



# East Richland Christian Schools

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## Mission Statement

Desiring to honor God and partner with Christian families, East Richland Christian Schools exists to educate and disciple students in a strong academic environment, equipping them to function as committed followers of Christ in the world.

## Statement of Faith

1. *We believe* the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God.
2. *We believe* there is one God, eternally existent in three persons – Father, Son, Holy Spirit.
3. *We believe* in the deity of Christ; His virgin birth; His sinless life; His miracles; His vicarious and atoning death; His resurrection; His ascension to the right hand of the Father; His personal return in power and glory.
4. *We believe* in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature; and that men are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Christ and that only by God's grace and through faith alone are we saved.
5. *We believe* in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
6. *We believe* in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.
7. *We believe* in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

Note: East Richland Christian Schools make no distinction concerning an individual's race or ethnic background because we acknowledge that there can be no preferential treatment with God. We are a Christian School dedicated to the establishment, philosophy, and promotion of fundamental Christian education and do not support or endorse the World Council of Churches or any world, national, regional, or local organizations which give Christian recognition to non-believers or advocate a multi-faith union.

Scriptural basis: II Timothy 3:16-17, II Corinthians 13:14, I Corinthians 15, Romans 12, John 1,3

## Statement of Biblical Moral Integrity

Students need to be taught the Bible dictates the standards for sexual behavior. This is particularly important in a society where young people can become confused by the conflicting values reflected on TV, movies, the internet, some secular music, social media, etc.

The bible teaches that sex is God-ordained within the covenant of marriage and is a spiritual bond between (male) husband and (female) wife (*Gen. 2:24; Matt. 19:4-6; I Cor. 7:3-5; Heb. 13:4*). Those who are not involved in such a marriage are to live celibate lives. (*I Cor. 7:1-2*).

The unique roles of the male and female are clearly defined in Scripture. Romans 1:24-32 states that God recognizes homosexuals, lesbians, and other deviates as perverted. Other Scriptures dealing with living Godly lifestyles include Romans 12:1-2, I Cor. 6:6-20; Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 4:3-5; I Thess. 4:3-8; I Tim. 4:12.

East Richland Christian School's biblical role is to work in conjunction with the home to mold students to be Christ like. Therefore, it is required that all those involved with East Richland Christian Schools honor God by having lifestyles that are based on these biblical standards. This includes (but is not necessarily limited to) boards members, staff members, parents, students, and volunteers.