

Steps for Accepting Applications for New Students

The following paperwork is **REQUIRED** for all new students who are enrolling at MVCS.

Kinder:

- Application itself, signed by both parents/guardians.
- Statement of Faith - signed by both parents/guardians.
- Handbook for Parents & Student Agreement—signed by parents/guardians.
- Immunization Record.
- Application fee.

1st—3rd Grade:

- Application itself, signed by both parents/guardians.
- Statement of Faith - signed by both parents/guardians.
- Handbook for Parents & Student Agreement—signed by both parents/guardians.
- Immunization Record.
- Copy of last report card and standardized test scores (if available).
- Application fee.

4th—5th Grade:

- Application itself, signed by both parents/guardians
- Statement of Faith - signed by both parents/guardians.
- Handbook for Parents & Student Agreement—signed by both parents/guardians **and the student.**
- Agreement of Social & Academic Probation for 4-12 Grade Students.
- Immunization Record.
- Copy of last report card and standardized test scores (if available).
- Application fee.

6th—12th Grade:

- Application itself, signed by both parents/guardians.
- Statement of Faith - signed by both parents/guardians.
- Handbook for Parents & Student Agreement—signed by both parents/guardians, **and the student.**
- Agreement of Social & Academic Probation for 4-12 Grade Students.
- Student Application - to be filled out by the student.
- Immunization Record.
- Copy of last report card and transcripts and standardized test scores (if available).
- Application fee.
- Homeroom Teacher Recommendation Form—to be sent by the former school.
- Principal or Advisor Recommendation Form—to be sent by the former school.

*These do not have to be in the application at the time it is submitted, ask if they have given the forms to the teacher and principal/advisor.

Steps for Accepting Applications for Re-enrolling Students:

On the re-enrollment form itself, please check for the following:

- Parent Signature.
- Student Signature (4—12 Grade)
- How do they want to pay?
- Check/Money attached.

Steps to Admission to MVCS

The MVCS steps to admission are in four stages:

Step I - Admissions Application

Return the completed application. Make sure all forms are filled out and signed.

Provide a copy of an immunization record.

Provide a copy of the most recent report card and, if applicable, a copy of a high school transcript.

Provide a copy of any previous special testing and/or reports.

Registration fee is due along with the application.

Once the application is complete the next stage will be arranged.

Step II - Admissions Testing

A testing date will be arranged and the test will be given to determine grade placement.

Step III - Admissions Interview

An admissions interview will be held with the student and his/her family and the admissions committee.

After the interview, the parents will be notified of their decision on acceptance.

(If your child is currently enrolled in the local school system, please do not withdraw them until this step has been completed.)

Step IV - New Parent Orientation

This is a required orientation seminar for parents, once your child has been accepted by MVCS.

Topics covered are the Christian philosophy of education, campus activities, lunch programs, as well as other information regarding student life at MVCS. Babysitting, should you need it, is provided free of charge.

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools is non-denominational in its admissions policies. MVCS is non-discriminatory to students, faculty and staff on the basis of sex, race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies.

Profile of Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

Accreditation

Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)
New Mexico Department of Education
North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Development (NCA)

Student Statistics

Kindergarten - 5th grade: Average enrollment of 220+
6th - 12th grade: Average enrollment of 240+
Churches represented: Over 60

Some of the universities our graduates have attended:

Christian Heritage	Covenant College
NMSU	Wheaton College
U.S. Air Force Academy	Rice University
UNM	Evangel University
SW Christian College	Albert Einstein School of Medicine
The Master's College	Texas Tech
Washington & Lee	LeTourneau

Faculty and Staff

32 full time, 20 part time

- All faculty members are dedicated Christians, representing about 15 local churches
 - Teacher's certification is through the Association of Christian Schools International and/or the State of New Mexico

Affiliations

- Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)
- New Mexico Association for Curriculum and Instruction
 - North Central Association Commission (NCA)
 - Evangelical Ministerial Fellowship
 - Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce
 - Southwest Christian Athletic Association
 - New Mexico Activities Association
 - Christian Management Association

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION SINCE 1974

HISTORY OF MESILLA VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS, INC.

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools, (MVCS) is a private school for children in kindergarten through 12th grade. MVCS was founded in 1974 by Oscar and Harriet Black, as an extension of their kindergarten which had been in operation since 1954. They and other concerned parents felt the need to expand the school through the elementary level.

The Blacks operated the school until 1977, when they turned it over to a private corporation (College Heights Christian School) made up of the parents and friends of the school. Since that time, this corporation has elected a board of trustees who are charged with the responsibility of overseeing the operation of the school.

The school's name was changed to Mesilla Valley Christian Schools in 1984 to more properly reflect the mission of the school to the entire valley. The plural was used by design, to reflect the vision for additional schools (campuses) in the future. Part of this vision was completed with the construction of the Stern Drive campus in October 1985. In the first year of operation there were 13 students in grades 1 and 2. The first teacher hired, Mrs. Laura (Pirtle) Beal Porter, retired in the spring of 2000! The school has grown to more than 450 students with 32 full-time and 20 part-time faculty and staff. The school held its first high school graduation in May of 1985, and, since that time, has graduated over 235 students.

A fire in the summer of 1992 on the Wisconsin campus, which housed the secondary level, caused the school to consolidate its facilities on the Stern Drive property. The stucco classrooms were not affected by the fire and were moved to Stern Drive, bricked, and are being utilized as the primary 6-12th grade classrooms. In 1994, a gymnasium with a science lab, music lab and library was constructed. In 1998, a portable classroom unit in Chandler, AZ, was donated to the school. It was moved to the Stern Drive campus and is being used for elementary classrooms (elementary annex). In the summer of 2000, the upstairs observation/storage area of the gymnasium was remodeled to become two classroom areas. An expansion project to the secondary side of the campus was completed summer of 2001 and includes four bathrooms and four additional classrooms. An all purpose room (elementary lunchroom & daycare) was added during the 2002-03 school year. Six buildings on seven acres currently house the entire school.

The school passed a major milestone in 1988, when it was accredited by the Association of Christian Schools, Int. (ACSI). MVCS was only the third school accredited in the Southwest Region of ACSI and, until 1992, was the only school in the region to have an accredited high school program in the state of New Mexico. The State of New Mexico State Board of Education in 1996 certified MVCS as an accredited school for grades K-12. In 2003, MVCS was granted accreditation through North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Development (NCA). MVCS is one of the few K-12 schools in New Mexico to be accredited by three separate agencies of school accreditation/improvement.

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools (MVCS) is a non-profit corporation whose members are parents and friends of the schools. The corporation is governed by a Board of Trustees elected by its members. MVCS serves families from many different denominations without regard to race or national origin.

Our Mission....

The purpose of Mesilla Valley Christian Schools is to assist parents in their God-given responsibility to train their children to become disciples of Christ, serving our Savior daily in every aspect of life.

Our Vision....

Leading Christian school education in New Mexico.