

HIGH SCHOOL (9TH-12TH)

HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

High School Arrival	7:30 a.m.
School Begins.....	8:00 a.m.
School Dismissal	3:00 p.m.

Regular Day:

Period 1	8:00 – 9:30 a.m.
Break	9:30 – 9:40 a.m.
Period 2	9:45 – 11:15 a.m.
Lunch.....	11:15 – 11:45 a.m.
Period 3	11:50 a.m. – 1:20 p.m.
Period 4	1:25 – 2:10 p.m.
Period 5	2:15 – 3:00 p.m.

Chapel Schedule:

Period 1	8:00 – 9:15 a.m.
Chapel.....	9:15 – 10:00 a.m.
Break	10:00 – 10:10 a.m.
Period 2	10:15 – 11:30 a.m.
Lunch.....	11:30 – 12:00 p.m.
Period 3	12:05 – 1:20 p.m.
Period 4	1:25 – 2:10 p.m.
Period 5	2:15 – 3:00 p.m.

Minimum Day:

Period 1	8:00 – 8:55 a.m.
Period 2	9:00 – 9:55 a.m.
Break	9:55 – 10:00 a.m.
Period 3	10:05 – 11:00 a.m.
Period 4	11:05 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.
Period 5	11:35 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Rally Day:

Period 1	8:00 – 9:20 a.m.
Break	9:20 – 9:30 a.m.
Period 2	9:35 – 11:00 a.m.
Lunch	11:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Period 3	11:35 a.m. – 12:55 p.m.
Period 4	1:00 – 1:40 p.m.
Period 5	1:45 – 2:25 p.m.
Rally	2:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Finals Schedule (Two Days):

Day 1:

Period 1	8:00 – 9:30 a.m.
Break	9:30 – 9:40 a.m.
Period 2	9:45 – 11:15 p.m.

Day 2:

Period 3	8:00 – 9:30 a.m.
Break	9:30 – 9:40 a.m.
Period 4	9:45 – 10:30 p.m.
Period 5	10:35 – 11:20 p.m.

ADMISSIONS

High School Admission Policies

Big Valley Christian High School is committed to the development of Christian leaders and therefore it becomes foundational for admission that **all students have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ** and are committed to following Him in all areas of their lives.

Admissions Criteria

The criteria used by a school administrator to determine the admissibility of an applicant are the following:

- The applicant must be actively involved in a Bible teaching church whose doctrinal position is in agreement with the BVCHS statement of faith.
- The applicant should have demonstrated on a standardized test that they are academically prepared for BVCHS.
- The applicant should have a satisfactory citizenship record in the school they are presently attending.
- The applicant should have a minimum 2.0 G.P.A. in the present school year.
- The applicant must desire to attend BVCHS and be willing to comply with the school's standards as printed in the Parent-Student Handbook.

Student Family Policy

BVCHS operates in partnership with the home and church community to provide Christian education to young people. Only in exceptional cases and by a special school action will a student be enrolled or continued in enrollment when they do not reside with a parent or guardian. Students who are 18 years old will continue to need a parent’s signature to excuse absences, leave campus early, and participate in field trips and activities, etc. In addition, a student who is married, expecting a child, or is already a parent will not be admitted to BVCHS. If after admission to BVCHS, a student is married, becomes pregnant, becomes a parent, or is expecting a child, he/she will not be allowed to continue as a student.

All new students entering Big Valley Christian High School are automatically placed on academic and behavioral probation for the first 90 school days.

ACADEMIC POLICIES

Curriculum

The academic program is designed to provide a college preparatory education. Big Valley Christian School has earned full accreditation (K-12) from the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

All UC/CSU A-G courses have been approved by the University of California as acceptable college preparatory work.

The school is registered with the State Department of Education through the Private School Affidavit.

