

## EDUCATIONAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The education goals and objectives of Heartland Christian Academy (HCA) are grouped into the following categories of student development: spiritual, intellectual, social, and physical.

### **Spiritual Development – HCA Endeavors:**

1. To teach the Bible as God’s inspired, inerrant Word and to develop attitudes of love and respect toward it
2. To provide students with a basic working knowledge of the Bible and its doctrines without trying to solve the difference of interpretation among believers
3. To encourage the student to develop a deeper walk with God
4. To lead the students to decisions of confessing Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior
5. To develop a desire to know and obey the will of God as revealed in the Scriptures
6. To impart an understanding of each Christian’s place in the local church and its worldwide task of witness, evangelism, and discipling, and to stimulate the student’s involvement in the task
7. To help the students be able to articulate a biblical worldview by integrating life, studies, and vocation with the Bible. It is also our goal that each student will then be able to take this biblical worldview and use it as a moral compass to guide them.

### **Intellectual Development – HCA Endeavors:**

1. To help each student gain a thorough comprehension and command of the fundamental processes used in communicating and dealing with others, such as reading, writing, speaking, and listening
2. To teach and encourage the use of good study habits
3. To teach and motivate the students to pursue independent study and research
4. To develop creative and critical thinking, and proper use of biblical criteria for the evaluation of all knowledge and experience
5. To promote good citizenship through an understanding and appreciation of our Christian and American heritages of responsible freedom, human dignity, and acceptance of authority
6. To produce an understanding and appreciation for God’s world, and awareness of men and women’s role in their environment, and their God-given responsibilities to use and preserve it properly
7. To foster an appreciation of the fine arts through the development of the student’s understanding and personal expression.

### **Social and Physical Development – HCA Endeavors:**

1. To help the students develop their personalities based on a proper understanding and acceptance of themselves as unique individuals created in the image of God and based on the fullest possible development of their own capabilities
2. To teach the students to treat everyone with love and respect since they too are made in the image of God
3. To prepare students to be contributing members of their society realizing their dependence on God, their dependence on others, and their need to serve them
4. To promote an understanding of nutrition and other personal health care habits that relate to the wise use of the body
5. To promote physical fitness and a mature understanding of athletic competition.