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Peer Review Policy

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INTRODUCTION

In order to ensure the quality of articles published, the *Journal of Education and Christian Belief* requires that all submitted manuscripts be subjected to peer review. Published articles do not necessarily reflect the personal beliefs of the editors or reviewers.

INITIAL MANUSCRIPT REVIEW

All submitted manuscripts are first evaluated by the editors. A manuscript may be rejected at this stage for any of the following reasons:

- it does not make a significant contribution to the field of Christian thinking about education
- it will not be of interest to the Journal's intended readership
- it contains too many grammatical or stylistic infelicities
- it contains irremediable problems in methodology or interpretation

Authors of manuscripts rejected after an initial review will be informed via email within three weeks of receipt.

THE REVIEW PROCESS

After passing the initial review, manuscripts are sent to two reviewers who are considered knowledgeable in the general topic of the manuscript. Personal information is stripped from the original manuscript (explicit first-person references within the body of the text that may betray the identity of the author are blanked when possible, but passages will not be rewritten in order to ensure anonymity). Review is double blind: only the editors know the identities of the author and reviewers.

Reviewers are given 8-10 weeks to choose one of the following options:

- publication
- publication with response (a deadline must be indicated)
- publication with revisions
- resubmission with more substantial rewriting
- submission to another journal (to be indicated)
- rejection

A third reviewer will be sought if an initial reviewer is able to identify the author or if the reviewers' recommendations are in significant conflict. In either case, a third reviewer will be selected for an additional, brief, double-blind review.

The editors will then collect comments from all reviewers and inform the author of the consensus. All comments, including those of the editor, will be passed on to the author in summary form. If the manuscript is accepted for publication, the editor and author will decide on a deadline by which a final version must be submitted.