

## ACA Credo

At ACA our first responsibility is to our students. We will love our students as Christ loves us. We will smile often and be generous with hugs or pats on the back. We will treat students with dignity. We will teach them from a Biblical perspective what they need to know. We will discipline them lovingly and firmly with the goal of instilling great character. We will accept them for who God made them. We will emphasize their strengths and gently help them with their weaknesses. We will continually search for ways to improve our instruction and hold ourselves accountable for providing an excellent education.

Our second responsibility is to the parents of our students. We will communicate openly and often. We will share good reports as well as unfavorable reports. We will remember our role as a support to parents as they fulfill their responsibility to educate their children. We will view parents as colleagues and not adversaries. We will ask for help when we need it. We will welcome parents into the school and utilize their talents. We will pray regularly for our parents and students. We will manage the finances of the school conservatively and with integrity. We will work to minimize costs while maximizing effectiveness.

Our third responsibility is to the staff of the school. We will maintain a work environment that is God-honoring. It will be peaceful and joyful, even in times of trial. We will support each other both in our professional and personal lives, as it is often difficult to separate the two. We will support each other through prayer, encouragement, and positive critique. We will challenge one another to do our best work. We will set our expectations high and lift each other up to those heights. In times of conflict, we will go directly to the person involved and work together to resolve the matter. We will seek to pay staff adequately and make working conditions fair and enjoyable.

Our fourth responsibility is to our community. We will strive to be a light in the community and seek ways to serve others. We will actively teach our students to be good citizens and to treat others as they would like to be treated. We will maintain our facilities and grounds in a way that reflects positively on our community. We will seek to continue our good relationships with the area schools. We will express our appreciation for their support and will work to support them as we each seek to fulfill our missions.

All of these are subsumed within our ultimate privilege of serving God and fulfilling the mission He has given us. We cannot separate our service to God from our service to students, families, teachers, and the community. Each day is an offering, and we pray to make the most of the opportunities God has given us.