

# **Winter Haven Christian School Mission Statement, Philosophy, Theology and Statement of Faith**

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The purpose of Winter Haven Christian School is to assist parents in developing their children to be strong in mind, spirit, and body, using Christ as their example and teaching the principles found in God's Holy Word, the Bible.

## **PHILOSOPHY AND PURPOSE**

Winter Haven Christian School's desire is to assist Christian parents in the education of their children. The school's goal is to build Christian character in each life without compromising academic excellence. Because the school is interdenominational, matters of denominational debate are avoided by the school, but strong emphasis is placed on teaching the Bible without compromise. If questions on denominational issues arise, students are referred to their parents or their pastors for answers.

WHCS exists to assist Christian parents in leading their children to a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and promoting spiritual growth. It is also our purpose to prepare students academically, teach them to respect authority, and help them develop social skills by working in harmony with teachers and fellow students.

While a school has an enormous responsibility in educating students entrusted to them, the primary responsibility for the education of the child--both Christian and academic--rests with the parents. Without the interest, involvement and complete cooperation of the parents, a school is limited in the influence it can have in a child's life.

## **THEOLOGY**

The Bible is taught from a conservative Protestant perspective, and, as much as possible, is integrated into all of the courses of study – not just Bible class. WHCS does not hold one translation of the Bible to be superior above all others, but at times designates the use of certain translations for the purpose of uniformity.

## **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

\*We believe the Bible to be the inspired and infallible, authoritative Word of God.

\*We believe in the Trinity: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

\*We believe that Jesus is the Son of God. We believe in His Virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His atoning death through His death on the cross, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return to power and glory.

\*We believe in the resurrection of the saved to eternal life in heaven and the resurrection of the lost to eternal damnation in Hell.

\*We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

\*We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in Christ.

\*We believe that salvation is by grace through faith and belief in the Lord Jesus Christ, and not by any works.

\*We believe that a Christian grows in his spiritual life by praying, reading and studying the Bible, and worshipping in a fellowship of Christian believers.

\*We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. We believe that God disapproves of and forbids any attempt to alter one's gender by surgery or appearance. (Gen 2:24; Gen 19:5, 13; Gen 26:8-9; Lev 18:1-30; Romans 1:26-29; 1 Cor. 5:1; 6:9; 1 Thess 4:1-8; Heb 13:4)

\*We believe that the only Scriptural marriage is the joining of one man and one woman. (Gen 2:24; Rom 7:2; 1 Cor 7:10; Eph 5:22-23).

# Winter Haven Christian School Staff Profile 2023-2024 School Year

**Headmaster**  
Joseph T. Klein  
Years in Education: 31  
Years at Winter Haven Christian School: 16  
B.A. SUNY at Buffalo  
M.S. Dowling College  
Ed. S. Regent University

**Elementary School Principal**  
Jeanette Venable  
Years in Education: 22  
Years at Winter Haven Christian School: 13  
B.S. Freed-Hardeman University  
M. Ed. American College of Education

**MS/HS Principal**  
Jeannette R. Williams  
Years in Education: 40  
Years at WHCS: 20  
B.A. Bob Jones University  
M. Ed. Southeastern University

**Athletic Director**  
Eric Graham  
Years in Education: 9  
Years at WHCS: 5  
B.S. Warner University  
M.A. Warner University

**Guidance Counselor**  
Marlene Selent  
Years in Education: 18  
Years at WHCS: 8  
B.A. Warner University  
M.S. University of S. Mississippi

Pre-School Staff:	Years in Education	Years at WHCS	Degree/College
Tracy Braisted - K4	14	1	AA; CDA, Polk State College
Jordan Kelley - K4	1	2	Early Childhood Certificate

