



PHILOSOPHY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The educational philosophy of **Christian Academy of Western New York (CAWNY)** is based upon a God-centered view. God's Word is the only source of truth, and the Bible is the inspired and only infallible, authoritative Word of God. God has created all things and has revealed Himself through the written word (*Hebrews 1:1-2*), the living Word (*John 1:1,2,14*), and His creation (*Psalms 19: 1-2*). We recognize that man is created in God's image (*Genesis 1:27*) for the purpose of glorifying Him. Because man is a sinner by nature (*Romans 3:23*), he cannot glorify or know God, unless he chooses to accept God's free gift of salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ.

As a school, we recognize that the primary responsibility for nurturing and training children comes from God's ordained institution - the family. **CAWNY**, through its educational programs, will seek to reinforce and strengthen the Christian families it serves.

We believe that each child is a unique individual with value, gifts and talents given to him by God. We realize that **CAWNY** has the responsibility to mold, train and nurture young lives, in order for students to grow to be all that God has created them to be, to His glory. While recognizing that children have individual learning styles and abilities, the methods of instruction used by **CAWNY** will be those used by the Master Teacher, Jesus Christ, and throughout the Word of God.

Our responsibility to students mandates that we assist their development academically, spiritually, physically, emotionally, and socially. We recognize that these areas are an inseparable part of the whole child. Every aspect **CAWNY's** program will include an integration of God's Word. The best integrated curriculum will be used to promote high academic standards, and lead students to grasp the foundations of learning. The objective of our instructional program is to enable the student to reach his highest level of preparedness for entering the mainstream of society, or to continue the post-secondary education of his choosing.

It is **CAWNY's** goal that the social atmosphere of the school and activities be permeated by the Christian life view. From this perspective, each child will develop a balanced personality, with a proper understanding and acceptance of a person's role in life at home, at work, at play, and at church. It will enable students to make honest, confident decisions and choices, based upon God's Word and His direction.