Grading Standards

BVCHS uses the following grading standards:

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

The grading standards reflect the following:

- A--Excellent
- B--Good
- C--Average
- D--Below Average
- F--Failing
- I--Incomplete Work
- NG--No Grade
- W--Withdraw

To compute grade point averages, the following grade values will be used:

Standard Classes	Honors/Advanced Placement Classes
A—4 Points	A—5 Points
B—3 Points	B—4 Points
C—2 Points	C—3 Points
D—1 Point	D—2 Points
F— 0 Points	F—0 Points

Report Cards and Progress Reports

Report cards and progress reports will be available online for the student during the middle and at the end of each semester. The progress report is designed to alert parents to potential academic problems. Please contact the teacher if there are questions regarding a progress report or report card.

Parent-Teacher conferences are held twice a year. 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. A student failing three academic classes on the final report card may not be re-enrolled.

Final grades will be posted on-line at the end of each semester.

Honor Roll

This honor roll distinction is awarded to those students who earn a 3.5 grade point average for the term with no D's, F's or incomplete grades.

Principal's Honor Roll

This honor roll distinction is awarded to those students who earn a 4.0 grade point average for the term with no D's, F's or incomplete grades.

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 term.

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 issued an academic probation contract 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.

The student will be reviewed by the administration during the probationary period.

Late Assignments

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.

Students are generally notified several weeks in advance before projects and reports are due. **All 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. If a student is absent they should make arrangements to deliver the project to the school on the due date.

Homework Request

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.

Physical Education

All students are required to take 2 terms of Physical Education. A student is 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. A student may be released from participation in P.E. for up to two (2) days with a written excuse by their parent. Beyond two (2) days, a doctor's excuse is required. A written excuse must include a beginning and ending date. A student will be required to dress out for P.E. unless an injury/illness prevents them from participation. Failure to participate or dress out in the appropriate P.E. uniform will result in an academic and/or disciplinary penalty.

Required Courses for Graduation

English (40 units)
 Math (20 units)
 Life Science (10 units)
 Physical Science (10 units)
 World History (10 units)
 U.S. History or AP U.S. History (10 units)

U.S. Government/Economics (10 units)
 Physical Education (20 units)
 Bible (30 units)
 Christian World View/ Life Skills (10 units)
 Art, Choir, Drama or Foreign Language (10 units)
 Health (5 units)
 Speech (5 units)
 Computer Applications (10 units)
 Two classes from Modesto Junior College may be accepted for a maximum of 20 units

Valedictorian and Salutatorian Requirements

- Candidate nominees will be determined based on weighted GPA's.
- Candidates must have attended BVCHS three out of four years of high school.
- Candidates must have maintained full-time status throughout their tenure at BVCHS (four classes per term). Accelerated graduates will not be eligible.
- Candidates will be required to give a graduation speech to be written by them and approved by the designated administrator/committee.

Salutatorian(s) will be the student(s) with the second-highest weighted GPA.

- A salutatorian will be eligible to give a speech at the high school graduation ceremony if there is only one valedictorian and no more than two salutatorians.
- Otherwise only valedictorians will give graduation speeches.

If the testimony and/or reputation of one of the candidates is compromised prior to the date of graduation, administration may decide, at their discretion, not to have that student deliver a speech in the graduation ceremony.

Graduation Requirements

Big Valley Christian High School offers curriculum that enables and prepares students

for entrance to different colleges. The goal is to accomplish this from a biblical perspective so that each student realizes the importance and relevance of the unchanging Word of God.

Participation in the high school graduation ceremony will be granted to those students who complete the following requirements:

- 1) Lockers must be cleaned and have passed inspection.
- 2) The school tuition account and all other fees have been paid in full.
- 3) A student with lower than a 2.0 GPA may be in danger of not graduating.
- 4) Athletic uniforms returned.
- 5) 285 minimum required credits.

CLASSROOM TEXT BOOKS, MATERIALS & SUPPLIES

Materials and Supplies

Students need to bring the necessary supplies to school. Each teacher will give out instructions regarding what materials and supplies are necessary for school. Students who do not bring the necessary supplies to accomplish their schoolwork may receive disciplinary action or grade reduction.

Textbooks

Students are required to secure their own textbooks for each class. A textbook supply list will be sent home in the summer.

