

Hudsonville Christian School Statement of Belief

Hudsonville Christian School is founded on the Word of God.

Curriculum and instruction at HCS are based on God's Word and on the belief that the Bible is clearly interpreted in the three doctrinal standards of the Reformed faith: The Heidelberg Catechism, The Canons of Dort, The Belgic Confession, which are summarized in the Contemporary Testimony, *Our World Belongs to God* <https://www.crcna.org/welcome/beliefs/contemporary-testimony/our-world-belongs-god> (available in print upon request).

Hudsonville Christian School promotes a worldview that all spheres of life and learning are under the lordship of Jesus Christ.

- We believe that God created all things good, that all things have fallen from original goodness, and that Christ, who has redeemed all things, will restore them when His Kingdom fully comes. God calls us to aid the Spirit's work of restoration by seeking to make all things better.

Hudsonville Christian School is established by parents for the purpose of partnering with them in the God-given task of training their children to live for the Lord. The Christian community (church, home, school) cares for its children and their future and supports quality Christian education.

We believe in one God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who has revealed Himself in the Holy Bible. This God is present today and controls both humankind and history. We believe and confess that:

- God shows himself through all he has made – for God has made everything.
- God shows himself in justice and mercy over against the sin and evil, which has invaded God's creation.
- God shows himself and the way of salvation in his Word, the Holy Scriptures.
- God shows himself most fully in his Son Jesus Christ who, by miraculous birth, became a human being for our sake, suffered, died, and was raised to conquer the power of sin and the curse of death under which we all live.

Further, we believe and confess that:

- Jesus Christ is now the Lord of all things, both in the created world and in the Church – the fellowship of the redeemed;
- Jesus Christ is now gathering and preserving his Church so that her members may be his servants in this world; Jesus Christ shall return on the day of the Father's choosing to judge all humanity, the living and the dead.

This belief clearly has consequences for the church and the Christian home. It also has special consequences for those involved in Christian day schools, which exist in concert with the home and the church for nurturing of Christian teaching and life. Because the Lord is Lord of all life, we profess and declare that:

- Our students will be presented with the basic message of Scripture and the redemption that has been given in Christ.

- Our students will be instructed in Scriptural principles that will guide them in mature living – in its spiritual, intellectual, and behavioral dimensions.
- Our students will be encouraged to recognize the greatness and the mercy of our Lord in every area of life.
- Our students will be guided into a true knowledge of God’s world, of its history, and its culture.
- Our students will be enabled to assess the values of the age from the perspective of Christ’s redemption and rule over all the world.

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Genesis 1:26-27)

We believe that the term “marriage” has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Genesis 2:18-25) We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (I Corinthians 6:18; 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4) We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and woman.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. (Matthew 15:18-20; I Corinthians 6:9-10)

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Hudsonville Christian School as the local Body of Christ and to provide a biblical role model to the Hudsonville Christian School members and the community, that all persons employed by Hudsonville Christian School in any capacity should conduct themselves in a manner that is consistent with these beliefs. (Matthew 5:16; Philippians 2:14-16; I Thessalonians 5:22) In light of current issues of sexual orientation and gender identity, HCS has adopted the following code of conduct grounded in our statement of belief that establishes parameters for acceptable behavior. HCS expects all persons attending school and/or school events will:

- Use the restrooms, locker rooms, and changing facilities conforming with one’s biological sex, with arrangements made for private facilities for those with special circumstances.
- Agree to not advocate for same-sex causes within the school setting.

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. (Acts 3:19-21; Romans 10:9-10; I Corinthians 6:9-11)

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, grace, and dignity. (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31) Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of Hudsonville Christian School.

We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life. (Psalm 139)

This statement of belief does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. Further, the Bible itself is the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of Hudsonville Christian School's belief, doctrine, practice, and discipline, the Hudsonville Christian School Board is the final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.

The curriculum at Hudsonville Christian School is Bible-based and standards focused. It reflects a Reformed worldview and meets the Michigan state standards. The Christian worldview is integrated into the total education program.

Our students are image-bearers of their Maker. Hudsonville Christian School celebrates the diversity and honors the uniqueness of each student.

- Each student at Hudsonville Christian School has a place in God's Kingdom, and God has a wonderful plan for each life.
- Specific learning goals and curricula are selected to best prepare each child for life as a forgiven, obedient, fruitful, and responsible Christian.
- Christian education addresses the whole child, with physical, spiritual, and emotional dimensions and God-given gifts to be developed in these domains.

Every staff member at Hudsonville Christian School is a professing Christian whose commitment to serving Jesus Christ is demonstrated in his or her lifestyle: a personal walk with the Savior, reliance on the power of prayer, and a life of loving service. Our teachers guide each child to work out a Christian worldview and integrate their faith with teaching and learning.