

Welcome to Saving Grace Christian Academy 2020-2021

Dear Saving Grace Christian Academy Parents and Students,

We welcome you to the 2020-2021 school year at Saving Grace Christian Academy. Our mission to provide an **excellent** educational program from a **biblical perspective** for each student, and our faculty and administration are committed to doing that with Christ-honoring excellence.

Our educational program is **exceptional**, which we define as “superior.” Saving Grace’s superior program starts with our faculty, who do a great job of teaching and impacting the students' lives. We challenge our students toward excellence in all areas of their lives – academically, spiritually, physically, and socially.

Our students exemplify readiness for future success at the next level of their educational journey. What makes Saving Grace Christian Academy unique and a one-of-a-kind school in this area is that our school program is also taught from a **biblical perspective** and is self-paced. Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) is a Christian worldview program that helps students to develop a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. We prepare students to look at the world through the lenses of God. We encourage students to utilize their talents and abilities to serve and honor the Lord.

We at Saving Grace Christian Academy are appreciative and grateful that you have allowed us to educate your child. We need you as the parent to partner with us in providing an education that breeds success and glorifies God. We need your prayers and involvement in your child's education. We have an open-door communication policy in an attempt to keep you abreast of what's happening in your child's education. Please let us know if we can assist you in any way.

As a means of informing and communicating, SGCA provides you with this handbook, which contains the school’s purpose, procedures, and operational policies. The manual provides you with information on many of your questions.

We at Saving Grace Christian Academy look forward to enhancing the lives of your scholars as we embark upon a new school year.

In Christ’s Service,



Dr. Dominic Curry
Academy President

Handbook 2020-2021

Philosophy

SAVING GRACE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY MISSION STATEMENT:

Saving Grace Christian Academy endeavors to further God's kingdom by providing a biblical perspective education program. Our goal is to enhance our scholars spiritually, academically, socially, and physically equipped for servant leadership to the glory of God.

SAVING GRACE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY VISION STATEMENT:

Saving Grace Christian Academy strives to prepare students for college, life, and eternity.

SAVING GRACE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY STATEMENT OF FAITH:

1. We believe the Bible and promote the Word of God as written under the inspiration and guidance of the Almighty God. The Bible reveals God's truths and is infallible and authoritative in all matters of faith and practice.
2. We believe that all are sinners saved by God's Grace.
3. We believe that salvation is given by God alone and received by faith alone, and its merit doesn't depend upon any human.
4. We believe that Jesus is the Son of God, and He died to atone for our sins.
5. Those who believe in Him may have eternal life.
6. We believe that
7. Jesus died, rose and will return to judge and received His people.
8. We believe the Holy Spirit resides in the people of God.
9. We believe our lives should glorify God under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

SAVING GRACE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY:

EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

1. God is truth, and He gives the Bible as our supreme and final authority.
2. We teach our educational program from a Biblical perspective.
3. All scholars are unique, valuable individuals created in God's image. Their gifts are to be used for God's purpose and glory.
4. All staff are role models for our scholars.
5. We challenge our scholars with exemplar instruction and a variety of activities that lead to a well-rounded education.
6. Ownership of students' behavior and integrity lies with each scholar.
7. Staff and administration provide a safe, orderly, and structured environment that enhances the scholar's learning.

8. Saving Grace Christian Academy will work with families to ensure their children receive the best education. However, we understand that the final responsibility for children's education is at home.
9. SGCA commitment to continuous school improvement is essential for students to become confident, self-directed, life-long learners.
10. Saving Grace emphasizes spiritual development and academic excellence as a means to glorify God.

SAVING GRACE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY VALUES & EXPECTED STUDENT OUTCOMES:

1. Christ is an essential identity

1 Corinthians 2:2 – *“For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.”*

Saving Grace Christian Academy Scholars:

- Will know, love, rely upon, and rest in Jesus Christ.
- Develop a character that reflects Christ and the Fruit of the Spirits.
- Students will love the church and prepared for Christian service.

2. Very Knowledgeable about the Word of God.

2 Timothy 3:14–17 – *“But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which can make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and training in righteousness that the man of God may be completely equipped for every good work.”*

Saving Grace Christian Academy Scholars should:

- Believe that the Bible is valid.
- Believe that God wants them to know him.
- Apply and submit to the will of God for their life.

3. Community of Grace

Titus 2: 11-14 – *“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say ‘no’ to ungodliness and worldly passions and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age. At the same time, we wait for the blessed hope – the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is right.”*

Saving Grace Christian Academy Scholars:

- Believes that God's grace secures and sustains us.
- Believes that God in His grace moves us to love and forgive others.

4. Academic Excellence

2 Peter 1:3 – *“His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to his glory and excellence.”*

Saving Grace Christian Academy graduates should:

- Be academically prepared for future success in college and life.

- Take the initiative to take responsibility for their education, work, and actions.
- Possess skills to think, communicate, and collaborate in order to accomplish goals, solve problems, and resolve conflict.

5. Preparation for Life

Romans 12: 1-2 (MSG)– *"So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life- your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life-and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it."*

Saving Grace Christian Academy Scholars should:

- Be able to understand and share their Christian beliefs.
- Be equipped to serve God in their community

RELATIONSHIP OF SCHOOL TO FAMILIES

We believe that according to the Bible, the parents will be held accountable to God for the education of their children. The parents must decide what educational institutions and other services they will use to fulfill that responsibility. However, the responsibility and authority to determine the curriculum at Saving Grace Academy are at the discretion of the administration. We believe that the session will be held accountable for the quality of the education we offer in regard to general and special revelation. While parents may hold us responsible for doing what we say we are going to do, parents will not have the authority to dictate policy or the operation of the school. Our hope that the services and opportunities we provide at SGA can assist parents in fulfilling their responsibility for the education of their child.

We also believe that the parent will be held accountable to discipline and train their child up in the way they should go. While our staff and faculty, most of whom are parents themselves, will be sympathetic and understanding of this responsibility, we as a school and faculty will not assume the role of parent. We will implement a school disciplinary policy for a Christian community in the raising of a child. However, the school can only be responsible for the implementation of policy, not for the child's adherence or disobedience to the plan and rules of the school. We are a school, and we expect that the parents do everything in their power to maximize the time a teacher has to teach. The parent disciplines their child and instructs them in proper school behavior so that the teacher can spend their time teaching.

SCHOOL BRANDING- MASCOT, COLORS, AND CREST

The school mascot is the eagle. The school colors are navy blue, burgundy and white. The use of school colors, school name, school crest, and the eagle head must only be with school permission and according to the school board approved designs and brands. Any additional colors, crests, or designs used in association with SGA Christian Academy needs the expressed permission of the SGA administration.
