

VALOR CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL 2024-2025 PROFILE



VISION

To prepare tomorrow's leaders to transform the world **for Christ**.

MISSION

In partnership with committed parents, our mission is to provide a purpose-driven college preparatory program, within a vibrant **Christ-centered** environment that empowers students to discover their passions and to develop their unique gifts and abilities while growing in **wisdom, knowledge, leadership, faith and service**.

Student Enrollment
2024-2025

1146

Senior Class Size

289

Faculty

11:1 student to faculty ratio
110 faculty members
89 with Advanced Degrees
9 with Doctorate Degrees

Graduation Requirements

English	4 Credits
Mathematics	4 Credits
Science	3 Credits
Social Studies/History	3 Credits
World Language	2 Credits
Bible/Theology	3 Credits
Arts+Media	1 Credit
9th Grade Seminar	1 Credit

Advanced Placement and Dual Credit Courses

Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Credit (DC) courses are primarily available junior and senior year, if approved by counselor and teacher. A student who takes 10 or more AP and DC courses by the time they graduate would have taken the most demanding rigor available to them.

Advanced Placement Courses

Art & Design	English Language	Physics 1
Biology	English Literature	Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism
Calculus A/B	French Language	Physics C: Mechanics
Calculus B/C	*Latin	Seminar
Chemistry	Macroeconomics	Spanish Language
*Chinese Language	Microeconomics	Statistics
Computer Science A	*Music Theory	US History

*Courses are not offered every school year

AP Test Performance | 2024 School Year

373 Number of Students Taking Exams
672 Total Number of Exams
92.8% Percentage of Students with 3 or Above:

ACT

275 of the Class of 2025 took the ACT (as of July 2024)

Average ACT Composite Score: **25**
Number of Students with a 30 or higher: **53**
Average Composite Score of the top 50%: **29**
Average Composite Score of the top 25%: **32**

Dual Credit Courses

Weighted		Unweighted
DC Anatomy and Physiology	DC Pre-Calculus	Advanced Business Strategies
DC English 12	DC Rhetoric	New Testament
*DC European History	DC Spanish Language	Old Testament
DC French Language	DC Speech and Debate III	Song Writing III
DC Latin Language	DC Speech and Debate IV	Song Writing IV
DC Multivariable Calculus	DC U.S. Government	

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Class of 2025 Grade Distribution

Quintile	# of Students	GPA Range
Top 10%	30	4.34 - 4.58
Next 10%	30	4.16 - 4.33
Second	62	3.94 - 4.15
Third	61	3.60 - 3.93
Fourth	61	3.13 - 3.59
Fifth	45	1.78 - 3.12

Class of 2024 College Outcomes

Admitted to **378** unique universities and matriculating to **123** different universities
84% attending out of state colleges and universities
92% matriculation to a four-year college or university

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ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

One of the many unique opportunities for Valor students to enrich their academic experience is to pursue one of our five endorsement programs. Each endorsement program at Valor includes a component of coursework, service, experiential engagement, and a capstone project. **Experiential Units (EUs)**, how the program measures experiential engagement, can be acquired by: club and competition participation, attending guest lectures, career shadow or internship experiences, receiving mentorship, and more. A student is required to complete 8 EUs, beyond their core curriculum, by the time they graduate. See each individual endorsement program below for additional information.



Applied STEM

The Valor Applied STEM program is a gateway to industry, preparing high school students to make a global impact in the fields of science, math, engineering, medicine and technology. We are able to provide each STEM student with custom instruction based on their unique interests and the rapidly changing needs of industry.

Unique opportunities specific to STEM include experiential learning through medical missions, research-based trips abroad, local STEM service experiences, and participation in various club competitions.

Past STEM students have done extensive research in Prosthetics, Mental Health, Robotics, Accessibility, Aerospace, Hydroponics, Facial Recognition, Nutrition, and much more through a capstone project.

Biblical Leadership

The Biblical Leadership program provides students with advanced Biblical engagement, experiential and practical learning through involvement in a defined ministry and leadership context, impactful service opportunities, and a capstone project. Through this, students will see who the Lord has made them to be and gain life enduring knowledge (mentally and experientially) for the purpose of living as transformational leaders who reflect Christ.

Unique opportunities specific for Biblical Leadership include an educational experience in Israel, working with local non-profit organizations and churches, and hearing from biblical scholars from around the world.

Future capstone projects include missions experience, church or ministry internships focused on preaching or teaching, and college level thesis writing on theological topics.



Business

The Business program provides students with a full array of business courses, experiential engagement, competitions, and projects to build a business acumen that will prepare them for university work.

Unique opportunities for business students include participation in DECA, an international organization that prepares students to be emerging leaders and entrepreneurs, in addition to community-based service work locally and internationally.

