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Preface

The New Hope Christian School - School Board Bylaws reflect the role of the School Board as it relates to the Christian education and care of the students/children at New Hope Christian School and Little Eagles Learning Center. The Board is intended to be primarily a policy formulating body while the daily administrative decisions are left to the professionals hired by the congregation for this purpose. Many specific guidelines not delineated in this manual will be found elsewhere in the staff handbook, parent handbooks, and others. This manual is designed as a basic policy guideline for members of the School Board to fulfill their obligations as delineated in the Constitution and Bylaws of New Hope Lutheran Church.

New Hope Christian School Bylaws

Article 1 – Mission, Philosophy, and Core Values

Mission Statement:

"Working together to connect people to God and each other."

New Hope Christian School Purpose Statement:

"Bringing honor to God by educating children about His Word and His world, focusing on Christ."

Philosophy:

New Hope Christian School provides a quality education rooted in the Christian faith and Lutheran doctrine. Following Christ's command to let the children come to Him and Martin Luther's call for the instruction of youth, NHCS seeks to shine the light of Truth upon children through Christian education. We partner with parents in their God-given responsibility to train up their children (Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Proverbs 22:6).

Core Values:

Absolute truth is found in God's Word. All ideas taught, presented, or discussed within NHCS will be filtered through the sieves of God's Word and His Biblical Truth.

Students will learn how to process information and to think critically in the context of a Biblical worldview. The Bible shall be our most important textbook (2 Timothy 3: 16-17).

If we can return to God and make His Truths the heart of what we teach, our student's personal relationships with God will flourish.

Primary responsibility for guiding a child lies with the parents. The faculty, staff, congregation, ministry team, and church leadership will be partners with parents, but cannot substitute for the purposeful involvement of our parents. (Deuteronomy 6: 4-9; Proverbs 22: 6)

We glorify God through excellence in all activities and relationships and in the use of the resources He has given us. Our Christian faith is woven into the very fabric of our classes, clubs, activities, and athletic events.

Our teaching, instruction, training, and discipline nurture our students in the Lord's ways, to be of service to others and to share the Word of God, following the example of Jesus Christ.

Character development and compassion for all people based upon the Word and Grace of God is essential for all students.

Our faculty and staff are committed to being living examples of the Christian faith while guiding children spiritually, academically, socially, and physically.