your responsibility as parents to provide a God-centered and Christ-honoring education for your children. The Bible emphasizes the importance of the home in raising and educating children.

"These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (NIV)

Christian parents have a significant role in educating their children in a manner that honors God. By partnering with other Christian families, they can provide the education that aligns with their faith. At CCA, we support this by having teachers who act *'in loco parentis'*—in place of the parents—during school hours. This partnership is the foundation of our school's existence.

Please review the following information to see if CCA is the right fit for your family.

## An Extension of the Home

Our school serves as an extension of the home. Teachers exercise the same authority in the classroom that parents do at home. Children are expected to respect and obey their teachers just as they would their parents. While the authority to educate belongs to the parents, they delegate this responsibility to teachers during school hours.

It's important for parents to remember that the Christian school is a supplement to, not a substitute for, the Christian home. The Christian family remains the primary unit for the education of children, with the home providing the foundational instruction and example. Christian education is a partnership between the home and the school, working together to nurture and educate children.

We are honored by the trust you have placed in CCA. It is our prayer that our school will exemplify the truth of Christ to your children. As stated in 2 Timothy 3:16-17: "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (NIV).

## **Cochrane Christian Academy Environment**

A child's character is affected by the quality of their earliest environment. CCA offers an environment that encourages character development pleasing to the Lord.

A child is also strongly influenced by the role model of significant adults and friends in his/her life. CCA provides role models in Christian teachers and friends who share the parent's values, beliefs, and desires for the child.

A child matures intellectually and spiritually as he/she is trained to discern right from wrong, good from evil. At CCA, knowledge is integrated with the truth of Jesus Christ. A Bible-based lifestyle is modeled in contrast to the world's diverse morals and values.

A child becomes a whole Christ-like person in response to love. CCA encourages commitment to Christ and behavior that shows the result of God's love in both faculty and students.

The school agrees to work closely with parents or guardians in helping the students to learn and to solve their school-related challenges. This will include providing qualified teachers, a full and balanced curriculum, regular reporting, supervision of the students and the program, and cooperation with the home.

## **Vision Statement**

We are a community of learners journeying together to discover our full potential as expressions of God's love.

#### **Mission Statement**

Through relationship in Christ, we are committed to:

- developing learners with a God-given PURPOSE,
- cultivating a family COMMUNITY, and
- making an IMPACT in our world.

#### Statement of Faith

- The Bible is the inspired, only, infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God. (2 Timothy 3:15 and Peter 1:21)
- God is the creator of all things. God eternally exists in three persons, the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:1, Matthew 28:18-20, and John 10:30)
- Jesus Christ was born of a virgin, died on the cross for the atonement of sins, and rose from the dead to sit at the right hand of God (1 Corinthians 15:3-4, Ephesians 1, Hebrews 2:9, and John 11:25)
- People are sinful by nature and are saved from eternal damnation by their faith in Jesus Christ (John 3:16-21, and John 5:24, Romans 3:23, 5:8-9, and Titus 3:5)
- Only through Jesus Christ are people able to have a personal relationship with God who is omnipresent, omniscient, and omnipotent (John 14:6).

Please indicate your commitment to this partnership agreement by selecting 'yes' on our online registration form.