

JR. HIGH SCHOOL (7TH-8TH)

JR. HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Regular Day:

Home Base	8:30 – 8:40
Period 1	8:44 – 9:29
Period 2	9:33 – 10:17
Break	10:17 – 10:30
Period 3	10:34 – 11:19
Period 4	11:23 – 12:07
Lunch	12:07 – 12:34
Period 5	12:38 – 1:23
Period 6	1:27 – 2:12
Period 7	2:16 – 3:00

Chapel Schedule:

Period 1	8:30 – 9:15
Period 2	9:19 – 10:04
Home Base	10:08 – 10:18
Chapel	10:22 – 11:05
Break	11:10 -11:15
Period 3	11:19 - 12:04
Lunch	12:08 - 12:33
Period 4	12:37 - 1:22
Period 6	1:26 - 2:11
Period 5	2:15 - 3:00

Rally Schedule:

Home Base	8:30 – 8:40
Period 1	8:44 – 9:29
Period 2	9:33 – 10:17
Break	10:17 – 10:30
Period 3	10:34 – 11:19
Period 4	11:23 – 12:07
Lunch	12:07 – 12:34
Period 5	12:38 – 1:23
Period 6	1:27 – 2:12
Rally	2:16 – 3:00

Minimum Day Schedule:

Period 1	8:30 – 9:02 a.m.
Period 2	9:06 – 9:35 a.m.
Period 3	9:40 – 10:10 a.m.
Break	10:10 –10:22 a.m.
Period 4	10:22 –10:52 a.m.
Period 5	10:56 –11:26 a.m.
Period 6	11:30 –12:00 p.m.

School Day Schedule

Extended Care Opens	6:30 a.m.
School Begins	8:30 a.m.
School Dismissal	3:00 p.m.
Extended Care Closes	6:00 p.m.

There is no on campus supervision prior to 7:30 a.m. Any Jr. High School student arriving earlier than 7:30 a.m. must go to Extended Care (on the elementary campus). Jr. High School students arriving at 7:30 a.m. or later are to go directly to the JH/HS Library until dismissed.

At the conclusion of school, students are to remain in the designated pickup area until their transportation arrives or are excused by an adult supervisor. All Jr. High school students must be picked up no later than 3:20 p.m. Any student on campus after 3:20 p.m. (except those involved in school sponsored activities) must report to Extended Care for their safety and protection.

ACADEMIC POLICIES

Grading Standards

This grading standard is used to determine grades throughout each marking period.

93-100=A	73 - 76=C
90 - 92=A-	70 - 72=C-
87 - 89=B+	67 - 69=D+
83 - 86=B	63 - 66=D
80 - 82=B-	60 - 62=D-
77 - 79=C+	Below 60=F

Report Cards and Progress Reports

Report Cards are issued two times during the school year. Progress Reports are available at any time throughout the semester via the school's online Power School grading system. Please contact the teacher immediately if there are questions regarding a grade in a class.

Parent-Teacher conferences will be conducted in the middle of the first semester. The purpose of these conferences is for the teacher to discuss the student's current progress with the parent. Throughout the school year, a teacher may request a special conference with a parent to discuss academic difficulties.

Grade Point Average – GPA

In Jr. High school, grade point average will include all core academic subjects. This includes Bible and physical education. Elective course grades will not be calculated in a student's GPA.

Honor Roll

There are three levels of honor roll which are awarded to students. These honor roll awards are given at the end of each semester.

Bronze Honor Roll:

Recognizes a student who maintains a 3.0-3.49 GPA in core academic subjects.

Silver Honor Roll:

Recognizes a student who maintains a 3.5-3.99 GPA in core academic subjects.

Gold Honor Roll:

Recognizes a student who maintains a 4.0 GPA in core academic subjects.

Principal's Honor Roll:

Recognizes a student who maintains a 4.0 GPA in core academic subjects for an entire year.

Homework

Depending upon grade level, a student will have varying amounts of homework to complete.

Instruction is most effective when there is parental support, encouragement and reinforcement of what is taught at school. Homework will be assigned for specific purposes. If your child is spending excessive time on homework or never seems to have any, please contact your child's teacher.

Homework Requests

At the beginning of each week, assignments are posted on the individual teacher's website. For worksheets or in-class assignments given, please contact the teacher directly.

