Appendix A

St. Augustine Preparatory Academy
A K4-12 Non-denominational Christian School

Philosophy of Education

The primary role of our school is to provide an exceptional academic and Biblically based Christian education that provides all-encompassing education that will form the foundation of knowledge for lifelong learning and living. Our philosophy of education centers around three main components:

- **A Biblical Foundation for Christian Education:** The Bible serves as the basis for our educational endeavor, offers a solid foundation for our learning environment, and provides guidance for the spiritual development of our students. The inspired Word of God also gives a definitive reason as to why a Christian school is important. God reveals His existence and power through creation. In his Word, God further reveals all that we need to know for our salvation and righteous living. Throughout the educational process, we seek to integrate the two forms of revelation—the Word of God and his creation—and weave them into a meaningful and life-changing whole.

- **An Educational Partnership**: The home, church, and school should support and encourage one another as partners in Christian education. We share in the responsibility to cultivate and develop a love for and knowledge of God and our savior, Jesus, and His Word in each of our students. All students are led by Christian educators who teach academic content and the Word of God. Connections are made between faith and learning with the ultimate goal of meeting the academic, social, emotional, spiritual, and physical needs of each student.

- **A Nurturing Atmosphere**: The goal for interpersonal relationships at St. Augustine Preparatory Academy is a genuine concern, acceptance and love for others that exemplifies the love that Christ has shown to us. Because each student is created in the image of God, children are taught the dignity and value of each individual while recognizing the overall importance of being united in Christ as a school community.