# GUIDING STATEMENTS

### SEOUL FOREIGN SCHOOL

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#### 1100 Philosophy

#### 1110 Who We Are

SFS, established in 1912 and grounded in Christian faith and values, is a Christian non profit international school that provides a university-preparatory education.

SFS believes each student is a unique individual loved by God, regardless of race, religion, gender or nationality. The School protects the right of all students to make their own faith decisions, free of pressure or fear of disadvantage, all the while representing and commending the Christian faith to students as a way of life worthy of deep consideration and acceptance.

SFS strives to promote educational excellence and to foster personal integrity. An SFS education is inspiring, rigorous, and rooted in the belief that each member of the SFS community has a responsibility to positively impact the world and make it a better place. With the aim of creating students who are engaged global citizens, SFS offers various educational programs that foster collaboration and approach teaching and learning through the lens of inquiry.

SFS provides a broad range of opportunities for students to develop their gifts and pursue their dreams. The School is dedicated to implementing best practice in the classroom and is committed to hiring the very best educators to care for, teach, lead, guide and inspire each individual student.

#### 1120 Statement of Faith

The School, founded by Christian mission organizations, accepts the following beliefs as basic to the Christian faith:

- God created, sustains and directs the world toward the fulfillment of His purpose; - Human beings, created in God's own image, separated themselves from God through resistance to His will;
- Out of His grace and unconditional love, God offers the gift of redemption from sin only through reconciliation with Himself by a personal acceptance of Jesus Christ, the resurrected Lord and Savior;
- God's plan of salvation is fully revealed in the divinely inspired and authoritative Word of God in the Old and New Testaments;

• Empowered and guided by the Holy Spirit, Christians express faith in Jesus Christ through their attitudes, words, conduct and relationships.

#### 1130 Changes in Philosophy

The Philosophy shall be reviewed two (2) years prior to each accreditation review but at a minimum every six (6) years.

Any change in the Philosophy needs unanimous approval by the Board, after which the change will be recommended to the Foundation for approval. If not unanimously approved, the change should be tabled for twelve (12) months or until it has the unanimous approval of the Board. If after twelve (12) months a change is approved by 80% of the Board, it will be recommended to the Foundation for approval.

#### 1200 Mission

Mission Statement: Seoul Foreign School, centered in Christ, inspires a passion for learning, pursues academic and creative excellence and is dedicated to the service of others.

#### 1220 Changes in Mission

The Mission will be reviewed the year following the review of the Philosophy, but at a minimum every six (6) years.

Any change in the Mission needs unanimous approval by the Board, after which the change will be recommended to the Foundation for approval. If not unanimously approved, the change should be tabled for twelve (12) months or until it has the unanimous approval of the Board. If after twelve (12) months a change is approved by 80% of the Board, it will be recommended to the Foundation for approval.

The Board in conjunction with the Foundation shall undertake a full review and update of existing by-laws and other relevant regulations as deemed appropriate every five (5) years.

#### 1400 Prevailing Document

In any instance where these by-laws are in conflict with the SFS Constitution and/or Foundation by-laws, the Constitution and Foundation by-laws shall prevail.

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