



## **Seven Pillars of Southwest Covenant** **Teacher Professional Development**

### ***Foundations of American Christian Education***

- I. Biblical Worldview: Defining American **CHRISTIAN** Education
- II. **AMERICAN** Christian Education: The Case for Liberty
- III. Biblical Integration: Uncovering the Gospel Purpose of your **EDUCATION**

### ***American Christian Education at Southwest Covenant School***

- IV. SWCS Vision: Understanding where we have been and where are we going.
- V. SWCS Culture: Equipping our Students
- VI. SWCS Classroom: Creating a Learning Environment
- VII. SWCS Teacher: Educating our Students



# SWCS Professional Development:

## RESOURCE LIST

**ConNexus:** Virtual Professional Portfolio and PD Resource by ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International) - [www.acsi.org](http://www.acsi.org) This is our school's main PD resource. You can record your CEU's through the online portfolio, pick relevant PD videos, and apply for ACSI Teacher certification, if needed.

1. Click "Learning" at the top menu
2. Sign in to account using your school email. You may need to reset your password for your account if you have not set it up before.  
EVERY TEACHER HAS AN ACCOUNT ALREADY PAID FOR and CREATED BY SWCS.
3. Click "My VPP." This is an online portfolio to record CEUs you have earned. Under the title "Continuing Education," the principal may assign a video to watch through this portal. You can also click "Go to Premium Courses" to find addition PD videos to meet the CEU requirements.

**ACSI Teacher Certification Process (only for teachers not state-certified):** [Certification Process](#) has three parts:

1. Application
2. Christian Philosophy of Education (included in our SWCS PD Program)
3. Certification Requirements [Checklist](#) – Gives a timeline and CEUs required

### Reading List:

Teachers will receive personal copies:

- *Total Truth* by Nancy Pearcey
- *The Liberty Pyramid* by Aaron Ferguson

Books that can be check out of the library:

- *By Design: Developing a Philosophy of Education Informed by a Christian Worldview.* Dr. Martha E. MacCullough, 2013.
- *Philosophy & Education: An Introduction in Christian Perspective.* George R. Knight, 2006 (4<sup>th</sup> ed.)
- *Teaching Redemptively.* Donovan Graham, 2009 (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.)
- *The Whole Truth: Classroom Strategies for Biblical Integration* by Mark Eckel, 2003.
- *Truth Weaving: Biblical Integration for God's Glory and Their Abundant Living.* D.P. Johnson, 2015.
- *Undivided: Developing a Worldview Approach to Bible Integration.* Martha E. MacCullough, 2016.

