



A *love* for God.
A desire to *learn*.
A commitment to *serve*.

MISSION STATEMENT

San Jose Christian School is dedicated to training young people for Christian life and service by offering a balanced program that reflects Biblical standards. The entire curriculum recognizes that Christ is Lord of all creation.

The primary purpose of San Jose Christian School is to provide an academically excellent, Christ-centered education for children of Christian parents.

An additional purpose of our school is to testify to students and parents that God's Word is Truth and all creation belongs to Him.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

San Jose Christian School was founded by believers from area Reformed Churches, for the purpose of educating their children for Christian life and service. The Board of Directors and Staff of San Jose Christian School hold to the following Statement of Faith.

- The Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God and is the ultimate source of truth and authority in all matters of our faith and life.
- There is only one God, who is eternal and all-powerful, the Sovereign God of heaven and earth. He created the universe and everything in it and maintains sovereign control over all things. He exists in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- God created man, both male and female, in His image. This is what separates us from the animals and all other forms of life. However, our forefather Adam disobeyed God and, as our representative, brought sin and death to the entire human race. The result is that all humans are born sinful, are unable, on their own, to please God, and deserve death and eternal punishment. This means that every person needs renewal and restoration; we are in need of God's grace.
- Jesus Christ came to renew and restore. He is true God and true man who died on the cross for our sins. All whom God called to believe in Him and repent have the forgiveness of sins and new life through the Holy Spirit. This is possible because Jesus Himself was raised from the dead. He ascended into heaven where He now rules as Lord. He will return to make all things new, judging all who have ever lived.
- God has commanded believers to train their children in this faith and to recognize the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all areas of their lives. This is best accomplished when parents use three God-given agencies: the Christian home, the Christian school, and the Christian church.

IT IS OUR PURPOSE TO:

- Support and strengthen spiritual priorities of the home and church.
- Stimulate academic excellence.
- Give proper attention to physical and social growth development.
- Provide experience for making moral choices regarding stewardship, social relationships, leisure time use, and entertainment.
- Encourage creative growth through the fine arts.
- Prepare students for Christian leadership by providing:
 - an academic community in which teaching and learning are highly esteemed.
 - a Christian community of parents, teachers, and students in which the love of Jesus Christ is radiantly evident.
 - a commitment to excellence at all levels and in all subject areas.

IT IS OUR GOAL THAT STUDENTS AT SJCS WILL . . .

- Recognize Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord.
- Master essential basic skills:
 - reading smoothly and with comprehension
 - writing clearly and confidently
 - speaking easily and fluently
 - computing accurately and quickly

- Experience planning and organizing of individual and group projects.
- Develop the ability to analyze information, examine facts, and evaluate assumptions.
- Become active and effective members of their church and the Kingdom of God.
- Know the Bible thoroughly and have a firm grasp of the essential teachings of Scripture.
- Feel unity with other believers, be willing to put the welfare of others first, and be committed to serving others.
- Develop a keen moral sense in personal and public matters.

REFORMED PERSPECTIVE ON EDUCATION

Reformed churches have their roots in the Protestant Reformation and share their basic beliefs with all Christians, but they also emphasize certain principles more than other Christians. These include:

- The purpose of Christian education is to prepare students to live as Christians in the world, not to shelter them from it.
- God reveals Himself through the Bible (Special Revelation) and through His creation (General Revelation). The Bible serves not only to inform us about God, but also to interpret the world as God's creation and to enable us to see His hand behind all things. Every area of the school's curriculum contributes to our understanding of who God is and His lordship over all creation.
- God is sovereign over the entire cosmos and for that reason we need to study all aspects of creation. We teach God's claim over all parts of creation, society, and our lives.
- Sin has corrupted not only people but also the entire creation. God not only redeems His people, but also will restore creation to its original good and pure state.
- People and organizations are neither totally good nor evil. We teach our students to discern what is good, beautiful, and true, based on God's word.
- God is a covenant God. Just as He entered into a covenant with Abraham, so He enters into a covenant with us to be a God to us and to our children. He forgives our sins, renews us through the Holy Spirit, and gives us eternal life. Our part of the covenant is to live in thankfulness, working towards the coming of His kingdom, caring for His creation, sharing the good news of salvation, acting as His agents of mercy, and preparing our children to do the same.
- We are called to love God above all, and also to love our neighbor as ourselves. As members of a community, we demonstrate love and support to one another and teach our students to do likewise.

Note: Reformed churches summarize their beliefs in confessional statements or creeds. Examples of helpful confessional statements are: [Nicene Creed](#) (ca AD 325-381); [Heidelberg Catechism](#) (1563); and [The Westminster Confession of Faith](#) (1646). A helpful modern testimony of faith to learn more about reformed beliefs is [Our World Belongs to God](#) (1987). Additionally, [REFORMED: What It Means: Why It Matters](#), Robert DeMoor, 2001, is a good resource for more information.

ADMISSIONS POLICY

San Jose Christian School believes it can most effectively carry out its mission and goals when its efforts are balanced with effective spiritual nurture in the home and in the church. Consequently, SJCS primarily admits students whose parents (guardians) provide this balance. The spiritual nurture in the home and church should be consistent with SJCS's Statement of Faith. When this is not the case, SJCS may admit students whose parents (guardians) are striving to achieve this balance.

The academic readiness of applicants will be reviewed for acceptability and appropriate class placement. Final application acceptance is contingent upon mutual agreement by SJCS and the parents (guardians) as to the appropriate class entry level.

Once accepted, continued attendance at SJCS is subject to the student successfully maintaining the standards set forth above and in the student policies, as well as fulfillment of the financial responsibilities identified in the SJCS Financial Policies.

When admission is not in the best interest of the school or the applicant, the board may deny admission to an applicant. SJCS does not refuse admission of students based on race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap.