



Arete Classical Co-op Statement of Faith

2016-2017 School Year

Arete Classical Co-op approaches education with a Christian worldview. We accept students of various faith traditions, and we aim to support each student in his or her faith journey by eliminating, as much as possible, worldly influences that are contrary to the Christian ethos. Arete Classical Co-op does not teach religion or theology directly.

We define a Christian as anyone who has a Trinitarian-based belief. If your beliefs are articulated in ancient creeds, such as the Apostle's Creed or the Nicene Creed, you will find that Arete Classical Co-op will likely be a good spiritual fit for your homeschool. Regardless of your personal doctrinal beliefs (e.g., women in ministry, baptismal regeneration, young earth creationism, etc.), if you are comfortable with Christians of other faith traditions tutoring and/or participating in Arete, and if you agree that a classical education from a Christian perspective is best for your child, you are welcome to apply to join Arete.

As part of classical education at the middle school / high school level, students will engage in debate and other dialectic and rhetorical discussion. Matters of faith may be discussed, even challenged. Students will be encouraged to discuss such topics with both fiery passion and mutual respect.

Though we don't require that any participating families sign our statement of faith, be aware that your application is your ascent to this statement.