

# King's Grove School

## Volunteer Information

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*King's Grove School is a unique private Classical Christian school for persons with special needs that features a multi sensory environment in natural setting; individualized, linear Biblical based curriculum; and deeply connected Families, Volunteers, and Staff that is scalable, sustainable, and replicable.*

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### **Mission**

We exist to help students with moderate to severe special needs fulfill their created purpose in God's kingdom and their communities and strengthen families.

### **Affirmation**

We affirm that every person, regardless of intellectual, developmental, or physical ability, is created in the image of God and therefore has inestimable worth and dignity. Christian education, mindful of Jesus's exhortation to serve and to love and "make disciples of ALL men," (Matt. 28:19-20), that the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as them (Mark 10:14), and that we are ALL equally important parts of one body (that of Christ, 1 Corinthians 12:12-27); We should seek to embrace special needs learners with the same value and intentionality as typically developing students. We are called by Christ Himself to do nothing less.

### **Vision and Goals**

Through this innovative learning community, we aspire to

- Provide each student with an exceptional educational experience where they can pursue Truth, beauty, knowledge, and wisdom according to their abilities
- Instill a lifetime love of learning about God and his creation;
- Proclaim and embody the good news of the Gospel to students and their families as well as the communities in which we live and serve.
- Assist and encourage special needs students and their families grow and thrive in godly community.
- Encourage awareness, empathy, understanding and meaningful relationships of special needs persons in the wider community at-large.

## The King's Grove Name

**“Grove” Definition:** “A group of trees planted and cultivated for the production of fruit.”  
A grove is an organic, growing, living system of interconnected parts. It is distinct from a forest but more than just scattered individual trees.

- **Group** - together and probably close to but distinct from larger gatherings (a stand alone school embedded/associated with a larger body of students in the community; its own ecosystem within a larger ecosystem); need for a school with an alternative, differentiated learning environment but that still can be connected to a traditional school (or in other situations, include a regular school for neurotypical peers)
- **Trees** - Students who are designed to naturally grow and produce given the right conditions
- **Unity & diversity** - Although all trees, no two trees are exactly alike; each tree requires its own attention, however, there are many similar things that all trees need to grow and produce fruit and the unity of the grove itself, offers the stability and protection for optimum growth
- **Cultivated** - intentional caring, nurturing, and providing for optimal health and growth
- **Roots** - anchored in the ground of Truth as a source of sustenance, stability, and dependence for a life of growth, purpose and beauty
- **Fruit-bearing** - designed for a purpose that brings beauty and sustenance to the surrounding world

**“King”:** All things in Heaven and on Earth are the Lord's. (1 Chronicles 29:11-12) Christ Jesus is the King over all (Revelation 15:3) and we acknowledge that without Him, we are purposeless and futile in all efforts. The ultimate work and purpose of King's Grove School is to exalt and glorify the name of Christ above all else through service and pursuit of godly knowledge, Truth, beauty and wisdom. Without The King, there could be no “Grove.”

## **Purpose and Philosophy**

### **Purpose**

In partnership with parents, and guided by the Gospel, we seek to educate students to the standards of the classical tradition, so that they may grow in knowledge, wisdom, and the love of Our Lord, and more ably use their gifts in the service of others, and for the glory of Christ and his Church.

### **School Philosophy**

King's Grove School is a classical, Christian school for students with Special Learning Needs from ages 6-18 (currently). Our goal is to partner with parents to provide a classical education that emphasizes and incorporates Truth, Beauty, Wisdom and instills a lifetime love of learning in each student. We strive to create an academic community of teachers, therapists, volunteers and students characterized by the high expectations according to each person's ability in scholarship and Christian character. We believe in the principles of traditional education because they are consistent with human nature and are most effective for student learning.

### **The 6 Standards for King's Grove School**

At King's Grove School we apply six standards of thought to determine our actions, decisions, and methods in all areas. We apply these standards to ensure we are enacting them in our own lives and spurring students to live them out in their lives as well. If a decision violates one of these standards for ourselves, our co-workers, our students or KGS families, the decision should not be pursued.

1. LOVE -Love others as Christ has loved us. (John 13:34)
2. WORK -Work willingly in all you do as if you were working for the Lord rather than people. (Col 3:23)
3. CARE - Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. (Luke 6:31)
4. PEACE -Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. (Eph 4:3)
5. FORGIVE - Be kind and compassionate to each other, forgiving one another, just as Christ God forgave you. (Eph 4:32)
6. TRUTH - Whatever is True, Noble, Right, Pure, Lovely and Admirable; think on these things. (Phil 4:8)

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

1. ***Academic One to One Student Volunteer*** - work with assigned student during collaboratively selected times to aide in academic, social, life skill and therapeutic pursuits as directed by the Classroom Teacher or KGS Therapy Staff. (Full Training Schedule/Background Check Required)
  
2. ***Friday Enrichment Day One to One Student Volunteer*** - work with assigned student each Friday from 9:00 - 12:30 to aide in enrichment subjects such as manners, art, music, movement as well as social and life skill pursuits as directed by the Classroom Teacher or KGS Therapy Staff. (Full Training Schedule/Background Check Required)
  
3. ***Office Help Volunteer*** - work with KGS Teachers, Faculty and Administration to assist with data entry, filing, copies, phone calls, phone answering and other office or clerical work. (Mid Level Training Schedule/ Background Check Required)
  
4. ***School Day Rover Volunteer*** - work as needed to assist students and faculty in office, sensory rooms, and classrooms on a predetermined schedule. (Full Training Schedule/Background Check Required)
  
5. ***Volunteer Professional Services*** \_\_\_\_\_ (Please specify services)  
- offer any professional services such as but not limited to, construction, media, accounting, financial, legal, sewing, cooking, painting, music, and any other trade or professional service you believe could benefit KGS.(No Training Required/ No Background Check Required)

## **Volunteer Training Schedule**

*(All volunteer training will be provided via videos that our volunteers can watch on their time schedule before the start of the school year. KGS will have a volunteer meeting prior to the volunteers starting to answer all questions and provide follow up information based on the videos provided.)*

- **FULL TRAINING SCHEDULE**
  - KGS BASIC TRAINING\*\*
  - SAFETY TRAINING
  - STUDENT RELATIONSHIP TRAINING
  - CLASSROOM TRAINING
  
- **MID LEVEL TRAINING SCHEDULE**
  - KGS BASIC TRAINING\*\*
  - SAFETY TRAINING
  - STUDENT RELATIONSHIP TRAINING

\*\*KGS Basic Training is simply an overview of the school's philosophy and mission.\*\*