



VANCOUVER CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL
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GENERAL INFORMATION 2009–2010

VCHS PURPOSE STATEMENT

Educating for LIFE: Leadership, Integrity, Faith, Excellence

TEACHERS

All our teachers are dedicated Christian professionals. Instruction is supported by full-time and part-time instructors who are degreed educators or professionals in their field. These instructors help enrich and extend learning opportunities for students. Our faculty includes three administrators, sixteen full- and part-time teachers, and three office-support personnel.

TUITION/BOOKS AND REGISTRATION

Tuition and fees for 2009–2010:

Tuition: \$6,182 per year, for the first child
\$5,566 for the second child

International Student Tuition: \$7,370

Tuition payments can be made over 11 months, August–June.

Books/Registration/Activity fee of \$350 is due when registration papers are submitted.

This fee is non-refundable.

CURRICULUM

Vancouver Christian High School examines quality Christian publishers, as well as non-Christian publishers, to determine the best curricula available, both Biblically and academically. We use a combination of the best for our basic curricula: A Beka Books, Bob Jones University Press, Saxon, and Associated Christian Schools International.

ACCREDITATION

Vancouver Christian High School is a member of Associated Christian Schools International (ACSI). We have received provisional accreditation from Northwest Association of Accredited Schools, and expect to be fully accredited in the spring of 2009. VCHS is state approved by the Washington state board of education.

DRESS CODE

Vancouver Christian High School has a dress code to encourage Christian modesty and a disciplined environment.

Vancouver Christian High school admits students of any race, color, national, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship, and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Credit Requirements: A minimum of 24 credits are required to graduate

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| Bible | 2 |
| Mathematics | 3 |
| Language Arts | 4 |
| Science | 3 |
| World History | .5 |
| Washington State History | .5 |
| U.S. History and Government | 1 |
| Contemporary World Problems | 1 |
| Health | .5 |
| Career Education | .5 |
| Physical Education | 1.5 |
| Visual or Performing Arts | 1 |
| Foreign Language | 1 |
| Occupational Emphasis Class | .5 |
| Electives | 4 |
| Total | 24 |

COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT

Vancouver Christian High School requires 25 hours of community service per year for full-time students. Community service includes activities such as volunteering at hospitals, shelters, retirement homes, and churches, as well as serving individuals such as the elderly or single parents.

COURSE OF STUDY: BASIC CLASS LIST

9TH GRADE

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| Bible | Mathematics |
| World History/Washington State History | Language Arts 9 |
| Physical Science | Electives |

10TH GRADE

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| Bible | Mathematics |
| U.S. History and Government | Language Arts 10 |
| Biology | Electives |

11TH GRADE

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| Bible | Mathematics |
| Career Education/Health | Language Arts 11 |
| Science | Electives |

12TH GRADE

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| Bible | Mathematics (optional) |
| Contemporary World Problems | Language Arts 12 |
| Science (optional) | Electives |

Note: During the four high-school years, VCHS requires each student to take 1.5 credits of PE, 1 credit of visual/performing arts, and 1 credit of a foreign language during their elective period.

ELECTIVES OFFERED

(AVAILABILITY OF ELECTIVES DETERMINED BY CLASS SIZE AND TEACHER AVAILABILITY.)

Spanish 1, 2, 3, and 4

French 1, 2, 3, and 4

American Sign Language 1, 2, 3, and 4

Drama

PE

Weight Training

Choir

Art

Yearbook

Journalism

Film Making

Entrepreneurship

Psychology

Photography

JUNIOR/SENIOR SCIENCE CHOICES

Marine Biology

Physics

Chemistry

Earth Science

ATHLETICS OFFERED

FALL

Boys Football

Girls Volleyball

WINTER

Boys and Girls Basketball

SPRING

Boys and Girls Track

We are members of WIAA (Washington Interscholastic Activities Association).

We are in the central B league.



