

## 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 four 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 lease directly or own business site directly from The Villages.
- Category IV: Businesses that own a permanent business site purchased from a non-Villages entity or lease from a non-Villages entity within The Villages.

## Academic Success

- The Villages Charter Elementary School has now earned 15 straight A's (2003-2017)
- The Villages Charter Middle School has now earned 15 straight A's (2003-2017)
- The Villages High School has now earned 12 straight A's (2006-2017). VHS is one of only 25 high schools in Florida to earn 12 straight A's.
- Over the course of the school's 17 year history, VCS has consistently outperformed other Florida schools on state-wide assessments by 10%-20%.

### The Villages Charter Elementary School (Grades K-5)

#### **Primary Center (Grades K-1)**

420 Village Campus Circle  
The Villages, FL 32162 352-259-7700

#### **Intermediate Center (Grades 2-3)**

521 Old School Road  
The Villages, FL 32162 352-259-2300

#### **4th & 5th Grade Center (Grades 4-5)**

350 Tatonka Terrace  
The Villages, FL 32162 352-259-6850

#### **LEANNE YERK, ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL**

[Leanne.Yerk@tvcs.org](mailto:Leanne.Yerk@tvcs.org)

### The Villages Charter Middle School (Grades 6-8)

450 Village Campus Circle  
The Villages, FL 32162 352-259-0044

#### **DR. PEGGY IRWIN, PRINCIPAL**

[Peggy.Irwin@tvcs.org](mailto:Peggy.Irwin@tvcs.org)

### The Villages High School (Grades 9-12)

251 Buffalo Trail  
The Villages, FL 32162 352-259-3777

#### **DR. BILL ZWICK PRINCIPAL**

[Bill.Zwick@tvcs.org](mailto:Bill.Zwick@tvcs.org)

### The Villages Charter School Central Office

350 Tatonka Terrace  
The Villages, FL 32162 352-259-2350  
**DR. RANDY MCDANIEL, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION**  
[Randy.Mcdaniel@tvcs.org](mailto:Randy.Mcdaniel@tvcs.org)

# The Villages®

## Charter School

(Est. 2000)



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 5 buildings (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). We expect enrollment to increase to 3,540 students in grades K-12.
- The Villages High School offers a curriculum of 121 courses including offerings in eight different academies for juniors and seniors. (15 Honors, 7 AP, & 76 credits of Dual Enrollment Courses available at VHS through LSSC).
- 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 \$3M in local scholarships & Bright Futures awards in the past twelve years.

## VCS Extracurricular Opportunities

### VCES

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

### VCMS

- Middle School Choir
- Two musicals each year
- Middle School Band
- Six service & academic 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
- Twenty service & academic clubs
- Yearly musical
- VHS offers extensive post-secondary scholarship and career counseling (88% of VHS graduates attend post-secondary)
- VHS offers 25 interscholastic sports.
- VHS has won district champions 36 times & regional champions 6 times in 14 sports, 5 state championship (Golden Girls), 2 state champions (Wrestling) & 2 Final Fours (Girls' & Boys' Basketball)
- VHS has won 6 Sportsmanship Awards
- Summer athletic camps / clinics for VCES & VCMS students