



School Profile

Valley Christian School

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Mission Statement

Valley Christian School exists to partner with Christian families who desire educational excellence taught, through a Biblical worldview, so their children will be prepared for a lifetime of authentic faithfulness and service to Jesus Christ.

Location/Neighborhood

Valley Christian School is located at 2526 Sunset Lane, nestled in beautiful Missoula, MT. VCS is just blocks away from grocery stores, the mall, and one of the main streets in Missoula. It neighbors with homes and parks. The school spreads over two blocks and is contained in three buildings. There is a playground for the elementary and a practice field for the athletes.

Missoula is home to the University of Montana, which encapsulates a diversified university culture. Missoula is a great starting point for skiing, hiking, snowboarding, water sports, river play, hunting, fishing, and many more outdoor sports. The city is home to Fort Missoula, now turned into a museum and memorial of WWII.

About Us

Currently celebrating our 44rd year of operation, Valley Christian School was founded in 1979 by men who believed that Christ would be preeminent and the Bible would be the standard by which all experiences are evaluated. VCS is an interdenominational, non-profit corporation. The Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) meets monthly to pray and discuss ways to raise funds to meet teachers' needs and the needs of the school. As a Purple Star school, we are committed to supporting the unique educational and social-emotional needs of military-connected children. A parent prayer group meets weekly to bathe the school in prayer.

Accreditation and Testing

Valley Christian School is accredited through the Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI), the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), and Cognia. VCS meets all requirements for graduation. VCS uses the IOWA Assessments as an assessment tool for Kindergarten-9th grade students. The high school participates in the following tests: PSAT10, PSAT/NMSQT, ACT with Writing, and AP® Exams. The VCS CEEB Code is 270631. Traditionally, the exam scores for VCS students trend above the state average and are consistent with the national average.

Academics

Valley Christian School offers a variety of classes designed to engage students' interests as well as expand their knowledge base. Elective courses offered include Art, Band, Musical, Photography, Woodworking, Welding, Yearbook/Graphic Arts, and more. AP® courses are offered for open enrollment based on the student meeting the pre-requisites for the course: AP® Biology, AP® Calculus, AP® Chemistry, and AP® English Language and Composition. Bible is a part of the daily curriculum for all students, and it is also incorporated into each subject.

Valley Christian School offers two tracks for graduation: Core and Honors Programs.

Core Program -Total of 26 credits

Bible – 4 credits
English – 4 credits
Math – 3 credits (includes 1.0 Financial Math)

History – 3 credits
Science – 2 credits (includes 0.5 Basic Chemistry)
Foreign Language – 1 credit
Business Tech – 1 credit
Health/PE – 1 credit
Fine Arts – 1 credit
Electives – 6 credits

Honor's Program -Total of 28 credits

Bible – 4 credits
English* – 4 credits
Math* – 4 credits (includes 1.0 Pre-Calc. and 1.0 Financial Math)
History – 3 credits
Science* – 3 credits (includes 0.5 Basic Chemistry)
Foreign Language – 2 credits
Business Tech – 1 credit
Health/PE – 1 credit
Fine Arts – 2 credits
Electives – 4 credits

*AP® courses available



Grade / GPA Calculations

Grades are given based on a 4.0 grading scale.

A+ /99-100/ 4.0

B+ /89/3.0

A /92-98/ 4.0

B /82-88/ 3.0

A- /90-91/ 4.0

B- /80-81/ 3.0

C+ /79/ 2.0

D+ /69 /1.0

C /72-78/ 2.0

D /62-68/ 1.0

C- /70-71/ 2.0

D- /60-61/ 1.0

F /59 and below/ 0

Post-Secondary Plans

Graduation rate, Class of 2022: 100%

Graduates attend 4-year colleges: 71%

Student-athletes signed to Collegiate level: 14%

Colleges attended by recent VCS graduates: University of Montana, Montana State University, Liberty University, Carroll College, Montana Tech, LeTourneau University, WyoTech, Grand Canyon University, Ferris State University, Texas Tech, Oklahoma State, Jackson Hole Bible College

Athletics

VCS offers a variety of sports throughout the year including football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, tennis, and track. As a member of the Montana High School Association (MHSA), students compete as members of District 13-C, which is part of the Western C Division. Several VCS student-athletes have gone on to play at the collegiate level.

Valley Christian achievements through the athletic program include:

8 Montana State Championships

7 District (League) Championships

16 Divisional Championships

Faculty, Staff, and Directors

Healey Glessner – Head of School

Ed Norman – JH/HS Principal

Naomi Lorenz – Guidance Counselor

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High school faculty members are state certified. Each teacher either has or is in the process of obtaining his or her ACSI teacher certification. Four high school faculty members are authorized to teach AP classes. Our faculty and staff are trained in first-aid and receive continuous training throughout the school year at in-service meetings.

Enrollment

Valley Christian School currently enrolls 387 students. (as of August 2022)

Preschool – 42

Kindergarten – 27

Elementary (Grades 1-6) – 172

Junior High (Grades 7-8) – 60

High School (Grades 9-12) – 86

Students attend over 50 different churches in the area. Interdenominational chapel services are held weekly on campus for students and staff. Since the first graduating class in 1986, there have been over 700 graduates. VCS students have won various scholarships including the Montana STEM/Healthcare Scholarship, MSU Hilleman Scholars Program, US Presidential Scholarship, and the Foundation for Community Health Scholarship, as well as turning out four National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist and Finalists in the past five years.



Statement of Faith

- We believe the entire Bible to be inspired, the only infallible, authoritative, Word of God for faith and life.
- We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His Virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return to power and glory.
- We believe that man was originally created in the image of God, that he fell into sin through the first Adam and that he is responsible for all sin that he has committed. Because of sin, all mankind is separated from God and lost eternally apart from salvation through Jesus Christ.
- We believe that for salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
- We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
- We believe that the Church is the body of Christ, a spiritual organism of born again believers displaying spiritual unity under the headship of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female, and that these two distinct, complimentary genders together reflect the image and nature of God.
- We believe that God created marriage to be exclusively the union of one man and one woman, and that intimate sexual activity is to occur exclusively within that union.
- We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death.