

POLICY

Ascent Christian Academy Student Leaders

ACA strives to develop qualities of leadership in every student, empowering students as they seek to fill roles at school as well as preparing them for the future roles in their homes, churches, workplaces, and community.

Idealistic Visionaries

Leaders create an atmosphere of inspiration and hope that breathes life into others and motivates them to pursue a beneficial goal that was once thought to be unattainable.

1. **Competent Communicators**

ACA develops students to communicate in order to lead more effectively. To work to develop communicating skills and value these skills as motivators, stimulating growth in others; as apologists, defending truth; and as emissaries, calling for societal change.

2. **Critical Thinkers**

We develop students who are critical thinkers and understand the need to process, analyze, synthesize and conceptualize information in light of principled morality prior to taking action or formalizing beliefs.

3. **Responsible Stewards**

We develop responsible stewards that recognize the need to utilize all aspects of creation properly. They will learn that financial, intellectual, physical, and emotional resources should be developed and used in a way they were designed to be used.

4. **Social Humanitarians**

ACA develops students to be civic-minded and are not only aware of the issues that are pertinent to people in their communities, but possess empathy for others and are actively seeking ways to meet others' specific needs.

5. **Reflective Practitioners**

ACA develops students who reflect on their own strengths and weaknesses, leaders who will utilize all available resources to achieve the goal at hand and invest themselves in challenging, difficult, and meaningful work.

6. **Creative Entrepreneurs**

ACA develops students that are not afraid to take risks and are willing to involve him/herself in endeavors that have the potential for both success and failure. Failure, within a supportive environment, although painful, offers tremendous opportunities for growth and development and should not be viewed as terminal.

7. **Spiritual Disciples**

ACA develops Christian leaders who are committed, above all, to God. This consistent commitment is integrated into all areas and aspects of a leader's life.

8. **Lifelong Learners**

ACA develops students who are people who understand that the pursuit of knowledge and understanding is a lifelong quest. They attempt to continually seek and learn and understand the issues and ideas that permeate our world.

9. **Ethical Standard-Bearers**

ACA develops students to be leader's whose beliefs and actions are born out of an ethical standard that considers others' needs above his or her own. Even in the face of tremendous pressure and personal adversity, a leader will act with honesty and integrity.