

# School Profile

## Valley Christian High School

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### History/Background

Valley Christian High School is a private Christian and accredited school providing education for grades 9 through 12. Founded in 1982, VCHS is a non-denominational Christian high school. It is independent of any specific church and is operated by a board of directors who are leaders in the evangelical community and who come from a variety of churches and professional backgrounds. Our students come from various Christian churches and elementary schools, both Christian and public.

VCHS offers a curriculum with a college preparatory emphasis. The curriculum offerings provide courses necessary to enter and succeed at the best colleges and universities including Christian, private and public institutions. Course work is approved by the Arizona Board of Regents for university admissions.

It is the purpose of the school to provide an excellent academic program permeated with Christian love and faith. Valley Christian attempts to establish and maintain an atmosphere that encourages growth in personal faith in Christ and the building of Christian character.

The school is located in Chandler, Arizona one of the fastest growing areas in the United States.

### Mission

The mission of VCHS is for students to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, live like Him, and prepare academically, physically, socially, and spiritually, enabled to make a difference in the world.

### Accreditation

Association of Christian Schools (ACSI) and North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI)

### Student Enrollment '11-12

A total of 290 students are enrolled.

### School Calendar Year

40 week school year, 2 semesters

School Closures: Labor Day, Fall Break, Thanksgiving Break, Christmas Break, Martin Luther King Day, Washington's Birthday, Spring Break, Good Friday

### Faculty/Staff

23 Teachers; 1 Part Time, 43% with advanced degrees

2 Administrators; 4 Administrative Staff; 5 Support Staff

# Graduation Requirements

Students who attend VCHS all four years (9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade) must accumulate a minimum of 26 credits.

- \* Bible (4yrs) 4 credits
- \* English (4yrs) 4 credits
- \* Math (4yrs) 4 credits
- \* Science (3 yrs) 3 credits
- \* Social Studies (3yrs) 3 credits
- \* Spanish or ASL (2 yr) 2 credit
- \* Fine Arts (1.5yrs) 1.5 credits
- \* Business or Technology (1 yr) 1 credit
- \* P.E./Health (1yr) 1 credit
- \* Electives (over 4 yrs) 2.5 credits

## Courses

**Bible:** Old Testament Survey (9<sup>th</sup> grade); New Testament Survey (10<sup>th</sup> grade); Relational Communications/World Religions (11<sup>th</sup> grade); Principles in Leadership/Systematic Theology (12<sup>th</sup> grade); Psychology; Ministry Development

**English:** Grammar and Composition (all grades); Survey of Literature (9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade)

American Literature (11<sup>th</sup> grade); World and British Literature (12<sup>th</sup> grade); AP English Language and Composition

**Math:** Pre-Algebra; Algebra I; Geometry; Macro Geometry/Algebra II; Advanced Math Topics; Trigonometry/Pre-calculus; AP Calculus AB & BC

**Science:** Physical Science; Biology; Earth Science; Chemistry; AP Chemistry; Physics; Human Anatomy

**Social Studies:** World History; US History; AP US History; US Government/Economics; AP US Government and Politics; AP European History

**Foreign Language:** Spanish 1, 2, 3, and AP Spanish; American Sign Language 1 & 2

**Fine Arts:** Studio Art; 2D & 3D, Drawing, Painting; Apparel Design; Digital Photography; Metals; Yearbook; Band; Strings; Guitar; Valley Rhythmics; Women's Chorus; Concert Choir; Chorale; Speech; Drama; Drama Productions; AP Music Theory

**Business Technology:** Accounting; Audio Technology; Business Principles and Practices; Computer Literacy; Excel; Graphic Design; Personal Finance; PowerPoint; Video Production; Website

**Physical Education:** Health/P.E; Introduction to Sports Medicine, Weight Training;

**Other:** Academic Decathlon; College Prep; Student Council;

## Grading

A .....	90-100 .....	4.0
B.....	80-89 .....	3.0
C.....	70-79 .....	2.0
D .....	60-69 .....	1.0
F.....	Below 60.....	0.0

## GPA Computation

All subjects taken throughout grades 9-12 are calculated using a 4.0 scale; AP courses are calculated on a 5.0 scale.

## College Choices

64% 4 year institution; 35% 2 year institution; 1% other

The majority of our students attend Arizona colleges and their honors programs at Arizona State, Northern Arizona and University of Arizona. Institutions that VCHS graduates have attended include Azusa Pacific University, Biola University, Calvin College, Dordt College, Embry-Riddle; Grand Canyon University, Merchant Marine Academy, Moody Bible Institute, Pepperdine University, Pt. Loma University, Seattle Pacific University, Southwestern Bible College, Taylor College, Trinity International University, US Naval Academy, US Air Force Academy, Vanguard University, and Wheaton College.