OCEAN VIEW CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ENROLLMENT **VALUES**

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Ocean View Christian Academy admits students of any race or ethnic origin, and offers to them all rights, privileges, responsibilities, programs, and activities generally afforded to or made available to students at the school, provided such meet our academic entrance requirements, are aligned with our school philosophy, and agree to abide by all policies of the school. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race or ethnic origin in administration of its admission policies, educational policies, athletic program, or other school-administered programs.

STATEMENT ON MARRIAGE, GENDER, & SEXUALITY

We believe that all men possess a sin nature and as a result we are depraved and unable to accomplish any form of righteousness on our own. We are all equally separated from God because of our sin. We believe that because of this separation, God sent His only son, Jesus, as a propitiation for our sin (John 3:16; 1 John 2:2). Therefore, anyone who repents from his or her sin and believes on the name of Jesus Christ will be saved (Rom 10:9-13). As followers of Jesus, we are called to love others on His behalf, knowing that it is His will that all should come to repentance.

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as biologically male or biologically female. We believe that biological sex and gender are one and the same and that "gender expression" is a modern social construct that does not reflect the true identity of God's unique creation in each individual person when it differs from one's original, natural born biological sex. The two distinct, complementary genders of biologically male and biologically female together reflect the image and nature of God. (Gen 1:26-27) Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Gen 2:18-25.) We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (Rom. 7:2; 1 Cor 6:18; 7:2-5; Eph. 5:22-23; Heb 13:4)

We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. (Gen 19:5-7; Lev 18:1-30; Rom 1:26-29; 1 Cor 5:1, 6:9-10)

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. (Matt 15:18-20; 1 Cor 6:9-10)

STATEMENT ON MARRIAGE, GENDER, & SEXUALITY CONT'D

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Ocean View Church as the local Body of Christ, and of Ocean View Christian Academy as an extension of the ministry of Ocean View Church, it is imperative that all persons employed by OVC and OVCA, in any capacity, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality. Additionally, parents seeking to partner with OVCA to train up their child in the way he/she should go, should affirm, and seek to reinforce this statement outside of school. (Prov 22:6; Matt 5:16; Phil 2:14-16; 1 Thes. 5:22.)

OVCA reserves the right to deny admission to anyone based on our faith and beliefs.

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 6:9-11)

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31) Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of Ocean View Christian Academy.

(Ocean View Church Bylaws Article II, Section 2.01, R. (1.) Revised 8.27.2017.)