Marin Academy Philosophy Statement

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Marin Academy is a co-educational high school committed to scholarship and personal development. We see the high school years as a critically important time when students are discovering who they are, what they value, what they enjoy, and where they are headed. We want our students to develop the skills and knowledge that will serve them well now and in the future.

At Marin Academy, we are committed to experiential education. We provide our students with a solid foundation in traditional academic subjects in a college-preparatory program, and we believe healthy, challenging experiences both inside and outside the classroom are essential for taking adolescents to and beyond intellectual and theoretical knowledge. Throughout, we promote critical thinking—informed, independent, collaborative and creative—as the hallmark of the Marin Academy experience. We expect participation and reflection to be active, inspired and sustained.

The interrelationship of the following seven practices defines the educational experience at Marin Academy:

- **Perspective** — Developing social, environmental and global awareness that fosters an understanding of one’s place in a sustainable world.

- **Responsibility** — Accepting ownership of one’s actions and one’s role in the well-being of the community.

- **Compassion** — Displaying respect and empathy.

- **Balance** — Exhibiting balance, reflection and contemplation in all endeavors.

- **Mind** — Embracing curiosity, creativity and passion for a life of learning.

- **Communication** — Communicating effectively with others, verbally, visually and symbolically.

- **Integrity** — Demonstrating an active commitment to justice and ethical behavior.

In keeping with these practices, we believe students thrive in a supportive, compassionate environment which promotes friendly, open dialogue based on respect and trust. We encourage students to explore complex ideas and diverse perspectives, to test their values and judgments, to make their own discoveries, and to make mistakes, often their greatest teachers.

We ask each individual to recognize our shared responsibility to inspire and foster a purposefully diverse, equitable and just community, where students and adults of varied backgrounds, beliefs, attributes and abilities relate to one another as individuals worthy of respect. Further, we embrace our responsibility to promote, within and beyond the boundaries of Marin Academy, the values inherent in a democratic society.
Non-Discrimination Policy
Marin Academy admits students of any race, color, religion, national and ethnic origin, or handicap to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities of the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, scholarship programs, athletic and other school administered programs.