



**Mastering the Initial Phases of the School Lifecycle**  
*Three Essentials for School Founders*

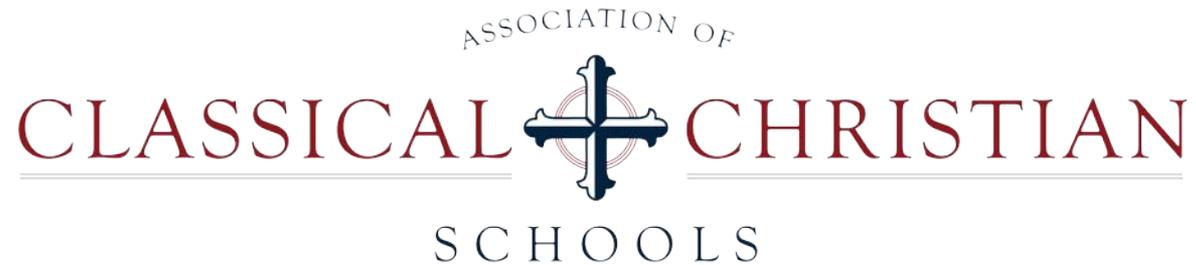
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Who is the ACCS?





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# What are the **Three Essentials** to thriving in the early years?

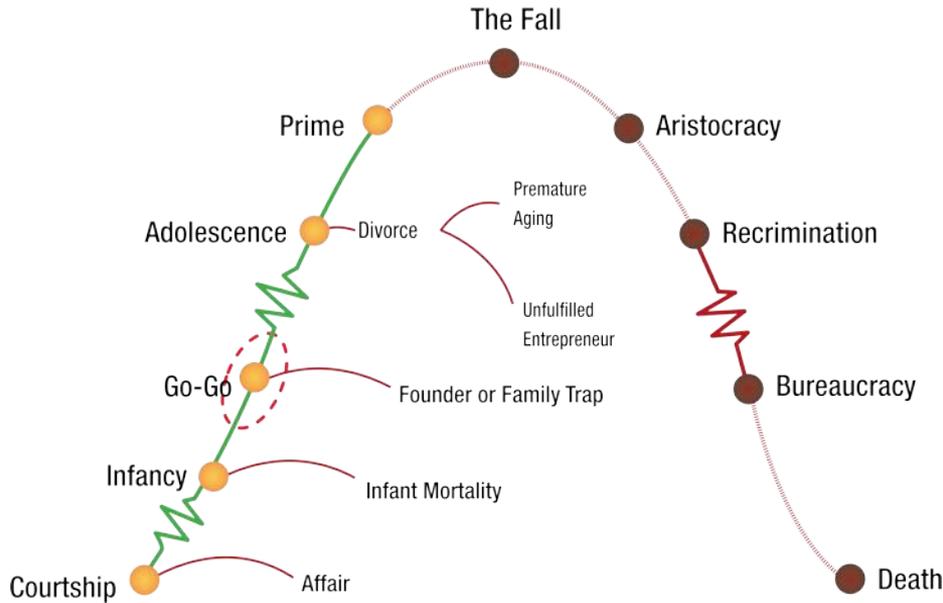
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# Prolegomena

(Before speaking)

