



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, 1st 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, iPads and Chromebooks are used in the classroom.

Average Class Size: 22, with a full-time 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 build foundational literacy skills through phonics, spelling, vocabulary (including prefixes, root words, and suffixes), and parts of speech. They develop reading fluency and comprehension using texts matched to their individual reading needs, and strengthen writing by composing clear paragraphs with a main idea and supporting details.

Textbooks/Resources:

- Journeys (Houghton Mifflin)
- UFLI Phonics
- iReady MyPath (online reading resource)
- Primary Bliss Writing Program
- Easy Grammar 1
- Handwriting Without Tears

Academic Competitions:

- Speech Meet
- Spelling Bee

Mathematics

Students develop a strong understanding of place value, number sense to 1,000, and strategies for addition and subtraction with regrouping. They explore time, money, measurement, and basic geometry, and are introduced to concepts of multiplication, division, and fractions. Hands-on manipulatives and technology, including Chromebooks, support conceptual understanding and problem-solving skills.

Textbooks/Resources:

- Primary Math (Singapore)
- iReady MyPath (online resource)

Academic Competition:

- Math Kangaroo

Science

Students explore life science (plants and animals), physical science (light and sound), and earth science (the sun, earth, and moon). Learning is reinforced through engaging experiments and hands-on activities that promote curiosity and discovery.

Textbooks/Resources:

- Mystery Science
- STEM Lab

Social Studies

Students explore citizenship, history, and geography while gaining an understanding of basic economic concepts. They also develop skills in reading graphs, charts, maps, and globes.

Textbooks/Resources:

- History-Social Science, School and Family (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: *Creation through the Promised Land*
- 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, and foundational musical terminology
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 1st Grade trips:

- Segerstrom Center for the Arts | Art/Language
- Orange County Zoo/Irvine Park | Science
- Environmental Nature Center | Science