



### **SCHOOLWIDE ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS**

1. All Truth for all people through all generations stems from the nature of God as evidenced in Jesus Christ and creation and revealed in the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments.
2. As independent pursuers and discerners of Truth, we must be accurate readers and evaluators of the Scriptures and of all things considered to be true.
3. Christ-followers, charged with the Great Commission, are effective and articulate communicators in both written and verbal expression.
4. Valued above all creation, humans are specially created in the image of God and charged to subdue and manage the world and everything in it for the betterment of mankind and the earth.
5. A proper understanding of the special creation of man is evident in a respect for all people and a genuine love and compassion for others.
6. Transformed and empowered by the Holy Spirit, Christians care well for the world through the righteous implementation of knowledge and skills.
7. Responsible citizens are prepared to lead lives of integrity.

## **CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS**

1. The Bible is the only inspired, infallible, inerrant Word of God that should form how we interpret Truth.
2. There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. Jesus Christ, God in the flesh, died as an atonement to reconcile God and sinful man.
4. Resurrected from the dead, Christ ascended to God the Father in Heaven where He intercedes for us and will return in power and glory to rule the earth.
5. The regeneration by the Holy Spirit is necessary for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature, and people are justified and saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone.
6. Both the saved and the lost will be resurrected to exist eternally either with God or separated from Him.
7. The Holy Spirit indwells believers and enables them to live godly lives.
8. Believers are called to spiritual unity through Jesus Christ which is evident by their love for one another.
9. Knowing, understanding, and practicing God's Word are necessary for spiritual growth and maturity.
10. Christians should be knowledgeable differentiators of various worldviews, but a biblical worldview should be the foundation for a Christian's beliefs and behavior.
11. In response to God's saving grace and favor towards us, Christians should share the Gospel and demonstrate love and compassion through service to others.

## **ENGLISH ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS**

1. God is a communicating God who spoke creation into being and who reveals Himself through the written word of the Bible.
2. Created in God's image, people communicate through oral and written speech.
3. Increasing literacy is critical for advancing the Gospel, promoting biblical understanding, and developing responsible readers of God's word.
4. As God's image bearers, we have the potential to express ourselves in beautiful ways, but because we are also fallen, our literature is filled with the consequences of that sin nature.
5. Clear communication is dependent on using proper structure, vocabulary, spelling, and grammar in writing and speech.
6. Authors write with different purposes in mind, which influence writing structure and style.
7. Reading, experiencing, and engaging with various texts increases understanding of different subjects and ideas.
8. Language is a powerful tool for expressing ideas, beliefs, and feelings.
9. Advanced literacy skills are necessary for accurate and beneficial engagement in all segments of life.

## **FINE ARTS ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS**

1. As creator and designer of all things, God's creativity is evident in the design, order, and beauty of creation.
2. Made in the image of God, people are creative beings with an appreciation for design, order, and beauty.
3. As God's image bearers, our artistic expressions can be God-honoring, inspiring worship and awe, but because we are also fallen, our artistic expression can tend toward irreverence and things that are profane.
4. Throughout history, artisans have been inspired by creation and by the Creator.
5. Analyzing the historical and cultural context of a work of art is necessary for understanding its purpose and meaning.
6. Like other talents and skills, artistic expression must be studied, practiced, and revised to become developed.
7. Artists experiment with a variety of materials, tools, and techniques to express beauty, emotions, and ideas.

## **FOREIGN LANGUAGE ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS**

1. In the beginning, God used the spoken word to create the universe, the world, and all inhabitants. Through spoken and written language, God revealed Himself to humanity, and eventually the “Word” became flesh and dwelt among us to restore our relationship to God.
2. Charged with the Great Commission, Christians must master other languages to communicate in verbal and written forms the love of God and the gospel to all people throughout the earth.
3. Learning a country’s spoken and written language, body language (gestures), idioms, customs, and traditions is necessary for effective communication.
4. Learning another country’s language, history, and customs helps develop one’s love for others from different geographical and cultural backgrounds.
5. Language is fluid and constantly evolving around the world.
6. The study of foreign languages increases the understanding of one’s native language.
7. Translation and interpretation are different, yet both are necessary to convey accurate meaning of a language.
8. Second language acquisition most naturally occurs via comprehensible input in the form of reading, listening, and exposure to language in natural contexts.
9. The United States and other countries have influenced each other’s culture and language.
10. Understanding context is important for making proper word choice needed for clear communication.