School Work Policy

When a student misses classes because of an absence, the student is also missing valuable classroom instruction. When returning to school from an absence it is the student's responsibility to make arrangements with each teacher regarding missed assignments, class notes, etc. If a student misses a class because of a school or classroom related activity, missed assignments are due at the teacher's discretion.

Assignments turned in late

Homework must be turned in on the day it is due. If a student turns in a late assignment the assignment grade will automatically be lowered to 50%. A student will have two days to turn in any late assignments and receive a grade of 50%. After the second day the grade is automatically lowered to a zero for that particular assignment. If the student is absent from school due to an excused absence, he/she will have two days to make-up missed work without penalty.

Academic Probation

Students are placed on academic probation for either of the following reasons:

- Grade point average below 2.0 at the semester.
- Absenteeism over 10 days in a semester.

The Administration will meet with the student and his/her parents. At that time, the student

will be issued a contract detailing the terms of continued enrollment. The terms of the academic probation contract are for one semester during which a student is expected to demonstrate his/her ability to perform satisfactorily at BVCS. If the student fails to meet the terms of the contract, the student may be refused permission to re-enroll the following semester, or in some cases, may be asked to withdraw from school during the probationary period.

Historical Studies Trip

All 8th grade students are given the opportunity to go on the Historical Studies Tour. At the beginning of the school year, there is an informational parent meeting outlining the details and cost of this exciting trip. In order to be eligible to participate in the trip, a student must have at least a 2.0 GPA, satisfactory conduct, no suspensions from school during the school year prior to the trip and tuition must be current.

Physical Education

All 7th and 8th grade students participate in a full time physical education program.

- Seventh and Eighth grade students are required to purchase a school P.E. uniform. The school will provide a P.E. locker for storage of a uniform, shoes, socks, and sweats.

Any Jr. High School student may be released from participation in P.E. for two days with a written excuse by his/her parent. A student will be required to dress out for P.E. everyday and will only be excused from participation in specific activities prohibited by an injury/illness. Beyond two days, a doctor's excuse is required. A written excuse must include a beginning and ending date. Failure to participate or dress out in the appropriate P.E. uniform will result in an academic and/or disciplinary penalty.

Graduation Requirements

Participation in the 8th grade graduation ceremony will be granted to those students that complete the following requirements:

- The school tuition account is current.
- All textbooks and library books have been returned. Students are responsible to pay for any lost or damaged books.
- Lockers are cleaned out and have passed inspection.
- Students with a 1.8 or higher overall 8th grade GPA (in core subjects only) will receive a *Diploma of Graduation* at the ceremony.

A student receiving lower than a 1.8 overall 8th grade GPA will receive a *Certificate of Completion* and not participate in the graduation ceremony.

Weekly Chapel

A school chapel is held each Wednesday. This is a time of spiritual fellowship, education, praise, and student recognition. Activities vary from week to week and parents are encouraged to attend and participate.

CLASSROOM TEXT BOOKS, MATERIALS & SUPPLIES

Materials and Supplies

Students need to bring the necessary supplies to school. A supply list is issued at each grade level. Teacher may also give instructions regarding what materials and supplies are necessary for their class.

Textbook Issue and Care

Student textbooks will be issued by each teacher. All books that are checked out to a student must have a book cover and student's name on both the cover and inside. **Non-adhesive book covers must be used.** It is the responsibility of the student to see that these books are properly cared for since they are

school property. Beyond the normal wear and usage of the textbook, students will be held responsible for payment of lost or damaged books.

ATTENDANCE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

School Attendance

- The instructional program designed by BVCS is a progressive and sequential experience. It is generally impossible for that experience to be "made up." **For this reason, absences are greatly discouraged.**
- Failure of a student to attend school for **any reason** will be considered an absence.

Per Semester

- 5 days – Notification letter sent home
- 7 days - Parent Contact
- 10 days – Parent/Student Conference, Academic Probation contract issued.

- When a student misses more than 20 school days during the year, the student's ability to return for the following semester or the student's promotion will be reviewed by the administration. **Promotion will be in jeopardy.**
- In cases of prolonged illnesses, the family may wish to appeal to the Administration Council for an exception.

Re-Admit After Absence

Please follow the re-admission guidelines after an absence when returning to school:

1. Bring a note from a parent or guardian to the office with the date(s) of absence and the reason for the absence.
2. A re-admit slip will be issued to the student and is to be initialed by each teacher.
3. A physician's note may be necessary with some communicable diseases.

