**STATEMENT OF FAITH**

Jesus said, “Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.” [*Name of School or Program*] is a ministry of [*Name of Church*] where we help our children grow in faith and love in Jesus. Our School is known for academic quality and for our ability to aid our student in sound Christian moral development serving the people of [*City or County name*]. As a Christian school, our curriculum includes in-class daily teachings from God’s Holy Word. We integrate our Christian beliefs into everything we teach. Many parents wonder, “What will they teach my child about religion at [*Name of School or Program*]?” Simply stated, [*Name of School or Program*] exists to help ground our students in the living Christian faith as taught by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

*We teach about the Bible, faith, and Salvation. We believe that:*

* The Bible is the source and basis for all our beliefs. (2 Tim. 3:15-17)
* All people and all faiths are to be shown respect. (Matthew 22:39)
* Only through faith in Jesus Christ can people be saved. (John 3:16)

*We teach about God. We believe that:*

* God is the Almighty, loving creator of everything and everyone. (Genesis 1:1)
* God is one God, but three equal persons (Triune). He is God the Father, God the Son (Jesus), and God the Holy Spirit – not three Gods but one God. (Matthew 28:19)
* God is the Judge before whom all people will give an account for the lives they lead. (2 Cor. 5:10)
* God is a Savior (Jesus) who died for our sins and arose from the dead. (Acts 4:11-12)
* God is the Author of the Bible who, through the Holy Spirit, inspired men to write what He wanted to communicate to humankind – especially who He is, His truths, and how He has come to the rescue of humankind through the work of Jesus Christ. (2 Timothy 3:16)
* God is Love. He loves all people perfectly and completely. (1 John 4:9-10)

*We teach about people. We believe that:*

* People are created individually and specially by God. (Psalm 139:13-16)
* People are loved always and completely by God. (John 3:16)
* People are expected by God to live lives of holiness and perfection. (Matthew 5:48)
* People are unable to obey God perfectly (everyone sins). (Ecclesiastes 7:20)
* People are forgiven their sins and given the gift of everlasting life in heaven only through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. (Romans 6:23)
* People are unable to earn God’s favor or forgiveness; rather we receive faith and forgiveness through the gift of God. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

People, sadly, will be condemned to eternal suffering if they do not have faith in Christ. (Matthew 13:49-50 and John 14:6)

*We teach about relationships. We believe that:*

* People should submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. (Ephesians 5:21)
* People should tell their friends how much the Lord has done for them and how he has had mercy on them. (Mark 5:19)
* Marriage is a holy union, created by God, and is intended to be between one man and one women. (Genesis 2:24, Mark 10:7, Ephesians 5:31, Corinthians 7:2)

*“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16*

 By signing below you are acknowledging that you received a copy of our Statement of Faith and you understand that we will be teaching your child(ren) in accordance with our faith and practice as [*Name of School or Program*] is a mission of [*Name of Church*].

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