

SCHOOL FOUNDATIONS

Vision

“The vision of Denton Calvary Academy is to see our students today and tomorrow, glorify the Lord Jesus Christ by improving the lives of others through a lifelong love of learning, discovery and service.”

Mission Statement

“The mission of Denton Calvary Academy is to cultivate a Biblically-based educational experience with committed Christian parents and educators to nurture students to reflect the character of Christ and to understand that this life is but a mist and through their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ they endeavor to make daily choices from an eternal view of life.”

What does this look like at Calvary?

Who are we?

We are a University-Model[®] School of Christian educators who provide quality education and collaborate with like-minded families to instill Biblical truth and Christlikeness.

Why do we exist?

We exist to glorify Christ by leading families in the education of their children and assisting in their discipleship.

How do we behave?

We behave with WISDOM (“right priorities and perspectives”), in LOVE (“sacrificial commitment to the best for others”), and FORTITUDE (“diligence, even in adversity”)

What do we do?

We educate the heart, soul, mind, & body of our students in order for them to relate rightly with God, self, others, and the rest of creation.

How do we succeed?

We:

- Maintain purposeful and spiritually healthy learning environments
- Train faculty, staff, students, and families in Godly character with consistency and loving accountability
- Prioritize all resources toward the development of our students

Core Values and Operating Principles

The core values and corresponding operating principles for DCA were composed by the board and administrators.

1. The Bible
2. The Christian Family
3. A Godly Staff
4. Excellent Christian Education
5. Christ-likeness
6. Stewardship
7. The Church

The Bible

Denton Calvary Academy believes the Bible is the inerrant Word of God, which provides the true direction for all aspects of life. II Timothy 3:16; Psalms 119:11,105

Denton Calvary Academy will:

1. teach the Bible as absolute truth by integrating it in all curricular and extra-curricular activities.
2. base all operating procedures for the school on Biblical principles.
3. uphold God's Word in handling all conflict resolution matters.

The Christian Family

The family was the first institution ordained by God as the foundational building block of society. Its purpose is to glorify God by raising the next generation to know, love, and obey God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. Ephesians 5:22-6:4; Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Denton Calvary Academy will:

1. help families know and understand God's design for a Christian family.
2. set policies and procedures that properly support the Christian family.
3. help parents understand and accept their God-given responsibility to educate their children according to the Bible.
4. emphasize God's design for the family throughout the school's curriculum.

A Godly Staff

A Godly school staff is the living curriculum that impacts the beliefs of students from a Biblical worldview. They are Denton Calvary Academy's most valuable resources. Luke 6:40

Denton Calvary Academy will:

1. recruit, interview, hire, and develop qualified men and women who have a growing relationship with Christ.
2. hire staff who hold to the inerrancy of the Bible as the absolute truth of God and are active members in a local, Bible-believing church.
3. provide for staff development that will enhance their effectiveness in the positions they serve, and enable them to integrate Biblical truth in all they do at the school.
4. continually provide training that will help them know, understand, and commit themselves to the philosophy, mission, and policies of DCA.

Excellent Christian Education

An excellent Christian education consists of a Bible-based program that is designed to challenge each student to reach his full potential in Christ. Luke 2:52; Colossians 2; II Timothy 3:17

Denton Calvary Academy will:

1. develop a total curriculum that is based on a Biblical worldview.
2. develop educational programs that will train the total child – spiritually, mentally, physically, and socially.
3. develop an educational program with clearly defined goals and expectations that can be measured.
4. develop and coordinate the educational program and the staff so that the mission, core values, and operating principles will be a reality in everyday practice.
5. develop and implement a well scoped and sequenced curriculum.

Christ-likeness

To be Christ-like one must have a life that reflects Christ's sacrificial love and actions toward God and men. Philippians 2:3-8, I Peter 2:13-14

Denton Calvary Academy will:

1. expect the leadership, faculty, parents, and students to order their words and deeds according to the Biblical mandate to regard one another as more important than themselves.
2. encourage each child to develop an eternal perspective in seeking to reach the lost with the Gospel.
3. seek to develop an attitude of respect and honor toward those in authority in our lives

4. develop a servant's heart for others by providing opportunities for service to others both in the classroom and community.

Stewardship

Stewardship encompasses being responsible to wisely manage all that God has entrusted to us for His glory. Matthew 24:45-46

Denton Calvary Academy will:

1. honor the responsibility entrusted to DCA in the education of students.
2. develop and operate on a budget based on Biblical financial principles.
3. show good stewardship of family time requirements related to the educational process.
4. enable the staff to exercise their spiritual gifts, Biblical roles, and God-given talents effectively.
5. develop, respect, and care for all facilities, resources, and materials provided to the school by God.
6. provide an educational program that will prepare students for the next step in their educational career.

