

Philosophy of Education

The purpose of education

The philosophy of the school has its foundation in the authoritative, inspired and infallible Word of God, the Bible. Created in God's image, man's purpose is to glorify God in all life pursuits. Because man is a sinner by nature and choice, he can only glorify or know God by choosing God's free gift of salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ, thereby committing his life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. The purpose of education then is to challenge each student to a fuller understanding and appreciation for the world created for him by his Creator, thereby being transformed by the renewing of his mind. This underscores the importance of a well-rounded, high standard education that is permeated by a biblical worldview.

The nature of the learner

Each child, created in God's image for a unique and useful purpose, needs to be trained in every aspect of character. Every child is born fallen and has physical, mental, emotional, social and spiritual needs. Haven of Peace Academy seeks to give every student, through a rigorous curriculum and a broad range of activities, the opportunity to pursue personal growth in these areas through a reliance on the grace of God. An integral part of our philosophy is to cultivate in each student a sense of their own personal worth and to understand and value those different from themselves.

The role of the teacher and the parents

While parents' God-given responsibility is to train their children, teachers work to partner with parents in every phase of the student's development, and both parties seek to cooperate with each other to create a dynamic learning environment. The teacher is given the challenging task of leading students through developmental stages, equipping them to achieve personal academic excellence, fostering a desire for lifelong learning, training them to see the world through a biblical lens, and instilling an appreciation and desire for excellence in leadership, service and stewardship. The teacher is a role model for students in all of these areas and facilitates learning through an interactive approach.

The learning process

Haven of Peace Academy uses a curriculum which is faithful to our basic philosophy and seeks to integrate Christian principles with academic excellence. The school also seeks to incorporate within the curriculum an appreciation and understanding of the culture, people and environment of Tanzania, as well as those of other students. As they develop from Kindergarten to Grade 12, students are taught to communicate, observe, analyze and take initiative in the world around them.

The desired outcome

Our goal for each student is to develop a personal faith in Christ and godly character; to communicate effectively; to perceive beyond what can be seen at surface level; to analyze thoughts, words and actions; to meaningfully engage in his community; and to be equipped to function socially with a healthy view of service in our world.