



VALLEY PREPARATORY SCHOOL



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VISION STATEMENT ...

Our vision is to be a 21st century learning institution that graduates students who are confident communicators, critical thinkers, and problem solvers who are motivated to engage in life-long learning and empowered to achieve personal and educational goals in a culturally diverse, global community. Additionally, the graduate will be a highly literate and well-balanced student who has developed an appreciation for the arts and world languages and an ability to acquire knowledge and access information using well developed technological skills.



RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS ...

Over the past five years, Valley Prep has accomplished the following:

1. Implemented the International Baccalaureate and STEAM programs
2. Implemented a standards-based grading system (see below)
3. Secured long-term financial stability (see below)
4. Installed perimeter fencing and the Lion's Gate to better-secure the campus
5. Established the STEAM-lab to encourage student innovation
6. Resurfaced the outdoor basketball and volleyball courts
7. Remodeled the student and staff bathrooms
8. Installed three solar arrays that will save the school nearly \$200,000
9. Established an *Outdoor Learning Space* behind the PS-PK-K classrooms
10. Installed a new shade-structure in the lower play-area

WHAT IS THE IB-PYP? ...



The International Baccalaureate – Primary Years Program is one of four IB programs that aims to prepare students to become active, caring, lifelong learners who demonstrate respect for themselves and the diversity of the community in which they live. The PYP was developed for elementary-level students and focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both within and beyond the classroom. Using six transdisciplinary themes to organize curricular content, the program is designed to create connections across the curriculum, thereby encouraging the development of problem-solving and critical-thinking skills.



WHAT IS STEAM? ...



Integrating science, technology, engineering, and math into a comprehensive STEM program has been a national priority for many years. Recently, these efforts have expanded to include Visual Arts, Performing Arts, and Language Arts, resulting in the acronym known as STEAM. Accordingly, Valley Prep began implementing a STEAM program in 2016 - within the framework of the IB-PYP – that allows students to explore themes in depth and across the curriculum. They address real-world problems that require them to ask questions, use empathy, and engage in collaboration, problem-solving, and critical-thinking skills to formulate a solution. These are skills that allow today's children be tomorrow's innovators.



WHAT IS STANDARDS-BASED LEARNING? ...

In an effort to better-articulate the curriculum and hold teachers accountable for the content of the curriculum at each grade-level, Valley Prep has begun to implement a standards-based grading system. The term standards-based refers to systems of instruction, assessment, and reporting that are based on students demonstrating understanding or mastery of the knowledge and skills they are expected to learn at each grade-level as they progress through their education.

... EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Valley Prep School firmly believes in the importance of experiential learning to further enhance the school's overall academic program. Overnight trips to such places as Catalina, Colorado River, Sacramento, and Washington DC, along with international excursions to such places as the Galapagos Islands, Costa Rica, and France provide such experiences. This approach to learning is well-aligned with the philosophy of the International Baccalaureate Program, encouraging hands-on learning and the development of a global perspective.



... ANNUAL PARENT SURVEY RESULTS

Each Spring, the Valley Prep parent-body is encouraged to complete a survey soliciting their feedback about various aspects of the school, including Home: School communication and the academic program. In the Spring of 2018, respondents gave the school an overall rating of 4.1 out of 5.



... LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

In the years to come, Valley Prep will be seeking certification as an **IB World School** and then considering the implementation of the IB-Middle Years Program. With the establishment of the Building Fund (see below), the school will begin upgrading the classrooms and developing a site-plan that provides a clear vision for the future.

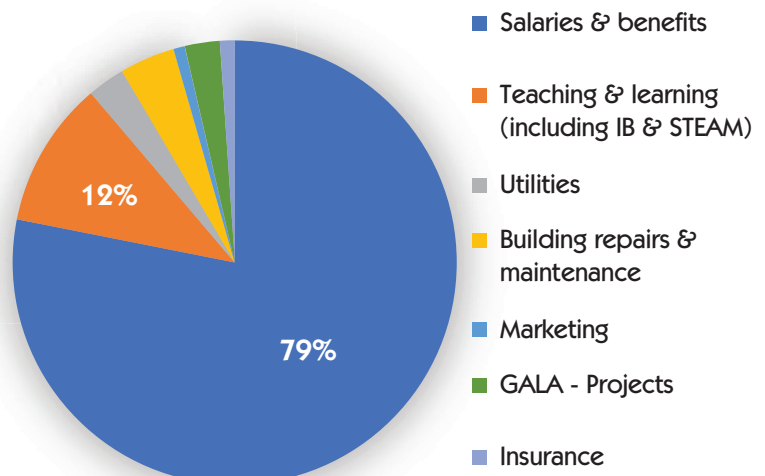
... FINANCIAL OVERVIEW 2017-18

The chart at the right provides a quick look at the school's annual expenditures. Additionally, the school has endeavored in recent years to solidify its long-term financial stability by establishing a Reserve Fund (now valued at \$275,000) and a Building Fund (now valued at \$280,000).



	2016-17	2017-18
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,253,242	\$2,270,174
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,199,260	\$2,267,639
NET GAIN	\$53,982	\$25,355

EXPENDITURES JULY 2017 TO JUNE 2018



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