



## Vision Statement

We, the families of this commonwealth school, proclaim our educational philosophy and purpose of coming together as families to support one another in the pursuit of building strong and moral families, developing citizens who are capable of governing themselves, and supporting the families involved in the pursuit of **God centered, family driven, agency based** education.

### WHY

We believe that, as sons and daughters of a loving Heavenly Father, our purpose is to become like Him. Likewise, the purpose of education is to develop within ourselves and within our children the vision, mission, abilities, skills, and knowledge that bring us closer to being like God. We believe in educational principles and philosophies that help us do so. Some of these principles include such things as learning by study and by faith, gathering together, seeking diligently, teaching one another words of wisdom out of the best books and other classics, appointing teachers and mentors that all may be edified.

We also believe in natural phases of development and in learning basics such as right from wrong, true from false, and good from evil. We believe in inviting our children to fall in love with learning and becoming lifelong learners through great parenting, inspired mentoring, and by example. A natural extension of becoming lifelong learners is developing the skills, abilities, and habits of scholars, diving into learning until we have a breadth and depth that helps us reach excellence in a variety of areas so that we may contribute in unique ways to building a society rich in morality, beauty, virtue, and all that is praiseworthy. We believe that each member of the family has a variety of missions that they are called to perform throughout their life. It is our duty and privilege as parents to help prepare our families to be able to meet these calls when they come. Our goal is to seek and apply truth.

### HOW

The means by which we do this is by gathering as families to help meet the educational needs of our children and ourselves. When we focus on the educational needs of the families involved, it is natural that we take responsibility for our own growth: spiritually, emotionally, mentally, and physically.

Some by-products of joining Dixie Leadership Academy in seeking to obtain a leadership, agency based education include:

- Deep and meaningful friendships with like-minded families
- A sense of community stewardship and belonging
- Youth, children, and parents who uphold high moral standards
- Youth, children and parents who are inspired to gain a great education through excellent mentoring, uplifting peers and quality projects
- Opportunities to serve and be served
- Sovereignty and governance over our family's education

Our school is a natural extension of the family, the basic unit of society; and one which is established after the principles of order. To this end, we come together as a family school, organizing ourselves, establishing policies and procedures and outlining duties and roles as necessary. Thus we create a structured school for families who strive to abide by the aforementioned principles and who share our common educational goals.