

# VALLEY FORGE BAPTIST ACADEMY

## OBJECTIVES

The educational objectives of Valley Forge Baptist Academy are grouped into four categories: those related to the Student's Spiritual and Moral Growth, their Personal and Social Development, their Academic Advancement, and to the school's responsibility to the entire family from which the student comes.

- I. Regarding the Spiritual and Moral Growth of the students, the school seeks:
  - A. To teach the Bible as God's inspired Word and to develop attitudes of love and respect towards it.
  - B. To teach the basic doctrines of the Bible.
  - C. To lead the student to a decision of confessing Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord.
  - D. To develop a desire to know and obey the will of God as revealed in the Scripture.
  - E. To equip the student to carry out the will of God daily.
  - F. To impart an understanding of each Christian's place in the local church and its worldwide task of witnessing, evangelism and discipling, and to stimulate the students' involvement in this task.
  - G. To develop the mind of Christ toward Godliness and sin and to teach the students how to overcome sin.
  - H. To encourage the development of self-discipline and responsibility in the student based on respect for and submission to all authority.
  - I. To help the student develop for himself a Christian outlook on life by integrating life and studies with the Bible.
  
- II. Regarding the Student's Personal and Social Development, the school aims:
  - A. To help the student develop his personality based on a proper understanding and acceptance of himself as a unique individual created in the image of God and on the fullest possible development of his own capabilities.
  - B. To teach the students to treat everyone with love and respect since they, too, are made in the image of God.
  - C. To make the student a contributing member of his society, realizing his dependence on others and their dependence on him and the need to serve them.
  - D. To promote an understanding of time as a God-given commodity and the individual responsibility for effective use of time.
  - E. To show a realistic and Biblical outlook on life and work, and to provide skills for personal relationships and future endeavors.
  - F. To develop both good and proper attitudes toward dating, marriage, and the family, and to understand the skills needed to establish God-honoring homes.

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- G. To promote physical fitness, good health habits, and wise use of the body as the temple of God.
- H. To impart the Biblical attitudes toward material things and to encourage individual responsibility of using them for God's glory.

III. Regarding the Student's Academic Advancement, the school endeavors:

- A. To promote high academic standards within the potential of the individual as uniquely created by God and to help the student realize his full academic potential.
- B. To help each student gain a thorough comprehension and command of the fundamental processes used in communicating and dealing with others, such as reading, writing, speaking, listening, and mathematics.
- C. To teach and encourage the use of good study habits.
- D. To teach the student how to do independent research and to reason logically.
- E. To motivate the student to pursue independent study in areas of personal interest.
- F. To develop creative and critical thinking and proper use of Biblical criteria for evaluation.
- G. To promote good citizenship through developing the understanding and appreciation of our Christian and American heritages of responsible freedom, human dignity, and acceptance of authority.
- H. To discuss current events in all fields and relate them to God's plan for man.
- I. To produce an understanding and appreciation for God's world, and awareness of man's role in his environment and his God-given responsibilities to use and preserve it properly.
- J. To foster an appreciation of the fine arts through the development of the student's understanding and personal expression.

IV. Regarding the School's Responsibility to the Home from which the Student comes, the school desires:

- A. To cooperate closely with the parents in every phase of the student's development, especially as it relates to the school program.
- B. To help the parents understand the school's purpose and program.
- C. To aid families in Christian growth and to help them develop Christ-centered homes.
- D. To encourage regular attendance and involvement in the local church.

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