

Schola Mission

Schola, a denominationally diverse educational community of teachers and homeschooling families, seeks to serve Christian families by providing a secure, rigorous learning environment in which the student can explore and evaluate all of life under God from a biblical worldview.

Schola partners with the homeschooling parent to help develop the unique gifts of each student so that he or she may become a faithful Christ-honoring servant of God, a compassionate and productive neighbor, and a good steward of God's world.

Schola Foundational Principles

Schola serves as a meeting place for Christian teachers and homeschooled students to explore the history of ideas that have shaped our culture and to use a biblical standard to evaluate those ideas. To that purpose, at least one parent or guardian of children attending Schola must give signed evidence of their agreement with the Foundational Principles listed below.

The primary basis for Schola's curriculum and instruction is the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, the inspired and infallible Word of God, which constitutes completed and final revelation. In accordance with this final revelation, we affirm the following Principles:

1. **The Bible:** In its original autograph, the Bible is without error in whole and in part, including theological concepts as well as geographical details and historical events (II Tim. 3:16, Matt. 5:17-18, II Peter 1:19-21).
2. **The Trinitarian God:** God has existed from all eternity in three persons: God the Father, God the Son (Col. 2:9, Jn. 10:30, Phil 2:5-10), and God the Holy Spirit (Gen. 1:2, Joel 2:28-29, Jn. 14:26, Jn. 15:26, Jn. 16:7-14).
3. **Jesus Christ:** Jesus Christ was God come in the flesh being fully God and fully man except without sin (Jn. 1:1-14, II Cor. 5:21, Phil 2:5-10).
4. **Creation:** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. God created people in his image as either male or female (Gen 1:1, Gen 1:27, 2:24).
5. **Sin:** All persons are in violation of God's righteous requirements and His holy character both by nature and by act, and therefore are alienated from their Creator-God and under His wrath and just condemnation. The central purpose of the coming of Jesus Christ was to pay the penalty for man's sin through His substitutionary death on the cross. The successful accomplishment of the payment of this penalty was attested to by His visible, bodily resurrection (Rom. 3:10-26, I Cor. 15:12-22, II Cor. 5:14-21).
6. **Salvation and the Sacrificial Death of Jesus Christ:** Salvation is offered as a gift, free to the sinner. This gift must be responded to in individual faith, not trust in any personal works but in the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ alone (Rom. 6:23, Eph. 2:1-10, II Cor. 5:14-21).
7. **Gender:** We believe that God wonderfully and immutably created each person as distinctly male or female (Gen. 1:26-31; 2:18-25; 5:1, 2). These two distinct and divinely representative genders together reflect the image and nature of God.
8. **Marriage:** Marriage is instituted by God, not government, and constitutes the union between one biological man and one biological woman (Gen. 2:22-24, Matt. 19:4-6, Mk. 10:6-9, Heb. 13:4-7, I Cor. 7:1-3).
9. **Education of our Children:** Children are given by God as a stewardship to the parent and not the state, and parents have the wherewithal and authority to educate their own children in home-directed studies of their choice. Christian parents should accept this obligation in view of the covenantal relationship that God established with believers and their children (Mal. 2:15, Ps. 127:3-5, Prov. 22:6, Deut. 6:6-7, Eph. 6:4).

Initial: _____ I understand that Schola's curriculum and instruction have as their foundation the historic Christian faith expressed in the Foundational Principles of Schola as stated above, and I support my child being instructed in a manner consistent with belief in the truth of these Principles.

Initial: _____ I affirm that the Foundational Principles of Schola as stated above reflect the faith and practice of at least one parent of my student(s) enrolled in Schola Classes.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____