## **HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS**

1. God is the sovereign author of history, and Jesus Christ is the focal point. As such, He is actively involved in history and intervenes as He chooses in the lives of individuals and nations.
2. The overarching purpose and goal of history is the ultimate redemption of mankind and the restoration of the perfection of the original created order. History records the progress and ultimate destiny of that plan.
3. All people are created in the image of God and have the capacity to fulfill the creation mandate and to bring glory to God, yet we have a sinful nature, and man's sin is evident in past and present events and beliefs.
4. Climate and geography reveal God's infinite wisdom and care for His creation and contribute to the development of civilizations.
5. Historians' presuppositions differ and influence their interpretations of history.
6. Conflicts between individuals, groups, cultures, and nations are inevitable. They have intended and unintended consequences.
7. Knowledge of the past helps one to understand the present and to make decisions about the future.
8. Historical documents, archaeology, and oral accounts are used to interpret various aspects of past societies and time periods.
9. People explore and migrate for varying social, political, religious, and economic reasons.
10. Individuals and groups within society use their influence to impact the political, economic, cultural, and social systems of their communities, nations, and regions of the world, creating change over time.

## **MATHEMATICS ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS**

1. Mathematical studies reveal the structure of the universe and point to an intelligent design and a logical, creative, infinite and omniscient Creator.
2. Mathematical concepts demonstrate that God is consistent and precise.
3. Mathematics is a language of patterns and relationships communicated through specialized vocabulary and representations such as graphs, numbers, symbols, and models.
4. Numbers can be composed and decomposed in a variety of ways, and computational fluency allows us to understand the relationship between numbers.
5. Measurement provides understanding of physical attributes, distance, and time.
6. Geometric properties specify locations and describe spatial relationships.
7. Mathematicians apply a variety of strategies to solve problems.
8. Accurate collection, organization, display, and analysis of data enables us to make logical conclusions.

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS**

1. Our bodies are a temple for the Holy Spirit, and we are charged to care well for our physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual needs.
2. Designed by God, our bodies require proper nutrition and exercise to function well; making consistently good decisions about the care of our bodies is necessary for a healthy lifestyle.
3. Athletic skill and physical strength are developed by consistent discipline and practice and can result in personal success and enjoyment.
4. Group physical activities/sports build leadership, community, and social skills through teamwork.
5. Learning to play by absolute rules, applying sports etiquette, submitting to authority, being disciplined, and properly managing defeats and victories are transferable skills for success in all areas of life.
6. Athletics is an ideal forum in which to nurture the development of Christ-like character, and humility is central to the heart of the Christian athlete.



## **SCIENCE ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS**

1. The physical universe was created by God and evidences His creativity, precision, order, and provision.
2. God created perfect complementary systems throughout creation; however, when sin entered the world, it brought decay and death, ultimately affecting all systems.
3. Made in God's image for relationship with Him, humans are designed by God as male and female. Humans and animals grow and mature during their lifespans and reproduce according to their own kind.
4. Living things depend on a careful balance in the environment to meet their specific needs. As stewards of God's creation, people should strive to understand and to take proper care of the environment.
5. Through observation and experimentation, people discover and gain understanding about the natural world allowing them to problem-solve, create, and invent.
6. Scientists examine cause and effect to see relationships between organisms, places, things, ideas, and events.
7. Scientists gather, classify, sequence, and interpret data in order to recognize how organisms, places, and events shape our world.
8. Scientists make inferences and generalizations about various types of information and draw conclusions from a variety of sources. Individuals' presuppositions influence how they interpret scientific data.
9. Scientific knowledge and theories are subject to change based on new evidence.

## **TECHNOLOGY ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS**

1. When used wisely and responsibly, technology can enhance our ability to fulfill the Creation Mandate to steward the earth and to promote human flourishing.
2. Technology provides tools to reach the world more easily with the Gospel.
3. God, the ultimate creator and innovator, has made mankind in His image, and technology is one area where humans apply those traits to design, invent, and solve problems.
4. Christians honor God by using technology ethically, avoiding behaviors that bring harm or disrespect to God, self, or others.
5. Possessing technological skills is important preparation for college, career, and daily adult life.
6. While tremendously beneficial, technology use should be balanced with other life priorities and should not detract from relationships, responsibilities, and spiritual growth.