



## TEXOMA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

### LIFESTYLE RELIGIOUS BELIEFS

The Lifestyle beliefs articulate the values held by TCS and are consistent with Scripture and Biblical principles. TCS trustees, employees, students, parents and volunteers understand that students will be instructed on the beliefs. TCS policy shall incorporate and align conduct standards with these beliefs.

**Alcohol, Illegal Drugs and Tobacco** – Self-control, good judgment and a healthy body are valued. Therefore, the consumption of alcohol underage and/or to an extent of drunkenness, the use of illegal drugs and/or prescription drugs that are inconsistent with the prescription conflicts with the beliefs. The use of tobacco on campus or at school sponsored student activities is prohibited. (Galatians 5:23, Proverbs 20:1, 23:29-32, Romans 13:13, 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, 5:11)

**Profanity and Pornography** – Modesty and chastity are valued; therefore, viewing, distributing, or creating pornography conflicts with the beliefs. Talk that encourages and builds others up is valued, therefore, profanity, abusive, and obscene talk whether in person or electronically conflicts with our beliefs. (Ephesians 4:29, 5:4, Colossians 3:8, 4:6, Galatians 5:18-25, Romans 14:13, 1 Corinthians 10:31-32).

**Marriage** – Marriage is valued and defined as a covenant relationship between a man and a woman. (Genesis 1:27, 2:18-23, Ephesians 5:21-23)

**Sexual behavior** – Within the confines of marriage between the consenting husband and wife, sex is valued. Any sexual behavior outside of this relationship conflicts with our beliefs. (Ephesians 5:3, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5, Matthew 5:28, 1 Corinthians 7:2-3).

**Gender Matters** – The gender a person is physically born with is valued and reflects the individual's unique design. Modification to one's gender physically or psychologically, conflicts with the beliefs. We believe and teach the pronouns used to identify an individual are based upon his or her biological sex assigned at birth by God. (Psalm 100:3, Proverbs 22:2, Jeremiah 1:5).

**Interactions and Relations** – Appropriate interactions and relations are valued. Interacting online with each other, with students, with alumni, and with others outside of the school community is, in its essence, no different than interacting with these groups face-to-face. Interactions are to be guided by the principles of respect, dignity, prudence, professionalism, concern for and protection of children, and safety. (Proverbs 16:23).

**Disputes** – Humility, gentleness, patience, love, peace and unity are valued when handling disputes. Using civil lawsuits to resolve personal disputes should be avoided. The use of malice and slander conflicts with our beliefs. (Galatians 5, Ephesians 4:1-16, 29-32, Colossians 3:12, 14, 16, 1 Corinthians 6:1-6, Matthew 18:15-20, Romans 13:3-4).

If any person is confused or unclear about one of the school's Lifestyle Beliefs, such questions should be directed to the Head of School or Chairman of the Board. The Board of Trustees of the School will be the final authority in matters of interpretation.