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WHO WE ARE

MISSION STATEMENT

Vancouver Christian High School exists to provide an educational program based on a Biblical worldview so that students may learn the essential truths about God and man, preparing each generation academically, spiritually and socially to impact their world for Jesus Christ.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

EDUCATING FOR LIFE: LEADERSHIP, INTEGRITY, FAITH, EXCELLENCE

The principle purpose of VCHS is to provide an educational program for students in grades 9–12, offering regular and advanced courses of study taught from a Biblical worldview. Students will be taught by qualified, born-again teachers that have a Biblical perspective on life. Our students will be taught to live according to God’s purposes in every aspect of life. It is our desire that each child be educated as an individual with his/her own unique abilities and personality. Our desire is that students will have a burden for Christian missions and outreach, including an understanding of what it means to serve and to fulfill the Great Commission as Christians today. Our goal is to disciple students in a strong academic setting enhanced by quality extra-curricular activities and Biblical training that prepares young people to assume their proper place in the home, church, and state.

CORE VALUES

1. THE BIBLE:

We recognize the Word of God as the ultimate authority in all situations as the foundation of the Christian life. Our educational and instructional goals, our long-range vision, and our daily conduct are guided by its wisdom and principles. II Timothy 3:14–16, I Thessalonians 2:13, II Peter 1:19–21

2. COMMUNITY:

We believe that parents, students, faculty, and the community at large — local churches, businesses, and other organizations — are all stakeholders in the educational process, and that VCHS will excel as all of these stakeholders function in community with one another in the support and advancement of this school. Ephesians 4:1–6

3. GODLINESS:

We determine that as a school we will strive to follow the example of Christ, becoming more fully devoted disciples as we learn and mature in our faith. I Timothy 4:7–8, I Timothy 6:11–12, I Peter 2:17

4. EXCELLENCE:

We strive for excellence in all that we do spiritually, academically, and relationally during the school day and in extra-curricular activities. Colossians 3:23–24, I Corinthians 10:31

5. FAITH:

We are committed to establishing and maintaining an environment that promotes a personal response to God. Galatians 2:16–21, John 3:16–21, John 10:27



STATEMENT OF FAITH

Each member of the school board, and each employee of Vancouver Christian High School, having accepted Jesus Christ as personal Savior, shall subscribe annually in writing to the following Statement of Faith:

1. We believe there is only one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:1, Matthew 28:19, John 10:30, II Corinthians 13:14)
2. We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ (John 1:1, John 10:33), His virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23, Luke 1:35), His sinless life (Hebrews 4:15, 7:26), His miracles (John 2:11), His vicarious atoning death (I Corinthians 15:3, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 2:9), His bodily resurrection (John 11:25, John 20:27–28, I Corinthians 15:4), His ascension to the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:19) and in His personal return in power and glory for His church (Acts 1:11, John 14:3).
3. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, only, infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God. We believe the Bible to be the final authority for faith and practice. (2 Timothy 3:16–17, 2 Peter 1:20–21)
4. We believe the Biblical account of creation to be literal. (Genesis 1 and 2, Psalm 104)
5. We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature; man is justified solely by faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ; we are saved only by God's grace and through faith in Christ as Lord. (John 3:16–19, John 5:24, John 14:6, Romans 3:23, Romans 5:8–9, Ephesians 2:8–10, Titus 3:5)
6. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. (John 17:23, I Corinthians 12:12–13, Galatians 3:26–28)
7. We believe in the present ministry and infilling of the Holy Spirit, whose indwelling presence in the Christian enables him to live a godly life. (Romans 8:13–14, I Corinthians 3:16, I Corinthians 6:19–20, Ephesians 4:30, Ephesians 5:18–19, Acts 1:8)
8. We believe in the reality and personality of Satan and final judgment of Satan and his demons. (Matthew 25:41, Revelations 20:10–15)



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DRESS CODE

RATIONALE

In line with our basic school philosophy, the area of dress and social grace for young people is primarily a function of the home (parents). We take into account five major factors regarding this area: (1) cultural standards are major variables; (2) individual and family standards and their enforcement vary widely; (3) some families leave this area of education up to the school; (4) the community, including those with children in the school, judges the school by the dress of the staff and students; (5) varieties in dress and/or dress standards are not sin in and of themselves, although individuals may vary in their conviction. (I Sam. 16:7, Rom. 14) For these reasons, Vancouver Christian High School must have a clear, stipulated, enforceable dress code. Our appearance is an indication of many of our personal values and attitudes.

