

OCONEE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

STATEMENT OF FAITH

OCA is founded upon conservative, evangelical Protestant Christian principles as manifested in the inerrant Word of God, the Old and New Testament Scriptures. Therefore, OCA believes the Bible to be the foundation for all matters of life and learning.

As an ACSI accredited school we hold firm to the ACSI Statement of Faith

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21).
2. We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:1, Matthew 28:19, John 10:30).
3. 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, Hebrews 7:26), His miracles (John 2:11), His vicarious and atoning death (1 Corinthians 15:3, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 2:9), His resurrection (John 11:25, 1 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).
4. We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature; and 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, John 5:24; Romans 3:23; Romans 5:8-9; Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 3:5).
5. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; the saved unto resurrection of life, and the lost unto the resurrection of condemnation (John 5:28-29).
6. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 8:9, 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, Galatians 3:26-28).
7. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life (1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19-20, Romans 8:13-14, Ephesians 4:30, Ephesians 5:18).
8. We believe 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 God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (1 Corinthians 6:18, 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4). We believe that God's command is that there be no sexual intimacy outside of or apart from marriage between a man and a woman.
9. We believe that God wonderfully foreordained and immutably created each person as either male or female in conformity with their biological sex. These two distinct yet complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Genesis 1:26-27).

Our Statement of Faith is not exhaustive of all of our beliefs. The Bible, as the inspired and infallible Word of God, speaks with absolute authority regarding the proper conduct of mankind and is the unchanging foundation for all belief and behavior. The OCA Board of Directors holds final interpretive authority on biblical meaning and application with regard to faith, doctrine, policy, practice, and discipline.

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FAMILY COVENANT

A covenant is a binding agreement between parties. It signifies a solemn oath and sincere pledge of mutual respect and cooperation.

School Commitment:

OCA covenants to provide the best it can for your child(ren) in the way of facilities, curriculum, instruction, faculty, athletics, and extra-curricular programs. OCA further pledges to do everything possible to support you in your efforts to raise your child(ren) in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:4)

OCA is a discipleship school – often referred to as a covenant school – which means we exist to partner with Christian families and their local churches in the spiritual, academic, and personal development of their children. Our mission is rooted in a shared commitment to a biblical worldview and a Christ-centered life.

As a discipleship school, we seek to build strong faith-based families and a vibrant community united in Christ. We believe that educating children in the Lord is a responsibility shared between the home, the church, and the school. This covenantal framework ensures that students are nurtured and equipped in a consistent, faith-filled environment.

In keeping with this model, we ask that each OCA family have at least one parent or guardian who is a professing believer in Jesus Christ, actively growing in their relationship with the Lord, and regularly attending a local, Bible-believing church. This partnership is essential to fulfilling our mission of raising up the next generation of Christ-followers.

Parent/Guardian Commitment:

As the legal parents/guardians of our children, we covenant to support OCA in its efforts in Christian education. We agree that it is our responsibility to strive diligently toward the observance of the OCA Family Covenant as God enables us by the power of the Holy Spirit. (I Corinthians 2:14-16) If we feel at any time that our personal convictions are not aligned with this covenant, we promise to contact the administration to discuss our concerns.

NOTE: Please read the following statements. If there is any statement you cannot personally support, please initial it and discuss it with us in a personal interview. Generally, your honest inability to commit to any of these items would not necessarily prohibit acceptance into OCA; however, we want you to know from the start the foundational parameters of OCA, our personal expectations, and the importance of having your personal support.

1. We agree to abide by all guidelines set forth in the OCA handbook.
2. We have read and agree with the “OCA Statement of Faith” found in the OCA handbook and will have our children educated in accordance with it.
3. We have read the “Fee Schedule” found in the OCA handbook. We agree to pay all financial obligations in accordance with the terms listed on the current Fee Schedule. We understand that report cards, transcripts, and other records will be withheld, and our child could be suspended, unless financial accounts are in order.
4. We will support OCA with our prayers, our time, our finances, and avenues of involvement as God provides the opportunity and resources.
5. We will worship the Lord regularly at a Bible-believing church.

6. We will fully cooperate in the educational activities of OCA by doing our best to make Christian education effective in the lives of our children.
7. We will require our children to support the spiritual activities of the school (Chapel, Bible classes, Scripture memory, etc.).
8. The school has full discretion in the discipline of our children in accordance with the “Dress Code Policy” and the “Discipline Policy” as published in the OCA handbook.
9. OCA reserves the right to place our child(ren) at the appropriate grade level and to designate the appropriate teacher(s).
10. OCA reserves the right to dismiss any student when either the parents/guardians or the student does not cooperate with or support the enforcement of school policies.
11. We understand that fundraising is the heartbeat of OCA, and we commit to actively supporting and participating in school fundraisers and community events to help OCA thrive and fulfill its mission.
12. If we become dissatisfied with OCA in any way, we will strive to resolve the matter with the person(s) involved as privately and lovingly as possible, rather than spreading criticism and negativism. (Matthew 18:15-17; 23-24)

Student Commitment:

As an OCA student, I covenant to submit to the authority of OCA, its representatives, and to the final authority of the Word of God. I will respectfully follow the guidelines described in the OCA handbook.

It is the desire of OCA that every student and school employee reflect a lifestyle pleasing to Jesus Christ. Because of this, who we are and what we do, both on and off campus, is extremely important. Since the testimony of our lives is so important, parents should ensure that their children understand the guidelines found in the student handbook. Enrolling in and attending OCA implies agreement to the following statements pertaining to student conduct, both on and off campus, during and after school.

1. I understand and agree to submit to the guidelines described in the OCA handbook. (Ephesians 5:21)
2. I agree to strive for excellence as a student in all that I say and do. (Colossians 3:23-24; I Corinthians 10:31)
3. I agree to make every effort to obey the Bible in speech and conduct. (Hebrews 12:14; Psalm 119:9)
4. I agree to respect and cooperate with those in authority at the school. (Hebrews 13:17; I Peter 5:5)
5. I agree to avoid alcohol, drugs, and tobacco. (Colossians 3:8; Ephesians 4:29, 5:4)
6. I agree to avoid cursing, sexual immorality, dissension, plagiarism, and other specific acts and attitudes cited in Galatians 5:19-21, and instead display the fruits of the Spirit cited in Galatians 5:22-23 in my life.
7. I agree to submit to the dress code that has been set by OCA. (Matthew 6:25)
8. I agree to submit to the discipline policy of OCA. (Proverbs 12:1; Hebrews 12:11)
9. I understand that once I enroll at OCA, I am a part of OCA wherever I am. Therefore, I agree to avoid behavior, both on and off campus that would dishonor Jesus Christ, the school, my church, my family, and me. (II Corinthians 5:20)

We acknowledge we have read and agree to the OCA Statement of Faith and the OCA Family Covenant.

Parent/Guardian: _____

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