

## Statements on Worldview Issues

<u>Summary</u> In a world of confusion and chaos, GCA recognizes the importance of taking a firm stand on the Word of God and communicating clearly our positions on important cultural and moral topics that may impact our students, families, and school community.

In the realm of teaching and interacting with students and families, GCA does not avoid dealing with or discussing challenging or controversial societal issues. We do, however, desire to highlight the distinction between having an open dialogue about "real world" issues and the teaching, condoning, or promotion of these issues. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God 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 (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21).

<u>Critical Race Theory (CRT) & Social-Emotional Learning (SEL)</u> GCA does not support or endorse the teaching or learning of CRT. We believe that many of the foundational tenets of CRT conflict with and contradict the Word of God. Therefore, CRT is not an ideology that will be integrated into any portion of the curricular instruction of students.

Further, any reference to the school focusing on social-emotional learning (SEL) speaks only to addressing student needs from a Biblical social-emotional perspective and student acquisition of skills needed for healthy relationships. At GCA, it is not a masquerade for the teaching of CRT or similar ideologies removed from the foundations of the Bible. Further, we believe that every student should be taught and nurtured in a manner reflective of how they have been created to learn by God and for His glory.

Gender Identity & Sexual Morality GCA believes that God wonderfully and immutably created each person male or female. These two distinct genders together reflect the image and nature of God. Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within a person. We recognize that there are only two genders created by God and all individuals should be referred to as their biological gender given at birth (Genesis 1:26-27). We also believe that sexual intimacy is to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (I Corinthians 6:18; 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4). Further, we believe any form of sexual immorality, including homosexuality, is sinful, offensive to God, and outside of the behavior expectations of the school (Matthew 15:18-20; I Corinthians 6:9-10).

<u>Diversity</u>, <u>Equity</u>, <u>Inclusion</u> GCA recognizes that all individuals, regardless of race, ethnicity, biological gender, background, education, socioeconomic status, etc. have been uniquely created by God and deserve to be treated equally and with dignity and respect.

## **Greenwood Christian Academy**

Preschool-8th Grade: 835 West Worthsville Road, Greenwood, IN 46143 High School: 1495 West Main Street, Greenwood, IN 46142 317-215-5300