Elementary Staff:	Years in Education	Years at WHCS	Degree/College
Caitlyn Fowler - K5	1	1	B.S. Western Governor's University
Kimberly Lanz - K5	30	12	B.S. Faith Baptist College
Emilie Jackson - 1st	5	5	B.A. Warner University
Linda Wood - 1st	45	39	B.S. Milligan College
Elizabeth Prillhart - 2nd	26	5	B.A. Atlanta Baptist College
Nancy Shytle - 2nd	53	53	B.S. West Georgia College
Lana Smith - 3rd	18	7	B.A. Warner University M.A. University of Phoenix
Jessica Anderson - 3rd	17	5	B.A. Shepherd University
Jodi Miller - 4th	2	2	B.A. Warner University M.A. Southeastern University
Carlene Riner - 4th	40	22	B.A.; M.A. Morehead State University
Rachel Minter - 5th	20	1	B.A. Baptist College of Florida M.S. Troy University
Sonja Burdon - 5th	21	6	B.S. Landmark Baptist College

**Elementary Special Staff:**  
Chelsy Bringle - Teacher Assistant  
Michelle Goodwin - Music  
Veronica Garcia—Paraeducator  
Nadine Howard - Computer Science  
Roni Beth Mulcahy - Media Specialist  
April Piotrowski - Teacher Assistant  
Shannon Schumaker - Art  
Darrell Venable - Physical Education

**Extended Care Staff:**  
Yolanda Aponte – Aftercare Coordinator  
Veronica Garcia - Aftercare Coordinator  
Shana Locklear  
Jackie NeSmith

# Winter Haven Christian School Staff Profile 2023-2024 School Year

Middle/High School Staff	Years in Education	Years at WHCS	Degree/College
Sheri Alcalá - HS Social Studies, Chick fil A Leader Academy	20	9	B.A.; M.A. University of Tennessee
Stace Alcalá - HS Science, STEM Academy	37	1	B.A. University of Tennessee, M. Ed. Pensacola Christian College
Clifford Bard - Construction Academy	21	1	B.S. Warner University
Kimberly Ellis - Creative Arts Academy, MS & HS Art	15	4	B.A. Transylvania University
Amy Etheridge - MS Social Studies	8	1	B.S. Warner University
Katherine Galvis - MS/HS AG, Criminal Justice Academy, MS Physical Education, HS HOPE	3	2	B.A. University of North Florida
Eric Graham - Athletic Director, Sports Management Academy	9	5	B.S.; M. Min. Warner University
Michelle Hamilton - MS Study Hall, Performing Arts Academy	28	2	B.S. Bob Jones University
Ronald Hamilton - MS Bible	39	1	B.A. Bob Jones University
Beatriz Kisby - International Studies Academy, MS/HS Spanish	2	2	Universidad de Derecho, Argentina
Jeff Kisby - Director of Student Enrichment	2	2	B.S. Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
Noah McCracken - Assistant Athletic Director	2	2	B.S. University of Central Florida
Milanie Mulford - MS Science	29	12	B.S. Bob Jones University
Matthew Rice - IT Specialist, Computer Technology Academy, MS Computers	4	2	B.A. University of Akron
Marlene Selent - College Planning, Guidance Counselor, HS HOPE, HS Leadership Development	18	8	B.A. Warner University M.S. University of S. Mississippi
Eric Sheely - MS Math	1	1	B.S. University of Florida
Brooke Sutton - HS Language Arts	24	5	B.A. Emporia State University, M.A. Warner University
Crystal Widener - HS Math	11	9	B.S. Crown College
Jeannette R. Williams - HS Bible, MS/HS Principal	40	20	B.A. Bob Jones University M. Ed. Southeastern University
Dr. Timothy Williams - HS Bible	40	5	B.A.; M.A. Bob Jones University PhD Landmark Baptist College & Seminary
Kathleen Windham - MS Language Arts	7	2	B.S. Carolina University

### Support Staff:

Amanda Bonilla - Financial Services Assistant  
 Rebecca Bustamante - Administrative Assistant to MS/HS Principal  
 Ellen Davis - Office Administrative Assistant MS/HS  
 Officer Derrick Doles - Campus Security  
 Ashley Ellery - Administrative Assistant to Headmaster & Elementary Principal  
 Rob Goodman - Custodial Staff  
 Robin Goodman - Custodial Staff  
 Tiffany Graham - Registrar  
 Elizabeth Morrisey - Public Relations/Media  
 David Myers - Lunch Coordinator  
 Manny Viera—Custodial Staff  
 Brittany Walliser - Cafeteria/Clinic Assistant  
 Nancy Wolfe - Financial Services/Administrative Assistant