

Charter-in-the-Workplace

The Villages Charter School (VCS) is identified as "a Charter School in the Workplace" and operated as a Florida not-for-profit corporation. Established through Florida law, charter schools in the workplace are public charter schools with the ability to target a specific student population. Charter schools are public schools of choice. VCS exists as a part of the "Choice" program defined by the Florida Department of Education (see 1002.33).

Students are eligible to attend The Villages Charter School in a very unique way. Unlike traditional schools where enrollment eligibility is based upon where the students live, VCS students become eligible based upon their parent's employment. There are approximately 450 businesses affiliated in one of the three categories of enrollment.

- Category I: Businesses directly part of the developer's suite of companies.
- Category II: Businesses that are direct sub-contractors to the developer.
- Category III: Businesses that permanently reside on Villages property.

Academic Success

- The Villages High School has now earned 7 straight A's (2006-2012). VHS is one of only 28 high schools in Florida to earn 6 straight A's
- The Villages Charter Middle School has now earned 10 straight A's (2003-2012)
- The Villages Charter Elementary School has now earned 10 straight A's (2003-2012)
- The Villages Early Childhood Center has earned a Readiness Rate Score of 95 (out of 100). This measures how well a pre-K program prepares four year-olds for Kindergarten.
- Over the course of the school's 13 year history, VCS has consistently outperformed other Florida schools on state-wide assessments by 10%-20%.

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The Villages®



Charter School

(Est. 2000)



We're expanding and have enrollment slots available now.

*The Villages Charter School...
where it's cool to be smart!*

THE VILLAGES CHARTER SCHOOL



The Villages Charter Elementary School



The Villages Charter Middle School



The Villages High School

The Villages Charter School (VCS)

- The Villages Charter School is accredited K-12 by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.
- VCS has incredibly talented and caring teachers, administrators and staff (all certified by FL DOE).
- Instruction offered for all students in the core subjects of reading, math, science, social studies, and writing.
- An enriched curriculum for all students is provided in art, music, PE and Spanish instruction weekly by certified teachers in elementary school and elective classes in middle school and high school.
- Each building has a complete media center equipped with a wide variety of age specific books.
- Reading is a key emphasis at VCS with Accelerated Reader Point Clubs and Sunshine Book Clubs.
- Elementary utilizes an early identification & intensive intervention program (Voyager) for struggling readers/pre-readers. All students are provided small group reading instruction daily.
- All of our schools go above & beyond with tutoring programs (before and after school, weekends & summer).
- A wide variety of technology is available to students, teachers and parents to enrich their learning, including computers in the classroom, laptop mobile labs, web-based curriculum and parent access to view student grades on-line.
- Additional enrichment opportunities through grade specific field trips (Orlando Repertory Theatre, Lowry Zoo, Kennedy Space Center, Florida Keys, Washington, DC, etc.).
- Our Buffalo Adventures program begins at 7:00 a.m. and again after school until 6:00 p.m.
- During Buffalo Adventures (a fee-based program), students are provided a snack, homework time, creative activities and outdoor play time in addition to a large variety of enrichment activities (archery, fly fishing, amateur radio, scrapbooking, dodge ball, Karate, ballet, cooking, book-clubs and violin just to name a few).
- Each school offers hot breakfast & lunch menus. Middle School & High School Food Court offering 5 different themed menus. Traditional & online food service payment options.
- Parent involvement is valued and creates a great community atmosphere.
- We have a wealth of wonderful community volunteers, such as retired teachers, to assist with one-on-one tutoring for students needing additional assistance and additional support throughout our classrooms.
- VCS has a modern and wonderfully maintained campus of 6 buildings (ECC for PK3-PK4, VCES Primary Center for K-1, Intermediate Center for 2-3, 4th-5th Grade Center, VCMS for grades 6-8 and VHS for grades 9-12). Our last expansion plans call for our enrollment to increase to 304 in PK3-PK4 & 3,540 students in grades K-12.
- The Villages High School offers a curriculum of 99 courses including offerings in six different academies for juniors and seniors. (14 Honors, 3 AP, & 51 credits of Dual Enrollment Courses available at VHS through LSCC).
- All students graduating from The Villages High School have the opportunity to achieve the Florida Academic Scholars' Bright Futures Award Program designation (Academic, Medallion or Gold Seal).
- Due to our 'small town' feel, our graduating seniors have many scholarships opportunities. VHS students have been awarded over \$2.1M in local scholarships & Bright Futures awards in the past seven years.

VCS Extracurricular Opportunities

VCES

- Elementary Choir
- Art Shows
- Buffalo Strings Violin
- Four service clubs
- On-campus youth sports

VCMS

- Middle School Choir
- Two musicals each year
- Middle School Band
- Five service clubs
- Nine major field trips
- Local science fair for grades 6-12
- Eight interscholastic sports and seven intramural developmental sports programs

VHS

- Competition Choir, marching band, jazz band, Buffalo Beat Café, and dozens of performances
- Eleven service clubs
- Yearly musical
- VHS offers extensive post-secondary scholarship and career counseling (86% of VHS graduates attend post-secondary)
- VHS students have the opportunity to participate in 22 interscholastic sports.
- VHS has won district champions 16 times & regional champions 2 times in 11 sports
- VHS has won 3 Sportsmanship Awards
- Summer athletic camps / clinics for VCES & VCMS students