**Belleview Christian School
Step 1: Philosophy & Objectives**

**STAR Worksheet #1 - Philosophy**

**Purpose**

The primary purpose of Belleview Christian School is to educate young people according to the Word of God. Therefore, every subject that is offered will be taught from a Christian world-view perspective. Learning…To Please Him!” Colossians 1:10 is Belleview’s theme verse. Therefore, our goal is to help students learn to make choices that please Jesus Christ! Although the Bible does not mention the Christian school, it says much about the education of young people. God makes it clear that His will for all Christians is that they “be thoroughly equipped for every good work” (II Tim. 3:17). To accomplish this task, God gives men various gifts “to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ” (Eph. 4:12-13). These verses describe the goal of Christian education and Belleview Christian School: to help create in every young person the likeness of Christ. Christian education should develop Christians whose activities in this life anticipate their eventual conformity to the image of Christ (Rom. 8:29). We are looking forward to a very unique relationship with each family during their tenure at our school. The goal of the Christian school requires a unity of spirit and purpose on the part of the staff, parents, and student. As educator Ronald A. Horton explains, “The work of the Christian school is an extension of the Christian educational ministries of the Christian home and the church.” It is our goal to graduate students who will live for Christ and who can articulately defend the faith in a compromising world.

**Mission Statement**

The mission of Belleview Christian School is to glorify God by assisting the family and church to prepare students academically, socially, and spiritually within the context of a personal and growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Philosophy of Education**

The word philosophy comes from Greek words meaning, “love of wisdom”. Since the Garden of Eden, man has wanted to be wise and know all truth (Gen. 3:5). In searching for the truth, each person develops a system of values and beliefs that guides his every action. This system is his philosophy of life. The Apostle Paul admonishes us not to be spoiled by the philosophies of the world, such as situation ethics, humanism, and materialism (Col. 2:8). Christian philosophy, therefore, must be based on the Lord Jesus Christ, because in Christ “are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (Col. 2:3). As all truth is rooted in the Bible, Christ and the Bible must be central to every subject and activity. Science, therefore, will be approached as God’s handiwork; history, as God’s dealings with the nations through the centuries; language, as God’s desire for man to communicate; mathematics as God’s orderliness; physical education as taking care of the temple God has given each of us; and music and art as tools of worship and appreciation of God’s beauty. With faculty assistance and guidance, each student and graduate will have an opportunity to:

1. Develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, through Christian fellowship and study of God’s Word.

2. Gain knowledge of basic skills that are foundational to academic success.

3. Be able to communicate effectively through reading, writing, and speaking.

4. Learn correct study habits by developing critical thinking skills.

5. Learn courtesy and respect for adults, fellow students and all individuals.

6. Grow in the knowledge of spiritual truths, and discover the true source of Wisdom.

7. Discover and develop special talents, interests, and capabilities.

8. Learn how to stand alone in an ungodly world and serve others by sharing God’s love through community service outreach.

9. Recognize the importance of self-discipline.

10. Accept responsibility for his or her own behavior and respect the property of others.

11. Learn to think, speak, and act biblically, by utilizing a scriptural approach to every subject.

12. Understand and utilize the core values essential for life…trust, honor, respect, and responsibility.

**Doctrinal Statement**

We Believe…

The Bible to be the inspired, infallible, authoritative Word of God.

There is one personal and holy God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

In the deity of Jesus Christ; in His virgin birth; in His bodily resurrection; in His substitutionary death for our sin; and in His personal return in power and glory.

That salvation is by grace through faith and that it is the work of the Holy Spirit.

There is power through the indwelling Christ to enable believers to live victorious Christian lives.

In the present ministry of the Holy Spirit.

**Church Attendance/Spiritual Emphasis:**

We are strongly committed to church attendance and involvement, fellowship, and accountability within the local church. We encourage families to attend Belleview Community Chapel or a like-minded Bible-believing church, so that the philosophy and principles taught at Belleview Christian School are reinforced at home and through church attendance. We also offer weekly children and youth group activities (regardless of where students attend church).

**Spiritual Life Retreat:**

Every secondary student enrolled at Belleview participates in a retreat designed to build relationships with other students and faculty while challenging them to grow deeper with Jesus Christ. •

**Belleview Ministry Day:**

This is our school’s effort to put ministry into action. The purpose is to teach all students the value of serving one another and to be a blessing to others.

**Christian Americanism:**

America is a republic, which guarantees liberties to educate and preserve freedom. We are concerned with the historical accurateness of America’s early beginnings, not political correctness. We proudly teach the Biblical doctrines of self-discipline, respect for those in authority, obedience to law, and love of country.

**Conduct**

We desire to treat each individual with mutual respect and courtesy in an atmosphere of caring concern. As our students grow and mature into young adults, we expect them to return mutual respect and courtesy to our entire staff, including visitors and volunteers.