

Oakdale Academy Statement on Critical Race Theory

Critical Race Theory (CRT), originally developed in the 1970's work of academics in New York. In many ways, CRT finds its life in the buzz words of diversity, inclusion, equity, and others one would often find in mainstream media reports, admissions policies, and business training workshops.

With examples ranging from the 1619 Project, curricula in several states espouse innate racist attitudes (even from children), a desire to encourage students to protest the police, and critiquing those who would not support the transgender lifestyle.

CRT is a worldview that competes directly with the worldview of biblical Christianity. Today, much of that collective morality is tossed aside as outdated, uneducated, not enlightened, racist, and bigoted.

These philosophies, when converted to government systems, demonstrate again and again a history; one full of examples that move first and foremost against Christianity. From the Soviet Union through the Eastern Bloc and the totalitarian dictatorships around the globe, there is a precipice that must be averted.

Now is that time for those who embrace biblical Christianity to stand strong for the Truth of God's Word, to denounce the experimentation on our children, and to say with a single voice that Critical Race Theory is a dangerous, anti-biblical, and anti-American perspective that should be discarded forthwith.

At Oakdale Academy, we outright reject Critical Race Theory. We believe the role of the academy is to prepare students for a life of service; that life should not be characterized by man-made divisions that do nothing but pull us apart from each other and have the possibility of pitting us against each other.

Rather, the Christian family, church, and school should lift the Truth of God's Word that reminds us there is but one faith, one people, one race – the human race, created by God to praise Him. We know and hold to the Truth:

- Genesis 1:27, "God created man in His own image."
- Genesis 3:20, "The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living."
- 1 Corinthians 15:45, "Thus it is written, 'The first man Adam became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit."
- Galatians 3:28, "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, *for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*"
- Acts 17:26, "And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth..."
- Romans 10:12-13, "For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all..."

We stand on these statements of Truth that provide the model for life in this fallen world. It is a set of beliefs that once formed the bedrock of our American culture with its own foundations in the Greco-Roman, Judeo-Christian heritage.

We encourage our brothers and sisters in Christian education that are dipping their toes in the water of CRT through diversity training, admissions quotas, and other such forms not to discount the true nature and promised of a truly biblical worldview.

It is the work of CRT that could bring about Marxist and communist thought and a worldview that is antithetical to God's created order, culminating in the coming and saving grace of His Son, Jesus Christ.

For Oakdale Academy, we will continue to fulfill our Mission for everyone God brings to us – “to instill Character, Truth, and Wisdom in our students in order to prepare them for a life of service to God, family, community, and country through classical Christian education.”