



# Edmonton Christian Schools

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The Edmonton Society for Christian Education has adopted the following Mission, Vision and Program Guiding Principles statements in its Strategic Plan:

### ***Mission: Who we are and what we do***

We serve God's Kingdom by developing a growing body of motivated and equipped Christians who partner with Jesus to transform creation.

### ***Vision: What we want to accomplish***

We are a community of Christians who enable Bible-based, Christ-centred education that integrates faith, learning and service.

### ***Program Guiding Principles***

1. We believe God gives every child gifts and talents to be used in His service. We value each child and each child's gifts equally, whether these gifts are in academics, technologies, vocational studies, fine arts, music or athletics.
2. We strive to provide a rigorous and diverse educational program that:
  - Invites students to grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ and equips them to make informed Christian choices;
  - Enables students to discover and develop their gifts and talents;
  - Promotes physical health, nurtures artistic and creative talents, equips students with relevant skills and challenges students to live faith-directed lives;
  - Is taught by professional, Christian teachers and administrators who exhibit a Christian lifestyle and act as Christian role models to students.
  - Takes place in an environment defined by God's peace in a community where staff and students feel free to share joys and carry each others' burdens;
  - Provides opportunities for parents to be involved in the education of their children in classrooms and in school activities;
  - Integrates an intentional and inclusive service program that enables students to experience the blessings of a life of service in God's Kingdom;
3. We encourage active community involvement in defining, maintaining and enhancing our program.

## **SUMMARY OF VISION-MISSION GOALS AND STRATEGIES**

*Believing Jesus is Lord over all of life, Edmonton Christian Schools educate students for joyful and responsible service to God and society.*

### **I. Students**

In obedience to the Word of God as revealed in Scripture, Edmonton Christian Schools (ECS) students will pursue their studies within the framework of their responsibilities to God, other people, the animal and plant kingdoms and the physical environment.

### **II. Curriculum and Programming**

ECS will advocate a program based on the following convictions:

- i) Biblical principles are relevant to all areas of study;
- ii) An integrated, thematic approach to learning best captures a Christian perspective on life;
- iii) Faith directed learning leads to purposeful living;
- iv) Curriculum guidelines must affirm the diversity, complexity and richness of God's world;
- v) The curriculum will follow the Alberta Education program of studies.

### **III. Staff**

Teaching staff and administration will be professional, Christian educators who understand both the history and the transformational character of our reformed vision and mission. All staff will clearly exhibit their enthusiasm, competence and commitment to educate students in this tradition of Christian education.

### **IV. School Atmosphere**

God's peace will define an environment of community at ECS. In this community setting staff and students will feel free to share their joys and to carry the burdens of others. Positive school spirit will grow out of a rich devotional life, inspired learning and healthy socializing.

### **V. Community**

The Edmonton Society for Christian Education and its Board will promote healthy community relations with all other stakeholders in Edmonton Christian Schools through mutual respect, effective communication, enthusiastic cooperation and commitment to this vision and mission statement.

### **VI. ESCE Board**

In consultation with ESCE membership and ECS staff, the Board will work together with the Superintendent of the Edmonton Public School Board to safeguard the integrity of the vision and mission of Edmonton Christian Schools.

### **VII. Facilities**

ECS will have facilities that enable the administration and teachers to implement the school's vision and mission.