

1) Philosophy and Goals

Okanagan Adventist Academy is part of the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist educational system that seeks to impart a balanced approach to a well-disciplined life including maintaining high standards of academic excellence.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church recognizes God as the ultimate source of existence and truth. Made in God's image, every human being, although fallen, is endowed with the attributes similar to those of the Creator. Adventist education, therefore, seeks to nurture thinkers rather than mere reflectors of others' thoughts; to love service rather than selfish ambition; to maximize the development of one's potential. Appreciate all that is beautiful, true and good.

The school's program is based on the belief in the uniqueness and worth of each individual and the need for education of the whole person in spiritual, mental, physical, and social development. These can be amplified in a practical way by preparing the student for witnessing and service within the community, finding fulfillment through these and their own career choices.

The following goals of Adventist education of Okanagan Adventist Academy are an interpretation of God's ultimate desire for each one:

- A. To surrender one's whole life to God through conversion, with the Bible as a basis for understanding our relationship with Jesus Christ and a guide for life;
- B. To desire to experience and share the basic beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist church;
- C. To develop a positive self-worth, including positive relationships with family, teachers and peers;
- D. To interact with people from different cultural groups represented on campus; and to recognize our obligations to government in the context of Christian values;
- E. To achieve and maintain optimal physical, mental, emotional, social and spiritual health;
- F. To adopt a systematic, logical approach to decision-making and problem-solving based upon knowledge from a biblical understanding;
- G. To acquire competencies in communication skills, in the use of information technology and the value of one's faith;
- H. To function responsibly in the everyday world, using a Christian perspective of stewardship, economy and personal management;
- I. To develop an appreciation of the beautiful; and
- J. To develop a strong work ethic and an appreciation of the dignity of service, together with an awareness of career options and opportunities.

2) Accreditation

Okanagan Adventist Academy is fully accredited with the Government of British Columbia Ministry of Education as a Group I funded school and is accredited by the Board of Regents of the Seventh-day Adventist Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges.

3) Mission Statement

The education program at Okanagan Adventist Academy is predicated on the belief that each student is unique and of inestimable value, and on the importance of the development of the whole person. Students are educated to accept service as a way of life, to be sensitive to the needs of the people in the home and society, and to become active members in the church.

4) Admission Requirements

- A. OKAA accepts student who genuinely desire a Christian education and are willing to live in harmony with the philosophy and objectives of the school.
- B. Kindergarten and Grade One students are required to be five and six years old, respectively, on or before December 31 of the year of enrollment.
- C. All prospective Grade One students may be required to complete a placement test before admission into the class as a regular student.
- D. Students transferring from other institutions will have their records assessed by the administration for placement in the correct grade.

5) Admission Procedures

Okanagan Adventist Academy welcomes student without prejudice to cultural, religious or political backgrounds. Parents must be willing for their children to be trained in biblical principles and to support our goals and standards. Students will be encouraged to accept Jesus as their personal Savior. Worship will be a daily experience for each student. Our policy provides for the admission of students who, by their behavior and declaration, show commitment to the principles found in scripture. OKAA accepts students that can benefit from the educational program provided at OKAA. Some programs may not be offered that meet special needs. The school encourages every prospective family to visit the campus for a tour to determine if the environment and activities meet their educational needs. All application documents must be completed and returned before the final decision can be made. All applicants will be informed of the result of their application for admission. Non-Acceptance of the student at OKAA will be communicated to the family in writing. Students are not permitted to attend classes until officially notified of their acceptance. New students are placed on probation for 3 months.

Academic records and recommendations are necessary for paper evaluation and placement within the school. Two recommendations are required for transfer students.

Full financial arrangements must be made with the administration prior to students attending classes.