Past business capstone projects included setting up a non-profit, raising \$30k for childhood cancer research, developing business plans for exporting coffee beans, creating a financial literacy curriculum for middle schoolers, and much more!

Humanities

The Humanities program offers students an intellectually rigorous course of study and praxis that weaves together traditional humanities subject areas, including English, history, theology, and classical languages, into an integrated, multi-year program.

A unique opportunity specific for Humanities students includes an educational experience in Europe where students learn about the history of Christianity, faith integration, and culture engagement.

Past Humanities capstone projects include research on topics including solving the loneliness crisis, opioid epidemic, social media addiction, and the many other social problems facing our world.

Valor Arts+Media Conservatory

The Valor Conservatory for the Arts is a signature program that combines individualized, exceptional arts training in Performing Arts, Visual Arts, or Media Arts. Consisting of a six-credit major, private lessons and master classes, the Conservatory program helps students create at an advanced level while growing in their ability to think critically, work collaboratively, serve effectively, and produce art of true beauty and worth.

Students participate in a juried faculty review each semester and perform or exhibit their strongest work twice per year. Conservatory graduates have consistently placed into highly selective college and university programs. There are currently 111 students enrolled in the Conservatory for the Arts, with 21 majors offered.

85,000

Square Feet of state-of-the-art space



Professional
Recording Arts Studio

1 Million +

Student artist song
downloads on all major
streaming platforms

75 

National & State
Awards in Visual Arts and
Performing Arts

Arts+Media

The Valor Arts department is committed to equipping students with the knowledge and inspiration required to express the Christian heart in a relevant, artistic, and authentic manner. Our faculty are teachers as well as practitioners in their respective disciplines. The arts faculty is able to combine theory with professional viability and knowledge with inspiration. Valor offers students a variety of coursework in the following areas:

- Performing Arts - Dance, instrumental, theater, musical theater, songwriting, recording arts, and worship
- Traditional Media - Ceramics, drawing, and painting
- Digital Media - Design and photography
- Cinematic Arts+Journalism - Film, cinematography, multi-media broadcasting, and podcasting

Athletics

Through all 26 of our athletic offerings, Valor student-athletes hone their faith, skills, and character through sport. Many of our athletes are recruited to play in college, affording great opportunity to transform the world for Christ.

- More than **75%** of Valor students participate in our athletic programs
- 680** college commits over 15 years of existence
- 51%** of our college-recruited athletes are NCAA Division 1 Commits
- Athletes have been able to continue playing their sport at over **264** different colleges/universities



#1

5A Athletics Program
in Colorado

19

Gatorade Players
of the Year

54

State Championships

Discovery

Valor offers service opportunities locally, nationally, and internationally with Christian faith-based organizations whose primary focus is serving poor and marginalized communities around the globe.

Students are required to earn **25** hours per year to meet graduation requirements.

We offer around **30** experiences every year for students to choose from.

Approximately **500** students participate every year, serving an average of **20,000** total hours annually.

Experiences take students all over the world, including: Denver, Guatemala, India, Kenya, Memphis, Mexico, South Africa, Thailand, Uganda, Zambia, and many more.





COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE - CLASS OF 2022-2024

Abilene Christian University
 American Musical and Dramatic Academy
 American University
 Amherst College
 Arizona Christian University
 Arizona State University
 Asbury University
 Auburn University
 Augustana College
 Azusa Pacific University
 Babson College
 Bard College
 Baylor University
 Belmont University
 Benedictine College
 Bentley University
 Berklee College of Music
 Biola University
 Boise State University
 Boston College
 Boston University
 Brandeis University
 Brown University
 Bucknell University
 Butler University
 California Baptist University
 California Lutheran University
 California Polytechnic State University
 Calvin University
 Carnegie Mellon University
 Case Western Reserve University
 Cedarville University
 Chapman University
 Citadel Military College of South Carolina
 Clemson University
 Coastal Carolina University
 Colby College
 Colgate University
 College of Charleston
 College of the Holy Cross
 Colorado Christian University
 Colorado College
 Colorado Mesa University
 Colorado School of Mines
 Colorado State University
 Creighton University
 Dallas Baptist University
 Davidson College
 Dordt University
 Drake University
 Drexel University
 Duke University
 Elon University
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
 Emory University
 Evangel University
 Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising
 Florida Gulf Coast University
 Florida International University
 Florida State University
 Fordham University
 Furman University
 George Mason University

