

CODE OF ETHICS

The Association of Christian Schools International believes that Christian Schools must pursue excellence. As a member of the Association of Christian Schools International we commit to the following:

Spiritually:

- Live according to the Word of God
- The Statement of Faith of ACSI.
- The Vision and Mission Statement of ACSI
- The Core Beliefs of ACSI
- Acknowledge the noble calling of our profession to educate and train the learners in our schools in Spirit and in Truth, according to God's Word.

Administratively:

- Adhere to relevant legislation for existing as an independent school
- Observe good practice
- Meet local health, safety and sanitation standards
- Operate within the parameters of the constitution of our country
 - Do not discriminate on any basis
 - Are registered with the state/region
 - Maintain standards that are not inferior to standards at comparable public educational institutions

Principals and Boards:

- Engaging in ongoing school improvement and in the core components:
(As outlined in ACSI's Essential Elements of an Effective Christian School)
 - Truth
 - Intellectual Development
 - Christian Educators
 - Potential in Christ
 - Operational Integrity
- Sound and effective management and control
- Offering adequate programmes to meet the needs of all admitted students
- Hiring educators who are qualified
- Maintain the freedom to provide an educational programme which satisfies academic standards
- Providing facilities that are appropriate for the educational programmes that we offer

As Educators

- Act in a proper and becoming way such that their behaviour does not bring Christ or the teaching profession into disrepute.
- Acknowledge the uniqueness, individuality, and specific needs of each learner, guiding and encouraging each to realise his or her potential as stated in Psalm 139:14 "You are fearfully and wonderfully made."
- Endeavour to enable learners to develop a set of values consistent with the Word of God. Pursue excellence in every area of education.
- Provide for the Spiritual, Intellectual, Emotional and Physical needs of our students
- Teach from a Biblical Worldview perspective, focusing on Spiritual formation.
- Educate towards reaching the expected student outcomes as set by ACSI
- Offering adequate programmes to meet the needs of all admitted students
- Teach, learn and assess of knowledge, skills, values and attitudes.

- Acknowledge that the attitude, dedication, self-discipline, ideals, training and conduct of the teaching profession determines the quality of education in our schools
- Exercises authority with compassion
- Avoid any form of humiliation, and refrain from any form of abuse, physical or psychological
- Use appropriate language and behaviour in his or her interaction with learners, and act in such a way as to elicit respect from the learners
- Take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of the learners
- Not show negligence or indolence in the performance of their professional duties
- Recognise the parents as partners in education, and promote a harmonious relationship with them
- Do what is practically possible to keep parents adequately and timeously informed about the well-being and progress of the learner.

NAME OF THE PRINCIPAL: _____ **SIGNATURE** _____

NAME OF THE DIRECTOR/OWNER: _____ **SIGNATURE** _____

DATE: _____