



Responding to God's grace, Edmonton Christian Schools challenge students, through Christ-centred education, to actively play their role in God's story.

## Partnership Agreement

### **Edmonton Christian Schools will:**

- Provide an integral Christian program. This program will be evident in the teaching of the curriculum and all school activities and will be consistent with Edmonton Christian School's vision and mission document
- Encourage each student to discover his/her God-given gifts and talents and to develop them to full potential
- Model Christian principles and values through daily interaction with students, parents and fellow staff members
- Maintain consistency in expectations of student behavior and in discipline of student misbehavior
- Inform parents about school activities and welcome your involvement in the life of the school
- Provide learning opportunities beyond the classroom that promote growth of students' intellectual, spiritual and social natures
- Pray daily with and for students and provide opportunities for all students to participate in devotional and service activities
- Ensure staff is committed to collaborative learning and ongoing Christian professional growth

### **Parents/Guardians will:**

- Be committed to the vision, mission, values and program of the school
- Support the school through prayer, encouragement, involvement and attendance at school and Society functions
- Model a Christ-like attitude in communication and interaction with school personnel and other parents
- Ensure their children participate fully and respectfully in the school's integral Christian program, which includes devotions, bible study and service
- Support, and reinforce with their children, the school's expectations as described in the Student Rights and Responsibilities document
- Provide a home environment that supports the Christian school program

### **Student's will strive to:**

- Be committed to the vision, mission, values and program of the school
- Participate respectfully and fully in the school's integral Christian program, which includes devotions, bible study and service
- Respect fellow students, school personnel, school property and make choices that reflect a Christ-like behavior
- Pray for other students at the school
- With the gifts God has given them, take responsibility for their own learning with the understanding that the school is a community of grace ready to support and encourage them
- Follow the school's rules as described in the Student Rights and Responsibilities document and understand that discipline, encouragement, and correction are used to support them

***Please indicate your agreement on the next page.***

# Partnership Agreement

The enrolment process includes this mandatory information session. The intent of this session is to ensure that all of our families are clear about what Edmonton Christian Schools is all about. Our mission states that, responding to God's grace, we challenge students, through Christ centred education, to actively play their role in God's story.

**Please check the boxes below to indicate your agreement to the above statements as well as those listed below.**

- Our schools are places where we integrate Biblical norms and values throughout all of the curriculum and extracurricular activities.
- Your children will be part of daily devotions and regular chapels which will focus on fostering their relationship with Christ.
- Your children will be taught Christian principles in every class and every aspect of what they do at ECS.
- Your children will be encouraged to be builders of Christ's kingdom by developing Christ-like characteristics.
- The Christian program is not something optional but integral to everything we do.
- We are partners in the nurturing and discipling of your children.
- As parents, we understand and feel that we are well informed about the mission of Edmonton Christian Schools. As such, we want to acknowledge and affirm that we genuinely desire Christian education for our children. We also agree to pay our Christian Program fees.

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**Family Last Name**

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**Date**

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Parent/Guardian Name

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Student 1 Name/Signature

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Student 2 Name/Signature

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Student 3 Name/Signature

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Student 4 Name/Signature

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Student 5 Name/Signature

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Student 6 Name/Signature

play your role in God's story



## Declaration of Consent: Photographs and Video

The Edmonton Society for Christian Education (ESCE) is requesting your permission to use photographs, other images, or video of your student on our website stories and/or on our official social media accounts (*Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube*) for the purposes of promoting the Christian alternative program at Edmonton Christian Schools.

**As a matter of policy we do not include full names of the students in our publications or our posts.**

By indicating *YES* on this form you are agreeing that your child's photograph may be used for the above stated purposes. If you do not give consent please indicate *NO*.

### Consent

**YES**      **NO**

    

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Student 1 - Full Name

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Grade

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Student 2 - Full Name

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Student 3 - Full Name

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Student 4 - Full Name

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Student 5 - Full Name

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Student 6 - Full Name

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**Parent/Guardian Signature**

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**Date**

Consent is voluntary. You may at any time withdraw your permission and request that all personal information regarding your child be removed from sites that are administered by ESCE by notifying the Society Office in writing. Please note that once photographs and other identifying information is released in any public forum the Edmonton Society for Christian Education cannot control or prevent the further distribution or use of the material by those who access the information.



# The Edmonton Society for Christian Education

## SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe that Edmonton Christian Schools (ECS) must provide an education that is shaped by a faith rooted in Scripture. Scripture, the divinely inspired and authoritative word of God, provides insight for every dimension of life. Christian education, therefore, tells us how to understand ourselves in relationship to God, to others, and to the natural world.

We believe that God, (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) created and continues to maintain the entire universe. Early on, our first parents rebelled against God. Since then all human lives have been twisted, impaired, and marked by the suffering that stems from this broken relationship. The heart of the Bible's message, and the reason we understand the gospel to be such good news, is the revelation that God has not abandoned the creation, but has determined to set things right!

