



EVANGEL CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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PHILOSOPHY OF DISCIPLINE

The words “discipline” and “disciple” derive from the Latin word “discipulus”, meaning pupil, learner, or disciple. The administration and faculty at ECCS desire to complement the parents’ role in disciplining their children to live God-honoring lives.

Webster defines discipline as “to train or develop by instruction and exercise especially in self-control” and as “training that corrects, molds, or perfects the mental faculties or moral character.” We believe that it is possible, right, and essential to define and teach what acceptable and unacceptable behavior is in practical ways that govern and affect our daily lives.

Jesus’ words in Matthew 22:37-40 provide a foundation for discipline at ECCS. He summed up the Ten Commandments in two commandments: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind” and “you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” We believe that the love of which Jesus speaks, calls us as individuals, and as a school to teach children to love and honor God and to love and honor all of His creation.

Our goal at ECCS is to teach children to discern right from wrong and to practice self-control in ways that honor God. The entire curriculum will strive to reveal our holy, righteous, and gracious God in ways that endear the children to their heavenly Father so that they will accept His correction just as children who love and honor their earthly father accept his correction. Teaching self-control will include, though not be limited to, encouraging students to learn biblical ways to talk to one another, to fellowship with one another, to support and encourage one another, to handle disagreements, to receive correction, and to express emotions. Additionally, we are eager for students to learn responsibility regarding their own and others’ possessions and toward nature as they fulfill God’s creation mandate to subdue and have dominion over the earth.

We believe all that occurs at ECCS is a form of discipline/training, and we desire to encourage and affirm the students in their progress in developing Godly character. Love, forgiveness, firmness and fairness will be integral to student discipline.