1. Audience = Aspiring & Actual Founders
2. 10 Fingers, Accreditation, and First 5 Years



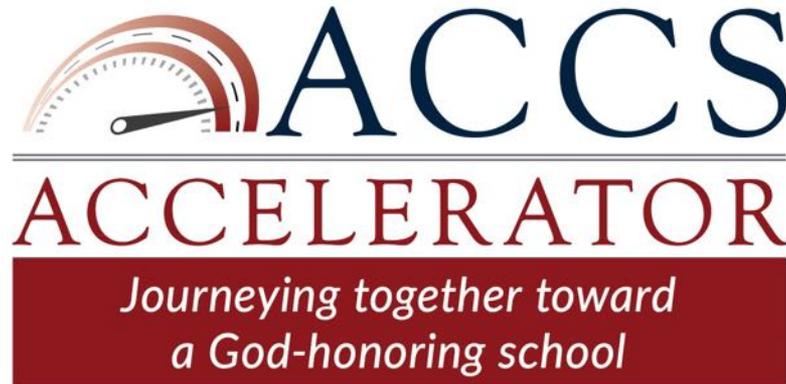
CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION SELF-EVALUATION			
<b>Area 1 School Profile by the Dean (School Information)</b>			
<b>Operating in Teaching &amp; Learning</b>		<b>High Standard</b>	<b>Enter Answer</b>
Classical Christian Curriculum (Presence of Faith-based Instruction in Core and Elective Courses and Instructional Materials)	11	Pass	
Teacher Effectiveness	50	Pass	
Schoolwide Culture (Presence of Faith-based Instruction in Core and Elective Courses and Instructional Materials)	25	Pass	
Classroom & Instructional Organization	25	Pass	
Programs & Services (Presence of Faith-based Instruction in Core and Elective Courses and Instructional Materials)	14	Pass	
Student Support (Presence of Faith-based Instruction in Core and Elective Courses and Instructional Materials)	20	Pass	
Leadership & Governance (Presence of Faith-based Instruction in Core and Elective Courses and Instructional Materials)	20	Pass	
Financial Management (Presence of Faith-based Instruction in Core and Elective Courses and Instructional Materials)	11	Pass	
Facilities (Presence of Faith-based Instruction in Core and Elective Courses and Instructional Materials)	21	Pass	
Records & Data (Presence of Faith-based Instruction in Core and Elective Courses and Instructional Materials)	20	Pass	
<b>Interpreting in Marketing and Admission</b>		<b>High Standard</b>	<b>Enter Answer</b>
Marketing (Presence of Faith-based Instruction in Core and Elective Courses and Instructional Materials)	11	Pass	
Admission (Presence of Faith-based Instruction in Core and Elective Courses and Instructional Materials)	20	Pass	
Retention (Presence of Faith-based Instruction in Core and Elective Courses and Instructional Materials)	20	Pass	
Exit (Presence of Faith-based Instruction in Core and Elective Courses and Instructional Materials)	20	Pass	
<b>Assessing in Assessment and Evaluation</b>		<b>High Standard</b>	<b>Enter Answer</b>
Assessment (Presence of Faith-based Instruction in Core and Elective Courses and Instructional Materials)	14	Pass	
Program Evaluation (Presence of Faith-based Instruction in Core and Elective Courses and Instructional Materials)	14	Pass	
Self-Evaluation (Presence of Faith-based Instruction in Core and Elective Courses and Instructional Materials)	20	Pass	
External Evaluation (Presence of Faith-based Instruction in Core and Elective Courses and Instructional Materials)	20	Pass	
Overall Score	614	Pass	

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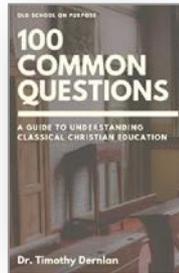
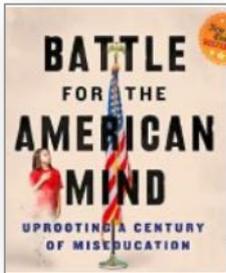
# Where do we go after this Webinar?

1. Ad Hoc – email [tdernlan@accsedu.org](mailto:tdernlan@accsedu.org) or the go to [MeRC](#)
2. ACCS [Auxilium](#) – Meet staff, observe classes, get vision
3. ACCS [Accelerator](#) – Content, Community, Coaching



# #1 Inspiring Parents through Ongoing Events & Communications

1. Vision Nights
2. Open Houses
3. Invite-only reading groups



Join us for an Open House!

Oct. 14	10-11 a.m.
Nov. 11	10-11 a.m.
Dec. 9	10-11 a.m.
Jan. 20	6:30-8 p.m.
Feb. 10	10-11 a.m.
March 10	10-11 a.m.
April 21	10-11 a.m.

