

Black Forest Academy

Doctrinal Statement



Black Forest Academy (BFA) subscribes to the Statements of Identity and Faith held by its sponsoring mission - TeachBeyond.

Statement of Identity

TeachBeyond is a Christian organization whose staff and volunteers are inspired by the message, life and example of Jesus. We embrace the revelation given by God in the Christian Scriptures, the Old and New Testaments. We likewise receive and accept the faith, which is taught in the Scriptures and summarized in such orthodox statements of the whole Christian church as the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed. We understand our own faith in continuity with the Protestant confessions of the Reformation and the evangelical awakenings in subsequent centuries.

We further share the ideals of movements such as the Lausanne Covenant (1974) regarding the authority of Scripture, the priority of evangelism, the need for Christian social responsibility and personal holiness, the costliness and urgency of world mission, and the importance of Christian education.

Statement of Faith

We believe

...in the **Holy Scriptures** as originally given by God, divinely inspired, infallible, entirely trustworthy; and the supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct...

One God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit...

Our **Lord Jesus Christ**, God manifest in the flesh, His virgin birth, His sinless human life, His divine miracles, His vicarious and atoning death, His bodily resurrection, His ascension, His mediatorial work, and His Personal return in power and glory...

The **Salvation** of lost and sinful man through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ by faith apart from works, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit...

The **Holy Spirit**, by whose indwelling the believer is enabled to live a holy life, to witness and work for the Lord Jesus Christ.

The **Unity of the Spirit** of all true believers, the Church, the Body of Christ...

The **Resurrection** of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation. (*World Evangelical Alliance Statement of Faith*)

Mission Statement

Black Forest Academy provides a quality, international Christian education that equips its students to influence their world through biblical thought, character, and action.

Vision Statement

Black Forest Academy's vision is globally-minded Christians changing their world for Christ.

BFA Core Values

Truth

We adhere to a God-centered view of truth as revealed in the Bible (2 Timothy 3:14-17).

Excellence

We believe that our efforts should be characterized by high standards. (Colossians 3:23,24).

Community

We seek to foster a spiritually nurturing environment characterized by grace and truth. (Hebrews 3:12-13)

Evangelism

We fulfill our role in the Great Commission by partnering with missionary parents, agencies and local ministries. (Matthew 28:19,20; Acts 1:8)

Internationalism

We view the world as God does – internationally, therefore, in our interactions with people we appreciate other cultures and nations and in our North American curriculum we offer a broad emphasis upon international issues. (John 3:16)

Stewardship

We view our institution and its resources as a gift from the Lord and his people; therefore, we want to be faithful stewards of this trust. (I Corinthians 4:1,2)