

Frequently Asked Questions



What makes Valor Christian Academy – Online Pathway special?

Our FAITH, ACADEMICS, and COMMUNITY are what make Valor a special place. Valor Christian Academy is dedicated to sharing the Gospel and God’s love with every student and family we serve as well as with the greater South Bay community. Our students are equipped with the skills they need to be successful in high school, college, and beyond by our excellent academic program, which emphasizes hands-on learning and development of critical thinking skills. Our Valor community of students, parents, and staff is hard-working, caring, and encouraging—and we have a lot of fun together!

What age range does Valor Christian Academy – Online Pathway serve?

Valor Christian Academy – Online Pathway is available for students in Kindergarten through 8th Grade.

What is your statement of faith and denomination?

You can read our Statement of Faith on our website [here](#).

Online classes are taught from an evangelical, non-denominational perspective primarily focusing on the core tenets of faith.

Students and families are not required to be Christian. We value everyone’s opinion and their right to believe what they want, however, faculty and staff are required to be Christian, and instruction will take place from a Christian perspective.

How is the faith aspect taught at the school?

Teachers are Christian and view their job as a ministry. They integrate content and teaching with Biblical principles, pray for students on a regular basis, and teach in a way that promotes students’ processing of who God is and how it relates to what they are learning. Students have a Bible class and core classes are Biblically-integrated. Students participate in a weekly chapel.

When does Enrollment begin? When can I apply?

Enrollment begins in early February. Enrolling early helps you have time to have all of your questions answered and attend our orientation meeting to prepare you for the new school year, which begins toward the end of August. Our application is online and is available in early February.

Is Valor Christian Academy Online Academy accredited?

Yes. Valor Christian Academy’s on-campus program is fully accredited by WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges). Our online classes are taught via a partnership with Pathway Christian Prep Academy. Pathway Christian Prep Academy is fully accredited by Cognia (previously AdvancED), which bestows the recognition and authority of the accrediting agencies NCA CASI, NWAC, and SACS CASI.

What documents do you require for student enrollment?

Transcripts/previous year's academic record, proof of age, IEP/504 plan if applicable.

Do you offer different pacing options?

We have a traditional track and a self-paced track. The traditional track will have live sessions once a week and groups of students that are on the same track together so the social learning aspect is more emphasized. The self-paced track can access the recordings of these sessions. Regardless of the track, students still have a limited time to complete the course, but self-paced offers more flexibility.

How often do students have to log in for live virtual class sessions?

Full-time students log in to virtual sessions daily. Frequency of a specific course meeting will vary based on grade level and course, but generally, courses meet twice per week live and then the rest of the work can be done asynchronously or during small group tutoring sessions.

Is there a dress code? Are uniforms required?

We ask that students in our Homeschool program purchase one Valor uniform shirt to wear to in-person events, whether on or off campus. Valor uniform shirts are purchased from [Norman's Uniforms](#). In addition to this Norman's shirt, for on-campus/in-person events, we require students to follow our Free Dress Code. You can view our Free Dress Code in our Family Handbooks (found under the Resources menu tab on our [website](#)).

What time zone are live class sessions?

Though students in different time zones participate in our online instruction, all classes are based on Pacific Standard Time.

How many hours is a typical school day?

Students should expect to spend 5-6 hours per day working on schoolwork. Of course, some students work faster and may require less time, while others may require more.

What are your class sizes?

The average class size is around six to eight students but we limit classes to a maximum of twelve to make sure we have an excellent ratio.

Are students required to visit our on-campus activities?

Students are not required to participate in any specific on-campus activities or off-campus field trips. However, we encourage families to join us for activities that fit their schedules so they can benefit from the full scope of our program and community in addition to our online program.

How does the school promote social learning and relational development?

By offering clubs, community groups, leadership groups, and other online venues for students to interact with one another. Teachers are very intentional when designing live lessons to get students to interact and begin to make friends with one another.

How do you teach your students to be courageous leaders?

Preparing Courageous Leaders is more than our tagline at Valor Christian Academy, it is the way we approach education and character development. We challenge our students to do what is right and good, even when it is difficult. We expose them to the needs in our community, and we equip them to offer real help. We mentor students in the development of leadership skills, and we celebrate them when they exemplify what it means to be a courageous leader. Our middle schoolers also participate in quarterly Community Service, and our 8th graders go on an annual 8th Grade Leadership Retreat.

How do you handle behavior issues and bullying?

We are committed to making Valor a safe learning environment for all students. Please find details about our discipline and bullying policies in our Family Handbooks (found under the Resources menu tab on our [website](#)).

Do you accept students with IEPs and 504 Plans?

Yes, as long as we are able to accommodate a student's needs with the resources we currently have available. We do not have a special education or resource program.

Do you offer speech therapy or other special services?

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide speech therapy or other special services. However, we will work with you to help your student receive these services during regular school hours through the outside services you are able to arrange.

Do you have a PTA?

Yes, we have a parent-teacher association we call the PTF, or Parent Teacher Fellowship. The PTF is composed of all elementary and middle school staff and parents of enrolled students. It is run by a board of elected parents in coordination with our Principal/Head of Schools. The PTF organizes fundraising and community events throughout the year and contributes to projects that benefit the students and staff of Valor.

Is there an annual volunteering or fundraising commitment?

We encourage all families to [volunteer](#) and contribute to Valor fundraisers if they are able to, but these are not required for families enrolled in our Online Pathway.

Do you offer Financial Aid?

Unfortunately, we do not currently offer Financial Aid for our Online Pathway.

Do you have a payment plan option for tuition?

We offer annual or monthly payments.

Want to learn more about Valor Christian Academy?

Please visit the [FAQs](#) page on our website, which includes information about our history, academic philosophy, and more.