

# VAIL CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL



## 2020-2021 School Profile

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## Students and Faculty

Enrollment	143
Class of 2021	25
Faculty (full and part-time)	24
Faculty with Advanced Degrees	50%
Student~Faculty Ratio	6:1
Average Class Size	13

## Graduation Requirements

English	4 credits
Math	4 credits
Science	3 or 4 credits*
Social Studies	3.5 credits
Theology	2 credits
World Language	2 or 3 credits*
Fine Arts	1 credit
Physical Education	1 credit
Electives	4 credits
Service-Learning	80 hours (20/year)

\*With Science and World Language, 6 total credits are required.

## Our School

Located along the Eagle River in Edwards, Vail Christian High School (VCHS) provides a one-of-a-kind opportunity for Vail Valley's high school students. Since its founding in 1998, VCHS has been devoted to high academic standards and college preparation within a Christian atmosphere based on love, respect, and understanding. Vail Christian High School provides a safe place for students to explore Christian faith and discover their own spirituality. As an independent Christian high school, we're ecumenically diverse, and warmly welcome families and students from all backgrounds.

## Curriculum and Programs

At Vail Christian High School, students participate in the Advanced Placement (AP) program beginning in 9th grade. By graduation, the average VCHS graduate will have taken **7 AP** courses from our current **15 AP** offerings. Dual Enrollment (DE) courses are also offered through Colorado Christian University and University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. Project Lead The Way (PLTW) courses (engineering, biomedical and computer science) are also offered and complement their AP counterparts with more experiential, project-based learning.

Spiritual formation is an important component of a VCHS education. Understanding that every student is uniquely designed, we desire that students explore the Christian faith and discover their own faith or spirituality. We also seek to foster a school culture in which love is primary and respect and understanding of others' backgrounds and experiences are non-negotiable. Our community gathers together each week during a chapel service, and Theology courses are an integral part of our school's identity and embody our mission to develop the whole person. Theology offerings include Freshmen Cornerstone/Heroes, Life and Teachings of Jesus, Ethics/Social Justice and Senior Capstone.

Vail Christian High School is accredited through Cognia and holds memberships with The College Board, National Association for College Admission Counseling, and CESA Member of Council.

## Advanced Courses

### English

AP English Language and Composition  
AP English Literature and Composition  
DE English Composition  
DE Intro to Literature

### Science/Engineering

AP Biology  
AP Chemistry  
AP Environmental Science  
AP Physics 1  
PLTW Human Body Systems  
PLTW Introduction to Engineering Design  
PLTW Principles of Engineering

### Social Studies

AP Macroeconomics  
AP US History  
AP World History  
DE Economics  
DE Making of Modern America  
DE American History  
DE Intro to American Politics

### World Language

AP Spanish Language and Culture

### Math

AP Calculus AB  
AP Calculus BC  
AP Statistics  
DE Pre-Calculus  
DE College Algebra  
DE Statistics  
DE Calculus I  
DE Calculus II

### Computer Science

AP Computer Science Principles

### Visual Arts

AP Studio Art

**PLTW = Project Lead The Way**  
**DE = Dual Enrollment**

## Academic Results from Class of 2020 (32 students)

ACT Composite Mean	26
SAT Composite Mean	1212
GPA Weighted Mean	3.88
AP Courses Taken Mean	7
AP Scholars	9
AP Scholars with Honors	2
AP Scholars with Distinction	2
National AP Scholars	2
College Merit Scholarships	\$3.1 M

## Grading and Rank

Grades are weighted GPA+1 for all AP, DE, and PLTW courses. VCHS does not rank students.

Grade	Percent	Points
A	93-100	4.0
A-	90-92	3.7
B+	87-89	3.3
B	83-86	3.0
B-	80-82	2.7
C+	77-79	2.3
C	73-76	2.0
C-	70-72	1.7
D+	67-69	1.3
D	63-66	1.0
D-	60-62	.7

## COVID-19 Statement

Students utilized Zoom for Synchronous and Asynchronous learning after Spring Break 2020 (March 23, 2020 - May 15, 2020). This was a challenge for several students that live in areas lacking adequate Internet access and/or did not have Internet/technology access.

VCHS Virtual Community was created to provide a portion of every class Monday - Friday as synchronous. Instruction continued as did letter grading. The change came with summative assessments meeting 20% of the student's overall semester grade. Prior to COVID the Final Exams were 20% of the grade. The academic calendar ended one week earlier than what was originally scheduled.

As with many teachers and students/schools, access to Internet/technology and online learning was a challenge.

2020 - 21 School year is in person with the option of hybrid. VCHS will pivot to Synchronous and Asynchronous online learning if needed for the health and safety of students.

## Recent College Acceptances and Matriculation

Air Force Academy	Iowa State University	University of Alabama
Asuza Pacific University	Indiana University*	University of California Irvine
Augustana University	Judson University	University of California Los Angeles
Baylor University	Kansas State University	University of California San Diego
Belmont University	Lehigh University	University of California Santa Barbara
Biola University	Louisiana State University*	University of Chicago
Boston College*	Loyola University Chicago	University of Colorado, Boulder*
Boston University*	Loyola Marymount University*	University of Colorado, Colorado Springs*
Bucknell University*	Macalester College	University of Colorado, Denver*
Butler University	Marquette University	University of Dayton*
Cal Polytechnic State University	Mercyhurst University	University of Denver
Carnegie Mellon University	Miami University*	University of Georgia*
Case Western Reserve University	Middlebury College	University of Kansas*
Cedarville University	Montana State University*	University of Miami
Chapman University	New York University	University of Missouri
Clemson University	Northeastern University	University of Montana*
College of Charleston	Northern Arizona University	University of Nevada-Las Vegas*
Colorado College	Northwestern University	University of North Dakota
Colorado Mesa University	Norwich University	University of Oregon
Colorado Mountain College	Notre Dame	University of Pittsburgh
Colorado School of Mines*	Pace University	University of Puget Sound
Colorado State University*	Pacific Lutheran University	University of Redlands
Columbia University*	Penn State York	University of St. Thomas*
Concordia University Irvine	Pepperdine University	University of San Diego
Cornell University	Pitzer College	University of San Francisco
Creighton University	Point Loma Nazarene University	University of Southern California
Dartmouth College	Providence College	University of Tampa
Davidson College	Purdue University	University of Texas at Austin
DePaul University	Regis University	University of Utah
Duke University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Virginia
Elon University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Wisconsin*
Emory University	Rutgers University	Villanova University
Fort Lewis College	Saint Lawrence University	Wartburg College*
Florida State University	Saint Louis University*	Western Michigan University
Georgetown University	San Diego State University*	Western Washington University
George Washington University	Santa Clara University	Westmont College
Georgia Institute of Technology	Southern Methodist University	Wheaton College
Gonzaga University	Syracuse University	Whitworth University
Gordon College	Texas A & M University	Xavier University
Grand Canyon University*	Texas Christian University*	
Harvard University	Texas Tech University	*class of 2020
Hope College		
Illinois College		



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