

MISSION VIEJO CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



6th GRADE

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, 6th grade students begin each day in their homeroom with a time of prayer and worship, setting a Christ-centered foundation for learning. The 6th grade program is departmentalized, with students rotating among teachers who specialize in specific subject areas. 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, each student uses a personal Chromebook both in the classroom and at home.

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. Sixth grade students participate in *The Amazing Shake* competition, which further builds these skills by engaging students in real-world scenarios such as debates, job interviews, and a mock Shark Tank—promoting confidence, professionalism, and business etiquette.

ACADEMICS

English Language Arts

Students engage with a variety of literary and informational texts to build fluency, deepen comprehension, and develop critical thinking skills. They learn to analyze text structure, author's purpose, and literary elements, while writing narrative, informative, and argumentative pieces with clarity and evidence. Speaking and listening skills are strengthened through class discussions, oral presentations, and participation in *The Amazing Shake* competition.

Textbooks/Resources:

- Units of Study in Opinion, Information, and Narrative Writing
- Easy Grammar 6
- Various novels
- iReady MyPath (online reading resource)

Mathematics

Instruction is focused on problem solving and thinking mathematically. Students study algebraic expressions, integers, equations, ratios, inequalities, fractions, decimals, percentages, and geometry.

Textbooks/Resources:

- Foundations of Math (BJU Press)
- Simple Solutions
- iReady MyPath (online resource)
- Delta Math (online resource)
- Beast Academy (online resource)

Academic Competition:

- Math Kangaroo

Science

Students explore key areas of Earth science through a Biblical worldview, engaging in research, discussion, experimentation, and both group and individual projects. Emphasis is placed on applying the scientific method while recognizing God's design in creation.

Textbooks/Resources:

- Earth Science (Apologia)
- STEM Lab

History

Students study the geography of the Eastern Hemisphere and become familiar with ancient history from a Christian perspective. Through reading, research, discussion, and participation in individual and group projects, students explore the historical origins, political, religious, economic, and social structures of the early civilizations of Mesopotamia, Egypt, the Hebrews, Greece, China, and Rome.

Textbook:

- Ancient Civilizations (BJU Press)

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: *Learning from Jesus, the Epistles and Revelation*
- 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
Digital Media	Exploration of creativity through hands-on digital projects using computers, tablets, and cameras
Music	Participation in music instruction focused on rhythm, beat patterns, foundational musical terminology with an emphasis on strings, choir, band, and worship
STEM Lab	Collaborative projects/experiments, including engineering and 3D printing
P.E.	Outdoor fitness program and sports instruction two times per week

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 6th Grade trips:

- 4-day Outdoor Education Science Camp | STEM
- Walk Through the Ancient World | History