School-Related Activity Absences

When a student is absent from class for field trips, retreats, concerts, tours, athletics etc., the student is still responsible to complete all tests, quizzes, and assignments. Each student needs to be responsible to find out from the teacher what assignments are to be completed. Assignments are due at the teacher's discretion. The teacher will determine the time frame to make up quizzes and tests. A student is to be prepared for class the following day regardless of the school-related activity.

Parent Responsibilities

Parents must avoid taking a student out of school for family vacations, music lessons off campus, or other occasions that would disturb their academic progress (if possible, try to schedule medical appointments after school). **Requests to excuse a student for other reasons must receive prior approval from the Administration.**

Pre-Arranged Absence Contract

If circumstances require a student to be absent, parents must make arrangements five days before the absence by sending a note to the school office. It is the responsibility of the parent and/or student to contact the office and teacher to secure all class assignments and class work content.

A pre-arranged absence contract must be obtained from administration. The assignments missed during the absence are due according to the contract. Any work turned in beyond the agreed upon contract date or teacher arranged due date will not be accepted for credit.

A pre-arranged absence may incur a grade penalty due to the loss of instructional time and may cause your student to be unprepared for the demands of the class once they return

Missed School Work

Assignments can be accessed at www.bvcs.org on the teacher's page. Class work will be gathered by the teacher and will be available upon the student's return to the classroom. A student will receive one day for each day absent to make-up schoolwork with full credit.

Absence on the Day of Activities

Any Jr. High student who is absent more than 4 periods in the school day is not eligible to participate in the day's activity. Exceptions will be considered for emergencies or medical appointments.

Major Projects and Reports

All major projects and reports will be due on the date and period they were assigned regardless of any absence. Failure to do so will subject the project or report to late grading penalties. Students should make arrangements to deliver the project to the school on the due date.

Truancy

A student will be considered truant if they "cut" a class or school or leave school early without permission. If this occurs, immediate disciplinary action, including suspension, will take place. Students will receive a zero for all missed tests, quizzes or presentations that were due on the day of the truancy.

Partial Day Absence

A parent must come to the office and sign-out the student before leaving the campus. No student is allowed to leave campus without being signed-out by a parent.

TARDY POLICY

Tardiness interrupts the instructional program and is greatly discouraged. A student who shows a pattern of tardiness faces academic penalties, as well as the possibility of withdrawal from school.

Tardy

- School begins promptly at 8:30 a.m.
- Students arriving after 8:30 a.m. are late and a tardy will be issued in class.
- Students arriving after 8:40 must sign in at the office for a tardy slip.

Tardies are tracked by period per semester:

- 3rd offense - Detention issued.
- 6th offense – Double detention issued.
- 9th offense - Suspension.
- If a student fails to bring the necessary books or supplies to class and the teacher must have the student return to their locker, a tardy can be issued.

JR. HIGH SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

The goal of the discipline process at Big Valley Christian School is to provide and maintain an environment which is conducive to excellence in education.

Addressing Adults

Adults are always to be addressed as Mr., Mrs., or Miss.

Animals on Campus

For the health and safety of our students, pets are not allowed on campus. A teacher or administrator must grant permission before an animal can be brought onto campus for educational purposes.

Backpacks

Backpacks must be kept inside the student's locker. Backpacks are not to be taken into classrooms. Backpacks may not be placed in hallways or on landings.

Cell phones

- Students who need to contact parents before/after school may use the office phone.
- The use of cell phones on campus is permitted only **after** school.

- Cell phones and/or pagers must be kept in the student's book locker during the day.
- If a cell phone is seen or heard during school hours, it will be confiscated and a parent must pick it up from the front office. Disciplinary consequences may occur.
- If a student is repeatedly unable to follow the cell phone policy, they may lose the privilege of carrying a cell phone on campus at all.

Cheating

When cheating occurs, the student will receive a zero on the work involved and the parents will be notified by the teacher. Additional incidents of cheating will result in further disciplinary action that could include suspension or expulsion.

Glass Containers

No glass containers are allowed at school.

Gum and Food

Gum is not allowed for Jr. High students. A student will receive consequences if chewing gum on the school campus or eating food in a classroom without permission.

