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# NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS, INC.

## STATEMENT ON MARRIAGE, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY

As our Creator, God is loving, holy, and unchanging. People were created by the Lord to glorify Him in all they do. In response to what God has revealed through His Word, concerning His character and purpose, we deeply desire to worship and obey Him. His character and purpose also provide us with the wisdom and direction we need to faithfully navigate the current issues of our culture. In the specific areas of marriage, gender, and sexuality, our goal is to love students by leading them into God's plan. In carrying out this calling, we believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31).

1. At Northwest Christian Schools, Inc., we believe that God wonderfully creates each person as male or female at birth (Psalm 139:14). These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Genesis 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.
2. We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Genesis 2:18-25). God created Adam and Eve as the first human beings in history and gave them the pattern to follow for a healthy relationship, which has not changed over time. This view of marriage displays the union of the Son of God with His bride, the church (Ephesians 5:31-32).
3. We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (1 Corinthians 6:18; 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4). Sexual intimacy is a wonderful, positive gift from God, intended to be enjoyed within the context of marriage. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of marriage between a man and a woman, including cohabitation (Ephesians 5:3).
4. We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God and destructive (Matthew 15:18-20; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Galatians 6:7).
5. We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone (Acts 3:19-21; Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11).



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## IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR NWC SCHOOL CULTURE

- Traditional Biblical marriage, between one man and one woman, will be honored.
- We are committed to dealing equally with all issues of sexual immorality, i.e., no one type of sexual sin is “worse” than another.
- We are committed to prayerfully mentoring, teaching, and ministering to students who are moldable and who seek positive change; our goal is to help lead students toward repentance and restoration.
- Students at NWC will be mentored and taught in coordination with the gender God gave them in the womb.
- Students must use the bathroom of their birth gender.
- Cross-dressing is a rejection of one's birth gender and is not compatible with the Bible or our dress code.
- Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of Northwest Christian Schools.
- We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of Northwest Christian Schools, and to provide a biblical role model to our constituents and the community, it is vital that all persons employed by Northwest Christian Schools in any capacity, or who serve as Board members, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality (Matthew 5:16; Philippians 2:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:22).

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