



Valley Catholic Elementary School

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2012-2013 SCHOOL PROFILE

MISSION

Valley Catholic School, sharing in the mission of the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon, fosters a faith-filled community of lifelong learners and compassionate leaders committed to living out Catholic values and following Jesus' example through prayer, service, and love.

PHILOSOPHY

Valley Catholic Elementary School provides an academically rich faith-filled learning environment, creating a Catholic values-based education. We are a joyous faith community in which students, staff, and parents respect, affirm, and support one another. The Valley Catholic Elementary School community models and nurtures the development of a personal relationship with God through various forms of prayer and worship. We encourage students to develop a sense of justice, peace, compassion, and respect for all people.

Valley Catholic Elementary School supports each student's family in its role as the child's primary educator. We nurture the education of the whole child: spiritual, intellectual, cultural, social, emotional, and physical growth. We recognize the dignity and diversity of each student by fostering his/her ability to recognize and develop individual strengths and talents. We maintain high academic and social standards, preparing students for life long learning, leadership, and service in their community, country, and world.

HISTORY

In 1903, the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon established St. Mary's Institute, a boarding and day school for elementary and high school students. It also provided business training for boys and girls. In 1905, the Sisters limited on-campus educational ministries to education for girls only. In 1932, the school's name was changed to St. Mary of the Valley Academy. The school was divided into elementary and secondary divisions and a new high school was built in 1969. In that year the elementary school became St. Mary of the Valley Grade School and the new high school was named Valley Catholic. The residency program was closed in 1979. The grade school readmitted boys in 1984 and added kindergarten in 1985. In 2008, all of our campus schools, from Pre-K through high school came under the umbrella name of Valley Catholic School. Over time, we outgrew our space and constructed a new state-of-the-art building on our campus. This new building houses our Elementary School (Grades K-5) and our Middle School (Grades 6-8).

ACCREDITATION

Western Catholic Education Association (WCEA)

REGISTRATION

Oregon Private School

GRADE LEVELS

Our school includes grades K-5, with two classrooms per grade level.

ENROLLMENT 2011-12

341 students

FACULTY/STAFF

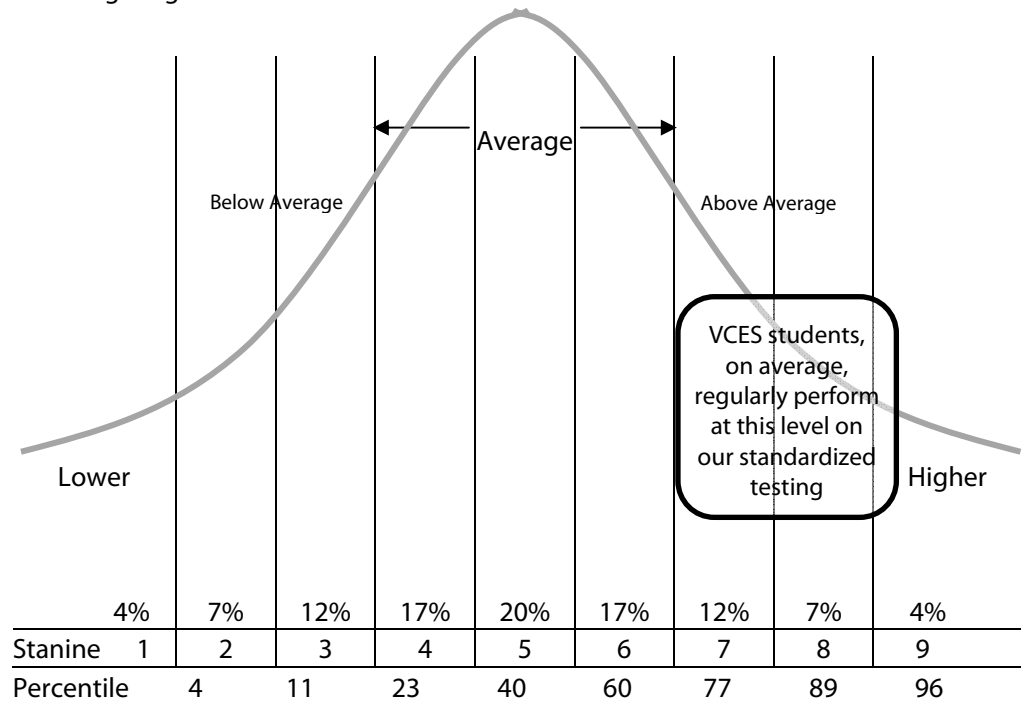
29 faculty/staff

- 22 Oregon Licensed Faculty (2 Teaching Religious)
- 5 Instructional Assistants
- 2 Administrative Assistants

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ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Our students regularly achieve national percentile rankings in the 7th and 8th stanines on our standardized testing (which includes Measures of Academic Progress (MAP), Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS), and the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT). This places our students in the following range on a standard bell curve:



CURRICULUM

Our curriculum adheres to the Archdiocese of Portland content standards. All students study religion, language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, music, health, physical education, computer technology, and library media. We also have a school counselor who teaches social skills and conflict resolution, is available for one-on-one and small-group student counseling, and will meet with parents seeking advice and resources to help their children with school and family issues, such as dealing with grief or coping with parental separation. All fourth-grade students receive violin instruction. Our curriculum lays the groundwork for the rigorous college-prep programs at Valley Catholic Middle School and High School.

ACTIVITIES/CLUBS

Our music department offers orchestra, choir, and handbells. Our Music School offers private music lessons for voice and instruments. These lessons can be scheduled during the school day or after school. Extracurricular sports are sponsored by the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) and include football, volleyball, basketball, swimming, track and field, and lacrosse. After school, we presently offer Spanish, French, and Mandarin instruction through "Kids Like Languages," Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Chess Club, Girls Inc. (a girls club), art instruction classes, and a "Mad Science" program.

TUITION

The 2012-2013 tuition will be \$6,325. Tuition can either be paid in full or in installments (beginning July 2012).

ACTUAL COST OF EDUCATION

The true cost of educating our students is typically \$1,200-\$1,500 above the cost of our tuition. This figure is calculated by dividing our total operating expenses by the number of students enrolled in our school. The difference between tuition and the true cost of education is made up through fundraising and benefactor support. Our school receives no subsidies from the Sisters, the Archdiocese of Portland, or any other outside source.

FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid is available, and families are encouraged to apply by February 10. Please find a link to the application form at <http://www.valleycatholic.org/admissions.php>.

THE FUTURE

Our recently opened 65,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility will help us carry forward our educational ministry. It will help to ensure that the Sisters, faculty, and staff, all in partnership with our parents, are able to continue to provide excellent, affordable Catholic values-based education to students in the Beaverton area deep into the 21st century.