

STATEMENT OF BELIEF

1. Byron Center Christian School is founded upon the infallible Word of God as summarized in the confessional standards of the Reformed Churches.
2. The Scriptures are inspired by the one, true, eternal God, the Holy Trinity - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. These writings reveal the only source of salvation and eternal life who is Jesus, the Son of God. Jesus Christ was born of a virgin, provided atonement at Calvary, was resurrected, ascended into heaven, and will personally return in power and glory to give His people eternal life.
3. It is the scriptural responsibility of God's people to join together to provide an education for their children that is in harmony with Christian principles, so that in every respect, they may perform their duties in this world to the glory of God, to their own well-being, and to the welfare of others.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

God commands His people to totally permeate the lives of their children with His Word:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the door frames of your houses and on your gates." (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

Realizing that it is difficult in today's society, which requires formal education, to completely obey this command to have God's Word infiltrate every aspect of a child's environment, the parents and supporters of Byron Center Christian School have joined together to form a school where the curriculum and the atmosphere are in keeping with God's Word. At Byron Center Christian School the children of Christian parents are under the care and guidance of Christian teachers. Christian teachers instruct the children in all areas of the curriculum and discipline in the light of God's Word. In other words, the school is consistent with the Christian home in what is being taught to the child. An atmosphere where home and school are working together to teach the child from the same perspective prevents confusion on the part of the child and thus better assures that the child will mature to accept Jesus Christ as Lord of all aspects of life and become a member of Christ's kingdom on earth and in heaven. God's people, in Psalm 78, say:

"We will not hide (God's teachings) from our children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power and the wonders he has done. God decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children." (Psalm 78:4-6)

It is the responsibility of this school to educate children of Christian parents in all subject areas in harmony with the Word of God and to train children, in cooperation with parents, in such a manner that they can perform their duties in this world, to the glory of God, to their own well-being, and to the welfare of others.

Because this Statement of Purpose can only be fulfilled in cooperation with a Christian home, no student will be accepted at Byron Center Christian School unless their home is a Christian home. (The Board will use its discretion on enrolling students from families whose circumstances may not comply completely with the above statements.)

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHRISTIAN HOME

The responsibilities of the Christian school to the Christian home are evident in the previous statements of belief and purpose. The Christian home has responsibilities in relationship to the Christian school as well:

1. The home must give moral and religious training to its children.
2. The home must be willing to cooperate with the educational programs of the Christian school.
3. The home must be willing to assume its share in the financial expense of the Christian school.

A Christian home is one in which parents are born-again Christians and faithfully attend an evangelical, Bible-believing, Christian church where Christ is preached as “the Way, the Truth, and the Life” and Lord of every aspect of our lives.

PARENT OR GUARDIAN AGREEMENT

1. I participate in the church services of a Bible-believing church regularly with my child.
2. I am in agreement with the Statement of Belief, Statement of Purpose, and Responsibilities of the Christian Home as previously outlined.
3. I am enrolling my child because of my desire to have my child educated in a Christ-centered academic setting.
4. I understand what my financial obligations to the school are and agree to assume those obligations.
5. I understand that enrollment is subject to approval by the Board of Byron Center Christian School, which reserves the right to accept or deny any application.
6. I understand that Byron Center Christian School does not discriminate against students of any race, color, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies or admission.