

## Mt. Zion Christian School Core Values

- We believe that God has a plan for everyone's life. (Jeremiah 29:11)
- We believe it is important to be a life-long learner. (Proverbs 24:14)
- We acknowledge that God made our differences and we appreciate and celebrate them. Since we believe in God-given differences and giftings, we teach using differentiation. (Revelations 15:4)
- We believe that it honors God to develop the spirit, soul, and body of our students. Since we believe we are a three-part being, it is important to minister to and educate all the parts.
- We believe having understanding is more important than just having knowledge. Due to this belief, we will limit straight memorization to only what is necessary for foundation building. Since we value higher thinking, we will teach using higher thinking strategies. (Proverbs 8:14)
- In order to honor God, we seek excellence in all we do. Since we value excellence, as educators, we will model excellence in our classrooms, in our academics, in our attitudes, and in our relationships. (Ecclesiastes 9:10)
- We believe that integrity is a high priority, therefore, we will provide teaching and modeling opportunities for our students to have a clear understanding of biblical integrity. (1 Chronicles 29:17)
- We believe that with our actions come consequences, therefore, our classrooms will be places of honor and respect towards authority, peers, and God. Students will experience discipline under a loving authority and will experience and understand God's grace and mercy. (Romans 6:23)
- We believe that God has called us to serve others, so we will provide opportunities for our students to serve in the classroom, in the school, and in the community. (Matthew 20:26)
- We value creativity and we are intentional in providing an environment where creativity can be developed. Since we value creativity, we will provide opportunities for students to be creative as well as learn about creative people. We will also provide showcase opportunities for art, music, and drama exhibits. (Matthew 25:21)
- We believe that stewardship is of utmost importance and we choose to care for our property, finances, time, and relationships. Since we value stewardship, we will model this as educators and also provide opportunities for our students to care for the school property. (1 Corinthians 4:2)
- We acknowledge that God created us to be inquisitive for the purpose of exploring the world He gave to us, therefore, we encourage questions with our students. We will also provide opportunities for problem solving within the classrooms and on athletic teams. (Luke 11:9)