

Kingdom Education FAQ

What is kingdom education?

Dr. Glen Schultz, the founder of the Kingdom Education approach, defines it as: “A life-long, Christ-centered process of leading a child into a new identity with Christ and developing him/her according to the specific ability given to him/her by Christ so that the child will be empowered to live a life characterized by love, trust, and obedience to Christ.” To get an idea of what this looks like, 10 Kingdom Education principles are listed below. In summary, Kingdom Education is realizing the spiritual training and education of a child requires three important components: family, church, and school. A Kingdom Education driven school works alongside parents and the family’s church to provide an education that helps a child know Jesus, follow Jesus, and share Jesus while building a Christian worldview.

How is Kingdom Education implemented at HCA?

Our teachers are equipped spiritually to provide biblical integration in the classroom, share their faith, and teach with a Christian worldview. Our Administration, coaches, and staff are highly committed to providing a Christian environment, and desire input and discussions from families on ways to help children grow in Christ or come to know Christ personally. We offer weekly chapels and Spiritual Emphasis Weeks so that students can focus on our Savior. We have offered mission trips as well as local and community service opportunities. We believe part of Kingdom Education is placing our students in positions where they can put their faith into practice and then demonstrate that faith by serving others.

Why is Kingdom Education an Important Element to HCA?

A lot of private and Christian schools produce athletes that will compete at a higher level beyond high school. A lot of these schools will produce scholars that will earn advanced degrees. A lot of these schools will produce actors and actresses who will perform on majestic stages. But an overwhelming majority of these students will not have a strong enough faith to prepare them for these successes. HCA wants our students to be successful, but not at the expense of a weak faith or lack of faith. We believe raising students to embrace a Christian worldview and having a heart that wants to serve our Savior, will better prepare them for life, whether it’s on the field, court, stage, halls of academia, or maintaining a rewarding career.

Are there different strategies for different grades?

HCA does have grade-specific Discipleship Themes for helping our teachers provide biblical integration into their subjects and helping students build Christian character. These Discipleship Themes have twelve discipleship questions that are grade-specific and build upon each other, so that a student who attends HCA from kindergarten through twelfth grade will have reviewed, analyzed, and found ways to apply these discipleship themes. The character traits also are grade-specific and include character traits from the fruit of the Spirit, perseverance, gratitude, self-control, and self-discipline. The goal is to demonstrate how to live the Christian life on an everyday basis.

What is my responsibility as a parent/guardian?

Christian parents are stewards of the children God gave them. God gave you children to raise up and train in the direction they should go, so Kingdom Education means we want to work with

you and help you fulfill your responsibility, and together we can raise up a generation of students who will be prepared to impact their future families, their communities, and their world.

Where can I learn more about Kingdom Education?

The starting point of learning more about Kingdom Education is making the decision that your child needs this spiritual environment, and that it is worth investing in. Secondly, obtaining a copy of Glen Schultz' book *Kingdom Education* and reading it will make this process clearer. Thirdly, talk to anyone on staff at Harvest Christian Academy, and they can help you understand Kingdom Education better.

Principles of Kingdom Education

1. The education of children and youth is the primary responsibility of parents (Deut. 6:4-9; 11:18-21; Psa. 78:1-7; Psa. 127:3; Prov. 22:6; Mal. 2:13-16; Eph. 6:4).
2. The education of children and youth is a 24 hour-a-day, 7 days-per-week process that continues from birth to maturity (Deut. 6:7; 11:19; Prov. 22:6).
3. The education of children and youth must have as its primary goals the salvation of and discipleship of the next generation (Psa. 78:6-7; Matt. 28:19-20).
4. The education of children and youth must be based on God's Word as absolute truth (Matt. 24:35; Psa. 119).
5. The education of children and youth must hold Christ as preeminent in all of life (Col. 2:3; 6-10).
6. The education of children and youth must not hinder the spiritual and moral development of the next generation (Matt. 18:6; 19:13-14; Mk. 10:13-16; Lk. 18:15-17).
7. The education of children and youth, if and when delegated to others by parents, must be done so with utmost care to ensure that all teachers follow these principles (Ex. 18:21; I Sam. 1:27-28; 3:1-10).
8. The education of children and youth results in the formation of a biblical belief system or worldview (Lk. 6:40).
9. The education of children and youth must lead to true wisdom by connecting all knowledge to a worldview frame of reference (Rom. 1:20; Psa. 19:1; Prov. 4:5,7; 3:19; 9:10; Psa. 104:24; 136:5; Jere. 10:12; Rom. 11:33; Luke 11:52; Col. 2:3; I Cor. 8:1; 13:8; Rom. 1:28).
10. The education of children and youth must have a view of the future that includes the eternal perspective (Col. 3:1-2; Matt. 6:19-20; 2 Tim. 4:6-8; Acts 20:24; Heb. 11:13; Col. 3:23-24).