

# STATEMENT OF FAITH



Haw River Christian Academy is a Christian school that does not teach a specific denominational set of beliefs. The following is the foundation of beliefs on which HRCA is based. They are also the key elements of Christianity that will be unapologetically taught in various ways through all grade levels. The substance of these statements is that which will be considered primary doctrine at HRCA. Secondary or divisive doctrines and issues will not be presented as primary doctrine. When these types of doctrine or issues arise, they will be referred back to the family and local churches for final authority.

As a covenantal school, all board members, staff, and enrolled families subscribe to these foundational principles by way of joining the Haw River Christian Academy Corporation membership.

The administration shall not allow a particular Christian denominational doctrine or distinctive to be presented as favored within the school, particularly any that extend beyond these nine foundational statements as presented in Article III of the HRCA By-laws. The school is comprised of families from a variety of Christian congregations, each with their own historical heritage regarding issues of liturgy, governance, and doctrinal emphasis. The discussion and debate of these historic differences is permissible and encouraged as a part of the rhetoric curriculum; however, it must be done with due respect in the spirit of Christian charity with Scripture as the rule.

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## **Haw River Christian Academy By-Laws: Article III**

- We believe the Bible to be the only inerrant, authoritative Word of God. (II Tim. 3:16)
- We believe that there is one God, creator of all things, who is eternally existent in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Deut. 5:4, Gen. 1:1, I John 5:7)
- We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His promised return in power and glory. (John 10:30, Matt. 1:18, Heb. 4:15, John 10:32, Rom.3:25, Matt. 28:6, Rom. 8:34, Luke 21:27)
- We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful men, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely necessary. (John 3:3-8)
- We believe that salvation is by grace through faith alone. (Eph. 2:8)
- We believe that faith without works is dead. (Jam. 2:8)
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose power the Christian is enabled to live a godly life. (Gal. 5:16)
- We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: they that are saved to the resurrection of life and they that are lost to the resurrection of condemnation. (I Thes. 4:16-17, II Thes. 1:9)
- We believe in the spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. (John 17:20-23)