



At **Nevada Christian School**, our mission is to endeavor to train students to become life-long learners who strive for academic excellence, develop a personal relationship with Christ, and desire to serve God both here on earth and throughout eternity. We accomplish this by educating ourselves and our children through teaching our Adventist curriculum combined with a Biblical worldview. This document serves as guidance to understanding the foundational beliefs of the Nevada Christian School.

Local Belief Statement

We strive to align educational materials and learning dialogue with a biblical worldview. As described by our NAD curriculum... A worldview serves as a conceptual tool or framework for perceiving and interpreting reality, which, in turn, informs the philosophy, mission/vision, and goals of an organization. The Adventist worldview accepts the Bible as the standard by which everything else is measured. Four key concepts (with accompanying essential questions) emerge from a biblical worldview that can be used as a lens for the Adventist curriculum development process: Creation (What is God's intention?), Fall (How has God's purpose been distorted?), Redemption (How does God help us to respond?), and Re-creation (How can we be restored in the image of God?).

- We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture or the community policies. (Mk 12:28-31; Lk 6:31, Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 6:9-11)
- We believe that the Bible commands Christians to make every effort to live at peace and to resolve disputes with each other in private or within the Christian community in alignment with the biblical injunctions of 1 Corinthians 6:1-8, Matthew 5:23-24, and Matthew 18:15-20.
- We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life. (Psalm 139:13-16)
- We believe we are united as the Body of Christ beyond personal opinions, doctrines, or denominations. We strive to preserve this unity by showing respect to each other as well as the host facility. (1Cor 12:12-31, Romans 12: 4-5, Eph. 2: 19-22)
- We believe parents have a God given authority over their children both academically as well as in Biblical teaching, character building, and correction. (Proverbs 22:6, Eph 6:4, Deut 11:19, 1 Tim 3:4, Proverbs 29:17)
- We believe children have been given the Biblical instruction to submit to the authority of their parents and those their parents have put in authority over them when in community. (Eph 6:2-3, Col 3:20)



- We also believe in honoring those given the stewardship of leadership. This includes facility staff, all school those in school leadership, and community volunteer members. (Hebrews 13:17, Romans 5:21-25)
- We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person. Gender identity is determined by biological sex and not by one's self-perception – a perception which is often influenced by fallen human nature in ways contrary to God's design. (Gen 1:26-27, Ps 139:13-14, Rom 1:19-25, Eph 4:17-18)
- We believe this country was built on Biblical principles and want to honor and show respect and appreciation by pledging to the American flag each week. (Psalm 33:12-22, Romans 13:1-5)
- We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. We believe marriage between one man and one woman for life uniquely reflects Christ's relationship with His Church, and that marriage serves as the foundational unit of a stable society (Gen 2:18-25, Matt 19:4-6, Eph 5:21-33, 1 Cor 6:14, 7:2, Titus 1:6).
- We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. (1 Cor 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb 13:4)



Statement of Final Authority for Matters of Faith and Conduct

This Local Belief Statement does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God in the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For the purposes of Nevada Christian School: faith, doctrine, practice, policy and discipline, final interpretive authority rests in local leadership (School Board), in consultation with Iowa Missouri Conference of SDA leadership, including the Nevada Adventist Church leadership, as well as the leadership's personal pastor(s), as needed.

Family Attestation to the Nevada Christian School Belief Statement

☐ I have had a conversation with a school representative, regarding the Nevada Christian School's Mission Statement and Belief Statement. My family is willing to honor, respect, and not detract from the Nevada Christian School's belief statement when I/we am/are in the school or at a school-Sponsored event.

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