

Apple Valley Christian Academy

ACADEMIC and STUDENT PROFILE



SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Apple Valley Christian Academy strives to be distinctively Christian, classically-flavored, and college preparatory by developing the Christian worldview through an academically rigorous liberal arts curriculum. AVCS is coeducational and is open to students from Preschool through 12th grade.

The Town of Apple Valley is located in the High Desert region of San Bernardino County, at about 3,000 feet elevation, surrounded by the beautiful mountains above San Bernardino. AVCS serves the communities of Apple Valley, Victorville, Hesperia, Adelanto, and Lucerne Valley.

Apple Valley Christian Academy was founded in 1976 as a ministry of the Apple Valley Baptist Church. These wonderful people of faith had a vision for a Christian school in this rural desert area and developed a long-range plan to support Christian education. The school began providing elementary education with 19 students in kindergarten and first grade. By 1988, AVC had expanded to include a preschool through 12th grade program. In 2012, AVC incorporated as *Apple Valley Christian Academy*, an independent Christian school with a very supportive school board.

ACCREDITATION

Apple Valley Christian Academy holds accreditation from the following agencies:

WASC = Western Association of Schools and Colleges

ACSI = Association of Christian Schools International

CITA = Commission on International and Trans-Regional Accreditation

NCPSA = National Council of Private School Accreditation

PHILOSOPHY and MISSION

Philosophy: *Apple Valley Christian Academy exists to give its students a complete God-centered orientation of life, providing them with an education founded on a thoroughly Christian and biblical worldview, with the goal of creating, under God, a student with a Christian mind.*

Mission: *Training Christian Leaders Committed to Excellence*

CAMPUS DESCRIPTION

AVCS has a 45,000-sq ft school building. In the first phase of our new building, in addition to classrooms, we have an assembly room, a science lab, a student lounge, and a band room. The future second phase will include a larger assembly room, lunch room, and more classrooms.

DISTINCTIVES

- Strong Academics
- Impressive College Acceptance
- Classical Christian Education
- CIF Academic Champions
- Excellent Student Leadership Program
- Community Outreach
- Potter's Hand Homeschool (Private School Satellite Program)
- On-Campus tutoring available
- Strong and Appropriate Discipline
- Online Academy

CLASSICAL EDUCATION

Classical Christian Education is a time-tested method used since the second century. Our curriculum complements the child's natural developmental phase with the appropriate teaching method. This inspires students to investigate, contemplate, debate, and pursue knowledge.

Apple Valley Christian Academy students are encouraged and prepared to become "thinking Christians" through an educational system that treats all subjects as part of an integrated whole, with Scripture at its center. We feel passionately that a classical Christian education best prepares students to confront every challenge with confidence and scholarship.

ADMISSION GUIDELINES

A successful academic record with demonstrated diligence, evidence of the potential to make a positive contribution to the school community, and a desire to live by Christian standards are important admission considerations. Teacher recommendations and a personal interview are required.

ENROLLMENT

The estimated total enrollment for 2018-2019 school year is 175: 50 Preschool students; 60 elementary students; 20 Middle School students; and 45 High School students. We also have approximately 12 students enrolled in Potter's Hand, our Private School Satellite Program.

FACULTY

There are 14 faculty members in K-12th grades, all of which are required to have Bachelor's Degrees, and one of which has a Master's Degree. All faculty are required to hold a current Educator's Certificate from the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI). In Elementary School, the teacher to student ratio is 1:10; in Middle School, 1:10; in High School, 1:15.

CURRICULUM

Classical Christian Education

Elementary curriculum is focused on materials from Memoria Press and Veritas Press, including English, Latin, Reading, Spelling, Math, History, and Geography. We have an excellent Bible curriculum that is produced by Summit Ministries. Enrichment subjects include Art, Choir, Computing, and Recorder Band.

Secondary curriculum includes English, Latin, Logic, Bible, History, Government/Economics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Pre-Algebra, Algebra, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Philosophy, Spanish, Art, Band, Choir, and Drama.

The standard course load is seven classes per semester.

AVCS Online Academy: Our Online Academy allows for a wider variety of core and elective choices for on-campus students. We are partnering with Sevenstar Academy, who provides us with excellent academic content with a Christian worldview, along with close, careful monitoring. These are **UC certified and accredited courses** taught by qualified online teachers.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students **must** have 270 credits to graduate. All students **must** take a minimum of four (4) classes per semester.
Bible: Four (4) years (or every semester in attendance at AVC)
English: Four (4) years
Social Studies: Four (4) years
Mathematics: Three (3) years*
Science: Three (3) years*
Foreign Language: Two (2) years
Physical Education: Two (2) years – each team sport counts for ½ year.
Fine Arts: One (1) year in the categories of Art, Music, or Drama.

* An additional year of math or science is recommended

ADVANCED PLACEMENT/HONORS

The following AP courses are offered:

- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC

Students may also choose from the dual credit and AP course offerings of our AVCS Online Academy as well as the resources of our local community college, Victor Valley College, to obtain college credit for courses taken during high school.

