

# *The Classical Academy of Naples*

## *Faith Statement*

*The Classical Academy of Naples is an independent Christian school. Teachers and board members embrace the historic tenets of biblical Christianity as presented in our Statement of Faith. Beyond these doctrines, we respect and acknowledge the primacy of the family and local church and refer any demonstrated specific doctrinal questions to parents and local churches for clarification. The Classical Academy provides a Christian and Classical education as a service to the community. A goal of The Academy is to provide an education that fosters academic excellence, spiritual depth, and moral integrity which will prepare students for godly participation in our society.*

We believe in God, the Creator of heaven and earth, of all there is, in whose image we are created. We believe in a loving, compassionate, wise creator, inspirer of the laws of life as read in scripture.

We believe that God is infinite in being, all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness, love and truth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's son, lived in this world was sent as a perfect sacrifice. He died on the cross for our sins and rose again so that we can have a right relationship with God. Jesus is God's expression of love to us. He came to reveal God's kingdom on earth. He is our teacher, our brother, our challenger and model. He turns the world around with what he says and all his lessons teach us to see things in a new light. Jesus teaches us how to seek the essence of humanity and God's presence in every individual. He shows us the abundance and joy of God's love.

We believe the Bible teaches that God has established a special relationship or covenant with Christians. By a saving faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, Christians participate in this special relationship with God in all aspects of their lives.

We believe there is a close connection between this covenant relationship and the education of our children. Christian parents bear the responsibility of instructing their children in God's truth which touches every aspect of life.

We believe that all things exist to glorify God. Therefore, we must teach children that every part of their lives must serve God's glory.

We believe that because God made and upholds his creation, it is of essential goodness and worth. The Classical Academy of Naples curriculum must study the principles of truth, goodness, and beauty vested in our world and interpret each fact in the universe as belonging to the upholding the work of God.

We believe that God made men and women to tend the world as bearers of his image. Therefore, we must teach children to study our world and use its resources to fulfill our task of stewardship.

We believe that God has created a world of order, not chaos, and has given human beings the ability to understand the created order. We believe, however, that sin darkens our hearts and understanding of the world. Therefore, we teach that all human culture is affected by sin and falls short of glorifying God.

We believe that the faith of believers should be visible in concrete forms – a model of personal and social behavior.

We believe that God calls us, through our Christian faith, to love all God's children and therefore offer love, compassion, respect and tolerance to all.

Soli Deo Gloria.