George Washington University
 Georgetown University
 Georgia Institute of Technology
 Gonzaga University
 Grambling State University
 Grand Canyon University
 Grove City College
 Harvey Mudd College
 Hastings College
 High Point University
 Hillsdale College
 Hofstra University
 Indiana University
 Iowa State University
 Ithaca College
 Jackson State University
 Kansas State University
 Kennesaw State University
 Kent State University
 Knox College
 Lakeland University
 Liberty University
 Lipscomb University
 Louisiana State University
 Loyola Marymount University
 Loyola University Chicago
 Marist College
 Marquette University
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 McGill University
 Miami University (Ohio)
 Michigan State University
 Michigan Technological University
 Mississippi State University
 Montana State University
 New York University
 North Carolina State University
 North Central College
 Northeastern University
 Northern Arizona University
 Northern Michigan University
 Northwest Missouri State University
 Northwestern College
 Northwestern University
 Ohio Wesleyan University
 Oklahoma State University
 Oregon State University
 Pacific Lutheran University
 Pacific University
 Penn State University
 Pepperdine University
 Point Loma Nazarene University
 Pomona College
 Princeton University
 Providence College
 Purdue University
 Quinnipiac University
 Regent University
 Regis University
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Rice University
 Rochester Institute of Technology
 Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
 Rutgers University
 Sacred Heart University
 Saint John's University
 Samford University
 San Diego State University
 Santa Clara University
 Savannah College of Art and Design
 School of Visual Arts
 Seton Hall University
 South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
 Southeastern University
 Southern Methodist University
 Spelman College
 St. Olaf College
 St. Thomas University
 Stanford University
 Syracuse University
 Tarleton State University
 Taylor University
 Temple University
 Texas A&M University
 Texas Christian University
 Texas Tech University
 The Ohio State University
 The University of Alabama
 The University of Montana
 The University of Tennessee
 The University of Texas at Austin
 Trinity College
 Trinity University
 Tufts University
 Tulane University of Louisiana
 United States Air Force Academy
 United States Military Academy at West Point
 United States Naval Academy
 University of Arizona
 University of Arkansas
 University of California (Berkeley)
 University of California (Davis)
 University of California (Irvine)
 University of California (Los Angeles)
 University of California (San Diego)
 University of California (Santa Barbara)
 University of Central Florida
 University of Chicago
 University of Cincinnati
 University of Colorado Colorado Springs
 University of Colorado Boulder
 University of Colorado Denver
 University of Connecticut
 University of Denver
 University of Florida
 University of Georgia
 University of Hawaii at Manoa
 University of Idaho
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 University of Iowa
 University of Kansas
 University of Kentucky

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 University of Maine
 University of Maryland
 University of Massachusetts
 University of Miami
 University of Michigan
 University of Minnesota Twin Cities
 University of Minnesota Duluth
 University of Mississippi
 University of Missouri
 University of Nebraska
 University of Nevada Las Vegas
 University of New Mexico
 University of North Carolina
 University of North Texas
 University of Northern Colorado
 University of Northern Iowa
 University of Notre Dame
 University of Oklahoma
 University of Oregon
 University of Pennsylvania
 University of Pittsburgh
 University of Portland
 University of Richmond
 University of San Diego
 University of San Francisco
 University of South Carolina
 University of South Florida
 University of Southern California
 University of Utah
 University of Vermont
 University of Virginia
 University of Washington
 University of Wisconsin
 University of Wyoming
 Utah State University
 Vanderbilt University
 Vanguard University
 Vassar College
 Villanova University
 Virginia Tech University
 Wake Forest University
 Washburn University
 Washington and Lee University
 Washington State University
 West Virginia University
 Western Michigan University
 Westmont College
 Wheaton College
 Whitman College
 Wichita State University
 William & Mary
 Winthrop University
 Xavier University

INTERNATIONAL
 Hult International Business School (London)
 The American University of Paris
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 University of Aberdeen
 University of British Columbia
 University of East Anglia
 University of Glasgow
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Grading Scale

Letter Grade	Numeric Grade	Unweighted GPA	Weighted GPA (Honors)	Weighted GPA (AP, Dual Credit)
A	93-100	4.0	4.5	5.0
A-	90-92	3.7	4.2	4.7
B+	87-89	3.3	3.8	4.3
B	83-86	3.0	3.5	4.0
B-	80-82	2.7	3.2	3.7
C+	77-79	2.3	2.8	3.3

Letter Grade	Numeric Grade	Unweighted GPA	Weighted GPA (Honors)	Weighted GPA (AP, Dual Credit)
C	73-76	2.0	2.5	3.0
C-	70-72	1.7	2.2	2.7
D+	67-69	1.3	1.3	1.3
D	63-66	1.0	1.0	1.0
D-	60-62	0.7	0.7	0.7
F	59 and below	0.0	0.0	0.0

