



## SANTIAGO CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

### Ends Policy, Statement of Faith and Christian Lifestyle Statement

#### Ends Policy

The SCS Board's Ends policy describe the difference our school seeks to make in our beneficiaries' lives (i.e., the lives of our students). The Ends policy is as follows:

**Students are *personas íntegras*, reflecting Jesus in character, wisdom, and influence, in an environment which models these same qualities, at a cost that is justified by the results.**

- 1. Students display growing maturity as disciples of Jesus.**
- 2. Students model character traits which enable a fruitful of life of service to God and to their communities.** *Students are grateful stewards of their gifts.*
- 3. Students display wisdom rooted in a biblical worldview.**
  - a. Students communicate with skillfulness and versatility in English and Spanish.
  - b. Students have a strong knowledge of scripture and recognize it as God's unique self-revelation in written word.
  - c. Students leave SCS college-ready and transfer-ready for accredited schools in the US and DR.
- 4. Students exert a redemptive influence on their world.**
  - a. Students understand the principles of healthy, moral family living.
  - b. Students advocate on behalf of the weak.
  - c. Students possess the emotional intelligence and collaborative skills needed to be successful servant-leaders and ethical followers.
  - d. Students commit to a body of believers for the purpose of worship, teaching, encouragement, and service.
- 5. Students follow the examples of the school's faculty and staff in living as *personas íntegras*.**

#### Statement of Faith

The basis of the Santiago Christian School shall be the Word of God as found in the Old and New Testament interpreted by the following statement of faith:

- There is one God eternally existing in three persons: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Mark 12:29; 1 John 5:7
- The Holy Scripture is inspired of God and is our only infallible rule of faith and practice. 2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 4:12
- Jesus Christ, the divine Son of God, was born of a virgin, died on the cross and was bodily raised from the dead for our justification. He ascended to the right hand of the Father and He will return visibly and bodily with power and great glory. Matthew 1:23; Act 2:22-24, Romans 5:6-9; Hebrews 1:3; Matthew 24:30
- Human beings were directly created, not evolved, in the very image of God, beginning with Adam and Eve. Genesis 1:26, 27; 2:21-23
- Man is, by nature, a sinner separated from God and can become God's child only by faith in Jesus Christ and submission to the will of God as revealed in the Gospel. Romans 3:10-19,34
- Those who are born into God's family have eternal life, and those who are not remain in spiritual death and will be separated from God forever in hell. John 3:6, 15-19, 36
- The Holy Spirit lives in the believer, enabling him to walk in purity of life and submission to the will of God. All believers, regardless of sex, race or color, are united in the body of Christ. Romans 8:1-10
- All believers, regardless of sex, race or color, are united in the body of Christ. Galatians 3. 26-28; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

## Christian Lifestyle Statement

As the board, faculty, and staff of Santiago Christian School, we have both the opportunity and obligation to reflect a life changed by Christ, both in and out of the school setting. In order to evidence that transformed life and minister to others, we ourselves need the personal edification, encouragement, and accountability that comes through connectedness to the body of Christ in our community. In support of this crucial component of the Christian life, all SCS board, faculty and staff must participate in a local evangelical church regularly.

Just as Jesus “made himself nothing” to become human (Philippians 2:7) and adapted to the culture of first-century Palestine, we must also be sensitive to the culture around us. What it means to live as lights in the darkness will vary according to time and place. With an awareness of how those around us will interpret our actions as evidence of a living faith, we must heed Peter’s admonition in 1 Peter 2:12 to “live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.” Living our lives as examples of Christ requires that we exercise our freedom under the law of Christ in ways that demonstrate loving concern for others’ relationships with God (Gal. 5:13; 5:16-6:2). In lifestyle choices controversial amongst believers (e.g., dancing, dating practices, clothing choices, social drinking, the use of tobacco, or other choices not listed here), we must be aware that mistaking liberty for license brings with it the tremendous potential of becoming a stumbling block for those who are watching us—especially our students (I Cor. 8:7-13; I Cor. 10:12; Rom. 14:15, 14:20-21). As role models for students and their families and as believers who desire to be instruments of peace, those who exercise their liberty must do so in a spirit of love, restraint, and caution. Liberties are not to be flaunted publicly (Rom. 14:22) and are to be used to avoid offense in order to open a path for the gospel (I Cor. 9:21-22).

As an application of these principles, those at SCS who can drink alcohol with a free conscience must limit the exercise of this liberty to private family settings or to rare toasts at public events, exhibiting clear moderation or even abstaining due to those who might be watching, and in no case reaching a point of intoxication (Eph. 5:18). Similarly, social dancing and any use of tobacco must be appropriate to the lifestyle of those who are modeling Christ for young people. To avoid controversy, we do not attend nightclubs, discos nor bars. Other exercises of Christian liberty should follow this model of restraint, love, and caution. In short, our cultural choices must be appropriate to the lifestyle of those who are modeling Christ for young people. In the words of the apostle Paul, “Whether therefore you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the Glory of God” (I Cor. 10:31).

I have read the End’s policy, Statement of Faith and the Christian lifestyle policy. I agree with the End’s Policy and the difference our school seeks to make in our beneficiaries’ lives. I agree with the doctrinal Statement of Faith and it is consistent with my own Christian beliefs. I agree to live in accordance with the guidelines outlined in the Christian Lifestyle Policy.

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Board/Faculty/ Staff Member  
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Board/Faculty/ Staff Member  
Printed Name

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