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 Term

- 5 days – Notification letter sent home
- 7 days - Parent Contact
- 10 days – Parent/Student Conference, Academic Probation contract issued.
- **Students that are absent more than 10 times from a class may not receive credit for the course.**
- In cases of prolonged illnesses, the family may wish to appeal to the Administration Council for an exception.

Student Responsibilities When Absent

When an excused absence occurs, the student is responsible for class work missed and must arrange with the teacher to make up assignments, tests, and quizzes.

If a student misses a class because of a school related activity where assignments are due, missed assignments are due at the teacher's discretion.

In the case of unexcused absences or suspensions, students may not receive credit for homework assigned on the day of the suspension or unexcused absence.

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.

Re-admission after Absence

Please follow the re-admission guidelines when the student returns 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. Excused or unexcused absence will be determined by the office.
3. A physician's note may be necessary with some diseases that are communicable.

If a student fails to bring a note for re-admission, the absence will be considered unexcused.

An unexcused absence could result in the student's grade being lowered. Teachers are not required to accept assignments that were due on the day a student was gone because of an unexcused absence.

Students leaving school during the day for medical/dental or other types of appointments should bring a parent permission note. **Students must check in and out through the office upon leaving and returning to school.**

TYPES OF ABSENCES

Excused

An excused absence is an absence due to a personal illness, serious illness in the family, bereavement, school-approved trips, medical or dental appointments, court appearances, or absences due to unforeseen circumstances.

In the event of a lengthy absence caused by illness or emergencies, students and teachers will make special arrangements for make-up work. The teacher will determine the time frame to make up quizzes and tests. Again, it is the student's responsibility to approach the teacher regarding the make-up of missed work due to illness.

Unexcused

Many absences seem acceptable to parents, but are nevertheless classified as unexcused absences. An unexcused absence could result in the student's grade being lowered. Examples of absences that cannot be excused by the school are:

- family or personal vacations
- babysitting
- needed at home
- music, art, or other lessons
- working or looking for a job
- lack of transportation
- driver's license test
- dress code violations

Teachers are not required to accept assignments that were due on the day a student was gone due to an unexcused absence if a contract was not agreed upon.

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 or both 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.

Tuancies

The student is considered truant if absent from school all or part of the day without authorization from parents or school.

A student will be considered truant if they "cut" a class, cut school, or leave school early without permission. If this occurs, parents will be contacted and immediate disciplinary action will occur.

Because of the liability issues as well as the legal issues, a student who continues to be truant may be removed from the school. Continued truancy demonstrates an unwillingness to abide by school policies and state law.

Students will receive a zero for all tests, quizzes or presentations that were given or due on the day of the unexcused absence.

ROP Students

Students are required to attend all ROP classes in session, even if it is modified/holiday schedule for BVCHS. If a student is absent from an ROP class he/she must clear the absence in the BVCHS school office.

Working Students

California law requires that students must not attend work on days they are absent from school. Working students are advised to read their work permit carefully.

Attendance and Activity Eligibility

In order to attend or participate in an extra-curricular activity (athletic game, play, banquet, etc.), students **must be in attendance at school for three out of the four periods on the day of the event**. The student must be in attendance for the entire period of the three periods. Doctor and orthodontist appointments should **not** be scheduled on these days if at all possible. Any exception to this policy must be made by school administration.

TARDY POLICY**Tardy at the Beginning of School**

- School begins 8:00 a.m.
- Students arriving after 8:00 a.m. are late and a tardy will be issued in class.

- **Students arriving after 8:10 must sign in at the office for a tardy slip.**
- **An excused tardy will only be issued for medical/dental appointments.**

Tardy to Periods 2-4

A student is considered tardy if they are not in their assigned seat or work station when the bell rings. An excused tardy will only be issued for medical/dental appointments.

Discipline Consequences for Tardiness

1st TARDY: The student will be informed that they have received a tardy.

2nd TARDY: The student will be informed that they have received a tardy and the parent will be notified. The student will be assigned a lunch detention.

3rd TARDY: At the accumulation of the third tardy, **in any or all classes**, a student will be referred to administration for discipline. A referral will be sent home for both student and parent to sign and return to the office. Detention will be assigned.