In designing guidelines in the area of dress, we want to: (1) keep the responsibilities for clothing standards in the home as much as possible, (2) avoid identifying some particular dress style as the only Christian one, and (3) keep clothing problems from looming so large that students can't see or hear what the school is really trying to say to them. (Eph. 6:4)

OBJECTIVES

1. To dress in such a way that our living testimony will glorify the Lord Jesus Christ. (Colossians 3:17)
2. To dress in such a way that we build habits of cleanliness, modesty, neatness, and good grooming. This helps implement the development of social graces.
3. To build self-acceptance because of knowing "I look nice" (modest attractiveness).
4. To maintain the obvious differentiation between the sexes. (Deuteronomy 22:5)
5. The clothing is functional, i.e., is well-suited to the activity of the wearer.
6. To dress appropriately for an activity demonstrates our respect for others by avoiding extreme or immodest dress. (Philemon 4:5)
7. To avoid competition that seeks to draw attention to self or gender.
8. To encourage each student to gain recognition through personal character and conscientious work.
9. To dress in a way that will not adversely affect behavior.

GENERAL

1. To help build habits of cleanliness and good grooming, the following guidelines are recommended:
 - Regular bathing
 - Deodorant
 - Daily brushing of teeth
 - Trimmed and clean fingernails
2. Clothing must fit properly. Pants must fit appropriately around the waist and buttocks. Sleeve length must be the appropriate length, not oversized. Pant legs should be straight or have a mild flair.
3. Clothing must not be worn inside out.
4. Clothing must be clean and in good repair, i.e., no rips, holes, split seams, frayed pant legs, dirty-looking clothes, or bleached-out material.
5. Shoes must be clean and in good repair.
6. If a sweater/sweatshirt is worn in class, it must follow dress code requirements.
7. PE clothing or athletic wear is not acceptable classroom attire.
8. Lounging wear is not acceptable attire (long underwear, flannel pants, etc.)
9. Wording and/or symbols on clothing and accessories must not be in contradiction with Christian values or VCHS standards and beliefs.
10. Advance notice will be given if particular clothing is to be worn for a special school event or field trip.
11. No jewelry with compromising symbolism will be allowed. Examples: swastika, ankh, pentagram, crystals, skulls, etc. Administration will decide on individual items.
12. No permanent tattoos are allowed.
13. Dress code applies to all school activities.

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WOMEN

1. Mondays and Fridays: Dresses, skirts, or jumpers are the required attire. Dresses/skirts must be no higher than 2" above the kneecap when worn appropriately and student is standing, and must be full enough not to pull up when seated. Dresses must have sleeves. All slits or button openings must be modest. (Administration may decide on individual items.) Culottes, gaucho pants, or "skorts" are not acceptable.
Winter Weather Wear on Mondays and Fridays: Girls may wear full length dress pants, cords, cargo pants, or Dockers. This is appropriate wear for January only.
2. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays: In addition to dresses, skirts, or jumpers, jeans of any color are acceptable attire. Shorts are also acceptable (see guideline #3 below). Pants must fit appropriately (see general guidelines number 2 and 4). Leggings, spandex, flannel pull-on pants, nylon pants, and sweatpants are not permitted.
3. Shorts must be cotton twill walking shorts equal to or longer than fingertip length. No sports shorts or shorts of worn or faded fabric.
4. Shirts and blouses must have sleeves. Tank tops are not allowed, unless worn underneath another shirt that meets dress code. Tops, if worn untucked, must overlap the top of the skirt or pant by a minimum of four inches. There is to be no separation of top and pant or skirt, no matter what the posture. Garments with non-Christian sayings or compromising emblems, slogans, pictures, or characters are unacceptable. Individual tops may be deemed unacceptable at the discretion of the administration.
5. All outfits are to be modest. Tight fitting, sheer, or low-cut-necklined shirts/blouses are not permitted.
6. Sweatshirts/sweaters/jackets: All sweatshirts/sweaters/jackets must be worn with a shirt or blouse underneath (no shoulderless garments). Garments with non-Christian sayings or compromising emblems, slogans, or pictures are unacceptable.
7. Hairstyles must be neat and worn in a style out of the eyes. Extravagant makeup, accessories, hairstyles, or hair colors are not permitted. If a desired hairstyle is questionable, seek approval from the school office first. Caps, hats, hoods, and bandannas are not to be worn inside the school building.
8. Earrings are to be worn in the ears only. No other visible piercings are allowed.
9. If you have questions about particular clothing, please check with the office.

