



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, 3rd 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, library, 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 fluency and comprehension by responding to literature and analyzing stories from a biblical worldview. They build vocabulary and word-study skills by reading novels and diverse texts. In writing, students craft clear, coherent sentences and paragraphs—focusing on personal narratives, informational pieces, and opinions—while applying correct grammar, spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and handwriting.

Textbooks/Resources:

- Journeys (Houghton Mifflin)
- Various novels
- iReady MyPath (online reading resource)
- Primary Bliss Writing Program
- Easy Grammar 3
- Cursive Handwriting (Learning Without Tears)

Academic Competitions:

- Speech Meet
- Spelling Bee

Mathematics

Emphasis is placed on mastering foundational facts in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of whole numbers with weekly speed drills. Students practice computation procedures and problem-solving strategies with decimals, fractions, money, measurement, basic geometry, graphs, conversion of measures, and basic algebra.

Textbooks/Resources:

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

Academic Competition:

- Math Kangaroo

Science

Students explore the origins and design of the world through a biblical worldview, learning that God created all things. Units cover physical, earth-space, and life sciences. Through STEM activities, experimentation, inquiry, and project-based learning, students apply scientific skills to deepen their understanding of science and develop logical, purposeful approaches to problem-solving.

Textbooks/Resources:

- Science 3 (BJU Press)
- STEM Lab

Social Studies

Students explore American history from a Christian perspective through fascinating stories of many famous Americans, including Native Americans and their cultures. Students also learn about the United States government and economics and participate in valuable map skills lessons to enable them to read and interpret various maps.

Textbooks/Resources:

- History-Social Science, Communities, California edition (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: *Israel*
- 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 and ukulele 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 3rd Grade trips:

- Environmental Nature Center | Science
- Heritage Hill in Lake Forest | Social Studies
- Recycling Plant | STEM