



ACSI Certification

El Camino Academy is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), and it is therefore expected that all of our teachers and administrators have completed the ACSI Philosophy of Christian Education portion of the certification process within the first 3 years of serving at ECA. Ideally, we would like all ACSI-certified teachers.

Check these sites where ACSI has the **certification** (<https://www.acsi.org/professional-development/certification>) and the **philosophy requirement** information (<https://www.acsi.org/professional-development/certification/certification-application-and-christian-philosophy-of-education-faqs>).

If you are already ACSI-certified, you are done! If not, you might be able to satisfy the philosophy requirement based on approved college coursework related to philosophy of Christian education – ACSI's certification department can answer whether or not your specific classes count. This requirement can be met watching videos and reading books.

To begin working on the philosophy requirement, in your second year you will need to watch a video series we have at ECA, read one of the following books we have in our library, and write your Philosophy of Christian Education paper. If you are able to complete some of the reading in advance of your arrival, you will be that much more ahead. The required books listed below might be available in a church, school, or public library or for purchase online or through ACSI, phone 800-367-0798. We also have several copies of the books in our library.

1. By Design: Developing a Philosophy of Education Informed by a Christian Worldview. Martha E. MacCullough Ed.D., 2013.
2. Philosophy & Education: an introduction in Christian perspective. George R. Knight, 2006 (4th ed.)
3. Teaching Redemptively. Donovan Graham, 2009 (2nd ed.)

In your second year, you will need to watch another video series, read one of the following books, and write two biblically integrated lesson plans, observed by an administrator.

1. The Whole Truth: Classroom Strategies for Biblical Integration. Mark Eckel, 2003
2. Virtuous Minds. Philip E. Dow, 2013
3. Truth Weaving: Biblical Integration for God's Glory and Their Abundant Living. D.P. Johnson, 2015
4. Undivided: Developing a Worldview Approach to Biblical Integration. Martha E. MacCullough, 2016