



What We Believe

About students, God and his world, LSA families and the goal of education

What do we believe about students?

We believe every child is made in God's image. That means we believe every child bears the mark of the Creator. And because each child is made in God's image they have inherent dignity and worth.

We believe every child desires to be their best and to do their best. Every child desires to be attentive, to be a good friend, to do good work, to get their work done on time. At times, however, barriers get in the way. Sometimes those exist within a student (i.e. anxiety, ADHD, etc) and sometimes those barriers are shaped more by the student's situation (i.e. hunger, chaotic home environment, inconsistent sleep patterns). Consequently, when a child is unable to be or do their best we begin by trying to learn/understand what barriers may be getting in the way of their flourishing.

This belief about students means we are careful to make distinctions between a child's behavior (i.e. she made a bad choice) and their character (i.e. he's a bad/naughty kid).

What do we believe about God and the world?

We believe God created the world — and He created it good (to flourish).

We believe sin entered the world and has distorted/tainted every part of God's creation.

We believe God's son Jesus was born into the world to announce a new Kingdom — and to rescue us and the world from sin.

We believe that Jesus died and rose bodily to conquer death once and for all.

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We believe that God the Holy Spirit serves as our Advocate, Comforter, and Empowerer in this world.

We believe one day Christ will return to reign in the New Heaven and New Earth.

In the meantime, God calls us to be his agents of justice, love, peace, and hope. Our job is to help this world look more like what God intended in the Garden of Eden, and what it will look like when Christ returns.

What do we believe about parents/guardians/families?

We believe parents/guardians love the child(ren) entrusted to their care as well as they are able. We believe they desperately want to see their child (ren) flourish.

Consequently, we will do all we can to partner with families. This begins by building trusting relationships with both students and their families through communicating well — and through demonstrating genuine care/love for the students entrusted to our care/instruction.

Parents will extend us a good deal of grace if they know we love and respect their children. Conversely, if they ever begin to question whether we love/respect their child we will have a very difficult time doing anything right.

What do we believe is the goal of education?

We believe the goal of education is to help students learn to love the things that God loves. We do this by helping students learn more about God, learn more about themselves, learn more about the world, and to learn more about how they can join what God is up to in this world.