

OPEN LETTER TO PARENTS

Dear Parent,

The biggest treasure in your life is the child that God has entrusted to your care. Your basic responsibility to that child is given in Proverbs 22:6. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." By placing your child in State Line Christian School, you have put into action your concern that your child be trained to grow "In wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man." (Lk. 2:52) as Jesus did. You have indicated that you are willing to sacrifice financially, and often make drastic adjustments in your time schedule in order to give to the fullest extent when the home, church and school share this great responsibility. Christian education is education based on the truth of God's Word which states, "In Christ are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." (Col. 2:3). Because "all things were created by Him and for Him and He is before all things and by Him all things consist" (Col. 1:6b and 17), every area of life must be Christ-centered. Each student must understand God's wisdom, power, judgment and love as he views history, science, math, art, character development and life goals. Thereby the student is enabled to truly have knowledge with wisdom and to understand God's design and plan for him. Jesus said, "I am the Truth and the Life" (John 24:6). Apart from Christ in every area of life, there can be no true education.

At State Line Christian School, we are concerned with the total development of our students. We consider grades 1 through 6 to be the formative years. In addition to the academic training during this time, we work with your children to help them develop positive Christian character traits which will in turn be demonstrated in their actions. In seventh and eighth grades, it is our belief that these traits should become more highly defined, becoming more evident in their daily lives and actions. The students' future growth in this area depends upon their attitude towards the Lord Jesus Christ as the ruling center of their life and the spirit with which they enter in the standards of conduct which are drawn from the Word of God. It is for this reason that we ask each incoming student to sign a statement indicating their willingness to abide by the school's standards of dress and conduct. This helps us to know that the student, the parents and the school are united in spirit to develop the character and goals which will enable the young person to grow "in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

State Line Christian School has specific goals and purposes which are closely related to the goals and purposes of our church. Simply stated, the goals are to "train up a child in the way he should go that when he is old he will not depart from it." Stated in other terms, we are training Christian young people to function as mature Christian adults in an increasingly non-Christian world. It is our desire that their lives be guided by the principles found in the Word of God and that they live such a life as would permit God to work in and through them.

This is value education based upon the value system taught in the scriptures of the Old and New Testament. These values are the basis of our school. Only when the home, church and school stand united in Christ-centered, Bible-centered training can we expect progress in the life of the child. We are in no way attempting to force our standards upon any student or family. In fact, the opposite is true. If by the seventh grade, you or your child find that our standards are not comparable with yours, your way of life, or your spiritual view of Scripture, then we feel that it is the best interest of both of us for you to find a school which reflects your standards. We feel that if we have had a student for a reasonable amount of time, or the student has made independent spiritual commitments, there will be no conflict in basic standards. However, if there is a conflict, progress will be limited from this point on. We wish to make clear the students' acceptance of these standards must be more than a verbal assent, but rather to be a complete commitment of mind, attitude and actions. The student therefore should hold these standards not only at school, but also away from school. In this we solicit the loving, but firm encouragement of the parents.

In order to provide an opportunity for the student to indicate their desire to continue to attend State Line Christian School and abide by the school standards, please complete the attached Student Conduct Agreement form and return it to the school office. Questions regarding this procedure should be directed to me at the school office.

Mr. Josh Newbold
Principal