Hall Passes

- Students out of class at any time must have a hall pass.
- Hall passes are located inside the student agenda.
- Any student who is found without the appropriate hall pass will be sent back to their class.

Hallways

- No running in the hallways, stairwells or MPR.
- For safety reasons, students may not sit in the main hallways.

Hands Off

Students are to follow a "hands off" policy. Any fighting, rough horse-play or harassing another student before, during, or after school will result in disciplinary action.

Items from Home

Any objects which are irrelevant to education or are a distraction (i.e., toys, lighters, matches, fireworks, pocket knives, skateboards, games, collectible cards, electronic or electrical equipment, laser pointers, etc.) are not allowed on campus or at school activities. These items will be taken away, a parent must pick the item up in the office and disciplinary action may occur. I-pods or MP-3 players may be used after school only.

The school is not responsible for lost or damaged personal equipment or objects brought to school.

Language

Foul, coarse, sexually provocative or derogatory remarks directed at others are unacceptable and will face disciplinary action. (Eph. 4:29)

Lockers

- All students are issued hall and P.E. lockers.
- Lockers are for storing books, lunches, cell phones and other personal belongings.
- Care should be taken not to share locker combinations with friends.
- Lockers are not to be traded.
- Any issued school books or supplies missing from the student's locker will be charged to the student.
- The hall locker is to be kept neat and clean.
- Students may decorate the inside of their locker with acceptable photos or pictures. Students may not use glue, paint, or other materials that could damage the locker.

- A student defacing or damaging any locker will be financially responsible for the cleaning, repair, or replacement of the locker.
- On occasion, there may be unannounced hall and P.E. locker inspections.
- Students who violate the locker guidelines or play with another student's locker risk losing the privilege and use of their hall or P.E. locker.
- No open beverage containers, other than bottled water, can be stored in lockers.

Property

Respect all school property, as well as, the property of other students. Students are expected to be a good steward of what God has given them, their friends, and Big Valley Christian School.

Stealing

When a student is caught stealing, the parents will be notified and immediate correction will take place which could include suspension or expulsion. Restitution will be necessary.

Student Relations

All students need to form relationships which are pleasing to the Lord. An important part of the maturing process is the development of wholesome God-glorifying relationships that are appropriate to the age of the student. Any display of affection (e.g. handholding, kissing, etc.) deemed inappropriate by the school will result in disciplinary action.

Student Sales

Students will not be permitted to sell non-BVCS sponsored products on campus, make deliveries, or take orders for the sale of products.

Supervised Areas

- Students are **NEVER** to be in a classroom or the gymnasium without a staff member present.

- Students must always stay in a supervised area, unless given permission by school personnel to leave.
- Students are not allowed to go to the elementary campus without first receiving permission from the office.
- Parents must come to the school office to sign a student out if they are to be picked up during school hours. Students are not allowed to sign themselves out or to wait outside to be picked up.

Traffic Patrol

Our Traffic Patrol is comprised of volunteer students that dedicate their time to keep everyone safe. Adults and students are expected to obey the Traffic Patrol.

Visitors

- We have a closed campus policy regarding visitations. Students interested in attending BVCS are the only students allowed to visit the campus. Approval must be given by the Administration two (2) days prior to the requested date.
- All visitors, including parents, must sign in at the office and must wear the visitor's badge he/she is issued.
- Classroom visits are not permitted during the first two and last two weeks of each semester.
- Visitors should behave and dress in an appropriate manner for our school.

DISCIPLINE

We ask for your wholehearted cooperation in the implementation of this policy while all students are involved in educational and associated activities sponsored by the school.

While this handbook is designed to provide clarity for all involved, the administration reserves the right to discipline every case based on its unique and specific nature. BVCS also

reserves the right at any time to dismiss a student who is out of harmony with the school goals and mission.

Disciplinary Goals

We strive to:

- Establish clear and consistent Biblical and educational standards of conduct which every student is expected to follow.
- Make sure that the student understands why the specific behavior was wrong and the alternatives open to them in making a right choice.
- Apply God's Word to the solution of the offense; pray with and for the student.
- Apply consistent discipline and reasonable consequences to the offense.
- Guide students in righting the wrong through: responsibility, repentance, restitution, reconciliation, and restoration.