Some examples of the AP courses available through our AVCS Online Academy: English, Calculus, Statistics, Biology, Macroeconomics, US Government and Politics, US History, and World History.

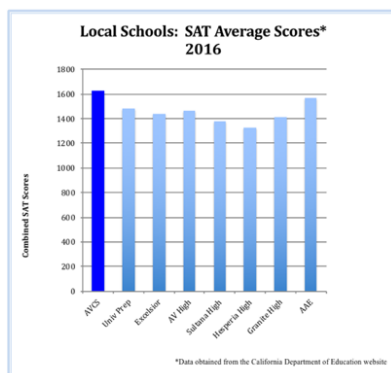
The following Honors courses are offered:

- Precalculus
- Biology
- Philosophy
- Christian Thought 1 & 2
- Biblical Foundations
- Apologetics

STANDARDIZED TESTING RESULTS

College Board SAT results for the Classes of 2015 and 2016:

	2015	2016
Average Critical Reading	557	518
Average Mathematics	523	571
Average Writing	531	535
Combined Scores	1611	1624



COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE

Approximately 99% of our students go on to attend college. Listed below are some of the colleges and universities to which they have been accepted:

U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, Brown University, Cal Poly Pomona and San Luis Obispo, George Fox University, Georgia Tech University, Purdue University, The Medical University of South Carolina, University of Southern California, Wheaton College, as well as Azusa Pacific University, Biola University, Boston University, California Baptist University, California Miramar University, California State University (East Bay, Fullerton, Humboldt, Los Angeles, Monterey Bay, San Bernardino, San Francisco, San Jose, San Marcos), Calvin College, Cedarville University, Colorado School of Mines, Colorado State University, Emerson College, Fordham University, Grand Canyon University, Michigan State University, Pennsylvania State University, Point Loma University, Syracuse University, University of California in Los Angeles (as well as Irvine, Riverside, San Diego, and Santa Barbara), and University of LaVerne.

ATHLETICS

AVCS is a member of CIF and offers a variety of sports: Baseball, Softball, Boys' Basketball, Girls' Basketball, Boys' Volleyball, Girls' Volleyball, Cross-Country, Track and Field, and Cheerleading. It is noteworthy that AVCS requires students to maintain a 2.5 grade point average in order to be eligible to play on a sports team. This is higher than requirements at any other High Desert high school.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Purpose

The HS Student Leadership Team (SLT) is the primary Leadership Development Program that Apple Valley Christian School uses to accomplish the leadership aspect of our mission.

Design

The HS SLT program has been designed to accomplish this goal by training our leaders in the certain key skills that are needed in any sort of leadership role.

These are:

- Event Planning & Organization
- Team Building
- Health & Wellness
- Community Awareness
- Community Service
- Honor & Legacy
- Prayer

Implementation

These skills are not only "taught" in this class but they are put into practice, re-evaluated, and refined through events such as:

- Harvest Festival (Event Planning & Organization)
- Spirit Week (Team Building)
- Cancer Awareness Week (Health & Wellness)
- Christmas Coffee House & Cookie Deliveries (Community Awareness & Service)
- Jr. / Sr. Luau (Honor & Legacy)
- Bi-Weekly Staff Prayer Attendance & See you at the Pole (Prayer)

The High School Student Leadership Team is not just a class. It is a crash course in how to be a servant leader. It is a year-long, hands-on, leadership development program. It is a discipleship method for our staff to model *Christian Leadership Committed to Excellence*.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community Service is an integral part of our school values. AVCS is actively involved with the community through mission trips and community service projects:

- **Fred Jordan** outreach program in Center City, Los Angeles
- **Angel Tree** Christmas gift program to children with parents in prison.
- **Community service projects** in many locations, including Salvation Army, Moses House, Victor Valley Rescue Mission, VV Animal Protective League, various retirement homes, and many local churches

SOCIAL MEDIA INVOLVEMENT

AVCS Facebook:

Search *Apple Valley Christian Academy* and look for our logo

Warriors Baseball on Facebook:

Search *Warriors Baseball - School Sports Team*

AVCS Alumni & Friends group on Facebook

NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

AVCS does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship program, and athletic and other school-administered programs. Apple Valley Christian Academy does reserve the right to select students on the basis of academic performance, religious commitment, philosophical compatibility, and willingness to cooperate with the Apple Valley Christian Academy administration and abide by its policies.

HOW TO APPLY

AVCS is now partnering with **TADS** for our Application and Enrollment process, as well as for Financial Aid processing.

Follow these simple steps...

1. Please go to our website (avcschool.com) and select **ADMISSION**, or you may follow this link to complete your initial application to AVCS: <https://mytads.com/a/avcschool>
2. While completing this application process, online payment of the application fee (\$200) will be required.

After your child is accepted to Apple Valley Christian Academy, you will receive instructions to complete the Enrollment process.

SUPPORT AVCS

In an age when schools are trying every new education fad, we use time-proven methods with the goal of teaching students how to think and what to do, an education in wisdom and virtue. Please go to our website (avcschool.com) and select **SUPPORT**.

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