We believe the redemptive intent of God finds its centre in the life and work of Jesus Christ. In the person of Jesus, God executes a just punishment against the sin of humankind, and graciously offers forgiveness to all. Because he suffered and died, Jesus Christ reconciles sinful people to their Creator, and he fulfils God's promise to restore the whole creation. By his resurrection and ascension to his heavenly throne, Jesus Christ is both Saviour and Lord of the universe.

We believe this world and all who live in it belong to God. Although our world remains troubled and flawed, the work and victory of Jesus give us hope. We eagerly wait for the day when Jesus Christ returns and is publicly acknowledged as Lord of all. On that day, the redemptive purposes of God will be complete. God will erase every vestige of sin and suffering. Until that day arrives, the Holy Spirit of God works faith in us and inspires us to live in ways which acknowledge the truth of the good news in Jesus.

We believe that our place in God's world is one of special privilege and responsibility. Made in God's image, we human beings are called to responsible stewardship: loving others and ourselves, and developing and preserving the resources of creation. Since the entire universe is the Kingdom of our Lord; every dimension of life must be understood in relationship to Him.

We believe that formal education finds its place within this broad framework of understanding ourselves in relationship to God, to others and to the universe. We believe that children must be afforded the opportunity of learning about themselves, others, and the universe, all in relation to the God who created, who maintains, and who one day will fulfill the redemptive work begun in Jesus Christ. In order to fulfill this goal, and to fulfill our responsibility as a Christian community, our children must have schools in which this faith perspective is integrated fully into the curriculum and is modeled by teachers who personally share its convictions.

We believe that education involves the acquisition and mastery of knowledge, and the development of a critical, discerning mind, both of which need be rooted in the framework of the Scripture's story. This will enable students to take their places in society as responsible citizens, with both academic and spiritual integrity.

*(This statement is a synopsis of the faith perspective that inspired The Edmonton Society for Christian Education (ESCE) to establish its schools. **Commitment to this statement, as indicated by your signature below, is a prerequisite for Society membership but is not required for enrolment.**)*

**We, the undersigned, have read and agree with this Summary Statement of Faith and will support it.** We would like to become members of the Edmonton Society for Christian Education (ESCE) and understand that the minimum annual contribution is waived as long as we have children attending ECS. *(Regularly \$25/single or \$50/family)*

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**Parent 1 - Full Name**

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**Parent 2 - Full Name**

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Parent 1 - Signature

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Parent 2 - Signature

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Address

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Phone Number

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City, Prov, PC

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Email Address

## About the Edmonton Society for Christian Education (ESCE)

The Edmonton Society for Christian Education was incorporated in 1946 by members of the Reformed Christian community as a non-profit charitable organization to further the cause of Christian education. In 1949 the Society established an interdenominational Christian day school in Edmonton.

### The ESCE Story:

1. The Society opened Edmonton Christian Schools in 1949 in rented space in the basement of a downtown Edmonton church with 20 students in grades 3-6. We purchased our first building, Central Campus, in 1951.
2. Growth has been a constant theme of our school:
  - Central Campus, the Society's first owned property, opened in downtown Edmonton in 1951
  - East Campus then opened on 36 street in 1955
  - Central campus moved from downtown to our present McQueen location in 1957 and was renamed West School
  - The High School opened at our present location in 1967
  - North Campus operated at the Fort Road location from 1969 through 2007
  - North and East campuses were amalgamated into Northeast School in 1994
  - Northeast School moved to our present location on 159 avenue in 2008
  - A West School Building Project was approved in 2017 to expand and renovate its current location and was completed in 2021
3. In 1999 the Society and the Edmonton Public School Board (EPSB) signed a partnership agreement for the operation of Edmonton Christian Schools as an alternative program under the Edmonton Public School Board (EPSB). In accordance with this agreement, EPSB provides the resources for the daily operation of Edmonton Christian Schools.
4. As partners with EPSB, the Society remains responsible for the following:
  - Funding the Christian program vision, perspective, and content that makes Edmonton Christian School a unique alternative program
  - Preserving the integrity of the school's Christian vision and mission. Elected Board members participate in all school staff interviews and new parent/student interviews
  - Staff is hired only with Board approval
  - Owning, maintaining and enhancing all Edmonton Christian School buildings, furniture and equipment
  - Jointly monitoring the Christian program with Edmonton Public Schools
5. Since partnering with Edmonton Public Schools in 1999, enrolment at Edmonton Christian Schools has grown from 775 to more than 1,440 students.
6. The Society has more than 3,100 members. Edmonton Christian Schools' enrolment comes from more than 850 families, representing about 150 Edmonton area churches.
7. The Society raised \$1.9 million to renovate and expand the High School in 2004 and \$3 million to build the new Northeast School in 2007. The Society invested \$800,000 for major renovations at West School in 2011. \$5.22 million was raised to complete a renovation and expansion of the West School in 2020.
8. In 2020, Edmonton Christian Schools marked its 71<sup>th</sup> anniversary of offering Christian education and its 21<sup>th</sup> year of partnership with Edmonton Public Schools.
9. A \$17 million West School Building Project began in 2017 and was completed in 2021.