

A photograph of Valley View Middle School at dusk. The building features a prominent glass facade reflecting the twilight sky and interior lights. The lower portion of the building is constructed of brick. In the foreground, there is a landscaped area with young trees and a yellow curb. A car is visible on the right side of the image.

Welcome to
Valley View Middle School

Valley View Middle School

- A place where we recognize the differences in how our students learn; we believe that all students can learn; and we create an atmosphere of high expectations with support for all students to learn

Valley View Beliefs

- Welcome
- Do No Harm
- Use Choice Words
- It's Never Too Late To Learn
 - Restorative Practices
 - We all make mistakes, how can we learn from the situation?
- Best School in the Universe

Valley View Middle School Administration and Counseling

- Principal: Monica Bauer
- Students A-K
 - Assistant Principal: Brian Burdon
 - Counselor: Julie Ray
- Students L-Z
 - Assistant Principal: Brenda Weyhrauch
 - Counselor: Brian Johnson

Why see your counselor?

- Need to discuss your schedule
 - No preference changes
- Help with organization and keeping up with work
- Make a plan for keeping up with work
- Concerned about a friend or family member
- Are being harassed or bullied
- Need food, supplies, or help w/ fees because of financial need

Valley View Counseling

- Counselor (A-K): Julie Ray
- Counselor (L-Z): Brian Johnson

Purpose of Middle School

- Help students take ownership of their learning
- Help students struggle productively
- Prepare students to be successful in High School
- Provide opportunities for students to explore a variety of electives and interests
- Develop citizenship skills
- Build a foundation in technology and citizenship

Transition to Middle School

- Registration – Counselors visited via Zoom all 6th graders and all registration information has been sent via e-mail
- 7th grade orientation tour – August TBD
- Viking Days – August TBD
- WEB Day – First Week of School

Viking Days

- Update family and emergency information
- Receive Family Access information
- Pictures
- Sign-up for Athletics
- Deposit money into a lunch account
- Optional purchases:
 - ASB card \$15.00-required to play a sport
 - Yearbook \$25.00
 - Picture Packets

WEB Day

“Where Everyone Belongs”

- First Day of School - TBD
- 7th graders only
- 8th grade mentors

Support Services

- Valley View values the learning of all students
- Transition meetings with each elementary to discuss needs for all students, including ELL, 504, and IEP services
- Care Team
- Counselors

7th Grade @ Valley View

- Divided into four quarters and two semesters
- Periods 1-6
 - Required Classes
 - Elective Classes – quarter each for non-music elective classes, music is a year-long elective class
- Advisory Period – Viking Period
- A lunch – 7th grade lunch

7th grade Required Courses

- Language Arts
- Math
- Washington State History
- Life Science
- Foundations of Citizenship & Focus on Academic Success (one semester)
- Life Fitness: PE/Health (one semester)

7th grade Elective Quarter Classes

- Music – Band or Choir

or

- Exploratory Electives
 - Art Exploration
 - Family and Consumer Science - Home Ec
 - Exploring Engineering –
Robotics/CADD/Manufacturing/Shop
 - PE



Honors and Advanced Math Classes

- Honors Science and Language Arts
 - Please read over the information about honors to be sure this is a good fit
- Math placement test
 - 6th grade class
 - Week of April 19

7th grade Accelerated Math

- Math placement is determined by:
 - SSD MS Placement Test
 - other math assessments
 - 6th grade classroom-based assessments
- An acceleration course
 - prepare the student for MS Algebra the following year
 - based upon vital 7th and half of the 8th grade Washington State Learning Standards

Course pace is particularly rigorous to accommodate all necessary concepts and students are expected to be self-motivated.

Algebra 1

Based upon recommendation by The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and the Washington State Learning Standards, students should **NOT** skip any math level.

- Placement in Algebra is determined by:
 1. SSD MS Placement Test
 2. other math assessments
 3. 6th grade classroom-based assessments
- This course will cover the core content as outlined by the Washington State Learning Standards for Math for the 2nd half of 8th grade and HS Algebra

*Course pace is accelerated and contains advanced rigorous academic content.
This course will automatically be placed on the high school transcript as a math credit*

Cadet Band (Full Year)

- Learn and improve basic technique on your instrument
- Beginners are welcome! No experience necessary
- Work on rehearsal technique and concert etiquette
- This is a performing group with some evening concerts



Choir (Full Year)

- For students who love to sing
- No experience necessary
- Variety of musical styles
- Students will learn to match pitch, read music and sing harmony
- This is a performing group with evening concerts



Viking Period

- Time to work on homework
- Time to get organized
- Test preparation and study time
- Extra help and time with teachers
- Time to Read

How can you help your student be successful?

- Make attendance a priority
- Read at home – students need to read a minimum of 20 minutes a day
- Provide consistent time and space for homework

Attendance

- Students who miss more than 10% of school days are more likely to not be successful in high school
- Communicate with the office and counselors
- Make-up work
- We want to see you every day!

Monitor Social Media: Links to help

Do you have a contract with your student? Check out the list of agreements for having a phone on this site:

<https://www.safesearchkids.com/cell-phone-safety-tips-for-tweens-and-teens/#.Xh377UdKiUk>

Do you know what sites are most used by teens?

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/16-apps-and-websites-kids-are-heading-to-after-facebook>

Other sites to checkout:

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/artificial-maturity/201803/parent-s-guide-social-media-use-kids>

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/apps-to-watch-out-for>

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/apps-stirring-up-trouble-in-schools>

On-Line Registration
Closes March 29

Athletics

Season One: (September-October)

Girls Softball

Cross Country

Football

Season Two: (November-January)

Volleyball

Boys Basketball

Season Three: (February-March)

Wrestling

Girls Basketball

Season Four: (Mid April-May)

Track

Athletic Forms/Rank One

- Forms are filled out online <http://www.rankonesport.com>
- Must have a physical
- Helpful instructions can be found on the Valley View Website, under the athletics tab found in “quick links”
- Questions-please contact Mrs. Walker 360-563-4225

Clubs

- Anime
- Art
- Black Student Advisory
- Book
- Drama
- Dungeons and Dragons
- Game
- Golf
- Habitat Restoration
- Impact
- Magic the Gathering
- Ping Pong
- Tennis
- Yearbook

*Clubs are student interest driven – could change each year

Thank you, Families!

- Contact administration and/or counselors with any questions