



Office of Mary C. Barlow, Kern County Superintendent of Schools



Our Mission

Valley Oaks Charter School is a community that provides opportunities, support, and accountability for families seeking an alternative educational experience tailored to their students by providing programs rooted in parent choice.

Overview

Valley Oaks Charter School (VOCS) was established in 2000 by the Kern County Superintendent of Schools office to provide tuition free support for parents who choose to homeschool their children. Valley Oaks is accredited through the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and allows parents the flexibility to create individual educational courses of study for their children. Valley Oaks serves students at five sites located in Bakersfield, Frazier Park, Lake Isabella, Taft, and Tehachapi.



TK-8 Although students are educated in the home, Valley Oaks offers numerous programs to assist parents who have opted to homeschool. Each family is assigned to a resource teacher who consults with parents about lesson plans, teaching strategies, curriculum selection, and assessment. Valley Oaks' credentialed teachers present enrichment classes at each campus, plan and chaperone field trips and host learning experiences such as Farm Day and Living History Camp. Workshops for students desiring assistance with county competitions including the Oral Language Festival, Battle of the Books, and Science Fair are also available throughout the year. An integral part of the VOCS education is community collaboration with a variety of organizations throughout Kern County.

9-12 Valley Oaks High School is committed to creating an educational path that best suits every high school student. Each student is assigned to an advisor who assists parents and students in planning their four years of high school. Academic classes are offered in both core subjects and electives to better serve homeschooling families. An option for parent-directed courses is also available where parents are assisted in designing their own curriculum. Valley Oaks High School encourages a team effort amongst advisors, parents, and students to ensure every student is successful while attending VOCS. Additionally, students can take advantage of Valley Oaks' concurrent enrollment program by taking college and/or on-line courses.

To schedule an orientation, call 661-852-6700 (K-8) or 661-852-6750 (9-12).
To schedule an orientation in Tehachapi, call 661-822-6900.

Student Activities & Events

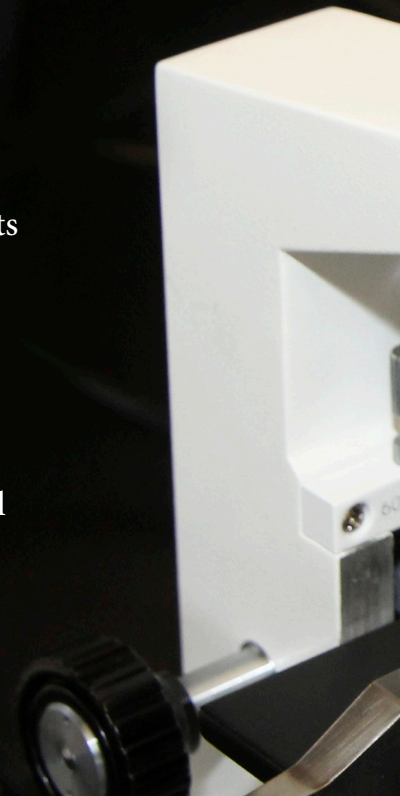
Valley Oaks offers a variety of on-campus enrichment opportunities for students designed to complement at-home instruction provided by parents. Activities vary from year to year and may include classes in the subjects of agriculture, cooking, sewing, drama, fine arts, physical education, and industrial arts. Furthermore, field trips and other extra-curricular activities are offered throughout the school year.

TK-8

- Enrichment classes
- Fine arts including choir, chime choir, piano, guitar, and drama
- Competitions including Oral Language Festival, Science Fair, Spelling Bee, and History Day
- VEX Robotics, Battle of the Books and LegoRobotics
- History Camp
- Agriculture and Industrial Arts
- Field Trips to Camp KEEP, museums, performances, and exhibits
- Junior ASB

9-12

- ASB
- Student Clubs
- Dances
- College Workshops
- Community Service Projects
- Career Days
- Field Trips
- Career technical education including wood shop, metal shop, drafting, and welding
- Fine Arts







We love Valley Oaks because of the many opportunities offered on campus and the flexibility of learning from home with the constant support of qualified and certificated teachers and staff. We've made so many friendships and memories here at Valley Oaks, all thanks to the welcoming and supportive environment.

— Holly Kuntz, Parent

Parent Resources

Valley Oaks offers a variety of resources for homeschooling parents. For our TK-8 families, each year begins with a Kick-Off Kamp and Parent Educator Conference, which are provided to complement instruction given by parents in the home. Our High School families are provided guidance and resources at the beginning of the year Parent Workshop and the Back to School Meet and Greet.



VOCS Designed Curriculum includes textbooks, workbooks, lesson plans, assessment and evaluation tools, extended reading, and literature and teachers guides/editions, as well as enrichment materials.

Special Order Grants allow parents, with a minimum of one school year's experience with VOCS, to place a special curriculum order to enhance and supplement their individual homeschooling needs.

Internet Subscriptions give parents access to websites that feature thousands of educational topics.

VOCS Library offers hundreds of fiction and non-fiction selections for checkout.

Assessment Tools for grade-level placement and to monitor progress are available upon request and can be administered by the resource teacher and in some cases by parents.

The Learning Center, operated by KCSOS, offers parents the use of laminators, resource files on all subjects, computers, book binding machines, die-cuts, over-head projectors, paper cutters, etc. Staff members are on duty to assist with ideas, machines usage, and technology.

Vendor Services give parents the option of using local vendors for instruction primarily in fine arts and physical education.





Bakersfield (TK-8)
3401 Chester Ave.
Bakersfield, CA 93301
661-852-6700

Frazier Park (TK-8)
3015 Mt. Pinos Way
Frazier Park, CA 93225
661-852-6700

Taft (TK-8)
220 North St.
Taft, CA 93268
661-852-6700

Bakersfield (9-12)
3501 Chester Ave.
Bakersfield, CA 93301
661-852-6750

Kern River Valley (TK-8)
360 Golden Spur B-C
Lake Isabella, CA 93240
661-852-6700

Tehachapi (TK-12)
20705 South St.
Tehachapi, CA 93561
661-822-6900