Excessive tardiness may result in after school or Saturday detention, suspension or possible expulsion. **Tardies accumulate in any or all classes for the entire term.**

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.

The students of Big Valley Christian High School must strive to live their lives with wholesome speech, sexual purity, temperance, and academic integrity and commit to hold each other accountable to those things through prayer and loving confrontation.

Addressing Adults

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

Cell Phones

- Cell phones are allowed on campus; however they are not allowed to be used for any reason during the instructional day or during school activities inside the school building.
- If a cell phone is seen or heard during school hours, it will be confiscated and placed in the office.
- A parent will be required to come to the office to get the cell phone and disciplinary action may occur.

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.

Cheating

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

Defiance

Defiance of school personnel (teachers, administrators, office staff, maintenance staff, kitchen staff, or any other adult authority figure on campus) will result in a referral to Administration.

Fighting

Any fighting with or harassing another student before, during, or after school may result in suspension or other consequences. This also applies to all school activities whether on the campus or off campus.

Hallways

- No running in the hallways, stairwells or MPR.
- For safety reasons, students may not sit in the main hallways, before school or during school hours.
- No food or drinks allowed in the hallways at any time.

Items from Home

Any objects which are irrelevant to education or are a distraction (i.e., toys, lighters, matches, fireworks, knives, games, cards, electronic or electrical equipment, etc.) are not allowed on campus or at school activities. Although MP3 players, radios, electronic games, cassette players are allowed on campus, they may not be taken into the classrooms or used during school hours.

Language

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

Lockers

- All students are issued a hall locker.
- Hall lockers are for storing books, lunches, and other personal belongings.
- Care should be taken not to share locker combinations with friends.
- Lockers are not to be traded.
- Students may not attempt to open any other locker than the one that has been assigned to them.
- The school is not responsible for any items missing from a locker.
- The hall locker is to be kept neat and clean.
- Students may decorate the inside of their hall 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 locker checks, periodic checks will be made of all lockers to make sure proper care and use is being maintained.
- Students may not tamper with the locks or locker mechanisms on the lockers.
- Bumper stickers, because they are intended to be permanent, may not be placed on lockers.
- No open beverage containers, other than bottled water, can be stored in lockers.

Student Drivers

BVCHS students have an obligation to the other students and staff members on campus as well as our neighbors to drive carefully, courteously and safely at all times. Students who violate the driving regulations may lose the privilege to drive to school. In addition to the California Vehicle Code, the following regulations apply to driving:

- Drive very slowly at all times in the parking lot. Drive at the appropriate speed on all roads and driveways around our campus.
- Adults and students are expected to obey the Traffic Patrol.
- Spinning of wheels, squealing tires, speeding or any form of reckless driving will not be permitted on or around the campus.
- Horns are not to be used to attract attention nor in a careless manner. They are to be used in emergency for the safety of others.
- Car radios and sound systems must be kept at a low volume so our neighbors and/or parents dropping their children off will not be disturbed...very low volume!
- Students are to be seated in the vehicle while in motion. At no time are students allowed to ride outside the car.
- Student athletes may not drive to away games for athletic events. See the athletic director if you have any questions.

Parking Regulations

- Cars will not occupy more than one space
- Stickers, emblems, decals, buttons, etc. identified with groups or movements contrary to Christian biblical standards are not to be displayed on cars.
- When you arrive at school, park, lock your car and leave the parking area.
- There is to be no loitering in the parking lot or on the street.
- Students may not go to their cars during the school day without first obtaining permission from the school office. This would be considered cutting class.

School 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. Immediate correction will take place which could result in either a suspension or expulsion. Restitution will be necessary.

Student Relationships

All students need to form relationships which are pleasing to the Lord (Philippians 4:8). An important part of the maturing process is the development of proper and respectful attitudes toward members of the opposite sex. We strive to foster the development of wholesome God-glorifying boy-girl relationships that are appropriate to the age of the student. Any physical display of affection (e.g. handholding, kissing, etc.) is inappropriate and 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.
- 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

The Elementary 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 and the 15 mile speed limit. Unsafe driving on campus may jeopardize a student's driving/parking privileges.

