



Mission Viejo Christian School was named a **National Blue Ribbon School in 2024** by the U.S. Dept. of Education and is fully accredited by:

- *Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)*
- *Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)*

GENERAL INFORMATION

At Mission Viejo Christian School, 4th grade students begin each day with a time of pledges, prayer and worship, setting a Christ-centered foundation for learning. A biblical worldview is integrated throughout all core subjects, including math, science, language arts, social studies, and Bible. Enrichment classes—such as physical education, music, STEM, Digital Media, and art—are taught by specialized instructors who bring expertise and creativity to each discipline. To enhance learning through technology, students use Chromebooks in the classroom.

Average Class Size: 25, with a shared Teacher's Aide

CHARACTERISTICS of an MVCS Student

MVCS seeks to develop these qualities in our students and cultivate their God-given potential as they follow Christ and live out biblical values in all areas of their lives:

- Christ Follower personal relationship with Jesus Christ | demonstrates CHI (Character Honor Integrity)
- Well-Mannered others-oriented | demonstrates humility
- Compassionate shows empathy and kindness servant-hearted
- Scholarly independent learner | thinks critically
- Self-Disciplined responsible | diligent | self-motivated
- Respectful respects God, authority and others
- Wise discerning | chooses the good

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Chapel & Missions

Students at Mission Viejo Christian School attend chapel each Friday, where they participate in age-appropriate worship and hear practical, biblically grounded messages. Living a Christ-centered life is modeled through serving and loving others as the hands and feet of Jesus. MVCS also offers meaningful, school-wide and classroom-based mission opportunities that help students grow in compassion and develop servant hearts.

SOCIAL SKILLS

As part of a school-wide focus, Mission Viejo Christian School emphasizes Christian character development, manners, relational skills, and biblical conflict resolution. The School Counselor supports this initiative by visiting classrooms to teach age-appropriate lessons on communication, emotional regulation, and resolving conflict through the lens of Scripture.

ACADEMICS

English Language Arts

Students develop reading comprehension skills through a variety of culturally and historically significant texts. They write narrative, informative, and opinion pieces with attention to structure, purpose, and clarity. Through discussion and response, students strengthen their ability to analyze plot, character, theme, and setting, while also practicing active listening and effective oral communication.

Textbooks/Resources:

- Units of Study in Opinion, Information, and Narrative Writing
- Easy Grammar 4
- Various novels
- iReady MyPath (online reading resource)

Academic Competitions:

- Speech Meet
- Spelling Bee

Mathematics

Students learn to compute and solve mathematical problems and develop cognitive problem-solving skills. Areas of instruction include addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of whole numbers, estimating, multi-step problem-solving, measurement, decimals, fractions, and money.

Textbooks/Resources:

- Singapore Math Dimensions
- Beast Academy (online resource)
- IXL (online resource)
- iReady MyPath (online resource)

Academic Competition:

- Math Kangaroo

Science

The curriculum includes the study of plants, animals, humans, waves, and natural resources, with an emphasis on identifying cycles and patterns. Through these explorations, students deepen their understanding of the world around them and their knowledge of the Creator.

Textbooks/Resources:

- Science 4 (BJU Press)
- STEM Lab

Social Studies

Through reading, research, discussion, field trips, and individual and group projects, students explore and learn about the history and geography of California, with a special focus on California missions, the Gold Rush, and the transcontinental railroad.

Textbooks/Resources:

- History-Social Science, California studies (Houghton Mifflin)

Bible

MVCS is dedicated to equipping students with a biblical worldview, helping them understand and embrace God's design for humanity. By studying worldview alongside apologetics, students gain greater confidence in Christ and develop the ability to care for others by thoughtfully addressing objections to Christianity and sharing compelling reasons for their faith.

Textbooks/Resources:

- Deep Roots Bible: *Acts and the Early Church*
- New International Version Bible

ENRICHMENT

Art	Hands on instruction in all mediums and art forms, participation in Wyland's <i>Water is Life</i> national competition
Music	Participation in music instruction focused on rhythm, beat patterns, foundational musical terminology with an emphasis on violin and keyboard skills
STEM Lab	Collaborative projects/experiments, including engineering and 3D printing
P.E.	Outdoor fitness program and sports instruction two times per week
Library	Encourages a love of reading by exposing students to a wide variety of genres

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips at each grade level provide important opportunities for real-world learning and experiences that open students' minds, eyes, and servant hearts in ways a textbook or classroom cannot.

Examples of 4th Grade trips:

- Mission San Juan Capistrano | Social Studies
- Walk Through California | Social Studies
- Overnight 3-day trip to Sacramento, Coloma, and San Francisco | Social Studies