

DENVER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT

"To provide an accessible world-class, whole child, Christian education, that continually helps its students flourish every day in every way."

What does it mean to be an organization that provides "Christian Education?"

Our core purpose and consistent focus are to help young people understand and experience the fullness of God within the teaching and learning process so that they might desire to use their God-ordained abilities for a lifetime of service in God's kingdom.

What does it mean to provide "accessible" Christian education?

We are committed to partnering with families who desire Christian education for their children by providing pathways of financial accessibility for them. The benefits of making Christian education financially feasible for families in the Denver metro area are three-fold:

- 1: God is best glorified (Greatest Commandment #1),
- 2: Communities are best served (Greatest Commandment #2)
- 3: Students are better prepared for a life of service to God

It also means we will pursue and develop means to expand our reach beyond our brick and mortar presence by utilizing synchronous and asynchronous technology enhancements.

What types of characteristics will Denver Christian embody so that they will become a world-class organization?

DC will develop a world-class staff culture, characterized by employees who love God and love their neighbors (Mark 12:30-31) and, through example, model their commitment to Denver Christian's core values (listed below):

Relationally-Focused: My contribution to the success and holistic well-being of my colleagues is equally important as my own success and well-being.

Effort-Enthused: As a professional educator, I will choose to pursue instructional best practices with integrity, passion, and punctuality.

Solution-Oriented: I will help my colleagues meet challenges by contributing productively with the abilities God has given me.

Creatively-Inspired: I will pray for wisdom and seek new solutions and improved processes when presented with opportunities to do so.

What are the components of a world-class, whole child, Christian Education?

Denver Christian is committed to the growth of the whole child through world-class learning opportunities. We steadfastly commit to helping students grow and develop in the following areas and will measure such growth appropriately so that every student is developing towards his/her peak potential.

- 1. Cognitive Development: Our students' ability to think, learn, and grow academically.
- 2. Creative and Innovative Development: Our students' ability to ideate, create, and iterate in both curricular and co-curricular contexts.
- 3. Physical Development: Our students' physical well-being including healthy approaches to rest, nutrition, and exercise.
- **4. Social and Emotional Development:** Our students' ability to manage their own emotions and empathize with others' emotions and life experiences.
- 5. Spiritual Development: Our students' desire to know God and His plan for their lives as a foundational element of the teaching and learning process.
- 6. Personal Development: Our student's understanding of their own interests and abilities, as well as how those connect with their long-term educational success.

What does it mean for a student to flourish?

The educational environment at DC encourages students to become:

- Creative Makers
- Analytical Thinkers
- Risk Takers
- Image Bearers
- Christ Treasurers
- Idolatry Discerners
- Community Builders
- Truth Finders
- Resource Stewards

*Each outcome listed above will be measured at various points during the child's educational journey in qualitative and quantitative manners to ensure the outcome (flourishing) of our vision is being realized within each child.

