WELS Theoolgy Curriculum Guiding Principles (Infancy - 5K) & Standards (1st - 12th Grades): DISCERNING DISCIPLES

Picture of a Graduate Statement: DISCERNING DISCIPLES who distinguish and apply God's law and gospel faithfully in all areas of their life.															
	Infants	Toddlers	<i>3K</i> Guiding Principle	<i>4K</i> s	5K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	MS Grade 6	MS Grade 7	MS Grade 8	HS (9 - 10)	HS (11 - 12)
Learning Intentior		Continuum for De	velopmentally Ap	propriate Practic	es	Standards									
Acquisition: Law and Gospel	Hear God's truths of Law and Gospel. DD1.i-3k	Hear God's truths of Law and Gospel. DD1.i-3k	of Law and	(with teacher guidance) Discuss God's truths of Law and Gospel. DD1.4k	guidance)	Recognize and express God's Word as truth in both Law and Gospel. DD1.1-2	Recognize and express God's Word as truth in both Law and Gospel. DD1.1-2	Examine God's Word as truth in both Law and Gospel through provided Biblical accounts and passages. DD1.3	truth, categorizing provided Bible passages that illustrate the truths	Examine God's Word as truth, categorizing both provided and self- selected Bible passages that illustrate the truths of law and gospel. DD1.5	truth, differentiating between justification and sanctification by applying the appropriate	truth, applying d justification, sanctification, and the		gospel to create an accuracte description of what it means to be a	truth, assessing and applying an accuracte description of what it I means to be a disciple of Christ in the areas of sanctificiation, justification, and law and
Understanding: God's Truth, Worldviews, & Other Teachings					biblical accounts I who did or did not I remain faithful to	blessings of remaining faithful to God's truths and consequences of not	Identify and discuss the blessings of remaining faithful to God's truths and consequences of not remaining faithful. DD2. 1-2	the blessings of remaining faithful to God's truths with the	Recognize and discuss the difference between God's truth and false worldviews, comparing and contrasting biblical values with values promoted in society. DD2.4-5	Recognize and discuss the difference between God's truth and false worldviews, comparing and contrasting biblical values with values promoted in society. DD2.4–5	Identify false worldviews, values, and teachings promoted in society and other religions; explain how they can threaten one's relationship with God. DD2.6-7	Identify false worldviews, values, and teachings promoted in society and other religions; explain how they can threaten one's relationship with God. DD2.6-7	Apply the Bible's teachings to a variety of false worldviews, values, and teachings in order to be prepared to give an answer and respond. DD2.8-10	Apply the Bible's teachings to a variety of false worldviews, values, and teachings in order to be prepared to give an answer and respond. DD2.8-10	Evaluate various false worldviews, values, and teachings in light of God's Word to distinguish truth from error in order to be prepared to give an answer and respond. DD2.11-12
Application: Biblical Discernment	Hear biblical accounts about being a disciple of Jesus. DD3.i-t	Hear biblical accounts about being a disciple of Jesus. DD3.i-t	Hear what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. DD3.3k	living as a faithful	as a faithful disciple of Jesus. DD3.5k	Discuss the difference between living as a faithful disciple of Jesus and living as one who follows worldly ideas. DD3a.1-5 Practice fruit of the Spirit in everyday life with God's Word as a guide. DD3b.1-2	Discuss the difference between living as a faithful disciple of Jesus and living as one who follows worldly ideas. DD3a.1-5 Practice fruit of the Spirit in everyday life with God's Word as a guide. DD3b.1-2	Spirit toward all people by using God's Word as a	Spirit toward all people by using God's Word as a	Spirit toward all people by using God's Word as a	between living as a faithful disciple of Jeus and living as one who follows wordly ideas. DD3a.6-7 Demonstrate fruit of the Spirit toward all people	while preserving biblical	articulate and explain faithful discipleship of Jesus in everyday life. DD3a.8 Demonstrate fruit of the	to universally apply law and gospel. DD3a.9-10	Incorporate law and gospel in practical ways that demonstrate discipleship in everyday life and toward all people, while preserving biblical truths and a doctrinal unity. DD3.11-12

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