

## **The Noah Covenant**

Every student is uniquely precious to the Lord and to us as parents or educators. We believe that each one is chosen and placed in our care for eternal purposes. Therefore, we agree to the following sacred commitment:

#### We are Committed to the Spiritual Growth of our Students.

We are committed to developing the spiritual stature of our students, bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord unto the fullest respective stature their tender years afford. The Biblical Principle Approach<sup>®</sup> does not just "integrate" truth into the subject content, or "tack on" a Christian appearance; it approaches the subject assuming that all knowledge is the knowledge of God and then identifies the principles of the subject that reflect that knowledge, whether it is in algebra, grammar, basketball, or study habits. All of our curricula and methods cultivate our youth unto full spiritual stature.

#### We are Committed to Academic Excellence.

We are committed to academic excellence, cultivating the fullest expression of the individual through instruction, inspiration, and consecration in intellectual, physical, and artistic pursuits. This is accomplished in the classroom by establishing excellent standards, an enlightened curriculum, and by the practice of reflective learning, Biblical reasoning, writing, and reading. The tutorial emphasis allows every student to learn by receiving help or enrichment as needed. In athletics, art, orchestra, drama, speech, chorus, as well as in every academic subject, we call for the Standard of Christ in whom resides all excellence.

#### We are Committed to Character Development.

We are committed to the character development of every student, bringing to bear the discipline and conviction of Christian self-government. True Christian character is a thing of great beauty and value. All the spiritual knowledge, academic achievement, or athletic prowess in the world cannot succeed without a character molded and strengthened by truth unto usefulness. We design classroom procedures, teaching methods, policies, discipline techniques, athletic programs, and dress code with this goal in mind. Our curriculum is filled with models of great character which inspire and offer vision to our students. We encourage the concern of a community of parents unified by common values and principles for mutual support.

### We are Committed to Leadership Skills for Service.

We are committed to cultivating leadership skills for service in the next generation. Leadership is serving! We envision that every student will learn to reach outside himself or herself to offer a unique contribution to the Lord, becoming others-centered, and taking a responsible place in God's greater purposes.

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# Seven Principles of American Christian Education Can Be Identified and Taught in Every Subject

- I. **God's Principle of Individuality:** Everything in God's universe reveals His infinity and diversity. Each person is a unique creation of God, designed to express the nature of Christ individually in society. The quality of man's government is primarily determined in his heart.
- **II. The Christian Principle of Self-Government:** God ruling internally from the heart of the individual. In order to have true liberty man must be governed internally by the Spirit of God rather than by external forces. Government is first individual, then extends to the home, church, and community.
- III. America's Heritage of Christian Character: The image of Christ engraved upon the individual within, bringing dominion and change to his external environment. The model of American Christian character is the Pilgrim character with these qualities: Faith and Steadfastness Brotherly Love Christian Character Diligence and Industry Liberty of Conscience.
- IV. "Conscience Is the Most Sacred of All Property": God requires faithful stewardship of all His gifts, especially the internal property of our conscience, thoughts, and convictions. This is a tool for self-government as each child learns the revelation of consent. Each individual governs his life through the voluntary consent to do right or wrong and is protected by laws established by the consent of the governed.
- v. The Christian Form of Our Government: The divine flow of spiritual power and force through self-governing individuals whose God-given rights are protected by laws established by their elected representatives. Proper government requires a balance of internal power and its external form as seen in the separation of powers and its dual form with checks and balances.
- vi. How the Seed of Local Self-government is Planted: Christian Selfgovernment begins with salvation and education in God's Law and Love and flows to governing oneself, one's home, church, and community.
- vII. The Christian Principle of American Political Union: Internal agreement or unity, which is invisible, produces an external union which is visible in the spheres of government, economics, and home and community life. Before two or more individuals can act effectively together, they must first be united in spirit in their purposes and convictions.

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