

## **FIVE QUESTIONS FOR FUTURE FAMILIES**

### **Q1: IS YOUR FAMILY COMMITTED TO CHRIST?**

The Scriptures say of Jesus Christ, *For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. (Colossians 1:16-20)*. We believe that the education of our children begins with these truths. The Scriptures also teach that God has commanded parents to bring up their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Ephesians 6:1-4). The mission of Veritas is to assist parents in this endeavor. We are here to support the Christian instruction and training that is already established in the home.

Therefore, we seek to enroll like-minded, Christian families who actively seek to disciple their children in their home and local church. We recognize that some families might be drawn more to our academic standards, smaller class sizes, or healthy school culture than to the Christ-centered nature of our program. Please know that we do not seek to offer Christian instruction apart from the context of Biblical teaching at home and in the local church. If your family is intentional about serving Christ and living according to the Scriptures, you may find Veritas to be a great fit for your child's education.

### **Q2: WHAT IS THE PRIMARY GOAL FOR YOUR CHILD'S K-12 EDUCATION?**

Although the academics at Veritas Academy certainly prepare students for university studies and professional vocations, Veritas is not a college-prep school. We believe each child is a living and eternal soul to be nourished, not a product to be manufactured. The purpose of education is not merely instilling knowledge and vocational skills. Veritas seeks to graduate students whose lives are characterized by wisdom, virtue, a love of learning, a desire to serve others, and faithful obedience to God

Veritas Academy is a unique school with goals that do not align with today's trends in progressive education. We are a school for the family who wants something more for their children than just college and career preparation. We are a school with eternal goals and transcendent purposes. If you desire a school that shapes your child's mind and his heart and soul, then you should consider Veritas Academy.

### **Q3: ARE YOU COMMITTED TO WELL-BEHAVED CHILDREN?**

We believe all children are created in the image of God and are therefore worthy of love, nurture, and care. We also acknowledge that all people are fallen in sin and need training in righteousness. We believe that biblical discipline, the encouragement of an obedient child and the correction of a disobedient child, is a necessary part of education –in the home and in the school.

Veritas is a school with high standards of behavior. We uphold our standards with consistency, love, and grace. Respect for authority, obedience to instruction, and kindness toward others are expected of everyone at Veritas, children and adults. We do not assume perfection and understand that we are all sinners in need of the grace found in Christ, but we do assume parental support when a misbehaving student must be corrected. If you share these expectations for your child's behavior, Veritas could be a partner to your family.

### **Q4: DO YOU VALUE ACADEMICS AND A CHRISTIAN WORK ETHIC?**

We believe that all instruction must encourage students to love and honor God through their academic endeavors. God commands us to love Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. One of Veritas Academy's strengths is academic excellence. Our curriculum goals are relatively challenging and demand diligence, discipline, and hard work from every student. We have "set the bar high" in our academic standards.

We do not expect children to work excessively. Certainly, children need time to play and just be children. Many students at Veritas participate in extracurricular activities and sports but they learn to prioritize their time and energies. What priorities characterize your family? If you value hard work and elevated academics, Veritas may be ideal for your family.

### **Q5: DOES YOUR FAMILY LOVE LEARNING AND BOOKS?**

A consistent success factor for children at Veritas is the learning environment at home. Families who read and love to learn typically raise children who read and love to learn. These children come to Veritas eager to explore, seek truth, and grow in knowledge. These parents want a school that values learning for learning's sake.

We love learning and we love books. We pursue knowledge, understanding, and wisdom through books – through THE Book and hundreds of other books. We love language, history, literature, poetry, science, and math. We love the classics. We love "Great Books" that engage us in "Great Conversations" about "Great Ideas." If you want your family to develop a love of wisdom, a thirst for knowledge, and a passion for learning then Veritas could inspire your family.