



VCA CORE VALUES

... mounting up with wings
as eagles ... " Isa 40:31

Core values are those convictions and principles which Valley Christian Academy has chosen to be the underlying foundation for all that we do. We use our mascot, the eagle, to help remember those values which guide our actions.

EXCELLENCE

We believe that God has called us to give our best effort in everything we do. Excellence does not mean a state of perfection, but that we continually reflect, evaluate, and strive to give a well-informed, whole-hearted effort. We must be teachable, always working at bettering ourselves.

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." Timothy 2:15

We will give our best effort, and not be satisfied with mediocrity. Our desire is to be thorough and error-free in all aspects of our program.

We desire to implement best practices— learning and implementing better ways to do things.

We will be good stewards of all that God has provided through those who support the ministry of VCA.

We will care for what we have, plan for the future appropriately, spend wisely, and keep those who financially support us through tuition or donations informed of our financial dealings.

ACADEMIC QUALITY

Learning is a school's highest priority. This includes not only the transfer of information, but developing the skills necessary to effectively utilize information and apply it in practical ways.

"Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ." Ephesians 4:14-15

We will evaluate our curriculum on a continual basis, not only to determine the best textbooks available, but to take full advantage of the best supplements, activities, and programs.

We will recognize and affirm the various learning styles in students and do our best to stimulate thinking development and meet their spiritual and educational needs.

We will challenge each student to master the material and skills in the classroom.

GOD-HONORING, CHRIST-CENTERED, AND SPIRIT-DRIVEN

Valley Christian Academy exists to glorify God by providing a complete school experience where Christ is the centerpoint of all we do.

".. whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." I Corinthians 10:31

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." III John 4

We believe the Bible is the eternal, infallible, and inerrant Word of God and the best means by which to learn about Him and transform one's life into Christ-likeness. The Bible is the plumbline for every aspect of our life.

We know that all truth is God's truth. We are created in His image, and must deal with our sin nature by accepting redemption through salvation in Jesus Christ. The most important lesson in life is that of surrendering our lives to Christ and living with eternity in mind.

We will make every effort to make every action, process, and relationship consistent with biblical truth. God's truth will be integrated into the entire school experience so that students will develop a proper Christian worldview.

LEADERSHIP

Those in charge of providing for and training others are leaders. Throughout all levels of the leadership team, including the board, administration, faculty, staff, and volunteers, the character of Christ must be the guiding example in caring for and developing others toward their potential.

"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matthew 28:19-20a

We will seek to join God where He is working as we set our goals and plans for the future of VCA.

We will set standards for leaders and work to maintain accountability in order to support their successes and assist in their weaknesses. We will model Christ-like character to our peers as well as to students.

We will endeavor to provide opportunities for leaders to develop in their personal and professional lives.

ENRICHING ENVIRONMENT

A Christian school should be a very special, caring community. VCA partners with parents and works as an extension of the Christian home to help lay a godly foundation and train children in godly ways.

"Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue, but with actions and in truth." I John 3:18

"No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it." Hebrews 12:11

We will maintain a nurturing environment where children feel safe and loved. Discipline will be administered from a caring heart, concerned with developing the character of Christ in each child.

We will affirm the value of people with differing abilities, backgrounds, and personalities within the VCA community.

We will encourage critical thinking and a personal sense of responsibility so that students can feel confident about themselves and what is expected of them.

SERVING OTHERS

Everyone at VCA is called to serve others. This requires that we give selflessly so that others benefit from our efforts. There can be no hidden agendas or focus on selfish gains. Serving others develops character which pleases God.

*"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."
Matthew 20:28*

We will value our differences and work together as a team to accomplish our tasks because we realize that God has gifted each of us in different ways. We are committed to work in harmony, offering our abilities, time and means for the success of the ministry of VCA.

We will make communication a priority so that we can share ideas, learn from each other, and build unity among all of our constituencies.

We will provide many opportunities for involvement and volunteerism throughout the school program so that parents, donors, and friends may take ownership in VCA. We will also provide opportunities for outreach into our community and world.