Disciplinary Action

The types of disciplinary action generally taken at Big Valley Christian School are:

- Counseling by the school staff
- Loss of privileges or responsibilities
- Demerits
- Detentions
- Referrals
- Parent contact/conference
- In-School Suspension
- Out of School Suspension
- Student Withdrawal
- Expulsion

Behavior Probation

For a repeating or serious disciplinary issue, the Administration will meet with the student and his/her parents. At that time, the student will be issued a contract detailing the terms of continued enrollment. He/she will be placed on behavior probation for a period of time determined by the Administration. If the student fails to meet the terms of the contract, the

student may be asked to withdraw from the school.

Detention

A student is assigned detention for failing to meet school and/or classroom guidelines of behavior and conduct. A student who is late or misses detention will receive additional detention time and/or have an extra day(s) added on to their original assignment. All detention is monitored by the school faculty.

Detention is not scheduled at the convenience of the student. A single detention is served **after school** on Wednesday from 3:05 p.m. until 3:45 p.m. A double detention is also served on Wednesday from 3:05 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Students must be picked up promptly at the end of detention (3:45 or 4:30) or the student will go to Extended Care.

A change in the detention date can be made only with administrative approval. A request for such a change must be made prior to the day the detention is to be served. A student who accumulates 3 or more detentions in a semester may be issued a probation contract.

Suspension

When a student is suspended from school, there will be no credit given for missed assignments. The student will be allowed to make-up quizzes and tests.

Expulsion

Expulsion is permanent removal from school. When a student is expelled or asked to withdraw from BVCS, they will be restricted from being at any school activity (e.g. athletics, socials, plays, etc.) or being on campus for the remainder of the school year.

On or Off Campus Behavior

All students are expected to work toward a Biblical approach to life both on and off campus.

While this handbook is designed to provide clarity for all involved, the administration reserves the right to discipline every case based on its unique and specific nature. BVCS also reserves the right at any time to dismiss a student who is out of harmony with the school goals and mission. A student will be suspended or expelled for any violation of stated governmental law.

DRESS AND GROOMING POLICY

Big Valley Christian School desires to create an educational atmosphere that maximizes learning. Modesty, moderation, neatness, cleanliness and gender distinction are the overriding principles of the BVCS dress code. The Administration or his/her designee is the final authority on the dress code policy.

The Dress and Grooming Policy remains in force while all students are on campus during the school day, on a field trip, participating in student outings or in athletic activities. Please pay particular attention to the area which applies to your student(s). Students are expected to dress modestly at all school related events.

GUIDELINES FOR DRESS

Please use the following guidelines to assist you in choosing the appropriate clothing for the school year. **Because of changing trends, all styles of dress, jewelry, and grooming are subject to approval by the Administration.** If in doubt about a particular type of clothing, grooming, or jewelry style, call the school for clarification.

- 1st offense - Written notification home to the parents.
- 2nd offense – Written notification to the parent as well as a student detention.
- 3rd offense - A third violation will result in notification to the parents, a double-detention will be assigned and the

student will be sent home to change clothing or the parent must bring a change of clothes to school (due to missed class time, an academic penalty may also result from a dress code violation).

- 4th offense – Suspension, Probation Contract issued. A continual violation may indicate a lack of willingness to comply with the dress code and may result in a student being asked to withdraw from the school.

Banquet/Graduation Dress Code

- The 8th Grade Banquet and 8th Grade Graduation are formal events in which all eligible students are encouraged to participate. Students are expected to dress appropriately.
- Girls: Dresses should be modest. No backless, low necklines, or see through garments. Dresses or skirts must meet or exceed school requirements for dress length. Dress shoes or dress sandals are required.
- Boys: Dress pants (no jeans), collared shirt and tie, dress shoes. Coat or sweater is optional.
- Graduation: Same as above. In addition, students will be required to wear a graduation gown that is purchased from the school. Students must not wear corsages, leis, excessive jewelry or any other item that would distinguish them from the rest of the student body.

GIRLS

General Style

- Immodest, sloppy, baggy, street culture or "counter cultural" fads are not permitted.
- Extremely tight fitting pants, dresses, or skirts are unacceptable.

- Tights, shorts, leggings, or leotards may be worn under a dress. Clothing material shall be heavy and loose enough so that undergarments are not visible.

Chapel Days

Event dress is optional on Chapel Days.

Event Dress

Families will be notified (newsletters, notices home) if event dress will be required. When students are asked to be in event dress, they are to “dress-up” for the special event. Skirts, dresses, dressy pants or skorts can be worn. Jeans are not considered a part of event dress.

