

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Philosophy:

As Christians, communication skills, both in written and oral form, are very important. This makes our English classes essential parts of an outstanding Christian education because of their practical and aesthetic qualities. Valuable reading - comprehension skills can transfer to effective Bible study with deeper understanding of God's Word. The development of oral and writing skills also help our students to better articulate their faith to those who need to hear the "Good News". Through the study of literature, our students can see the historical issues of life with its personal struggles and God's dealings with His creation. Through the study of aesthetics, our students will enhance their appreciation of the creative qualities of our Heavenly Father and His creative gifts given to various people throughout history.

Goals:

1. Students will develop the language skills necessary to discern literature through a Biblical worldview lens.
2. Students will develop communication skills in order to become Christian leaders.
3. Students will develop rhetorical and argumentative skills necessary in articulating and defending their faith.
4. Students will develop reading comprehension skills through the study of fiction and non-fiction literature for the purpose of comprehending God's Word.
5. Students will develop interpersonal communication skills in group learning environments for the purpose of communicating cooperatively in the world.
6. Students will develop written communication skills including narrative, argumentative and persuasion, exposition, and analysis.
7. Students will recognize and develop creative skills and attributes as part of how God designed them for His purposes.

8. Students will practice and develop crucial thinking skills in order to be able to discern purpose, point of view, theme, and figurative language.