



# **Educational Programs for Academic Success: An Overview**

**To**

**God's Churches, Faith-Based Organizations, and Personal Mission**

**The Pillar and Foundation of Truth**

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## Scripture

For the Lord is good; His mercy and loving-kindness are everlasting, His faithfulness and truth endure to all generations. **Psalm 100:5 (Amplified Bible)**

## Introduction

*All are welcome to attend and participate.*

The period after school is considered the peak time for juvenile crime and risky behaviors, such as alcohol and drug use. According to most education stakeholders, after-school programs provide

- a healthy and positive alternative to these harmful activities,
- offering safety for children,
- improving social-emotional and academic performances
- families are being helped

The truth of God becomes deeply rooted in believers through the power of the **Holy Spirit**. The Church must take the lead responsibility and initiative to address the nationwide educational crisis affecting young people. Believers must utilize God's truth to combat the works and idols of the deceiver that paralyze and destroy the minds of our youth in various communities.

**Below is an outline of some effective educational programs that will help to begin the change we need.**

### Goals:

- To glorify our Father in everything we do and say through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- To help students and adults understand how developing a strong relationship with God contributes to their social, academic, and career success.
- To help students and adults identify their life's purpose and God-given talents and skills.
- To establish a spiritual network that enables students and adults to stay connected in school and the community, to challenge and support one another, and to become spiritual leaders and mentors.

# Academic Enrichment

The aim is to deliver academic tutoring and homework support to students, **including those with disabilities and those considered at-risk**, to reinforce classroom instruction and provide advanced learning opportunities. Parents, guardians, and adults are extended a warm welcome and are actively encouraged to attend and partake in the lessons.

## Bible Book Club

Purpose: To help students develop their literacy skills by learning about different books of the Bible.

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## Computer Lab

Purpose: To use technology to help students develop spiritually, academically, socially, and gain employability skills.

# Social Development Programs

## Girls and Boys Support Groups

Purpose: To create a spiritual network among students that focuses on teaching them to take spiritual responsibility for themselves, for others, and for learning. Students will learn how to resolve conflicts spiritually, make the right choices, mediate conflicts with peers, and be spiritual leaders and mentors at school and in the community.

## 2. Community-wide RESPECT CONTEST

**R**espect **E**very **S**tudent and **P**arent/guardian and **E**veryone in my **C**ommunity and/or **T**own.

Purpose: To open dialogue among parents/guardians, churches, and businesses, better understand students' foundational definition of respect, and involve parents/guardians, churches, and businesses in discussing students' definitions.

## Athletic Programs

Purpose: To help students with social skills. Programs for girls and boys - flag football, basketball, softball, golf, martial arts, boxing, bowling teams, and weightlifting.

## Debate Teams

Purpose: Debate teams will help increase students' communication and vocabulary skills. Also, this will help students become independent thinkers when facing and dealing with anger, frustration, and decision-making.

## **(S.A.V.E.) Students Actively Volunteering and taking responsibility for their Education**

Purpose: To provide students with volunteer opportunities to give back to the Church and the community throughout the school year. Create a calendar (or use the school's calendar) to identify dates when school is not in session. Students can sign up to volunteer, help at certain events, and do specific needed tasks at the Church during the holidays, Spring break, and when school is not in session. This opportunity will benefit the Church, the community, and the students. Students will learn employability skills, satisfy their graduation requirements, and meet an essential college admission requirement. (Days may vary among district and private schools)

## **Career Development Programs**

### **C.L.A.S.S. (College/Career Learning that Exposes All Students to Success)**

A comprehensive step-by-step course to help equip students for success in college and the workforce. Each student and their parent will collaboratively construct a C.L.A.S.S. portfolio tailored to their career strengths and interests. i.e., their God-given gifts and calling.

### **Career Development**

Purpose: To provide instruction and assistance to students and adults who need help planning for college and/or careers. This program can also be adapted to younger students. The younger students can become familiar with career terminology and the college application process.

# Annual College and Career Events for Students and Parents/guardians

## Annual Back-to-School Events

Purpose: To provide parents/guardians and students with important educational resources. The event will feature regular and special education teachers, counselors, administrators, and board members from local school districts.

## ON-THE-SPOT

Purpose: Provides college admissions and career/job placement *on the spot* to graduating high school seniors with local colleges and universities, along with resources for financial literacy and economic empowerment. Students must bring copies of their updated resume, transcripts, and SAT or ACT scores. On-the-spot events have helped hundreds of students pursue higher education. This event could be held for the seniors at the Church and students in the surrounding communities.

## WILL WORK!

Purpose: Provides career and job fairs, interviews, internships, and employment opportunities with local companies and businesses, along with resources for financial literacy and economic empowerment. Students must bring with them an updated resume to the event.

## Vocational and Technical Summer Enrichment Camps

The purpose is to provide spiritual, academic, and career support for all students through hands-on activities centered on trades and technical fields.

# Awards and Recognition

## Bible School Scholarship

Purpose: To pay the full tuition for any student in their junior or senior year of high school who demonstrates a desire to attend and graduate from a local Bible School.

## Student Award and Praise Ceremony in May

Purpose: to thank our **Heavenly Father** for our accomplishments, honors, and achievements. (For all students, teachers, and education support personnel in Pre-k-12<sup>th</sup>)

## Scholarship Fund

**Scholarship Fund Purpose:** This fund aims to provide financial assistance to graduating high school seniors and adult students who are applying to, have been accepted by, or are currently attending an institution of higher learning, trade/technical school, or performance at a high level on job or career. Students must show proof of attendance or submit a copy of their acceptance letter to the higher education institution. Criteria: - Maintained a 3.0 or better grade point average - Accepted for admission to a two or four-year college or university, trade or technical school - Demonstrates intellectual curiosity, professional promise, and leadership qualities - Actively involved in community volunteering over the past two years

## The How

\* If your Church or organization does not have one, PLEASE consider establishing an Education Department.

- [Review Our Education Solution Project](#)
- Go to <http://www.mannersfirst.org/aboutus.html> to learn about our mission and achievements. \*\*\*Also, visit and share our **Resource Library** with the children and youth at your church.
- to <http://www.mannersfirst.org/Resources/>. There are very good resources for parents/guardians and students.

If you have questions about any of the programs or would like to learn more about Manners First Education Foundation, don't hesitate to get in touch with L Clayton Washington at [cwashington@mannersfirt.org](mailto:cwashington@mannersfirt.org)

For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth. **2 Corinthians 13:8**

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make [us] free. **John 8:32 KJV**

Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. **John 14:17**

**Thank you!**

**All in the Name of Jesus that HE may be glorified!**

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