

Class/Subject	Secular Schools Typically Teach with the Following Assumptions or Beliefs (May vary depending on faculty/curriculum)	Southwest Christian High School Teaches with the Following Assumptions or Beliefs
History / Social Studies	Man is in control; Humankind is evolving and becoming better; A perfectly workable government system is possible; There is no absolute moral authority but at the same time there are “unjust” social systems.	God is in control of history; Humankind is sinful in every generation; There is a moral authority (God); History will end with the day of judgment; Acknowledgement of the existence of evil; God works through individuals and communities to reconcile His creation back to Himself.
Science	Macro-evolution is accepted theory; Bioethical decisions are based on what’s best for man and environment.	Creationism or Intelligent Design; God gave humankind responsibility to care for creation; Bioethical decisions should be based on God’s Word.
Mathematics	Mathematics is a great achievement of the human mind.	Mathematics is discovered thought from the divine mind. Demonstrates the existence of truth outside the natural world.
English/Literature	Meaning of text is found in the reader/hearer, not the author; Literature is read and critiqued through the lens of personal experience and/or a variety of worldviews; Literature is appreciated for its own sake.	Meaning of text lies with the author; Literature is read and critiqued through a biblical lens and worldviews of characters and authors are examined; Literature is appreciated in light of God’s gifts of imagination and creativity.
World Languages	All cultural traditions and values are essentially good or equally valid.	God is the God of all nations; All are loved by God; Not all traditions and values are righteous; Language studies help us connect with others to share the Gospel and further God’s kingdom work.
Art/Music	Art has many purposes; Personal expression tends to be highly valued, even when it infringes on the beliefs and values of others; Beauty is either viewed as an eternal, mystical concept, or as an unscientific concept that is not defensible.	God first demonstrated creativity in creating the world; When we create and perform we are acting in His likeness; Any beauty or chaos in the world is not arbitrary, but able to be identified because of how it does or does not reflect God’s presence or created order.
Psychology / Social Sciences	Man is born morally neutral or good; Lifestyle decisions based purely on what seems best (safe, loving); Goal in life is self-fulfillment or self-actualization.	Man was created in God’s image but rebelled; Man is born sinful and is in need of redemption; Lifestyle decisions should be based on God’s Word; Goal in life is being in relationship with Christ and glorifying God, not self.
Athletics	Winning, sportsmanship, teamwork—all important.	Winning, sportsmanship, teamwork—all are important but honoring God is more important.
Overall Purpose of Education	Prepare students to be productive and economically successful in a humanistic society.	Prepare students to serve in the Kingdom of God in a variety of vocations; love God with all their hearts, minds, soul, and strength; and love their neighbor as themselves.