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.

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.

Discipline Procedure

When dealing with disciplinary issues, the Administration will use their discretionary judgment and wisdom in making decisions regarding the discipline. Consideration will be given to the severity of the offense, previous conduct record, and the attitude of the student during counseling and correction. Cumulative violations of school rules can result in increased severity of consequences.

Disciplinary Action

The types of disciplinary action generally taken at BVCHS are:

- Counseling by the school staff
- Loss of privileges or responsibilities
- Detentions
- Referrals
- Parent Contact
- Parent Conference
- In-School Suspension
- Saturday School
- Suspension
- Student Withdrawal
- Expulsion

Detention

A student is assigned detention for failing to meet school standards of behavior and conduct. Repeated offenses will result in suspension. School personnel monitor all detention. Detention will be arranged at the discretion of Administration.

If a student has an excused absence on the day of detention, the student will automatically be assigned to the next detention period. No second notice will be sent home. **A student who misses an assigned detention date without notifying Administration in advance may be suspended from school for one day.**

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.

Suspension

When a student is suspended from school, they are required to complete all class work assigned during the days of suspension. There will be no credit given for missed assignments. The student will be allowed to make-up quizzes and tests.

During a suspension a student is restricted from attending or participating in school functions such as athletic events, activities, etc. Continued misbehavior may lead to expulsion.

Expulsion

A student may be permanently removed from the school for either committing certain actions (illegal use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, fighting, defiance, etc.) or, if a student persistently violates school policies and shows an unwillingness to adhere to the school's behavioral expectations. When a student is asked to withdraw from BVCHS, they will be restricted from attending any school activity (e.g. athletics, socials, plays, etc.) or being on campus at any time 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 POLICIES

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

Standards in homes may differ from the school's dress policy. We do ask however, for your wholehearted cooperation in the implementation of this policy while all students are involved in educational and associated activities sponsored by the school. Students coming to school dressed **modestly** and **appropriately** for the occasion will honor the spirit and requirements of the school's dress and grooming policy.

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.

It is a mark of maturity when students can freely choose apparel that demonstrates individuality without deviating from the standards of appropriateness. **Students should follow the school code during all school hours and school activities.**

- 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 (any missed class time is unexcused, 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.

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 that applies to your student(s). Students are expected to dress modestly at all school related events.

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.
- Sundresses 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 under a sleeved garment.
- No halter tops or spaghetti straps without a t-shirt underneath.
- 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 shirts.)
- 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,, 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 or board shorts are not acceptable.

Shoes

- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- 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

Each student and parent is 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.

Annual Retreat

Early in the school year there is an all-school retreat. The retreat is designed to be our fall Spiritual Emphasis Week. General information regarding the retreat is mailed home during the summer, and more specific information is given to students just prior to the retreat. There is an additional cost for retreat. **STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND.**

Closed Campus

Students are to remain in supervised areas unless given permission to leave. **The school is a closed campus meaning students cannot leave without making proper arrangements through the office.**

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.

Missions Trip

In the spring, the school arranges for each grade level to participate in a short mission outreach activity. Students, who are absent due to illness or emergencies, will be required to submit verification of 10 hours completed community service or missions outreach.

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND.

Search and Seizure Policy

BVCHS 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

There is a hot lunch program available for students. Details are given at the beginning of the school year.

If a student has forgotten their lunch, they should check with the office to see if a parent has brought one to school. Students are not allowed to go into the parking lot to pick-up lunches. A lunch delivered to a student should be brought into the main office by the beginning

of lunch period. A parent desiring to take their student off campus for lunch must come to the office to check the student out. Please make sure the student is back in time for his/her class following the lunch period. Students will be marked tardy if late to class after returning from an off campus lunchtime. Upon return, the parent must come to the office and log the student back into the school.

All drink containers must be unbreakable. Beverages brought for consumption for break and during lunch must be opened in the MPR or outside and finished/discarded before returning to the hallways. Opened beverages other than bottled water (i.e. coffee, frappuccino, shakes, smoothies, etc.) must be consumed in the MPR or outside. These may not be stored in the lockers during the day.

