

# ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND BENCHMARKS

## RELIGIOUS STUDIES

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### Religious Studies

#### ELC

- Standard 1
  - a. Will be familiar with stories contained in the Old and New Testament.
  - b. Will be familiar with the seasons and major feast of the Christian Calendar.
- Standard 2
  - a. Will be familiar with the organization of the Bible
  - b. Will have an understanding of the sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist.
  - c. Will have an understanding of the importance of prayer in the life of Christian.
- Standard 3
  - a. Will be aware of the link between Christianity and Judaism.
- Standard 4
  - a. Will be able to use Christian values to define solutions for problem and issues.
  - b. Will understand that all aspects of life have an ethical dimension.

#### Lower School

- Standard 1
  - a. Will be familiar with the history contained in the Old and New Testaments, and will be able to identify biblical themes in works of art.
  - b. Will be familiar with the seasons and major feasts of the Christian Calendar.
- Standard 2
  - a. Will be familiar with the content and organization of the Old and New Testaments.
  - b. Will be familiar with the Apostles and the Nicene Creeds.
  - c. Will have an understanding of the sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist, as these are presented in the Book of Common Prayer, and of the importance of prayer in the life of Christians.
- Standard 3
  - a. Will be aware of the significance of the major non-Christian feasts celebrated by communities in the Philippines (.e.g. Eid ul Fitr, Yom Kippur, Passover)
  - b. Will be aware of the link between Christianity and Judaism.

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- c. Will know that Jesus is accepted as a Prophet by Islam.
- Standard 4
  - a. Will be familiar with the Ten Commandments and with the Beatitudes and understand how they have shaped the lives of Christians down through the ages.
  - b. Will understand that social and economic justice and the stewardship of creation are important parts of biblical moral teaching.
  - c. Will be able to use Christian values to define, analyze and devise solutions for problems and issues.

### Middle School

- Standard 1
  - a. Will be familiar with the history of Israel and the Church and will be able to identify biblical characters and themes in important works of art.
  - b. Will be familiar with the principal traditions within Christianity .
  - c. Will be familiar with the Church calendar, and will be able to identify the seasons and the major feasts and fasts
- Standard 2
  - a. Will be familiar with the content and organization of the Old Testament, the Apocrypha, and the New Testament
  - b. Will be familiar with the main doctrines and sacraments of the Christian Church as outlined in the Book of Common Prayer, especially the Catechism.
- Standard 3
  - a. Will understand the differences in belief and practice that characterize the five major religions and be acquainted with the history of each
  - b. Will understand that human beings view God from different perspectives.
- Standard 4
  - a. Will be familiar with the moral concepts of the Old Testament and ethical teaching of Jesus and will understand how they have shaped the lives of Christians down through the ages and remain relevant to this day.
  - b. Will understand that social and economic justice and the stewardship of creation are important parts of biblical moral teaching.
  - c. Will demonstrate healthy and Christ-like attitudes and behavior in real and simulated exercises.

### Upper School

- Standard 1

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- a. Will be familiar with the history of Israel and of the Church and will be able to explain the origins of the different “strands of tradition ”.
- b. Will be acquainted with the feasts, fasts and seasons of the church year ;
- c. Will understand and appreciate the Christian contribution to Western culture, and will be able to discuss the Christian content of major works of art, literature, music and architecture.
- Standard 2
  - a. Will be familiar with the structure, content and major themes of the Bible (including the Apocrypha);
  - b. Will understand that different traditions within Christianity interpret Scripture differently.
  - c. Will be familiar with and able to discuss the principal doctrines of Christianity as contained in the Catechism and in the Apostles and the Nicene Creeds .
- Standard 3
  - a. Will be able to identify, characterize and discuss the beliefs and practices of the five major religions ;
  - b. Will understand the role of these religions in their respective cultures;
  - c. Will understand the importance of these religions in the world today.
- Standard 4
  - a. Will understand the principles of Christian ethics as summarized in the BCP Baptismal Covenant (p304 - 305). and how they have shaped the lives of Christians down through the ages.
  - b. Will understand that social and economic justice and the stewardship of creation are important parts of biblical moral teaching.
  - c. Will be acquainted with the moral teaching of the world’s major religions and with contemporary secular ethical philosophies.
  - d. Will be able to articulate and justify his or her personal beliefs and moral stances.