



PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Soli Deo Gloria

MISSION STATEMENT

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In **dependence** upon Almighty God, **for His glory alone**, and **together** with **family** and **church**, the mission of *Providence Christian Academy* is to provide **exemplary education** for the **vulnerable** in the **light of God's Word** for **time** and **eternity**.

Definitions

Dependence upon Almighty God: We acknowledge our dependence upon our Almighty and All-sufficient God. Without Him, we can do nothing. We seek to be faithful stewards, giving thanks with a grateful heart, while rejoicing daily in His providence.

Glory of God alone: Our motto *Soli Deo Gloria* summarizes what we believe is “the chief end of man”—“to glorify God and enjoy Him forever” (WCF Shorter Catechism).

Church and Family: We will collaborate with family, church, and like-minded resource providers to deliver hope and a future in Christ for vulnerable children with the goal of serving, strengthening, and reuniting families whenever possible or sheltering children as they wait for a new family when reunification is impossible. Mentor families, along with their enrolled children, form a foundation for our mission, supporting the work in vital ways (volunteering, hosting, other assigned roles). We seek to be a community of scholars who model Christian character, conduct, accountability, and service, while understanding the need for fellowship in the local and worldwide Church of Jesus Christ.

Exemplary: Looking to the Exemplar, the author and finisher of our faith, our Lord Jesus Christ, we seek to create a work that other similar schools might see as exemplary, a commendable model for the encouragement of other works dedicated to the vulnerable.

Educate: We teach a Biblical, Christ-centered, accredited curriculum that prepares each student for the challenges of higher education and life-long learning within the sphere of God's unique calling on their life.

Vulnerable: By vulnerable, we mean educationally marginalized children without one or both parents, or children in families struggling with divorce, pre-adoption adjustment, post-adoption adjustment, homelessness, poverty, or other family troubles. James 1:27 especially urges, “Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of *our* God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, *and* to keep oneself unstained by the world (NASB).

In the Light of God's Word: A Bible-based education recognizes that man is not mere matter, but is both body and soul. Merriam-Webster defines holistic as, "relating to or concerned with complete systems rather than with individual parts". We understand the whole person, both body and soul, as needing reformation. We see even the athletics as an opportunity for educational programs that foster a Christ-like attitude towards competition and sportsmanship.

God's Word teaches Truth as not merely some empirical search for certitude, but as a Person, our Lord Jesus Christ, "in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Colossians 2:3) and who said of Himself, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me" (John 14:6). We are unashamedly committed to a Biblical worldview based upon the Word of God and summarized in the Reformed theological tradition. We seek to educate each student unto the true knowledge of **God's Word, works, and world** that each might know God and **live by faith the implications of the reign of Jesus Christ over all of His creation.**

Time: We recognize the need to educate students for the spiritual, ethical, technological, and societal challenges of their generation. We want our students to understand the times and pursue excellence in their particular calling for Christ.

Eternity: We seek to provide Biblically based experiences that equip a student for a life-long, maturing relationship with Jesus Christ. We strive to teach students to love God and neighbor with head, hearts, and hands for time *and* eternity.

Aims

Our specific aims of accomplishing our mission will be via:

1. The founding and incorporation of a 501(c)(3) private voluntary Christian day and residential school devoted to teaching a Biblical worldview based upon the Word of God and summarized in the Reformed theological tradition (as specified in our organization's doctrinal basis). The school would be open especially to educationally marginalized children without one or both parents, or children of families struggling with divorce, pre-adoption adjustment, post-adoption adjustment, homelessness, poverty, and other family troubles.
2. The collecting of funds to be distributed in efforts to minister to widowed or needy families by supporting all or a portion of the educational or boarding expenses of needy children enrolled in *Providence Christian Academy*, thus providing options to costly out-of-home placement of children in a residential treatment facility, thereby, reducing the burden of government to provide such services.
3. Efforts to promote reunification of children with their families, or in cases where this is impossible, cooperation with existing ministries or agencies in order to educate and encourage families regarding present and future options by referring families to qualified agencies who specialize in the matching of such children with loving Christian homes.
4. Provision of follow-up ministry aimed at connecting and involving the children we serve in the work and fellowship of the local and worldwide Church.