There is no eating in the hallways.

Yearbook

Students may purchase yearbooks each year. The school cannot be responsible for lost yearbooks or what other students write in a yearbook. So, please encourage your student that if they ask a friend to write in their yearbook, that only encouraging and appropriate comments be written.

ACTIVITY ELIGIBILITY

For the privilege of participation in extracurricular activities, students must maintain grades and conduct which meet school standards. Any student who falls below the academic standard cannot participate.

Standards of Eligibility

To be eligible, a student must have a “C” average (2.0 GPA).

Eligibility is determined by the semester grades immediately preceding the beginning of the season of sport. All incoming freshman are eligible for the fall quarter. To be eligible to

participate, a student should be regularly enrolled in a full schedule (minimum of two classes). To participate in any extra-curricular activity (including practices), a student must be in attendance at school for three out of the four periods on the day of the activity. Students whose grades drop significantly during the course of a season or activity may be removed from participation by the Administration. Criteria such as “progress reports” and reports from teachers will be used to determine if a student should continue to participate.

Restrictions for Eligibility

Students who are ruled ineligible because of grades or conduct are restricted by the following policies:

- If a student is ineligible at the beginning of an activity, he/she may not try out, practice, or any way participate in the activity.
- A student can be reinstated at a progress report period or at the end of the semester with satisfactory grades (2.0).

GUIDELINES FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The following are general guidelines governing extracurricular activities that are applicable to all students, whether they are a participant or spectator.

- A student’s participation in any extracurricular activity is based on attendance with the exception of a dental or doctor appointment (see attendance and/or standards of eligibility).
- All activities are under the supervision of the school, and students are expected to be as responsible and cooperative at an activity as they are in the classroom.
- The school dress code (relating to modesty, neatness, and appropriateness) applies to

extracurricular activities unless specific exceptions are announced.

- Team members or participants must use school-designated transportation unless the school has specifically authorized other means.
- The school tuition account and all other fees must have been paid in full for a student to attend the Senior Trip.

Student Leadership

Any student who has a GPA of 2.5 or better on any report card will be eligible to run for a Student Leadership Office. When elected, Student Leadership Officers must maintain a 2.5 GPA, no F's in academic work, satisfactory conduct, and demonstrate Christian character. Faculty and administrative approval are needed to run for Student Leadership.

Participation

Any student running for Student Leadership Office or trying out for a team must be enrolled for the year they would serve or participate.

Regaining Eligibility

A student may take summer school classes in an effort to regain activity eligibility for athletics or other extra-curricular activities. The student will, however, remain on probation upon return to school in August. All summer school classes are not automatically accepted for credit at BVCHS. Therefore, check with the Athletic Director or Administrator before enrolling in a summer school class. A summer school course grade does not replace a final grade (except in terms of athletic and activity GPA eligibility).

STUDENT ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

In an effort to reflect the Mission Statement and the Expected School Wide Learning Results, Big Valley Christian High School Student Activities program strives to meet the needs of

the “whole man” (spiritually, physically, socially, emotionally, and intellectually). The primary goal of any activity is to elevate the reputation of Jesus Christ through developing students whose Christianity permeates every word and action. Activities are designed to develop God-given talents and abilities in students as well as Christian character qualities.

The variety of activities available (sports, clubs, performing arts, etc.) allow for students with varying skills and abilities to find an outlet for their abilities. All activities are viewed as an opportunity for an individual to bring honor and glory to God by using his/her abilities for His glory.

There are certain activities that are divisive and therefore Big Valley Christian High School avoids them. Scripture admonishes believers that if they are engaged in an activity that offends another brother or sister in Christ that they should refrain from that activity while in the presence of the offended individual. In order to avoid “offense” to any believer on campus, Big Valley Christian High School does not sponsor, promote, or encourage social activities which are divisive.

ATHLETIC PROGRAM

The Athletic Department of BVCHS has a separate handbook outlining athletic policies. Please refer to that document for answers to questions regarding sports issues.

QUESTIONS

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