

## **ELKHART CHRISTIAN ACADEMY 100 ORGANIZATION**

### **PURPOSE STATEMENT, MISSION, AND VISION**

Elkhart Christian Academy, in conjunction with home and church, exists to fully develop each student's God-given potential using the Bible to set a standard of excellence.

We are continually striving toward academic excellence, maintaining high expectations of spiritual growth, and teaching Scripture with the purpose of change. We hire teachers who model godliness and disciple students.

Our mission is education that is ***distinctive, Biblical, and life-changing.***

Our vision: We will be the leading, Michiana-based school that partners with Christian parents who desire an excellent education integrated with Biblical truth ***in order to prepare students for life.***

### **BACKGROUND & GOVERNANCE**

Elkhart Christian Academy was founded in 1973 as a ministry of First Baptist Church, to provide a Christ-centered, Bible-based education for Christian young people. As a ministry of the First Baptist Church, ECA exists primarily to work in conjunction with Bible-believing churches and Christian families with the goal of training the next generation in godliness.

Though the school is a ministry of First Baptist Church, it operates as a separate non-profit corporation. The school administration is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the school. The administration works with the School Board, which represents the membership of First Baptist Church. The School Board establishes school policy.

Final authority rests with the School Board of Elkhart Christian Academy.

### **PHILOSOPHY**

The school embraces the ten principles of the Kingdom Education philosophy, which are:

1. The education of children and youth is the primary responsibility of parents. (Deut. 6:4-9; 11:18-21; Psalm 78:1-7; 127:3; Prov. 22:6; Mal. 2:13-16; Eph. 6:4)
2. The education of children and youth is a 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week process that continues from birth till maturity. (Deut. 6:7; 11:19; Prov. 22:6)
3. The education of children and youth must have as its primary goals the salvation of and discipleship of the next generation. (Ps. 78:6-7; Matt. 28:19-20)
4. The education of children and youth must be based on God's Word as absolute truth. (Matt. 24:35; Ps. 119)
5. The education of children and youth must hold Christ as preeminent in all of life. (Col.2:3, 6-10)
6. The education of children and youth must not hinder the spiritual and moral development of the next generation. (Matt. 18:6; 19:13-14; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17)

7. The education of children and youth, if and when delegated to others by parents, must be done by teachers chosen with utmost care to ensure that they all follow these principles. (Ex. 18:21; I Sam. 1:27-28; 3:1-10)
8. The education of children and youth results in the formation of a belief system or worldview that will be patterned after the belief systems or worldviews of the person's teachers. (Luke 6:40)
9. The education of children and youth must lead to true wisdom by connecting all knowledge to a biblical worldview frame of reference. (Rom. 1:20; Ps. 19:1; Prov. 4:5,7; 3:19; 9:10; Ps. 104:24; 136:5; Jer. 10:12; Rom. 11:33; Luke 11:52; Col. 2:3; I Cor. 8:1; 13:8; Rom. 1:28)
10. The education of children and youth must have a view of the future that includes the eternal perspective. (Col. 3:1-2; Matt. 6:19-20; 2 Tim. 4:6-8; Acts 20:24; Heb. 11:13; Col. 3:23-24)

### **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

Elkhart Christian Academy and all of the programs which it operates are founded upon the infallible Word of God (the Bible) as interpreted in the Confession of Faith of the First Baptist Church. A brief summary of the 19 articles is as follows:

1. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are verbally inspired of God and inerrant in the original writings and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life.
2. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true man.
4. We believe that man was created in the image of God, that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death which is separation from God; and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature, and, in case of those who reach moral responsibility, become sinners in thought, word, and deed.
5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice; thus, all who believe in Him are justified through His blood.
6. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His ascension into Heaven, and in His present life there for us as High Priest and advocate.
7. We believe in "That Blessed Hope"- the personal, pre-millennial, and imminent return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
8. We believe that all who receive the Lord Jesus Christ by faith are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God.
9. We believe in the preeminence of the local and visible church, baptism by immersion for believers, and the ordinance of the Lord's Supper.
10. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost.

### **SCHOOL VERSE**

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31)

### **MASCOT AND SCHOOL COLORS**

Eagle—Purple and White

### **ACCREDITATION**

Elkhart Christian Academy is fully accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International and the Department of Education in the State of Indiana.

### **ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS**

Elkhart Christian Academy is a member of several school organizations such as the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), Indiana Non-Public Education Association (INPEA), Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA), and Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA).

### **GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS**

Elkhart Christian Academy abides by all pertinent local, state and federal health, fire and building codes.

### **NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY**

Elkhart Christian Academy admits students of any race, color and national and ethnic origin. No person shall, on grounds of race, color, gender, or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity of Elkhart Christian Academy.

