

# SPIRITUAL DISTINCTIVES

*Front Range Christian School exists to partner with the Christian home in training children for life and equipping them to impact the world for Christ.*  
*FRCS Mission Statement*

Since its inception, Front Range Christian School has maintained an intense focus on the spiritual formation of students. We realize that any school must offer high quality academics, athletics, and arts to be a viable educational option. At FRCS, we view these as the basic level of qualifications for being a school. As a Christian school, FRCS goes further, integrating Biblical truth in every subject or activity. FRCS seeks to be spiritually distinct, however, going above and beyond these basics using the following approaches in four key areas of spiritual formation.

## **CHAPEL**

It is estimated that fewer than 10% of Christian teens base daily decisions on Biblical truth. FRCS uses chapel and the community of the student body to spiritually challenge our students in living their faith consistently in all areas of life. Chapel offers:

- Student led, authentic worship
- Challenging teaching of the Word
- Engaging media
- Living testimonies of teachers and students
- Prayer
- Challenge to use Godly wisdom

## **MISSIONS**

A core value at FRCS is for students to have a heart for others, compassion for the poor, and a desire to be used by God. We give our students opportunities to use their hands and feet to reach those in need. At FRCS we believe that building relationships between our students and those from other life situations is the key to nurturing compassion for others. Our hope is that the relationships formed by these interactions will leave an imprint on the hearts of our students that will last a lifetime. Our mission opportunities and vision include:

- Sending students to work in the inner city
- Integrating students from foreign countries into our educational settings
- Ministering to the elderly and handicapped
- Sending mission teams to other countries for outreach
- Targeting specific ministries for long-term relationship

## **DISCIPLESHIP**

The great commission commands us to go and make disciples of all nations. At FRCS, we use part of the 1500 hours per year that we have with students to ensure that we are putting feet to this command from Jesus. Every junior/senior high student at FRCS has someone designated as a discipleship leader and belongs to a discipleship group. Our great desire is to see that every student has others walk alongside them in school life. Discipleship groups provide:

- Weekly meetings
- Prayer time
- Opportunities to serve together
- Intentional fellowship time
- Individual and group growth
- Accountability

## **BIBLE**

At FRCS, we are committed to building a firm foundation of the Word in the lives of our students, providing courses that are rarely available to high school students. Biblical understanding will always be given in the context of personal application urging students to use their lives and understanding to advance God's Kingdom. Bible education emphasizes:

- Strong foundations in Old and New Testament
- Critical thinking and Biblical worldview
- Understanding cultural context
- Personal life application
- In-depth courses at Senior High
- Passion for knowing God through His Word

“Each of my teachers displayed for me a different facet of the image of Christ; each one has made a difference in my life.”  
Mariah, 2007 Graduate

“FRCS prepared me for the intense and difficult work at college. I felt academically prepared because I was challenged throughout high school.”  
Laura, 2005 Graduate

*My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.*  
*Colossians 2:2-3*

### **FRCS CORE VALUES**

Through deep-rooted core values, students are provided a unique and exceptional education. Students are viewed as God's children and they are challenged to seek His will in learning as they prepare to live for Him.

- The Bible is the authoritative Word of God, integrated and applied to all aspects of school life.
- Academic excellence by assisting every student in realizing his or her full potential in Christ.
- Christ-like character development of students is taught and modeled by faculty and staff.
- An environment of unconditional love and acceptance.
- God gave parents the responsibility to train children.
- Class sizes support quality learning environment.
- Partnering with parents, providing volunteer opportunities.
- Critical-thinking skills, worldview formation, problem solving.
- Missions and outreach used to grow hearts for others.
- Identification and nurture of student gifts through extracurricular programs.

### **THE NON-DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOL**

**Front Range Christian School** is home to families that come from more than 75 local churches. We desire to remain united in the essentials of faith, rather than focusing on denominational distinctives. Our doctrinal statement accordingly focuses on the essentials of the Christian faith. Teaching will not contradict this statement and all employees must agree to the content of this statement prior to employment.

Within this statement, however, we realize that there is teaching content that Christians of various church denominations might view with different opinions. Examples of such things are as follows: form of church government, time and mode of baptism, security of the believer, timeline of creation, and human responsibility vs. divine sovereignty.

This is not an exhaustive list, but it does represent some of the most commonly debated areas within the body of Christ. Staff members at FRCS reflect the diversity of our parent body and hold varying views on these subjects. It is not our intention to promote specific views in these areas; however, it is also not our intent to ignore study of these areas. In teaching these areas, our policies are as follows:

- Teachers will strive to present balanced arguments for the various positions.
- Unity of believers in these non-essentials of the faith will be encouraged.
- Students will be urged to seek out their parents, church authorities, and the Bible as they reach conclusions on what they believe.

As Augustine states, "In the essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty and in all things, charity and love!"