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**Vision Night Agenda Text**

The purpose of the Vision Night Agenda is to to facilitate a possible way of organizing your time together with prospective participants. The goal is to help them envision the school's impact as well as relate them to the life of the school.

- (1) Problem** What problem(s) or opportunity did you see in the community? Why was the problem/opportunity personal to you?
  - Example: We saw how many hours kids were spending in a school that was really undermining the work of the home and the church.
- (2) Solution** What does Christian Christian education have to do with that problem?
  - Example: We wanted a solution that would work in collaboration with the work of the home and the church. It is this the third leg of the school can give kids legs in the 2016.
- (3) Impact** What transformational impact do you see Classical Christian education having on families in your community?
  - Example: When you look at alumni of classical Christian schools, not only are they more ready for college and career, but they are more likely to be both a member and more likely to be participating in a small group Bible study.
- (4) Disruption** What's actually valuable about CCE compared to the existing systems in the community?
  - Example: The secret sauce of CCE is the threefold combination of scholarship, discipline, and partnership. These three attributes come together to form a structural model of education that is desperately needed in our time and in our place.
- (5) Methodology** How does CCE work?

**(6) Example Schools** Are there other schools like this? (You could name Good Shepherd or the Institute for Christian Studies)



# #2 Equipping Teachers to Excel in the Classroom

1. Weekly Observations/Training & Quarterly Reviews
2. Teacher-Parent Monthly Calls Home
3. Visit Other Schools



# #3 Involving Donors in Funding the Vision



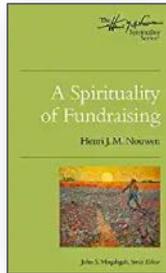
The first day of school ever -  
PCS in 2013!

PCS 10 Years Later



# #3 Involving Donors in Funding the Vision

1. The Rationale for Fundraising Early
2. Initial Steps – Read a book together
3. Do a Vision Night/Banquet



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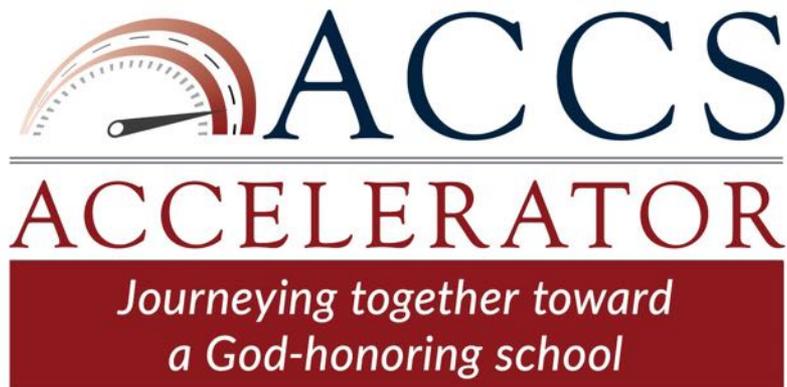
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# How do I sign up for Accelerator?

This is the last week to sign up for the Accelerator that begins January 24, 2023, and runs through March 28, 2023.

**“An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.”**





# Q & A

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# WE HOPE THIS WEBINAR WAS HELPFUL

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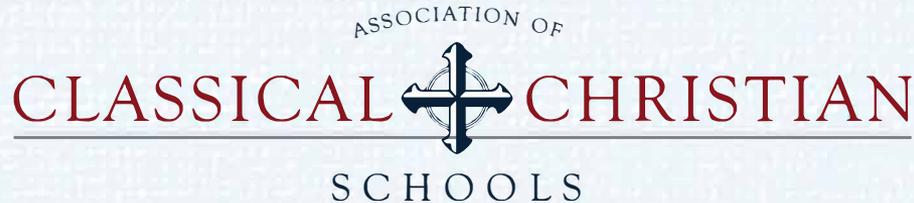
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