



Christian Living at Lexington Christian Academy Lexington, Massachusetts

Lexington Christian Academy is an independent college preparatory school that exists to educate young men and women in the arts and sciences in the context of a complete commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This commitment involves both (1) assent to a certain doctrinal stance based on the Scriptures and (2) the cultivation of a lifestyle in keeping with the principles of Scripture and with devotion to Christ. The doctrinal stance is set forth in the school's Statement of Faith. The purpose of this document is to set forth those assumptions, principles and standards that should guide the cultivation of a Christian lifestyle and foster an atmosphere of Christian growth and maturity within the Academy.

Assumptions

LCA expects that the board, administration, faculty and staff will:

1. Call themselves Christian by virtue of the redeeming work of Christ and their personal commitment to him (Acts 2:21, Romans 5:1-5, John 3:16-18; II Corinthians 5:17).
2. Seek to love God with all their being and to love their neighbor as themselves (Matthew 22:37-40, Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Leviticus 19:18, I John 4:7-12).
3. Seek to obey Christ's teaching and commands (John 14:15, John 13:17).
4. Submit to the authority of Scriptures as the ultimate guide for all attitudes and conduct (James 1:22, II Timothy 3:16-17, Joshua 1:8).
5. Seek to live lives characterized by joy, gratitude, unity, good works, and servanthood (Philippians 4:4, Colossians 2:6-7, John 7:23, Ephesians 2:10, Matthew 5:14-16)

Principles

1. Christians are required to promote freedom without disregarding law and to be responsible without becoming legalistic.
2. The actions of Christians within a community affect the whole community. We must be held accountable and hold one another accountable for the implications of conduct when it directly affects the welfare of the community.
3. Christians cannot live the Christian life on the basis of their own character and strength. The Scriptures, the indwelling Holy Spirit, and the community of God's people are provided to encourage the believer to live a godly life.
4. The desire for unity may necessitate the subordination of an individual's prerogatives for the good of the larger community.

Christian Lifestyle Standards

1. We will seek to foster the development of Christian maturity through personal devotional life and through active participation in the local church (Psalm 1:1-3, Hebrews 10:25).
2. We will seek to exercise our freedom responsibly within the framework of God's Word, with loving regard for the sensitivities of other (1 Corinthians 8:9, Galatians 5:13-14).
3. We will strive to avoid uncritical acceptance of and conformity to our culture's patterns, lifestyles, and worldviews and we will seek to embrace the renewal of our minds (Romans 12:2):
 - by examining in the light of scripture our attitudes towards such matters as materialism, moral relativism, and hedonism (I John 2:15-17, Romans 12:2).
 - by renouncing attitudes such as hatred, jealousy, selfish ambition, envy, anger, bitterness, malice, and an unforgiving spirit (Galatians 3, Ephesians 4)
 - by reflecting on ideas which are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, wholesome, uplifting, and praiseworthy (Romans 12:2, Philippians 4:8)
 - by renouncing behaviors which are called sinful in Scripture, including sexual immorality, dissension, lying, stealing, drunkenness, and "sins of the tongue", [such as backbiting, slander, gossip, and coarse language] (Colossians 3, Galatians 5, Ephesians 5)
 - by practicing Christian virtues such as kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, and self-control (Colossians 3:12-14, Galatians 5:22-23)
4. We will strive to be honest and act justly in our relationships with others. We will encourage our colleagues to discuss problems freely, following Scriptural principles for addressing concerns (Matthew 18:15-20).
5. We will strive to be healthy by giving proper attention to nutrition and exercise and by refraining from the excessive use of alcohol and tobacco (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).
6. We will strive to take time to rest and observe a Sabbath day for restoration and renewal (Exodus 20:8-11, Mark 2:27).
7. We will strive to obey the laws under which we are governed and fulfill our responsibilities as citizens (Romans 13:1).
8. We will hold the marriage relationship in the highest regard, seeking to honor and esteem marriage, the covenant between a man and a woman (Genesis 2:24, Malachi 2:16, Ephesians 5:21-33).
9. We will seek to be discreet and mature in all our personal relationships (Colossians 3:17).

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