MEN

1. Pants:
Mondays and Fridays: Dress pants, cords, cargo, or Dockers are required.
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays: Dress pants, cords, cargo, Dockers, or jeans of any color are acceptable attire. Shorts are also acceptable (see guideline #2 below). All pants must fit appropriately (see general guidelines numbers 2 and 4). Sweatpants, nylon pants, and flannel pull-on pants are not permitted.
2. Shorts must be cotton twill walking shorts equal to or longer than fingertip length. No sports shorts or shorts of worn or faded fabric.
3. Shirts:
Mondays and Fridays: Collared shirts with buttons are required. Shirts must be neat, clean, and buttoned up. Collars must be visible even when wearing another shirt/jacket of any kind over the collared shirt (including sweaters, sweatshirts, etc.). If there is any printing on the shirt, it must follow the guidelines for Tuesday–Thursday.
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays: Garments with non-Christian sayings or compromising emblems, slogans, pictures, or characters are unacceptable. Tank tops are not allowed, unless worn underneath another shirt that meets dress code standards. Individual tops may be deemed unacceptable at the discretion of the administration. All shirts are to be neat, clean, and buttoned when wearing a shirt with buttons.
4. Sweatshirts/sweaters/jackets: All sweatshirts/sweaters/jackets must be worn with a shirt underneath. Garments with non-Christian sayings or compromising emblems, slogans, or pictures are unacceptable.
5. Caps, hats, hoods, and bandannas are not to be worn inside the school building.
6. Hair is to be kept clean, combed, and at moderate length. At all times hair is to be out of the eyes. The appropriate length: not below the bottom of the collar in the back. No outlandish hairstyles or colors will be accepted. Boys may not wear ponytails or braids. If a desired hairstyle is questionable, seek approval from the office first.
7. Boys are not allowed to wear earrings, plugs, and/or spacers of any kind. No visible piercings are allowed.
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ADMISSION PROCEDURE

An admission packet can be obtained from the school office or from our website at www.vancouverchristian.com. It contains all the forms and information needed to start the enrollment process.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLLMENT AT VCHS:

1. Admission Packet forms must be completed and returned to the office. Please note the two Student Reference forms; one is to be completed by the student's youth pastor and the other by a person of your choice.
2. For all incoming students, an interview with the principal or interview committee is required prior to enrollment.
3. A 2.00 GPA is recommended for incoming students. Students with a GPA below 2.00 may be denied enrollment or enrolled on academic probation. A copy of the student's most recent report card is to be submitted with the Academic History form.
4. Testing of students and/or a copy of achievement test results may be requested by the school prior to enrollment.
5. Families are encouraged to be committed to a local church, demonstrated through consistent attendance, involvement, and giving.

PROCESS FOR ADMISSION:

1. Complete the Registration Form, Student Information Form, Academic History Form (with a copy of the most recent report card attached), and submit them to the school office with the registration/book fee. This fee is non-refundable unless the student's enrollment is denied. The student reference forms should be given to the youth pastor and another person at this time.
2. When the school has received the two reference forms they will call you to set up an interview with the school principal and/or interview committee. This interview is for both the student and parents.
3. When you come to this appointment bring with you the following completed forms from the admission packet: Parent Agreement Form, Student Agreement Form, and the Records Release form. A copy of the student's transcript showing all high school credits earned to date will need to be obtained from the student's current school and brought to the appointment also.
4. If accepted, a completed Certificate of Immunization Status form and a Tuition Contract will need to be completed and returned to the school office. Enrollment is not complete until all registration forms, the signed Tuition Contract, and the registration/book fee are received by the school office.

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