

CONSTITUTION
of the
THOMASVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

PREAMBLE

Believing on the basis of the declarations of Holy Scripture (Deut 6:1-9 and Eph 6:4) that God has given to covenant parents the privilege and responsibility of bringing up their children in the training and instruction of the Lord, and that God has given the visible church the responsibility of spiritual oversight of the lives of believers (Acts 20: 18-21, 28-32) individually, in the family, and in the congregation, we do adopt the following Articles of Association.

ARTICLE I

The name of this organization is Thomasville Christian School, hereafter referred to as TCS. The logo of TCS shall be an oak tree silhouette, the words, “Thomasville Christian School,” and the text of Isaiah 61: 3.

ARTICLE II

These Articles of Association shall form the basis of TCS, its boards and related associations. They establish the School’s relationship to Christ Community Presbyterian Church, hereafter referred to as CCPC, the relationship of the Session of CCPC to the TCS Board, the relationship of the parents to the TCS Board, the duties and responsibilities of the TCS Board, standards of administration, the standards of selection of curriculum and teachers, and the standards of admission of students.

ARTICLE III

The doctrinal basis of the school is the conviction that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments of the Bible are the infallible written rule of God, and as such are the only rule of faith and practice. On this basis, we hold the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms to be systematic statements of the system of doctrine taught in that Scripture.

ARTICLE IV

The basis of the system of Christian education to which the school is committed is summarized in the following Biblical principals:

1. Christian education has its foundations in the covenant promises of God, fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

2. Christian education necessarily follows from God's explicit commandments to His people to teach their children about Him, His kingdom, His world, and His redemption.
3. Christian education is a process that must be based upon the authoritative Word of God with respect to its presuppositions, curriculum content, and methodology.
4. The responsibility for a Godly education rests with the parents, primarily the father.

(Gen. 17:7-9, Deut. 4:39-40, Deut, 6:4-9. Psalm 11:99. Prov. 1:7. Matt. 18:1-10. Matt. 19:14, John 8:31-37. I Cor. 12:28-29, Col. 2:8-10, II Tim. 2:1-2, Titus 2:3-4)

ARTICLE V

The purpose of TCS shall be to provide, in conformity with these Articles, a program of education of a high spiritual and academic quality so that covenant children may be trained and taught as commanded in Scripture, and thereby better able to responsibly fulfill their God-Given roles in the home, church, and community.

ARTICLE VI

The TCS board shall be named by, accountable to, under the authority of, and report on a regular basis to the Session of CCPC, which shall be the final court of appeal in matters of dispute. The TCS Board is given powers by the Session of CCPC to execute the mandate of this Constitution. The School governed through and by this Board is a nonprofit, primary educational branch and a ministry of CCPC. No provision of these Articles of the School shall violate or supersede the legal documents, certificate of incorporation, bylaws, and/or constitution of the church.

The School Board shall be the direct governing body of the School. Its powers shall include the hiring of teachers and other employees required to operate the school, the purchase of equipment unique to the School, the admission and discipline of students, and the establishment and implementation of an operating budget.

ARTICLE VII

The Session shall approve all Board members of the School, at least eighty percent of which shall be members of CCPC. The Chairman of the School Board may make recommendations to the Session for new Board members, under the advice of the current Board. The School Board shall meet at least monthly. A quorum shall consist of three members.

The Session shall appoint an individual to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term of office of a Board member.

It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the School Board to preside at all meetings of the Board and to enforce the provisions of these Articles. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall preside.

ARTICLE VIII

The suggested Permanent Committees of the Board shall be:

- Education/Curriculum
- Facilities
- Finance
- Public Relations/Promotions
- Admissions

Permanent Committees shall have the privilege of seeking assistance by appointing consultants for the period of time they deem appropriate.

The duties of the Permanent Committees shall be as follows:

Education/Curriculum Committee

1. Make recommendations concerning all matters relative to the educational program and policies of the School.
2. Investigate the qualifications of candidates for administrative and teaching positions and make recommendations concerning such candidates and their salaries to the Board.
3. Keep informed of the scholastic quality and Christian character of the instruction given, the course of study, discipline, equipment, etc.

Facilities Committee

1. Recommend where the school is to be located and work with the officers of CCPC in obtaining and insuring the adequacy of facilities.
2. Keep current on the physical needs and maintenance requirements of the School building, equipment, and grounds.

Finance Committee

1. Recommend to the Board a budget for each school year.
2. Make recommendations to the Board as to the policies, standing rules and manner the School is to be maintained financially.
3. Make recommendations to the Board regarding financial aid for children of parents who are unable to pay the full tuition.
4. See to it that a financial audit of the school is performed at least annually.

Public Relations/Promotions Committee

1. Determine how the cause of Christian education may be advanced and strengthened in the community.
2. Recommend to the Board a plan of action for any necessary fund raising, and arrange to implement that plan.
3. Keep parents and staff informed of any significant Board decisions, the work and accomplishments of the School, and its needs.

Admissions Committee

1. Recommend standards and requirements for admission of pupils to TCS.
2. Recommend standards and procedures for conducting interviews with applying parents and students.
3. Conduct all such interviews on behalf of the TCS Board, unless otherwise directed, and report on all such interviews to the Board.

ARTICLE IX

The Administrator and all teachers shall be appointed by the Board, with approval of the Session, after giving careful consideration to their Christian doctrine and life, Christian training and professional attainments, and other such qualifications as the Board shall deem necessary for the proper performance of the duties assigned them. The Administrator and teachers shall be appointed to serve under a written contract that specifies salaries and services to be rendered.

The Administrator and all teachers must declare at the beginning of each school year, in writing as part of the contract, their unconditional acceptance of the basis and purpose of the Christian School as expressed in this Constitution. They must be Scripturally sound in their teaching, and they must lead exemplary lives and be a member in good standing in an evangelical and Bible-believing church.

An outline of curriculum content for each grade shall be prepared by the Administrator in collaboration with the teaching staff. After approval by the Education/Curriculum Committee and the Board, such curriculum shall govern all instruction in the school.

The school term shall be determined by the Board, and shall be consistent with the regulations of the State of Georgia. Holidays and vacations shall be decided upon by the Board.

The Administrator shall be an advisory member of the School Board.

ARTICLE X

Admission of all students to the School shall be subject to the approval of the Board.

At least one parent of the covenant child shall be a Christian and sign a statement in support of the disciplinary policies of the School.

As part of the admissions procedure, at least one parent shall be interviewed by the Board or by a designated committee or representative thereof.

First priority of admission to TCS shall be given to members of CCPC. Next priority will be those families who already have other children enrolled.

ARTICLE XI

This Constitution may be amended by the Session, or by a three-fourths vote of the Board, subject to the approval of the Session."

ARTICLE XII

In the case of dissolution of TCS, all properties, monies, and equipment will become that of CCPC.

Signed:

Clerk of Session

Chairman, TCS Board