

Schedule "A"
Mission and Statement of Faith

Immanuel Christian Schools Alternative Program

Mission Statement

*To provide a Christian environment in which God calls His children
to develop and use their gifts for joyful service in His kingdom.*

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe that the Society for Christian Education in Southern Alberta must provide an education that is shaped by a faith rooted in Scripture. The Bible imparts divinely inspired and authoritative insight for every dimension of life. Christian education, therefore, tells us how to understand ourselves in relationship to God, to others, and to all creation.

- I. We believe the 66 Canonical books of the Protestant Bible to be the inspired and only infallible authoritative written Word of God. One may not add to or take away from God's holy word. II Timothy 3:16-17, II Peter 1:20-21, Revelation 22:18-19. Titus, 1:2, John 17: 16-17
- II. We believe that there is one God eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19, II Corinthians 13:14, Matthew 3:16-17, Genesis 1:26, 1 Peter 1:1-2
- III. We believe that the universe originated by the creative act of God as revealed in the Holy Scriptures, and that the form of every kind of life was fixed at the time of its creation. Genesis 1, John 1:1, Psalm 104: 24 & 25, Hebrews 11:3, Genesis 2: 7 & 22, 1 Corinthians 15:37-39
- IV. We believe as a direct result of His creation order, God established the family unit, as described in the Scriptures, as the basis to procreate and pass on His word from generation to generation. In his providential care, the natural laws of His creation require us to protect the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. Genesis 1:26-28, Genesis 2: 18-25, Psalm 139:13-16, Romans 1, Matthew 19:4-6, Hebrews 13:4 and Ephesians 5:1-5
- V. We believe in the true deity and true humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His pre-existence, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His future visible return in power and glory. Colossians 1:13-20, John 1:1-14, Acts 1:9-11, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Mark 16:19
- VI. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the only mediator between God and man. Hebrews 9: 15, I Timothy 2:5, Acts 4: 12, 2 Corinthians 5: 21
- VII. We believe that mankind is conceived and born in sin and therefore lost, and that salvation is received only by the grace of God, through personal faith in the Lord

Jesus Christ, which the Holy Spirit works in our hearts. Genesis 3:17-19, Romans 1:18-32, Romans 3:21-26, Ephesians 2:8-10, Galatians 2:16, Romans 1:16-17, Romans 5:18-19, John 15:26, II Corinthians 1:21-22

- VIII. We believe that by the present indwelling ministry of the Holy Spirit, Christians are able to live godly lives, and that every believer should practice the holiness which God requires. Our words and actions of faith and hope, as well as our honest seeking of God's will, as revealed in the Bible, lead us to reconciling relationships with God and each other. Romans 12:1-2, Titus 2:11-13, Matthew 6:12, Ephesians 1:13-14, Romans 8:1-4
- IX. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: they that are saved will live; those that are lost will be condemned. John 5:25, 28-29, Matthew 25: 46, Acts 24: 15, Job 19: 25-27
- X. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. John 17:20-24, I Corinthians 12:12-13, Psalm 87, Revelations 21, John 3:16-21
- XI. We believe that, individually and communally, we are called to the task of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ to people of all languages and nationalities with a view to their salvation. Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 2:39, II Corinthians 5:20, Acts 10:42, Isaiah 52:7, Romans 10: 14-15, Psalm 105: 1, 2

Immanuel Christian Schools are interdenominational Christian schools that embrace the Christian faith from the reformed perspective as summarised in the Apostle's, the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds.

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord.

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He arose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

I believe a holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.

Amen.

We believe that God created, and continues to maintain, the entire universe. Early on, our first parents rebelled against God. Since then, all human lives have been twisted, impaired, and marked by the sin that stems from this broken relationship. The heart of the Bible's message, and the reason we understand the gospel to be such good news, is the revelation that God has not abandoned His creation, but has determined to set things right.

We believe the redemptive intent of God finds its center in the life and work of Jesus Christ. In the person of Jesus, God executes a just punishment against the sin of humankind, and graciously offers forgiveness to all. Because He suffered and died, Jesus Christ reconciles sinful people to their Creator. He fulfills God's promise to restore the whole creation. By His resurrection and ascension to His heavenly throne, Jesus Christ is both Savior and Lord of the universe.

We believe this world and all who live in it belong to God. Although our world remains troubled and flawed, the work and victory of Jesus give us hope. We eagerly wait for the day when Jesus Christ returns and is publicly acknowledged as the Lord of all. On that day, the redemptive purposes of God will be complete and God will erase every vestige of sin and suffering. Until that day arrives, the Holy Spirit works faith in us and inspires us to live in ways which acknowledge the truth of the good news in Jesus.

We believe that our place in God's world is one of special privilege and responsibility. Made in God's image, we human beings are the crown of God's creation. We are called to be responsible caretakers: loving others and ourselves, and developing the resources of creation as God's stewards. Since the entire universe is the Kingdom of our Lord, every dimension of life must be understood in relationship to Him.

We believe that our Statement of Faith forms the basis for sound biblical instruction.

We recognize that there are other interpretations, convictions, and doctrines professed by Christians, which they believe to be consistent with the above. However, such beliefs shall not be promoted by Immanuel Christian Schools, though they may be respectfully discussed.