

## **SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT**

Providence Academy

Providence Academy equips students to achieve academic excellence and spiritual maturity through a biblically-based, Christ-centered, classical education, so they will think and live in a manner which brings glory to God.

## **BIBLE DEPARTMENT PURPOSE STATEMENT**

The purpose of the Providence Academy Bible department is to apply a biblical world and life view to all areas of life and thought. As a foundation, the students are trained and encouraged to apply the truth of Scripture across the various academic disciplines. Specifically, there is an emphasis on preparation for the challenges of college, career, and marriage. This preparation encourages an expanding knowledge of Bible content, the development of Bible study skills, and increased participation and leadership in ministry. Students are brought face to face with their need for a Savior and equipped to defend their faith as they have opportunity to “. . . make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you . . .” (1 Peter 3:15).

### **Bible Department Capstone Objectives:**

1. Form a worldview based on the absolute truth of the Word of God
2. Explain, apply, and defend the basic fundamental Bible doctrines—PA’s statement of faith
3. Engage in contemporary culture through service and ministry
4. Prepare and equip students to share their Christian faith
5. Understand the historical faith of the church and apply it to the Christian walk today
6. Graduate with a solid biblical foundation, an increasingly passionate relationship with the Lord, an understanding of the call to be salt and light in the world in which we live, and the ability to effectively communicate and defend his/her faith with others

## **BIBLE DEPARTMENT GOALS**

The student will:

1. Study the Old and New Testaments to gain an understanding of our Triune God as He revealed Himself in history and unfolded His plan of redemption
2. Understand the brokenness of the world as opposed to the perfection God created
3. Understand important events and people in the historical redemptive plan of God
4. Identify important geographical sites of the ancient and biblical world
5. Identify and analyze various world views and establish oral and written arguments for the Christian position
6. Become knowledgeable of the foundational doctrines of the Christian faith
7. Learn to affirm the truth of Christianity while identifying and denying non-Christian positions
8. Develop habits that contribute to spiritual growth, including journaling, prayer, singing hymns, and reflective reading
9. Demonstrate understanding of biblical lifelong principles, including biblical stewardship with time, talents, and finances
10. Read relevant and inspirational Christian literature

11. Become familiar with major events and characters in church history from New Testament times to the present.
12. Develop understanding of and support for biblically based missions.
13. Memorize and recall select Bible passages and biblical truths.
14. Apply study skills to the reading, studying, and sharing of the Bible and Bible-based topics.
15. Develop an appreciation for the principles and content presented in Bible class.