

Characteristic of a Morning Star Academy Graduate

We envision the overarching theme of all these characteristics is that our graduates leave with a Christ-centered identity. We also recognize our limitations; that a Christ-centered identity is a work of the Holy Spirit. Within this limitation we do believe it is possible for them, at minimum, to graduate knowing what it means to be a disciple of Christ and knowing what a follower of Christ should be and do.

Articulate

We are aiming for our graduates to be eloquent of speech and writing based on the interplay of their understanding of grammar, development of sound logic, the applied skills of rhetoric and the relationships of Latin to modern language.

“Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.” Colossians 4:6

Respectful

We are aiming for our graduates to understand their place in human history by recognizing and honoring those who have gone before them. We aim that they will also recognize and honor those whom God has placed as over them, namely, parents, grandparents, pastors and governmental leaders.

“Pay to all what is owed to them . . . respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.” Romans 13:7

Discerning

We are aiming for our graduates to distinguish truth from falsehood, virtue from vice and beauty from ugliness. Realizing that discernment can quickly turn to pride and cold condemnation we want to cultivate individuals who humbly listen and learn from God’s Word and then from one another and others.

“And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.” Philippians 1:9-10

Poised

We are aiming for graduates who are able to handle themselves in stressful situations. They are individuals who speak clearly, make good eye contact, have good posture, understand basic etiquette, dress appropriate to the occasion and demonstrate cleanliness.

“Lead a peaceful, quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.” 1 Timothy 2:2

Persevering

We are aiming for our graduates to leave with a work ethic that acknowledges and takes personal responsibility for work recognizing that the greatest growth occurs in difficulties. We aim that each graduate understand and practice the skills of goal setting, prioritizing, problem solving, time management and project management. We aim that they will live in the day and yet plan for the future.

“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.” James 1:2-4

Grateful

We are aiming for our graduates to marvel at the grace of God in light of God’s holiness and their sinfulness and thus cultivate thankful words and actions. We aim that they will express thankfulness in words, writing and by action through serving those in need.

“In a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity.” 2 Corinthians 8:2