



Hope Academy Faith & Life Covenant

The mission of Hope Academy is to foster hope in God within the inner city neighborhoods of Minneapolis by providing youth with a remarkable, God-centered education. In order to best live out this mission together, the board, faculty, and staff of Hope Academy embrace the provisions in this faith and life covenant.

Each staff and board member agrees to uphold these biblical standards:



Acknowledge the Lordship of Christ

This involves a wholehearted obedience to Jesus and careful stewardship in all aspects of life.



Participate as a member of a local church

Take part in regular, corporate worship and be an active member of a local church or actively seeking one.



Love your neighbor as yourself

Christ-like love should be the motive in all decisions, actions, and relationships.



Pursue holiness in thought and behavior

This involves a wholehearted obedience to Jesus and careful stewardship in all aspects of life. Be people of integrity whose word can be fully trusted.



Cherish the Sanctity of Human Life

Uphold and promote the God-given worth of human beings, from conception to death, as the unique image-bearers of God



Maintain a Biblical View on Marriage & Sexuality

Uphold chastity among the unmarried and the sanctity of marriage between a man and woman. (More info on back page)

Our Theological Values

Redemption

We are passionate about God's transformational work to redeem all things through the gospel of Christ.

Relationships

We believe in the necessity of building deep, authentic, loving relationships with one another.

Radical Dependence

We exercise a daily, moment by moment, radical dependence on God and His Word.

Remarkable

By God's power at work within us, we pursue excellence that goes above and beyond all that is expected or imagined.

Biblical Marriage, Sexuality, and Gender

1. According to God's design and intent, marriage is between a man and a woman. While same-sex marriage is legal in some countries, it does not represent a historical, biblical view of marriage.
2. All sex outside of marriage is sin.
3. The Fall has corrupted God's original intent for human sexuality in all persons; therefore, all people experience corruption in our sexuality.
4. Simply experiencing attraction to the same sex is not in itself a morally culpable sin.
5. God desires all males and females to express their gender in accordance with their biological sex.
6. All forms of abuse, slander, dehumanization, or oppression toward fellow humans is an affront against God's sacred image, which has been stamped upon all people.

Exercising Responsible Freedom

Beyond these explicit biblical issues and core values, the Hope Academy community seeks to foster the practice of responsible Christian freedom. This requires a wise stewardship of mind, body, time, abilities and resources on the part of every member of the community. Responsible freedom also requires thoughtful, biblically-guided choices in matters of behavior, entertainment, relationships, and alcohol. Staff are expected to exercise their freedom responsibly, carefully, and in Christ-like love. Staff are also to be wise with their use of social media and what they share in the classroom. We value the use of positive, wholesome, and edifying language; whether in person or through social media or other forms of written communication. All staff are representatives of Hope Academy and are called to act accordingly.

Philippians 4:8: "Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think about such things."

Substance-Abuse Free Facilities

All Hope Academy-related functions or activities held within school facilities, on school grounds, or in student-oriented school activities off site will be alcohol-free and tobacco-free. This means that the possession or consumption of alcohol or the use of tobacco in any form will be prohibited in, on, or around campus.