

THE SCHOOL'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE STATE

Policy 2.7, Bayshore Christian School

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Objective: to define the relationship of the School to governmental entities which may establish requirements or guidelines for the education of minors.

Scope: all faculty, staff, and board members of the school as well as the Bayshore Christian School Foundation, and the officers of ESPC.

Definitions:

- *Governmental entities* include federal, state, county, and local governments.
- A *minor* is a person who has not reached the legal age of adulthood.

Policy: Bayshore Christian School is under the authority of Eastern Shore Presbyterian Church as a church school and is therefore protected by current Alabama law against regulation set forth by governmental entities in regards to student education.

If federal, state, or local legislation or regulations are enacted and enforced that infringe on the School's ability to operate free from civil entanglement, the Board shall consider steps necessary to protect its mission and purpose.

The School shall avoid any type of aide or assistance such as tax-favored status, vouchers, scholarships, etc. that depend upon state or federal regulation and that could result in unwanted governmental entanglement or regulation.

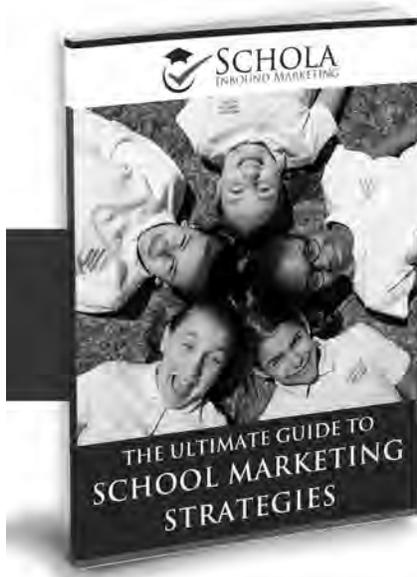
We affirm the following:

1. Parents are responsible for the intellectual, moral, spiritual, and physical education of their children, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit (Dt. 6:6-9, 11:19-21).
2. The prevailing modern culture seeks to remove God from education and thus ignores Him in relation to the intellectual, moral, spiritual, and physical development of students.
3. We are to submit to governing authorities so far as they do not command us to do what is contrary to God's Word (Rom. 13:1-7, Acts 5:29), therefore Bayshore Christian School, as a classical Christian school which exists to educate students in God's truth, will voluntarily comply with governmental requirements insofar as doing so will not compromise the school's mission and core values.

Bayshore Christian School is an ACCS-accredited school in Fairhope, Alabama. Pam McKee is the head of school at Bayshore and an ACCS board member.

4. We will reject any governmental regulation that affects the ability of the school to effectively and biblically fulfill its mission or to stray from its core values. These include but are not limited to the following:
- requirements to teach content that is nonbiblical, such as secular concepts of sex education, diversity training, Darwinian evolution, etc.;
 - requirements to approve as truth what God's Word affirms as nontruth;
 - requirements to approve as untruth what God's Word affirms as truth;
 - requirements to hire people whose beliefs, values, and/or practices are in conflict with our mission and core values; and
 - requirements to adhere to regulations that are unduly burdensome, such that they may materially affect our ability to fulfill our mission and vision.

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