

MLC MISSION STATEMENT

MLC partners with the Christian family to provide a Bible-based education in a Christian environment that nurtures growth of the hearts and the minds of our students through excellence, relationships, and service, by the power and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

MLC... Mountain Lake Christian

PARTNERS with... Emphasizes a shared responsibility and like-minded endeavor with...

Thought process: *Partnering with the family* represents a portion of the who of our mission statement, including specific mention of the Christian family and emphasizes responsibility sharing with the family.

The CHRISTIAN family... Recognizes Christian families will best be represented and served by MLC

Thought process: *Christian families* are specified, as we believe those families who share our core values will best be represented and served by MLC. This recognizes the family's and parent's responsibility to educate their child.

To provide a BIBLE-based... The infallible word of God shall be the foundation of all we do

Thought process: ---Biblical training and teaching will be at the foundation of all we do. This Bible training will be presented in such a way that it grows and challenges our students as they grow physically. *Bible-based* is specified to imply Christ centered. The Bible represents the infallible word of God. Specifying Bible-based accepts that on its own, the doctrine is whole and infallible. This is mentioned early on in the mission statement to emphasize the importance of this foundational standard.

EDUCATION in a... MLC prepares students with broad-based curricula to allow graduates to enter any college of their choice. MLC strives to prepare students for any chosen vocation or ministry. Teachers have the privilege of fostering the development of faith in their students by stimulating moral and ethical thinking, modeling grace filled relationships that allow students to put their faith and training into action.

Thought process: MLC has focused on preparing students for continued education. We desire to continue to prepare graduates to enter any college or vocational training program, and also any employment opportunities they are led to pursue. MLC recognizes our student body reflects the diversity of the body of Christ, and we strive to prepare students for any chosen vocation or ministry. Our student body and larger membership has diversity in needs, backgrounds, abilities, and talents. MLC strives to recognize this diversity and assist students in maximizing their application of gifts and talents.

Christian ENVIRONMENT... Christ shall permeate all aspects of MLC life, including education, relationships and behavior

Thought process: Environment was chosen rather than school to suggest a wider scope. Our emphasis is not just in the classroom or academic lectures but rather our whole environment, which includes encounters in the hallway, bathroom, and gymnasium. Our words and thoughts and actions must all be included. The word education alone was perhaps too scholastic. The word school seemed boxy and exclusive of our intent. Environment was felt to incorporate education in an academic sense of excellence. The specification of "Christian" environment was included to assure that Christ permeates all aspects of this environment.

that NURTURES... Provision will be made for the encouraging, sustaining, cultivating and flourishing of our students

Growth of the HEART... Which will yield an increasing capacity to love God and neighbor

Thought process: MLC strives to challenge students to passionately live for Christ and learn to nurture their relationship and commitment to Him. Growth is suggesting maturing, improving and increasing in size of one's emotional well-being as well as emotional health. We desire to impart a passionate emotional component concerning our faith. From the heart of Christ will flow love for their neighbors and others.

and the MIND... MLC will instill academic knowledge along with an understanding of God's world, which will create graduates who are capable of articulating a Christian worldview.

Thought process: A school should emphasize academic excellence and educational learning. We are told to love with all the heart, soul and mind. Our mission assists us in accomplishing the two greatest commandments – To love the Lord our God with all our heart and love our neighbor as ourselves. Our graduating seniors will be able to articulate their faith in such a way that others will know and realize their love for Jesus and their confidence in their understanding of a Christian worldview.

of OUR students... The word *our* implies ownership. These are our kids. We are rooting for them. We desire to nurture them. We love and care about them.

through EXCELLENCE... MLC shall maximize the quality of all we do totally out of proportion to our resources

Thought process: Excellence in all we do, in all areas, in all things. We strive for excellence in academics and sportsmanship, the arts and literature, ethics, morals, relationships, facilities, stewardship, utilization of His gifts, and we desire to portray excellence in our worship and services.

RELATIONSHIPS... Our "living curriculum" teachers and staff are foundational to an environment of mutual honor, inclusion, joy, inspiration and peace¹

Thought process: ¹**Living curriculum teachers:** These teachers are not just Christians, but mature, growing, passionate followers of Christ who desire to make a spiritual as well as academic impact. They are positive upbeat people, who search for the best in students. They see healthy *relationships* in students as foundational and having meaningful influence. They believe in creating a nurturing environment, a place where every student has the opportunity to flourish. They work with parents as partners. They motivate students to reach unwavering high standards. They understand that Biblical integration and academic excellence are inseparable. When it is all said and done living curriculum teachers are people who inspire our students to be passionate about pleasing God with their lives and gifts.

We recognize the value of our teaching staff and desire to similarly use other positions in the school, (board, faculty, coaches, and volunteers) to positively impact students by creating a nurturing environment and serving as living examples, which mirror Christ as much as possible.

And SERVICE... MLC will expect and provide opportunity for service to others as a natural extension of a student's relationship with Christ. Graduates will be equipped to serve Christ with excellence in their vocation

Thought process: We believe service to our Lord is paramount to following his commission and is an essential component of educational excellence, and a student's relationship with Christ. We desire to fulfill this by offering service learning opportunities throughout a student's experience at MLC. Graduates will recognize mediocrity in their vocation reflects poorly on Christ, and conversely, excellence may help draw the lost to Him, through them.

By the POWER AND THE LEADING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT... MLC is committed to Spirit-filled leadership that sees beyond tradition, finances and limited resources to God's leading in fulfilling His mission.

Thought process: We commit to have a leadership (board) team, faculty and staff that is spirit led at all times. We believe that our work and actions are in vain unless God's Holy Spirit is a part of all we do. Our leadership team will not allow tradition, finances or limited resources to lead us in any decision – we will seek God's spirit, His power, and His leading in all that we do. We desire Him in us, working to fulfill this mission.