

Laramie Christian Academy

Statement of Faith and Commitment



This Statement of Faith and Commitment is signed by all board members, faculty, and staff, as well as any volunteers who in the judgment of the board are in a position to have significant influence on children other than their own. All signers pledge their subscription to each article of faith and their dedication to each corresponding commitment. The final interpretation of this Statement and the determination of whether a person who has signed remains in compliance belong solely to the school board.

The Scripture references are given as suggestions for further study rather than as exhaustive proof texts for each statement.

I believe that God alone is the Lord of the conscience, and my conscience should not be governed by the commandments of men. (Romans 14:4)

I commit to maintain a clean conscience before God. I sign this Statement of Faith and Commitment freely, not binding my conscience but giving voice to it, so that all may know my commitment to my Lord as I seek to serve at this school. If at any time I find that my faith or pattern of life are no longer in accord with this Statement, I will voluntarily resign from my work at the school. (Acts 24:16, 2 Corinthians 4:13, Ecclesiastes 5:4-5)

I believe that God has revealed Himself through the creation, preservation, and government of the universe; but He has especially made Himself known through the Scriptures. The Scriptures, which are the 66 books of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, are the inerrant and infallible word of God. The Scriptures are God's only final and authoritative rule for human faith and practice. (Psalm 19; Romans 1:20; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Revelation 22:18-19)

I commit to receive these Scriptures as the word of God. I will diligently meditate on them, so that I might believe what they teach and obey what they command. (Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Psalm 1, Psalm 119, 1 Thessalonians 2:13)

I believe that there is only one living and true God. He is infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in His being, in His wisdom, in His power, in His holiness, in His justice, in His goodness, and in His truth. (Deuteronomy 6:4, Psalm 145:3, Romans 11:33-36, James 1:17)

I commit to have no other gods before Him. (Exodus 20:3)

I believe that the Scriptures reveal the doctrine of the Trinity – that the one true God eternally exists in three Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three Persons are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory. (Matthew 28:19, 2 Corinthians 13:14)

I commit to worshiping and glorifying the one true God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and to integrating the doctrine of the Trinity into all my faith and practice. (John 4:23-26, Romans 8:9-12)

I believe that God created all things out of nothing, by the word of his power, and all very good. (Genesis 1)

I commit to live as a faithful steward of that portion of God's creation which is entrusted to me, and to receiving all of God's good gifts with thanksgiving. (Genesis 1:26, Timothy 4:3)

I believe that the first man, Adam, was formed by God from the dust of the ground and did not evolve from other life forms. From Adam God created the first woman, Eve, making her Adam's equal according



preparing them to be the parents of all people. (Genesis 1:27-28; Genesis 2; Genesis 4:1-2; Genesis 5)

I commit, as a descendant of Adam and Eve, to submit to God's created design for humanity. I will respect all people as equal before God. I will acknowledge our differences as male and female according to God's design, recognizing that He has established these differences in our bodies from conception. I will honor the institution of marriage as a life-long covenant between one man and one woman, abstaining from all forms of sexual activity outside of marriage. (Leviticus 19:18, Psalm 139:13-16, Hebrews 13:4)

I believe that Adam and Eve sinned against God by eating the forbidden fruit. By this sin they brought humanity under God's curse. Thus, all people are born with a sinful nature, commit sins against God, and deserve His wrath. (Genesis 3, Psalm 51:5, James 1:13-15, Romans 3:23, Ephesians 2:1-3)

I commit to guard against all hypocrisy and judgmentalism, for I know that I deserve the judgment of God for my sin. (Matthew 7:1-5)

I believe that there is only one Redeemer who can save us from our sins, the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the eternal Son of God who became man. From the time that He became man He has been fully God and fully man in two distinct natures, and one person, as He will remain forever. Jesus was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, proclaimed the kingdom of God, performed miracles of power and healing, willingly died on the cross as an atonement for sin, rose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of the Father. He will return again in power and glory to judge all people, justly assigning them either eternal life or eternal punishment. (John 1:1, John 1:14, Luke 1:34-35, Matthew 4:23, John 10:11-18, Luke 24:36-40, Acts 1:9, Hebrews 1:3, Matthew 25:31-46)

I commit to proclaim the truth about Jesus Christ boldly to all people, rejoicing in the hope of salvation and remembering that the time of His return has been appointed by God. (2 Corinthians 5:14-21, Acts 17:30-31)

I believe that salvation is a gift of God's grace, and that there is no hope of salvation unless by God's Spirit a person is born again. As the Holy Spirit works, God justifies, adopts, and sanctifies all people who genuinely repent of their sins and trust in Him. God justifies people by pardoning their sins and accepting them as righteous in his sight, crediting the righteousness of Christ to their account. God adopts people by numbering them among His children and giving them a right to all the privileges of the family of God. This adoption establishes God's people permanently in His family, as evidenced by the sealing of the Holy Spirit. God sanctifies His people by working in them according to His good pleasure so that they might work out their faith with godly fear and obedience. (Ephesians 2:8-9, John 3:3-8, Galatians 2:16, Philippians 3:9, Romans 8:15, Philippians 1:6, 2 Corinthians 1:21-22, Philippians 2:12-13)

I commit to keeping all my faith and hope in Jesus Christ alone, repenting of my sins and resting in Him for salvation. I will seek to live out my identity as a justified and adopted child of God by putting off the old self of living in sin and putting on the new self of renewal in God's image. Because the grace of God is my only hope to do good works, and I know that sin still clings closely, I will seek to repent and forgive often, and never to boast except in the name of the Lord my God. (Psalm 62:5-8, Mark 1:15, Romans 1:16-17, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 4:22-24, Ephesians 2:10, Hebrews 12:1, Luke 17:3-4, 1 Corinthians 1:31)



God calls believers to unite together in various local churches where His word is preached, His ordinances are practiced, and His people are shepherded. (Galatians 3:28, Ephesians 4:1-16, Acts 15:41, Matthew 28:19, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Acts 20:28)

I commit to maintain membership (or a similar relationship) with a particular church, to submit to my church's leadership, and to seek the peace, purity, and success of my church. At the same time, in my function at a school that serves students from multiple churches, I will respect the oversight of the various local churches over all those with whom God has entrusted them and preserve a spirit of charity toward other churches. (Hebrews 13:17, Luke 9:49-50)

I believe that the Scriptures assign first importance to the essential matters of the gospel and teach these gospel truths with the most clarity. At the same time, I recognize that all of Scripture is the word of God and must be taught in the process of discipleship. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4, Matthew 5:17-20, Matthew 28:19-20)

I commit to maintain both a love for truth and a spirit of charity toward others, recognizing that I will work at this school with other sincere Christians who hold different beliefs from me on matters which are beyond the scope of this Statement of Faith and Commitment. Insofar as I have opportunity to teach the Scriptures to students, I will exercise respectful discretion in what topics I address. If I do teach on an area which I know to be a matter of disagreement among believers, I will make that known to the students and encourage them to consult with their own parents and pastors, and especially to seek truth for themselves in the Scriptures. (Romans 14:1-3, Proverbs 1:8, Hebrews 13:7, Psalm 119:99)

I believe that I belong body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. When He returns, He will adorn my soul with the imperishable and immortal body of the resurrection. Death will be no more, neither will there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things will pass away. I will live with Him forever in the eternal blessings of His glory. (1 Corinthians 15:53-54, Revelation 21:4, Psalm 16:11)

I commit to nurturing a resilient hope in the Lord Jesus Christ. Come, Lord Jesus! (Revelation 22:20)

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Printed Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

