

CONSTITUTION

Article I Name

1. This Association shall be known as the Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools, Inc., a non-profit corporation.
2. For purposes of brevity, the letters "WACS" shall constitute the official title, i.e., Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools doing business as WACS.

Article II Basis and Purpose

1. The Christian schools of Wisconsin unite to form an association in a belief that:
 - A. Christian schools are vital in developing and expanding Christian ideals among the youth of this state.
 - B. The youth of this state should be given an opportunity to learn that Christianity is both relative and basic to all of life.
 - C. Christian schools assist parents in fulfilling their Scriptural responsibilities regarding the raising of their children.
 - D. We should promote the philosophy of education based on Christian principles as determined and interpreted by the Holy Scriptures.
 - E. We should promote and encourage the establishment, continuance, and improvement of the Christian school.
2. WACS exists to promote education in private Christian schools through the dissemination of information as well as coordinated academic, music, and sports competitions. The Association seeks to promote excellence in Christian education and to service educational needs of member schools within the state of Wisconsin.

Article III Doctrinal Statement

1. **The Bible:** We believe in the plenary, verbal inspiration of the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments, and it is our only rule of faith and practice.
2. **God:** We believe God exists in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and that all three are equal in divine attributes.
3. **Jesus Christ:** We believe in the incarnation and virgin birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and His identification as the Son of God. We believe in His vicarious substitutionary death on the cross, the atonement for the sins of mankind by the shedding of His blood. We believe in the resurrection of His body from the tomb and His continual work of intercession for believers at the right hand of God the Father. We believe in His power to save men eternally from sin.
4. **Holy Spirit:** We believe that God the Holy Spirit calls, regenerates, indwells, fills, and seals the believers. We reject the modern charismatic doctrine (speaking in tongues and the second work of grace).
5. **Creation:** We believe in the Bible account of creation, rather than all forms of evolution, and that it was accomplished by the direct act of God in six solar days.
6. **Man:** We believe that man became a fallen creature and that all men are born in sin and totally depraved, lost, and condemned to Hell, and in order to be saved require the new

birth experience of salvation by the grace of God through genuine faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior apart from works of man.

7. ***Future Things:*** We believe in the imminent, pre-tribulational, premillennial return of Christ. We believe in the bodily resurrection of all the dead – the saved to a life of eternal glory and bliss in Heaven with God and the unsaved to eternal judgment of conscious suffering and woe in the Lake of Fire.
8. ***The Church and Its Mission:*** We believe that the local church is an independent, autonomous body of baptized (immersed) believers carrying out its mission to win the lost and disciple believers. We further believe it is the God-given right of the parents to be responsible for the education and welfare of their children.
9. ***Separation:*** We believe in the Biblical doctrine of separation which encompasses three things; the separation of the local church from all affiliation with liberals and those who are content to fellowship with liberals, the separation of the individual believer from all worldly practices that may dishonor the Savior, and the separation of church and state.
10. ***Concerning Human Sexuality:*** We believe God has commanded that no sexual intimacy be engaged in outside of the marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bi-sexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, transgenderism, transsexuality and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. We believe the only legitimate marriage is the joining of one man and one woman as husband and wife. We believe that man and woman are spiritually equal in position before God, but that God has ordained distinct and separate spiritual functions for men and women in the home and the church. The husband is to be the leader of the home and men are to be the leaders (pastors and deacons) of the church. Accordingly, only men are eligible for licensure and ordination by the church. (Gen. 2:24; 19:5,13; 26:8-10; Lev. 18:1-30; Rom. 1:26-29; 1 Cor. 5:1; 6:9; 1 Thess. 4:1-8; Heb. 13:4; Gen. 2:24; Rom. 7:2; 1 Cor. 7:10; Gal. 3:28; Col. 3:18; 1 Tim. 2:8-15; 3:4-5,12).

Article IV Philosophy of Education

1. We believe that true Christian education is Bible-based, Christ-centered, and student-related with its prime purpose of developing young people with character who will live for the glory of God and the good of society.
2. We believe God has delegated the authority to parents to "train up a child in the way he should go," and that it is the parents' right to extend that authority to pastors and teachers. The child has the responsibility to give proper respect and obedience to those in authority over him.
3. We believe every student is a special, unique individual created by God and responsible ultimately to God as Creator and Judge.
4. We believe it is the responsibility of the Christian school to train students to exercise self-government by instilling in him Christian character, both in discipline and in the content of the material selected for classroom use.
5. We believe that a Bible-based, Christ-centered, teacher-directed approach, as taught in the Word of God, ought to be the methodology of the Christian school.

6. We believe that the "child-centered classroom" and those methodologies which allow the child to set his own standard or choose the direction of his education are harmful to the student.
7. We oppose modern progressive education because it rejects the Bible principles in favor of atheism, humanism, naturalism, secularism, materialism, temporalism, permissiveness, relativism, and socialism which we believe are godless philosophies.

Article V Membership

Inasmuch as the Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools is a state chapter of the American Association of Christian Schools, schools received into membership of the WACS become members of the AACCS. Any school requesting membership in the WACS must annually submit the following items to the board of directors for approval by a majority vote of the board:

1. A statement of their agreement with the purpose, doctrinal statement, and philosophy of education.
2. The payment of their annual dues in full.
3. Any other items that may be deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

Membership will not be granted to a school that separates from a member WACS school until after two complete years have passed.

Article VI Membership Dues

Dues must be paid in full by the date established by the Board of Directors in order to qualify for participation in WACS. The Board of Directors shall establish policy relating to the amount of dues, late fees, grace periods, and the fiscal year. A designated portion of the dues will be forwarded to the American Association of Christian Schools.

Article VII Board of Directors

The WACS Board of Directors shall consist of at least ten members, of which at least two shall be primarily educators. Vacancies shall be filled by methods established by a majority of the board. The officers of WACS Inc. shall be president, executive director, vice president, secretary, and treasurer to be elected annually by the board.

1. **Resignation:** Any Director may resign at any time by giving written notice of such resignation to the Board of Directors.
2. **Removal:** A Director may be removed from office with or without cause by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors then in office, either at the annual meeting or at any special meeting of the Board of Directors called for that purpose.
3. **Quorum:** At all meetings of the Board of Directors, a quorum is constituted if a majority of the then serving Directors attend in person or through proxy.
4. Each director must sign a Conflict of Interest Policy and Doctrinal Statement annually.

Article VIII Disassociation

Disassociation can be made by request from the member school, or by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Article IX Dissolution

If the Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools were to dissolve, all assets would be given to a Christian organization in agreement with the Doctrinal Statement of the Association. The Board of Directors would make that decision by majority vote.

Article X Amendment

The Board of Directors shall have the power to make, alter, amend, and repeal the by-laws, and/or constitution by affirmative vote, in person or in writing, of a majority of the serving Board.

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