The Church

Denton Calvary Academy believes the local church is God's primary instrument for evangelism and the discipleship of the body of Christ. Ephesians 1:22-23

Denton Calvary Academy will:

1. expect active involvement in a local church by the faculty and families of DCA.
2. respect denominational differences of local churches attended by DCA families. (Please refer to DCA's non-denominational position and the Statement of Faith.)
3. support and not supplant the local church.
4. encourage its staff, faculty, and leadership to promote and teach the importance of involvement in local churches by students and families.

Statement of Faith

1. We believe there is only one God, eternally existent in three persons equal in essence while unique in person - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:1, Matthew 28:19, John 10:30). God exists in an eternal relationship of perfect communication and fellowship, appropriate authority and submission, and mutual love. The Trinity provides a model for all human relationships, including marriage, family, and the local church.
2. We believe in the deity of Christ (John 10:33), His virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23, Luke 1:35), His sinless life (Hebrews 4:15, 7:26), His miracles (John 2:11), His substitutionary death (I Corinthians 15:3, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 2:9), His bodily resurrection (John 11:25, I Corinthians 15:4), His ascension to the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:19), and His personal return in power and glory (Acts 1:11, Revelation 19:11).
3. We believe in the Person of the Holy Spirit and His work of conviction, regeneration, and sanctification, who indwells every believer, equipping each one with gifts for service and witness (Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 12:12-13, Galatians 3:2-28).
4. We believe that God, as the Divine Creator, created the heavens, the earth, mankind, and all living things - all which exist for God's glory (Genesis 1:1, Romans 11:36, Colossians 1:16). We believe that Jesus was the instrumental agent of creation, and all things were created by, thru, and for Jesus (Colossians 1:16). We believe that God's role as Creator makes Him the sovereign authority for all things and each person.
5. We believe that God revealed Himself in multiple ways, including His written word, the Bible. We believe the sixty-six books of the Bible, as originally given by God, are the complete the Word of God, divinely inspired, infallible, inerrant, entirely trustworthy, and the supreme authority in all manners of faith and conduct (II Timothy 3:15, II Peter 1:21, Revelation 22:19).
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost. We believe that Heaven is the abode of God and the place of eternal joy for the saved and that Hell is the place of eternal punishment of separation from God for the lost (John 5:29).
7. We believe that because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature, redemption and restoration by the Holy Spirit is of absolute necessity and the only way to receive salvation, that men are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Christ, and that only by God's grace and through faith alone we are saved (John 3:16-19, 5:24, Romans 3:23, 5:8-9, Ephesians 2:8-10, Titus

- 3:5).
8. We believe in the Holy Spirit's present ministry by whose indwelling Christians are gifted for service and enabled to live a Godly life (Romans 8:1-4, 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19-20, Ephesians 4:30, 5:18).
 9. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ and that the Church is the one universal body of Christ, who is the Head of the Church (Romans 8:9, I Corinthians 12:12-13, Galatians 3:2-28). We believe the purpose of the Church is to proclaim the excellencies of Christ in our world (I Peter 2:9) by modeling Christ-like behavior in loving other believers (John 13:34) in personal holiness; and by reconciling the world to Christ through evangelism (II Cor 5:21-22). We believe this purpose gives clear guidance for how followers of Jesus should live in this world. (John 17:15-26)
 10. We believe that God gives clear guidance in the Bible that He wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary sexes together reflect the image and nature of God (Genesis 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.
 11. We believe that God gives clear guidance in the Bible that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Genesis 2:18 -25). We believe that marriage between one man and one woman for life uniquely reflects Christ's relationship with His Church (Ephesians 5:21-33). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (I Corinthians 6:18, 7:2-5, Hebrews 13:4). We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity is engaged outside of marriage between a man and a woman.
 12. We believe that God gives clear guidance in the Bible that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, cohabitation, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, or use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God (Matthew 15:18-20, I Corinthians 6:9-10).
 13. We believe that God gives clear guidance in the Bible that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including preborn babies, the aged, the physically and mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception to natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life (Psalm 139).

Non-Denominational Position

DCA's Statement of Faith is fundamental to basic Christian tenets and contains those doctrines to which we unreservedly adhere and teach. DCA intends to maintain this position and to do so in all fairness to each family. It is necessary therefore, that parents, students, staff, and school board members recognize that issues not addressed in the Statement of Faith are to be left to the teaching of home and church.

In honoring this desire concerning the outreach of this academy, there will be no attempt made by parents, students, staff, or school board members to promote denominational positions. We desire to remain united in the salvation and love of Christ, avoiding the dissension that may be caused by denominational distinctions.

Non-Discriminatory Policy

Denton Calvary Academy admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded to or made available to its students. DCA does not discriminate on the basis of race in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, and athletic and other school administered programs.

Corporate Prayer

Denton Calvary Academy is founded upon prayer as a constant vigil of seeking God. A portion of each staff meeting will be set aside for prayer and regular prayer times will be designated by the Board for parents and friends to pray for the school. Teachers pray in the classrooms, and there is prayer in assembly and chapel.