

DESERT CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

Articles of Faith

These ten **Articles of Faith** are based upon the DCS **Faith Statement** that is incorporated in the DCS Bylaws and in the Board of Trustee policy manual and attached hereto as **Exhibit D**.

1. We believe the Bible (the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments) to be the inspired, the only infallible and sole authoritative Word of God; revealing God's being and His purpose for creation and man.
 - **God's Word is truth. All learning must have an integrative relationship with God's Word.** *"All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."* 2 Timothy 3:16

2. We believe that everything that has being, outside of God Himself, was brought into existence and is sustained in existence by God. Everything that exists in the universe (visible or invisible) was created by God out of nothing, by His spoken Word and for His own glory.
 - **All subject matters of education must teach that our Triune God is the source of all creation and that what He created was very good. Man was uniquely created to have a personal relationship with God and to glorify Him in everything he does.** *"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."* 1 Corinthians 10:31

3. We believe that there is one Triune God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, co-equal and co-substantial in their divine nature, power and glory.
 - **The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit reveal God. Learning must avail itself to this revelation. God's specific revelation must always take precedence over man's reason.**

4. We believe that there is a hierarchy in the Trinity that does not violate each person's equality. The Father, the first person of the Trinity, determines and decrees. The Father in eternity past decreed that He would send His one and only Son to be the Redeemer of His people.
 - **The Father provides justification, adoption, sanctification and glorification of all believers.** *"Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God — children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God."* John 1:12

5. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His many miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood on the cross, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His future personal return in power and glory.
 - **Jesus Christ is our Redeemer and with His atoning sacrifice on the cross, has turned away God's wrath against believers and has reconciled believers to God.** *"Salvation is found in no one else for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."* Acts 4:12

6. We believe in the necessity of regeneration (being “Born Again”) by the Holy Spirit in order for a lost and sinful man to receive salvation by coming to Christ in faith and repentance.
 - **God has acted sovereignly to remedy man’s hopeless sinful condition. Salvation is totally a work of God’s grace and mercy, received through faith in Christ alone and not a result of human effort, will or merit.** *“For it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith – and this not of yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.”* Ephesians 2:8-9

7. We believe the Holy Spirit indwells Christians and empowers them for a life of service to God.
 - **The indwelt Holy Spirit teaches and guides a believer into learned truth. It is He who teaches what is good and what is evil so that it is possible for a Christian to seek after Christ and to glorify God in all he or she does.** *“Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit lives in you?”* I Corinthians 3:16

8. We believe in the resurrection of all people at Christ’s second coming. People are either saved into eternal communion with God, or they are lost into eternal separation from God.
 - **Education must teach students how to live life on earth knowing with assurance that true believers will inherit eternal life.** *“Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit who is a deposit, guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession – to the praise of his glory.”* Ephesians 1:13b-14

9. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.
 - **The universal Christian church is a spiritual body made up of all believers in Christ, regardless of denominational differences.** *“There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.”* Galatians 3:28-29.

10. We believe that Christians are called and commissioned by God to go into the world and share the “good news” of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
 - **A part of the mission of DCS is that students be academically prepared to impact their world for Christ.** *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”* Matthew 28:19-20

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I read and agree with the **Articles of Faith** of Desert Christian Schools, Inc. **and affirm that I am a “Born Again” Christian who knows the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior** (John 3:3, I Peter 1:23).

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