



Educational Programs for Academic Success

For

All Students

A Blueprint for All Churches

To

God's Churches

The Pillar and Foundation of Truth

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Scripture

For the Lord is good; His mercy and loving-kindness are everlasting, His faithfulness and truth endure to all generations. **Psalms 100:5 (Amplified Bible)**

Introduction

The after-school hours are the peak time for juvenile crime and risky behaviors such as alcohol and drug use. Most experts agree that after-school programs offer a healthy and positive alternative. These programs keep kids safe, improve academic achievement, and help relieve the stresses on today's working families.

God's truth takes root in believers through the power of the Holy Spirit. In order for us to change the state of education for our children, the Church must take the responsibility and the initiative to end the educational crisis that is destroying our young people in every state, every county, every city and every neighborhood. We as believers must use God's truth to destroy the works and the idols of the deceiver that he uses to paralyze and destroy the minds of our young people.

Below is an outline of some effective educational programs that will help to begin the change we need.

Goals

- To help students understand how building a close relationship with God helps them to excel socially, academically, and in their careers
- To help students identify their purpose for life and their God given talents and skills
- To create a spiritual network that helps students to stay connected with each other in school and in the community; to challenge and provide support for one another; and to become spiritual leaders and mentors.
- To glorify and praise our Father in everything we do and say through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Academic Programs

Academic Enrichment

Purpose: to provide students with academic tutoring and homework assistance that reinforces classroom instruction and provides advanced learning opportunities. Parents/guardians and adults are invited and encouraged to attend and participate in the lessons.

Bible Book Club

Purpose: to help students develop their literacy skills by learning about different books of the Bible.

Computer Lab

Purpose: To use technology to help students develop spiritually, academically, socially, and gain employability skills.

Social Development Programs

Girls and Boys Support groups

Purpose: Create a spiritual network among students that focus on teaching students to take spiritual responsibility for themselves, for others, and for learning. Students will learn how to spiritually resolve conflicts, how to make right choices, mediate conflicts with peers, and be spiritual leaders and mentors at school and in the community.

Community-wide RESPECT CONTEST

Respect **E**very **S**tudent and **P**arent/guardian and **E**veryone in my **C**ommunity and/or **T**own

Purpose: To open a dialogue among parents/guardians, churches, and businesses; to better understand students' foundational definition of respect; and to involve parents, guardians, churches, and businesses to discuss with students their definition.

Athletic Programs

Purpose: to help students with social skills. Programs for girls and boys - flag football, softball, golf, karate, bowling teams, and weightlifting

Debate Teams

Purpose: We all can agree that students love to debate. Debate teams will help increase their communication and vocabulary skills. Also, this will help students become independent thinkers when facing and dealing with anger, frustration, and decision making.

(S.A.V.E.) Students Actively Volunteering and taking responsibility for their Education

Purpose – To provide high school students with volunteer opportunities to give back to the Church and the community throughout the school year. **How?** Create a calendar (or use the school's calendar) to identify dates when school is not in session. Students can sign up to volunteer and help out at certain events and to do certain needed tasks at the Church, during the holidays, Spring break, and whenever school is not in session. This opportunity will not only benefit the Church and the community, but the students as well. Students will learn employability skills, satisfy their graduation requirement, and meet a key college admission requirement. (Days may vary among district and private schools)

Career Development Programs

C.L.A.S.S. (College/Career Learning that exposes All Students to Success)

Purpose: A step-by-step program designed to prepare 12th grade students for college and/or career entry. Students work on their C.L.A.S.S. portfolios from August through May of their senior year.

Career Development

Purpose: To provide instruction and assistance to students and adults who need help in planning for college and/or a career. This program can also be adapted to younger students. The younger students can become familiar with terminology related to the careers and the college application process.

Annual College and Career Events for Students and Parents/guardians

Annual Back-to-School Event

Purpose: To provide parents/guardians and students with important educational resources. The event will feature regular and special education teachers, counselors, administrators, and board members from local school districts.

ON-THE-SPOT

Purpose: Provides college admissions *on the spot* to graduating high school seniors with local colleges and universities, along with resources for financial literacy and economic empowerment. Students must bring with them copies of their updated transcript and SAT or ACT scores. *On-the-Spot* events have helped hundreds of students pursue higher education. This event could be held for the seniors at the Church and students in the surrounding communities.

WILL WORK!

Purpose: Provides career and job fairs, interviews, internships, and employment opportunities with local companies and businesses, along with resources for financial literacy and economic empowerment. Students must bring with them an updated resume to the event.

Vocational and Technical Summer Enrichment Camps

Purpose: spiritual, academic, and career support for all students. Hands on activities that are centered on building employability skills in trades, manufacturing, Information Technology, Health Care, and other career fields.

Awards and Recognition

Bible School Scholarship

Purpose: To pay the full tuition and/or partial tuition for any student in their junior or senior year of high school who demonstrates a desire to attend and graduate from a local Bible School.

Student Award and Praise Ceremony in May

Purpose: to give praise to our Father for our accomplishments, honors, and achievements.
(For all students, teachers, and education support personnel in Pre k-12th)

Scholarship Fund

Purpose: to assist the financial need of graduating high school seniors and/or adult students who have applied to, have been accepted by, or attending an institution of higher learning or trade school. Students must show proof of attendance or submit a copy of acceptance letter to the higher education institution. Criteria: E.g. Has maintained a 3.0 or better grade point average; Has been accepted for admission to a two or four-year college or university, trade or technical school; Demonstrates intellectual curiosity, professional promise and leadership qualities; Has been active in volunteering in the community during the previous two years.

The How

In God's love we say, if you don't have one, create an Education Department at your Church:

Purpose: to determine the complete criteria and objectives for social, academic, and career initiatives.

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***Also, visit and share our **Resource Library** with the children and youth at your church. Go to <http://www.mannersfirst.org/resource-library/> . There are very good resources for parents/guardians and students.

If you have questions about any of the programs or would like to learn more about Manners First Education Initiative, please contact Clayton Washington at cwashington@mannersfirt.org.

For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth. 2 Corinthians 13:8

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make [us] free. John 8:32 KJV

Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: **but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.** John 14:17

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All in the Name of Jesus that HE may be lifted up, glorified, and praised!

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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