

What Christian Educators Can Do in Public Schools

What is commonly believed that the People of God Can't Do in Public School	What God Can Do with and through His People in Public Schools	Implications
The people of God <i>can't pray</i> in public schools.	God's people <i>can pray</i> without ceasing in public schools.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>pray without ceasing</i>, 1 Thess. 5:17 • The Scriptures do not prescribe public praying • Prayer is inward, not outward • Nowhere is it recorded where Jesus prayed with someone • Jesus practiced praying for people, not with people • Prayer is a matter of conversing with God, not with students
The people of God <i>can't share</i> the love of Christ in public schools	The people of God <i>can show</i> the love of Christ in public schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.</i> Matt. 5:16 • <i>Having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.</i> 1Pet. 2:12 • Providing poor children with a life altering education is a good work that honors Christ and shows His love in the same manner as feeding hungry children.
The people of God can't use a biblically integrated curriculum in public schools (a written curriculum).	The people of God can live biblically integrated lives in public schools (a living curriculum).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transformation is not limited to a matter of precept upon precept, but also life on life. • There is an abundance of Christian testimonies of lives that were impacted and transformed in public schools.
The people of God can't lead a child to Christ in public schools.	The people of God can be used by the Spirit of God to lead a child to Himself in any place at any time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being in a Christian school is no guarantee that a child will come to know Christ. • Being in a public school is no guarantee that a child will not come to know Christ.
The people of God are limited in what they can do in public schools because God was kicked out of public schools.	God is omnipotent and omnipresent He can use His people in any way in any place at any time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The psalmist stated, "<i>If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.</i>" Psalms 139:8 • God does not inhabit institutions or buildings; He inhabits His people. • <i>Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.</i> 2Cor. 2:14
The people of God can't declare truth in public schools	God's people can live truthful lives by their examples of godliness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.</i> Jn. 3:21 • The truth can be lived in any place at any time • Just as a person can live a lie in any place at any time
The people of God can't do ministry in public schools	When God's people are filled with and led by His Spirit ministry takes place wherever they are.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.</i> (2 Cor. 2:14) • that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of... (1Pet 3:1)