



# College Bound

## 25 Questions Every Parent Should Ask Before Choosing a High School for Their Child.

1. On average, how many seniors take the college board exams? 98.5%
2. What is your running average SAT score last year, for 2017? VCS Average SAT Score Top 10% 1462 (1600 point scale)  
Average SAT Score Top 25% 1404  
Average SAT Score Top 50% 1342  
Average SAT Score Top 50% 1218
3. What percentage of your seniors graduate from high school? 100% graduated
4. What percentage of your seniors are accepted to colleges? 99% (6 year average)
5. Do all students take PSAT in preparation for the college-board exams? Yes
6. When do students begin taking PSAT tests? 8th Grade
7. Do you offer college-board prep courses on your campus? Yes. (Kaplan – SAT and ACT Prep Courses, daily math and English SAT prep exercises). We also bring in University of California (UC) personnel to provide training classes for writing college entrance essays.
8. In what year does college counseling officially begin on your campus? 8th Grade. Our College Resource Center is available to all students.
9. Does your school offer advanced or college level courses? Does your school offer technology learning? Yes. We offer numerous AP math, science, and a variety of technology courses and we use iPads as a 1:1 learning tool in 9th -12th grade.
10. How many of your MS/HS staff have Masters Degrees or Doctorates? 50% with Masters Degrees and 1 with a Doctorate.
11. How many AP courses does your school offer? 18
12. Are those courses taught by a certified/experienced AP instructor? Yes. 100%
13. What is your AP Participation Rate? 90%
14. What is the pass rate for students taking AP exams? 76% of students earn a 3 or higher
15. What percentage of your students were national AP scholars? 61% of students earn a 3 or higher on 3 or more AP exams
16. What was your average AP scores? 3.2 across all subjects on a 1 - 5 scale.
17. Does your school offer the following: Fine Arts (Drawing, Painting, and Sculpture), multiple instrumental music offerings (Symphony, Jazz, etc...), Theater Arts, and Practical Arts (Graphic Design, Film Production, Journalism, Yearbook, Media Arts, Digital Photography, Microsoft Applications, etc...)? Yes, 100% of these courses are offered on our campus.
18. Do you offer college fairs and college campus visits at your school? How many times per year? Yes. 8-10 colleges and universities visit our campus annually. We also have visits to schools such as UC Berkeley, UC Davis, Sonoma State, and Stanford University.
19. What percentage of your graduates are University of California (UC) and/or California State University(CSU) eligible due to SAT scores? How does this compare to other schools? 90% of VCS graduates are eligible to attend UC or CSU of their choice. VCS is significantly higher, compared to local schools. (\*See the SAT Analysis)



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20. What types of service and leadership opportunities are present, on your campus, to help students meet the service and leadership requirements for college admissions? Is this volunteer time tracked by the school?

All students are required to serve 20 volunteer hours per year. Most greatly exceed this number. Here is sampling of opportunities provided at VCS:

1. Mu Alpha Theta
2. National Honor Society
3. California Scholastic Society
4. Student Government
5. Student Ambassadors
6. Student Athletic Advisory Board
7. S Club (Sorooptimist)
8. Interact Club
9. Chapel Leadership
10. Student Athletic Coaches
11. Organized Missions Projects supporting – Mission Solano, Opportunity House, San Francisco City Academy, Operation Christmas Child, Toys for Tots, The Leaven, Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center,
12. Outside Student Selected Service Projects

21. How many outside tutoring minutes per week are offered by each of your teachers? 90 -100
22. How many instructional minutes per week do students receive? 1692 (28.2 hours)
23. How many competitive athletic teams does the school have? Which sports are represented?  
18 Teams – Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Baseball, Softball, Wrestling, Golf, Swimming, Cross Country, Cheerleading, Track
24. In what ways does your school work to develop the whole person, not just the academic student?  
Leadership – Student Council, Student Ambassador Program, Interact Club, Boys State, Girls State, Camp Royal, Student Athletic Advisory Council, Chapel

### Leadership

Academic – California Scholarship Federation, National Honor Society, Mu-Alpha Theta, Spanish Club, Science Club, and National Quill and Scroll

Spiritual - Weekly chapels, annual retreat, daily Bible classes, Men of God Bible study, Thrive – Ladies Discipleship, Mission’s Club, Meet at the Pole, Senior Sunrise and Senior Campfire

The Arts – Art classes, Film Production, Culture Club, The VCS Music Conservatory, Musicale, Radio Broadcasting, Concert Choir, Anime Club, Art Club, and Annual Talent Show.

Social – Winter Dance, Prom, Junior/Senior Banquet, Homecoming Parade, Dance, and Game, Sadie Hawkins Dance, Spirit Weeks and Rallies, Senior Grad Night, Spring Dance, Back to School BBQ, Powderpuff Football game, Yearbook Signing Party Senior Trip, Grad Night

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