Valley Christian High School
Registration Guide
2026-2027 Academic Year

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VCHS COURSE UNITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION

vs. Admission Requirements for UC and CSU schools

	VCHS Required Coursework	UC A-G Category Requirements
Bible	2.0 units: Old Testament, New Testament, Christian Theology 1 & 2	
Social Studies	3.5 units: Cultural Geography, World History, US History Government, Economics	A – History/Social Science (two years required)
English	4.0 units: English 1, English 2, English 3, English 4	B – English (four years required)
Mathematics	3.0 units minimum (additional units strongly recommended for the college-bound student)	C – Mathematics (three years required; four years strongly recommended)
Science	2.0 units minimum: Biology + another science (additional units strongly recommended for the college-bound student)	D – Lab Science (two years lab science required from either Biology, Chemistry, or Physics; additional units strongly recommended)
World Language	1.0 unit minimum (additional units recommended for the college-bound student)	E – Language Other Than English (two years required; additional units recommended)
Fine Arts	1.0 unit (same-discipline units recommended for the college-bound student)	F – Visual/Performing Arts (one year required)
Physical Education	2.0 units: One sport or one PE class each year	
Health	0.5 unit (one semester)	
Electives	4.5 units*	G – College Prep Electives (one year minimum)
Christian Service	60 hrs = 1.0 unit	
TOTAL	**24.5 units**	

1 unit = 1 full-year course (two semesters)

* For every PE exemption taken, the required elective total increases by 0.5 units, up to a maximum of 6.5 units.

TIPS FOR REGISTRATION – **Contact Mrs. Gardner registrar@vcschools.org (or the counselors, A-K: Ms. Garcia jgarcia@vcschools.org and L-Z: Mrs. Ormsbee jormsbee@vcschools.org) if you have any questions.**

- **Classes in PARENTHESES are optional.**

Below is a sample of the English Department's course sequence depending on the student's future plans.

Post-High School Plans	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Two-Year or Four-Year College (4.0 units)	ENGLISH 1 →	ENGLISH 2 →	ENGLISH 3 →	ENGLISH 4
Top-Tier University (4.0 units)		↘	AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE →	AP ENGLISH LITERATURE

Below is a sample of the Social Science Department's course sequence depending on the student's future plans.

Post-High School Plans	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Two-Year or Four-Year College (3.5 units)	GEOGRAPHY →	WORLD HISTORY →	US HISTORY →	GOVERNMENT & ECONOMICS
Top-Tier University (4.0 units)	↘	AP WORLD HISTORY →	AP US HISTORY →	AP GOVERNMENT

Below is a sample of the Math Department's course sequence depending on the student's future plans. All incoming freshmen will take a math placement test in spring/summer. Eighth grade students should have a high B before moving on to the next math class in the sequence; otherwise, it is recommended that they repeat the course.

Post-High School Plans	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Two-Year College (3.0 units)	ALGEBRA 1A	ALGEBRA 1B	GEOMETRY	(Elective)
Four-Year College (3.0 units)	ALGEBRA 1	GEOMETRY	ALGEBRA 2	(Advanced Math)
Top-Tier University (4.0 units)	GEOMETRY	ALGEBRA 2 →	REG ADV MATH HON ADV MATH	(AP Calculus, Calculus, and/or AP Statistics)
Top-Tier University (4.0 units)	ALGEBRA 2	HONORS ADV MATH →	AP CALCULUS AB and/or AP STATISTICS	AP CALCULUS BC and/or AP STATISTICS

Below is a SAMPLE of the Science Department's course sequence depending on the student's future plans.

Post-High School Plans	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Two-Year College (2.0 units)	BIOLOGY	EARTH & SPACE SCIENCE	(Elective)	(Elective)
Four-Year College (3.0 units)	BIOLOGY	CHEMISTRY	(Physics or Human Anatomy)	(Elective)
Top-Tier University (4.0 units)	BIOLOGY (with Geometry or Algebra 2)	CHEMISTRY HONORS	PHYSICS, HUMAN ANATOMY, or AP BIOLOGY	PHYSICS, HUMAN ANATOMY, AP BIOLOGY, and/or AP PHYSICS

Name **Four-Year Planning Worksheet**

ALL SPACES in the bold black box should be filled in. All "white" spaces must be filled in with a course from that category. All "gray" spaces must be filled in, either with a course from that category OR an elective course. All "yellow" spaces are optional, but can be used to open up space for other electives.

		9th	10th	11th	12th
1	Social Studies	Cultural Geog / Health	World History (or AP)	US History (or AP)	Government (or AP) / Economics
2	English	English 1	English 2	English 3 (or AP)	English 4 (or AP)
3	Mathematics				
4	Science	Biology			
5	World Language				
6	Bible & PE*	Old Test. / PE* or elective	New Test. / PE* or elective	Christian Theo 1 / PE* or elective	Christian Theo 2 / PE* or elective
7	Elective				
	Service Hours	15 hrs	15 hrs	15 hrs	15 hrs
	Zero Period Classes? Athletics? Wilderness Challenge?				

*PE courses can be replaced with electives if the student is on an athletic or cheer team, or in Wilderness Challenge.

Elective Options (some electives are not available to freshmen; consult www.vcschools.org/catalog for pre-requisites)

*3D-Printing – NEW!!
*AP Art History A, B
*AP Biology A, B
*AP Physics A, B
*AP Psychology A, B – NEW!!
*AP Statistics A, B
Ceramics 1,2 or Advanced Ceramics
*Children's Literature – NEW!!
Choir Audition A, B – for placement in adv. choir
Concert Choir A, B
Creative Writing
*Current World Issues
Drawing 1,2 or Advanced Drawing
Economics
Graphic Arts 1,2 or Advanced Graphics
Guitar 1,2
How to Study the Bible
Human Anatomy A, B
Intro to ASL (American Sign Language)
*Intro to. Sewing
*Life Skills – NEW!!
*Lifetime Fitness
*Music Technology 1,2
Off-Campus 6th or 7th* A, B – app required
Orchestra A, B
Painting 1,2 or Advanced Painting
Perspectives on Faith & Science
*Photography 1,2
Psychology
Service-Leadership*
*Sports Journalism – NEW!!
*Student Success Center A, B – 504 required
Study Hall A, B (specify A or B)
Study Hall 7th Period (request A or B)
Teacher's Aide* - app required
Visual Arts – Independent Study
*Weight Training
*Wind Ensemble A, B
World Religions
Yearbook A, B (year long class)
Zoology

* requires an additional course fee
* requires an audition or teacher approval