

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROFILE 2014-2015

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Valley Christian Middle School is part of a private co-educational Christian school system from preschool through high school. Student enrollment in the Middle School is approximately 160 students in grades six through eight. The average class size is twenty-two. Developed on forty-nine acres overlooking the Tri-Valley area, Valley Christian Junior High facilities include a gym, an athletic field, and a softball field.

The city of Dublin is located thirty-five miles southeast of San Francisco in the heart of the Tri-Valley area bordered by Pleasanton to the south and San Ramon to the north. Highways 680 and 580 intersect in Dublin.

Curriculum

Each semester is an accumulation of two nine-week quarters. Students attend seven classes per day.

<u>Sixth Grade</u>	<u>Seventh Grade</u>	<u>Eighth Grade</u>
Transitions	Principles of Wisdom	Christian Living or Christian Leadership
English 6	English 7 or English 7 Advanced	English 8 or English 8 Advanced
World Geography (Eastern)	World Geography (Western)	American History
Earth Science	Life Science	Physical Science
Math 6 or Pre-Algebra Advanced	Pre-Algebra or Algebra I	Algebra I or Geometry Honors
Physical Education/Health	Physical Education/Health	Physical Education or Dance/Health
Technology, Art, French, Spanish	Technology/Art 1 or Spanish 1A or Yearbook	Technology /Art 2 or Spanish 1B or Yearbook

All students in grade 6 rotate through a quarterly elective program that includes technology, art, French and Spanish. Students in grades 7 - 8 may select from three choices: Technology 1/Art & Design 1 and Technology 2/Art & Design 2, Yearbook, or Spanish 1A/ Spanish 1B.

Grading Policy

Each student's grades are calculated on a percentage basis:

97-100% = A+	87-89% = B+	77-79% = C+	67-69% = D+	59% and below = F
93-96% = A	83-86% = B	73-76% = C	63-66% = D	Pass = P
90-92% = A-	80-82% = B-	70-72% = C-	60-62% = D-	

Grade point averages are calculated as follows: A-4; B-3; C-2; D-1; F-0.

Students and parents may access information about grades, homework, attendance, student behavior, and school activities at <https://powerschool.valleychristianschools.org/public> or on the school's website at www.valleychristianschools.org.

Standardized Testing

Explore Achievement Tests 2013		Class Mean Scaled Scores/National Mean Scaled Scores			
Grade 8	English 17.5/15.2	Mathematics 16.8/15.9	Reading 16.0/15.0	Science 18.3/16.8	Composite 17.3/15.9

Student Activities

Valley Christian Middle School offers a variety of student activities such as interscholastic athletics, student government, class parties, and gym nights. Sports teams: softball, basketball, soccer, flag football, volleyball, track, and cheerleading.

Admissions Standards

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5, be in good standing at their current school, complete an administrative interview, and pass an entrance examination.