Dresses/Skirts

- Hemlines and slits should be no shorter than 4" above the knee when measured from a kneeling position.
- Sundresses are permitted within the guidelines of good judgment, modesty and appropriateness.
- Sun dresses must completely cover any undergarments. No halter tops or spaghetti straps without a t-shirt underneath.

Tops

- Tops must cover the midriff, cleavage and lower back. No low necklines or strapless.
- No tank tops unless worn under a sleeved garment.
- No halter tops or spaghetti straps without a t-shirt underneath.
- Shirts with imprinted messages are allowed within the guidelines of good judgment and appropriateness. Printing on shirts may not be rude or disrespectful to school or others.
- Shirts with cut away sleeves front or back are not permissible.
- Plain white T-shirts (meant as an undergarment) are not acceptable unless they are worn under another garment.

Pants

- Long pants which are loose and modestly fitting, neat, in good condition, and specifically made for girls may be worn.
- Pants must not contain holes, rips or tears in which skin is visible.
- Sweat pants or pajama bottoms are not acceptable for school dress. (including athletic teams)
- Pants with wording or a design on the buttocks are not allowed.
- Leggings or tights are not to be worn as pants.

Shorts

- Shorts must be loose fitting and at least mid-thigh in length.
- No cutoffs are allowed.
- Shorts with an attached skirt are considered a skirt and must no shorter than 4" from the ground in a kneeling position.
- Athletic and board shorts are not acceptable.

Shoes

- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Heels may not be an extreme height.
- Sandals and backless shoes are acceptable.
- Athletic type footwear is acceptable.

Grooming

- Hair must be neatly groomed.
- Hair color must be a natural hair color (black, brown, blonde or auburn).
- Extreme cuts of hair are not acceptable.
- Makeup should be light, in good taste, not extreme or distracting.
- No tattoos.

Jewelry/Hats

- Earrings are not to become a distraction as adornment.

- Jewelry should be removed for activities.
- No body piercing except for the ears.
- No hats or caps may be worn.
- No chains, dog collars or spikes.

Activities

If an activity requires special dress (i.e. graduation, swimwear, etc.), a note will be sent home with instructions and information about the dress expectation.

BOYS

General Style

- Immodest, sloppy, baggy, street culture or "counter cultural" fads are not permitted.
- Extremely tight fitting pants are unacceptable.

Chapel Days

Event dress is optional on Chapel Days.

Event Dress

Families will be notified (newsletters, notices home) if event dress will be required. When students are asked to be in event dress, they are to "dress-up" for the special event. Button-down shirts, collared shirts, or turtle necks can be worn. Solid colored pants are preferred, but jeans are acceptable. Shorts are not to be worn to events.

Shirts

- Printing on shirts may not be rude or disrespectful to school or others. Shirts with imprinted messages are allowed within the guidelines of good judgment and appropriateness. (i.e. no heavy metal band shirts.)
- Sleeveless shirts and tank tops are not permissible. This includes muscle shirts.

- Plain white T-shirts (meant as an undergarment) are not acceptable unless they are worn under another garment.

Pants

- Pants should be in good condition and clean, neat, modestly fitting and not too baggy and/or saggy.
- Pants must not contain holes, rips or tears in which skin is visible.
- Pants should cover undergarments at all times.
- Sweat pants and pajama bottoms are not acceptable for school dress.
- Belts may need to be worn depending on the pants.

Shorts

- Shorts must be properly fitting, modest in length and not too baggy and/or saggy.
- No cutoffs are allowed.
- No athletic or board shorts.

Shoes

- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Sandals and backless footwear are acceptable.
- Athletic type footwear is acceptable.

Grooming

- Hair must be neatly groomed, no extreme cuts.
- Hair color must be a natural hair color (black, brown, blonde or auburn).
- The length of the back of the hair is not to exceed the middle of a standard dress shirt collar, the front may not be longer than the top of the eyebrows and the sides should not exceed the bottom of the earlobes.
- Pony tails and pattern cuts are not permitted.
- No razor shaved haircuts.

- Facial hair must be neatly trimmed and groomed. The “unshaven” look is not acceptable.
- No tattoos.

Jewelry/Hats

- No earrings, body piercing, or distracting jewelry are to be worn on campus or at school activities.
- Hats or caps may not be worn.
- No chains, dog collars or spikes.

