



# **PINECASTLE**

## CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

### Educational Philosophy Statements

#### **Bible**

The mission of Pine Castle Christian Academy is to prepare the next generation, one student at a time, to impact the world for Christ. We do that by teaching God’s Word faithfully and intentionally in Bible classes at every grade level, and we do that by teaching and applying biblical truth in every area of our curriculum. Jesus is Lord in all disciplines, and our primary goal is to use those disciplines as a means for reaching students and leading them into a personal relationship with Him. His words are as true today as the day He spoke them: “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father but through Me” (John 14:6, NASB).

#### **Fine Arts & Foreign Language**

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1, NASB). He is the ultimate artist, and because we are made in His image, we have an innate desire to create. Moreover, God created by means of the spoken word, and he communicated his love to us through language. At Pine Castle Christian Academy, we believe that a fine arts program should help students develop their God-given talents and abilities while reflecting biblical principles and glorifying Him as the Creator of all things. We desire not only to reach students for Christ through the arts, but also to equip them to communicate truth to the world around them using a variety of expressive mediums.

Similarly, we desire that students who learn a foreign language would draw closer to God as they see His love revealed in the communication process and that they would be equipped to communicate truth to others who speak that language, overcoming cultural barriers as they do. “...speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ,” (Ephesians 4:15, NASB).

#### **Social Studies**

Pine Castle Christian Academy’s social studies curriculum is designed to teach students about human society, past and present, through a biblical worldview and with a focus on God’s purpose for humanity. As students progress from elementary school to middle school to high school, they expand their understanding of the world God created and come to recognize that Jesus Christ is central to all of history, including their own personal history. “God reigns over the nations, God sits on His holy throne” (Psalm 47:8, NASB). Important events and historical figures are examined in relation to their influence on the development of our state, our nation, and our world. History, culture, geography, economics, government, and citizenship—including civic responsibilities in a democratic society—are among the subject areas covered.

## **Math**

To study mathematics is to study the divinely-ordered properties and equations by which God created all that exists. Shapes, patterns, sizes, and measurements are but a few of the simple mathematical concepts that are visible in the world around us and that testify to His handiwork. God's invisible qualities are also evident in the creation: "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made..." (Romans 1:20, NASB). Through the study of mathematics at Pine Castle Christian Academy, students learn that such an orderly and logical system points directly to the infinite, all-knowing, immutable, faithful Creator.

## **Science**

At Pine Castle Christian Academy, we believe that all of science must be viewed through the lens of biblical truth. We teach science to affirm for students the reality that God, the Creator of all that exists, sustains the universe by His divine power through scientific principles that He Himself ordained (i.e. gravity). "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands" (Psalm 19:1, NIV). As with mathematics, science ultimately leads us to a creation that was purposely designed to reveal the omniscient, omnipotent Creator.

## **Language Arts**

Pine Castle Christian Academy strives to create literate disciples who, as masters of language arts, can thrive spiritually, academically, vocationally, and socially, and who can clearly and effectively communicate God's will and His Word to a lost world. Fundamental to our objective is the conviction that "the Lord gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding" (Proverbs 2:6, NASB). Our curriculum is purposefully designed to teach spelling, vocabulary, reading, writing, and literature as the means through which students understand human nature and their own relationship to a holy God.

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