



ESSENTIALS OF THE FAITH

(based on the Statement of Faith of Immanuel Bible Church)

We are, first of all, a Christian school and a ministry of Immanuel Bible Church (IBC) and as such establish the biblical basis from which we will teach a Christian world and life view. While we recognize that not all parents will agree with every item in this statement, it is necessary that the parents agree to support the premise that their child will be taught from the perspective provided in our statement of belief.

Our faculty is sensitive to areas of difference among Christians who love the Lord and seek to obey the dictates of Holy Scripture. We focus on the areas of agreement, not on issues which divide. It would be unacceptable for students or parents to seek to propagate doctrines that divide or are not in agreement with our statement of belief.

These are essentials of the faith as described in the full Statement of Faith of IBC. As such we believe:

1. the Bible is the verbally inspired Word of God and is the infallible rule for Christian faith, doctrine, and practice.
2. there is one true and living God, and that He has revealed Himself to men in three personal distinctions of deity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. there exists a real personality who is the author of sin and god of this age, called Satan.
4. God created the heavens and earth and all life by direct act, and not by undirected evolutionary process.
5. each person is born with a fallen nature and as a result becomes a willful sinner.
6. the only salvation from sin is through redemption by personal faith in Jesus Christ.
7. salvation is by grace alone, and not by works, and that the saved are eternally secure in Christ.
8. the Church is a New Testament institution and is Christ's "Body" for service in this world and His Bride in eternity.
9. the two ordinances of the church are baptism and the Lord's supper.
10. there is an essential and everlasting difference between people who are saved and those who are lost.
11. Christ will, prior to the tribulation, catch away His church and return to rule during the millennium.
12. all persons will be resurrected to eternal reward or eternal punishment.
13. the Holy Spirit indwells the believer at the moment of salvation, baptizing the new believer into the Body of Christ and that baptism in the Holy Spirit occurs at that time.

PARENT AGREEMENT

I agree that Immanuel Christian School should maintain its objective of thoroughly Christian education and should show evidence of that in policies for academic work, student behavior, and all relationships with students, employees, school families, churches, and the community.

I will cooperate with Immanuel Christian School (ICS) in the following ways:

1. I acknowledge that the Immanuel Christian School partnership is designed for parents who are born-again, Bible-believing Christians who have accepted and continue to acknowledge Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior. Therefore, I agree to support the biblical teachings and guiding principles that Immanuel Christian School takes from scripture to educate my children.
2. I acknowledge that for this partnership to be successful our family must be actively involved in fellowship with a Bible-believing church and nurturing my children's regular church involvement.
3. I have read and agree with the *Essentials of The Faith of Immanuel Christian School* and agree to have my children educated in accordance therewith.
4. I commit to take an active role in the ongoing education of my children. We will make an effort to attend school functions and activities.
5. I will support school policies and rules and encourage my children to do so also by attitude, word, and deed. I will support the faculty and administration in disciplinary measures that they consider appropriate and in keeping with school policy.
6. I understand the biblical role of Immanuel Christian School is to partner with families to encourage students to be imitators of Christ. This necessarily involves the school's understanding and belief regarding biblical morality and standards of conduct. I understand that the school reserves the right, within its sole discretion, to refuse admission to an applicant or to discontinue enrollment of a student if the atmosphere or conduct within a particular home, the activities of a parent or guardian, or the activities of the student are counter to, or are in opposition to, the biblical lifestyle the school teaches. This includes, but is not limited to contumacious behavior, divisive conduct, and participating in, supporting, or condoning sexual immorality, homosexual activity or bi-sexual activity, promoting such practices, or being unable to support the moral principles of the school. (Lev. 20:13 and Romans 1:27.) I acknowledge the importance of a family culture based on biblical principles and embrace biblical family values such as a healthy marriage between one man and one woman. My role as spiritual mentor to my children will be taken seriously.
7. I will promptly pay tuition and fees according to ICS financial policies listed in the *Tuition and Fee Schedule* understanding that failure to do so can result in dismissal.
8. I agree to contribute financially above and beyond tuition, as the Lord provides and I am able.
9. I understand that there are risks/dangers involved with participation in school activities both on and off campus and their associated activities (such as transportation). I accept those ordinary and reasonable risks associated with my child's participation in school travel and activities.
10. I authorize ICS, or anyone authorized by ICS, to use and reproduce any and all videos and photographs which ICS takes of my children or any family members (video masters, dubs, electronic images, and proofs) for school literature, advertisements and promotional purposes, without further compensation. All copies and masters, in printed or electronic form, together with the release dubs and proofs shall constitute ICS's property, solely and completely.
11. I understand that my contact information will be shared with the school community and I will give timely notice of any exceptions to sharing my information.
12. I agree to support the school's policy for resolving conflicts with others at ICS (students, teachers, administration, school board, parents, etc.) in accordance with biblical principles (Matthew 18:15-17; 1 Corinthians 6:1-8) and the procedures described in the Parent Student Handbook (available online) regarding problem solving, resolution and mediation. I further agree that any unresolved claim or dispute with ICS will be settled before a council of believers from Immanuel Bible Church and Immanuel Christian School, and, if

necessary, legally binding arbitration in accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Christian Conciliation of the Institute for Christian Conciliation (complete text of Rules version 4.7 is available at <https://peacemaker.training/guidelinesforchristianconciliation>). Judgment upon an arbitration decision may be entered in any court otherwise having jurisdiction. I understand that these methods will be the sole remedy for any controversy or claim arising out of this agreement and expressly waive their right to file a lawsuit in any civil court against one another for such disputes, except to enforce an arbitration decision.

13. I will regularly pray for the needs of the school, my child's teachers, the school administration, and school board.

14. I will fulfill my Parent Service Hours responsibility each semester consistent with school policy.

15. I understand that the application process includes the following:

- Submission of signed application forms including *Essentials of the Faith, Parent Agreement, and Admissions Policy*.
- Submission of the non-refundable application fee.
- Submission of supplemental admissions forms, health records, and copy of birth certificate.
- Submission of copies of all special evaluations including psychological, psychometric, learning disabilities, attention deficit, and hyperactivity, where applicable.
- Testing or screening by ICS when necessary. A fee is required. See Tuition and Fee Schedule for details.
- Participation in an admission interview in person or by phone.
- Families are notified of an acceptance decision from ICS in writing. Class assignments are an administrative decision based on the overall needs of the classroom and will not be given at time of admission.

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Immanuel Christian School partners with families to provide Christian education. We believe those who will benefit most from our program know the Lord as personal Savior and desire that their children be educated with a biblical worldview. It is our experience that families who do not share a biblical worldview will be uncomfortable with the expectations we have and the philosophy we practice. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic background. We do, however, attempt to be discerning in the area of Christian belief and practice.

Rather than focusing on denominational affiliation, we define a Christian as a person who by faith has received Jesus Christ as personal Savior and rightful Lord of his or her life. Eph. 2:8, 9; Rom. 10:9, 10.

Biblical principles are integrated into every subject taught at our school. Our staff is committed not only to academic excellence, but also to teaching students how to apply the truths of God's Word to every aspect of life. If you are in agreement with the teachings of God's Word, this school will complement the beliefs and ideals your child is taught at home. We look forward to partnering with you to educate your child in God's truth.

Information relating to special circumstances which may affect a student's educational experience (such as behavior, learning difficulties or emotional issues) should be made known during the application process. We carefully and prayerfully evaluate how effectively we can meet the needs of each individual case. Failure to disclose any known medical need, academic need, or custodial/legal agreement(s) in regards to the applicant may result in disenrollment from Immanuel Christian School.