



MISSION STATEMENT, PHILOSOPHY AND OBJECTIVES OF EDUCATION

A. MISSION STATEMENT:

To develop Seventh-day Adventist educational communities of faith that promote holistic student development expressed in academic excellence, Christ-centered worship, loving relationships and practical concern for others.

B. PHILOSOPHY:

Seventh-day Adventist education is based on a biblical worldview. This view asserts that an eternal loving God, through Christ created this world as part of a perfect Universe Which He continues to sustain by His power through the laws He has ordained. Although created perfect in God's image, mankind's free choice led to alienation from the Creator. This broken relationship resulted in a fallen nature out of harmony with God, and a blighted creation. Through His infinite love God instituted a plan of salvation through the life, death and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ. This plan provides for the restoration of a harmonious relationship between mankind and the Creator, and the hope of eternal life.

All truth finds its source and unity in God. Human understanding of truth is derived from God's revelation through His inspired Word, the work of the Holy Spirit, and appreciation for His creation. These truths are perceived through the exercise of all the powers given by God to humanity. God's design for enjoyment of a full and abundant life is realized in acceptance of His laws and values as revealed in the unselfish life of Christ and expressed in His teachings. These values impact on all people's cultural activities and reflect their relationship with God, other people and the natural world entrusted to their care. Related aesthetic values shape their appreciation of beauty and creativity.

Seventh-day Adventists believe that because the development of religious faith pervades all of life, the Adventist school curriculum has important spiritual significance. Therefore, the Adventist school community and education curriculum are intended to develop faith which contributes to the restoration of body, mind, spirit and personal relationships in harmony with God's ideal. Such faith also includes the Church's religious beliefs, norms of ethical behaviour, and commitment to serving the wider community.

OBJECTIVES OF THE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH EDUCATION

The objectives of Seventh-day Adventist education are derived from its philosophy and seek to achieve the implementation of its mission in each institution and in the life of each student. Because as Seventh-day Adventists we believe:

1. In the reality of God as the Creator and sustainer of the Universe, students will be encouraged to recognize God as the source of all truth and evaluate all knowledge, concepts and standards against His revealed will;
2. That this world is out of harmony with God as a result of sin and humanity is in need of a Redeemer, students will be encouraged to accept Christ as their personal Saviour and develop a continuing relationship with Him;
3. That all mankind were made in the image of God; endowed with intellect, emotion and the power of choice, students will be encouraged to seek to develop a healthy balance of all their mental, physical and spiritual powers;
4. That God has a supreme claim on our lives and that our greatest achievements should reflect His ideal, students will be encouraged to strive to develop all of their abilities to their highest level;
5. That the enjoyment of an abundant life is realised in the acceptance of God's laws and values, students will be encouraged to develop and apply Christian values to their life choices and behaviour;
6. In God as the source of all true goodness and beauty, students will be encouraged to appreciate and protect the natural world which God has so bountifully provided;
7. That human creativity is a gift from God, students will be encouraged in that creativity which glorifies God and brings peace and blessing to others;
8. That Christ has given us a commission to share the gospel with all mankind, students will be encouraged to make a commitment to a life of unselfish service that will communicate God's love to others;
9. That true self-respect is found in the recognition of the value God places on each one of His children, students will be encouraged to respect all others without bias or prejudice;
10. That God has instituted a plan of salvation for mankind, students will be encouraged to appreciate how they fit into this plan as God's sons and daughters through their historical Christian Seventh-day Adventist heritage,
11. That a religion is to be lived in a practical way, students will be encouraged to internalize and apply Seventh-day Adventist beliefs in ethical choices, social behaviour, and lifestyle priorities,
12. That religious faith has a strong component of commitment to a cause, students will be encouraged to enter Church employment to promote the worldwide task of the Church.