Activities

If an activity requires special dress (i.e., graduation, swimwear, etc.), a note will be sent home with instructions and information about the dress expectation.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Handbook Agreement

Students and Parents are required to sign a Parent-Student Handbook Agreement Form at the beginning of the school year. Any student who exhibits a disrespectful attitude or defiance of authority will be subject to disciplinary action. In the case of a parent’s failure to support the staff, teachers, and administration in the enforcement of any behavior, may result in the removal of the student from school.

Closed Campus

Big Valley Christian School is a closed campus. Upon arriving at school, students are to remain on the grounds until properly dismissed from school. Students are not allowed to leave during break or lunch. Parents may grant permission for their student to go to lunch off campus with an adult (21 years of age; e.g. youth pastor, relative, etc.) provided the permission is in written form and given to the office. Student must be signed out in the office.

Search and Seizure Policy

BVCS has expectations of students in the areas of conduct, integrity, responsibility, and respect. In the event that a student fails to meet these

expectations by violating a school rule, it may become necessary to conduct a search of the student’s person, property, or school locker. The sole intent of this action is to maintain the safety and welfare of both the individual student and the school. The administrator or school personnel conducting this search will follow these guidelines:

The person or persons conducting said search must have a reasonable suspicion that the person, property, or school locker being searched relates directly or indirectly to an infraction of school rules and/or standards. The term reasonable suspicion is defined as having credible sources and/or personal observations that a student is engaging in wrongful behavior.

The search that is conducted will be no more intrusive than necessary to serve the school’s legitimate needs. The search, and any item that is observed or seized, must be documented as to maintain the sequence of events leading up to the search and the subsequent results of the search itself. A record of all searches will be maintained by the administration.

School Lunch Program

An optional hot lunch program is available five days a week. Lunch boxes or bags should be clearly marked with the students name and should be stored in the student’s locker.

- If a student has forgotten their lunch, they should check with the office to see if a parent has brought one.
- Parents should have the lunch at the school office no later than 12:00 p.m.
- **Parents may not meet students in the parking lot to drop off a lunch or other items for school.**
- For the student's safety, parents wishing to take their child off campus for lunch must come to the office to sign the student out.

- Upon return, the parent must come to the office and sign the student back into the school.

Snacks are allowed and encouraged at the morning break period. Like lunches, they should have some nutritional value. Appropriate snack options are available for student purchase during the morning break.

Yearbook

Yearbooks are purchased by students each year and are distributed during the last week of school. The school cannot be responsible for lost yearbooks as well as what other students write in a yearbook. So, please encourage your student to write only encouraging and appropriate comments.

ACTIVITY ELIGIBILITY

Standards of Eligibility

On the basis of report card evaluation, it is assumed that all students are able to maintain a 2.0 GPA. Any student whose grades fall below a 2.0 GPA will not be eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities.

Student Leadership

Student Leadership is an opportunity to serve the school in various areas and help plan student life activities. Student Leadership members are elected and/or appointed and serve for the entire school year. To be eligible for Student Leadership, a student must have at least a 2.5 GPA, no F's in core subjects, satisfactory conduct, demonstrate Christian character and have a Christian testimony. A student can be asked to leave student council if they do not demonstrate a positive pattern of school behavior and conduct.

ATHLETIC PROGRAM

All students must have and maintain a 2.0 grade point average to tryout and participate in athletics. Big Valley competes against other

schools from within Stanislaus County. Activities or sports offered include: Girls--volleyball, basketball, softball, and track and field; Boys-basketball, and track and field.

Watching Athletic Games

Any middle school student who would like to attend middle school athletic games after school must follow these basic guidelines.

- If a student is in Extended Care, a note from a parent must be brought to school giving the student permission to attend the game. The student must first check into Extended Care and then take the note to the office to obtain a sports pass. Phone calls from parents or faxed notes will not be accepted.
- If a student is not in Extended Care, a note from a parent must be brought to school and given to the office so that a sports pass can be issued. Phone calls from parents or faxed notes will not be accepted.
- Any student found violating these guidelines, not watching the game, or behaving inappropriately, can lose their privilege of attending athletic games. Students who stay after school for an athletic event must be picked up when the event is over or they will be required to go to extended care (which closes at 6:00 p.m.).

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, call the school office at 571-4800.