

Letter from Executive Director

I have a great love and respect for Christian education. I understand the significant impact a Christian education can have in the lives of our children, and I am passionate about helping Christian school leaders remain relevant for the future viability of our schools.



To successfully minister to the students on our campuses, we must recognize their defining attributes. Generation Z is the most technologically savvy group of students our country has seen, and we must realize that this generation is driven by consumption. However, to remain relevant for the future, schools must focus on leading this consumer-minded generation into a new narrative of image bearing contribution.

I believe Christian education is the redemptive application of normative academic standards. This generation has the potential to make a significant impact on this world if we create communities that empower them to bear His image. N.T. Wright argued this as the invasion model of salvation in which he explained the Kingdom of God uses the language of invading the world with the goodness, justice, love, and the mercy of God. We should be calling our students into this invasion. It is of first importance, that Christian education helps children understand the transcendent power of being made in God's image.

Then, Christian educators are to empower and equip their students to bear His image in a broken world. To do this effectively our schools must foster empathy, encourage a growth mindset, and cultivate critical thinking while teaching from a biblical worldview. Preparing our students for success in college and work-life must be done through high academic standards, a deep sense of self, and an understanding of how their talents can be used in society to honor God.

In Him,

Dr. Brandon Tatum
Executive Director



History

The National Christian School Association is an educational association of more than 100 secondary schools in 30 states serving more than 30,000 students. Most NCSA schools are independent, governed by a self-perpetuating board. A few are a ministry of a particular congregation, children's home or university. Students of all faiths are welcome at member schools of the National Christian School Association. The roots of the NCSA date back to annual conferences of Christian school administrators since 1975.

The current NCSA began in 1980 as Partners in Christian education, a fraternal organization for schools associated with the churches of Christ. In 1988 the name was changed to the National Christian School Association. A Board of Trustees made up of administrators from member schools and headed by an Executive Director leads the NCSA. Since 1988 the Association has been accrediting its member schools. A Board of Commissioners comprised of administrators from accredited schools and university educators governs the process.

The NCSA is a member of the National Council for Private School Accreditation, a consortium of several private school organizations dedicated to preserving the integrity of the accreditation process for thousands of private schools across the nation. The NCSA is recognized by the Office of Non-Public Education in the U.S. Department of Education, the National Center for Educational Statistics and the U.S. Census Bureau. The NCSA's Children's Crown and Lamplighter Awards for outstanding children's literature have been recognized by the Accelerated Reader corporation, which makes a diskette of questions from books on the list available to all public and private schools each year. National Christian School Association member schools stress academic excellence in a Christian environment. Most member schools are accredited by one or more state, regional or private accrediting agencies.



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Statement of Faith

National Christian School Association (NCSA) is a private Not-for-Profit entity that accredits and supports PreK-12th- grade Christian schools. This document serves to clearly present our Statement of Faith for current and prospective member schools.

We believe the Bible to be the inspired and authoritative Word of God. 2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21

We believe in one Deity who exists eternally in three persons as God, Jesus Christ, and Holy Spirit.

- We believe in God the Father, an infinite, personal spirit; the creator of all things, visible and invisible, in the heavens and on the earth, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power, and love. We believe that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of each person, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ. (Genesis 1, 21:33; Isaiah 40:28; Exodus 33:14; John 4:24; Revelation 4:8; Romans 11:33-34; Jeremiah 32:17; Ephesians 1:19-20, 3:9; Jeremiah 31:3; Romans 5:8; II Samuel 24:14; I John 5:14-15)
- We believe in God the Son, Jesus Christ the Savior, the only begotten Son of God, in His deity, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His substitutionary and atoning death through His shed blood. In His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His continual intercession for His people, and in His personal return in power, glory, and judgment. (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23, 24:30; Mark 8:38, 16:19; Luke 1:34-35, 24:27; John 1:1, 2, 14, 18, 2:11, 3:16, 10:33, 11:25; Acts 1:11; Hebrews 4:15, 2:9, 7:26; Romans 3:23-26, & 8:34; I Corinthians 15:3-4; Ephesians 1:7; Revelation 19:11)
- We believe in God the Holy Spirit, the Helper, and Comforter, in His daily guidance and revelation of truth, in His conviction of sin, righteousness, and judgment, and in His indwelling presence at the moment of salvation, enabling believers to live godly lives. (John 3:5-8, 14:16-17, & 16:13-14; Acts 1:8; I Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 4:30-32, & 5:18)

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 are we saved. Faith shows itself in obedience to Christ through repentance, confession of faith in Him, baptism, and a life led by the Holy Spirit, manifesting the Spirit's fruit. (John 3:16-19, 5:24; Acts 2:38; Romans 3:23, 5:8-9; Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 3:5)

We believe that the church is the body of Christ and is composed of the communities of Christ's people. The task of Christ's people in this world is to be God's redeemed communities that embody His love by worshiping God with confession, prayer, and praise in spirit and truth; by proclaiming the gospel of God's redemptive love through our Lord Jesus Christ. To the ends of the earth by word and deed; by submitting to the authority of the Bible, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, rather than the dictates of man or ecclesiastical order. By caring for all of God's creation; and actively seeking the good of everyone, especially the poor and needy. (1 Corinthians 12:12-31)

This Statement of Faith is not exhaustive of all our beliefs. The NCSA Board of Trustees reserves the right to make a decision about beliefs not found in this declaration by using the inspired word of God regarding the application of faith, policy, and practice.



NCSA Membership Annual Dues

500+ students:	\$1,837
300 - 499 students:	\$1,512
200 - 299 students:	\$1,237
100 - 199 students:	\$924
0 - 99 students:	\$759

NCSA Accreditation Annual Dues

\$1.30 per student (K-12)
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