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## Mission Statement

*The mission of SJCS is to advance the kingdom of God by providing exceptional teaching and curriculum fully integrated with a Biblical perspective. Within our committed Christian community, we live to engage and transform culture for Christ.*

## 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 who created the universe and everything in it and maintains sovereign control over all things. He exists in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- Our God created people, 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; and we believe that this comes to believers only through God's grace.
- Marriage is the first institution God created and ordained in human society. It is God's plan for marriage to be a holy union of one man and one woman in an exclusive life-long covenant love relationship. Marriage reflects the relationship between Jesus Christ and His Church.
- 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, and also to love our neighbor as ourselves. We believe this is best accomplished when parents use three God-centered institutions: the Christian home, the Christian school, and the Christian church.



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## 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.*