



POLICY NUMBER AND NAME: <b>01.02 STATEMENT OF FAITH - VERSION 2.0</b>	RESPONSIBILITY	BOARD	SUPERINTENDENT	SLT
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SECTION: 01 – CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS	LAST REVISION DATE: MAY 29, 2023			
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**PREAMBLE**

The Richmond Christian School Association is a Society operating in the Province of British Columbia. The purpose of the Society is to establish, maintain and conduct a school and to provide for the education of the pupils of such school in accordance with the basic principles set forth in the original constitution of The Society of Richmond Christian School.

REVIEW HISTORY		
DATE	VERSION	CHANGES
SEPTEMBER 26, 2016	1.0	AFFIRMED
MAY 29, 2023	2.0	AMENDED: POLICY RE-CATEGORIZED TO SECTION 01- CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS, POLICY # CHANGED FROM 02.04 TO 01.02

## 1. Article 4 –

The basis of the Society is the infallible Word of God as interpreted in the Reformed Creeds. The Association is committed to the following fundamental principles:

- a. **LIFE.** That since human life in its entirety is religion, God summons us to serve Him everywhere and requires that we educate our children in the fear of the Lord.
- b. **BIBLE.** That the Bible is the written Word of God, the Truth that enlightens our understanding, the power that directs our lives and the infallible authority that governs all our activities, including the education of our children. In revealing that the world in its origin, gracious preservation and ultimate restoration is the work of God and that the glorification of His name is the purpose of creation, the Scriptures provide us with the key to the knowledge of God, ourselves and the world.
- c. **GOD AND CREATION.** That since God who created all things by His Word and Spirit constantly reveals His wisdom and power in the cosmos and exercises His dominion everywhere, we can rightly understand the world only in its relation to the Triune God.
- d. **MAN.** That man was created in the image of God to enjoy covenantal fellowship with his Creator and was instructed to exercise dominion over the world in strict and loving obedience to God, to interpret all reality in accordance with His design and law, and to reflect in his person and works the excellencies of his Maker.
- e. **SIN.** That man, by disobeying God's law and forsaking his office, estranged himself from God and his neighbour, and brought God's curse upon the creation. As a result, fallen man has become blind to the true meaning of life and misuses and represses the knowledge of God which confronts him in creation and in Scripture.
- f. **CHRIST.** That the Christ of the Scriptures, The Word of God incarnate, reconciles the world to God, redeems our life in its entirety, restores our fellowship with God and the neighbour and renews our mind to know rightly God, ourselves and the world in which we live.
- g. **THE KINGDOM OF GOD.** That the kingdom of God established the rule of Jesus Christ over all things and makes education and science possible and meaningful. Since we must subject every thought in obedience to Christ, we therefore reject every attempt to withdraw any aspect of life from the divine commandment to love the Lord with all our heart and mind.

- h. PURPOSE OF EDUCATION. That the purpose of Christian Education is to direct and guide the child to commit his heart to Christ, the Truth, to attain to understanding wisdom and righteousness, and to perform his competent and responsible services to the Lord.
- i. PARENTS. That God has given parents the responsibility to nurture and educate their children. In order to fulfill their educational task, parents should establish schools in harmony with the character of a Christian Home.
- j. THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL. That the school established and controlled by an Association of Christian believers in accordance with legitimate standards and provisions, possesses the freedom to function in the field of education in complete and voluntary submission to the Kingship of Christ.

Based on these Creeds, Richmond Christian School has developed its mission statement:

**It is the mission of the Richmond Christian School, in obedience to the infallible word of God and led by His Spirit, to provide a quality Christ centered education, equipping all students to joyfully serve Christ in all aspects of life.**

- 2. Proposed changes to this policy will require a special resolution of the RCS Society and an 'absolute majority' of those voting in order for the changes to take effect.

