



MISSION STATEMENT

United Valley Christian Academy strives to equip students with a Christ-centered, Bible-based education and to provide an academic standard of excellence above reproach. We exist in order to acknowledge and respond through faith to the word of God while participating in an educational program that stresses academic, social, emotional, and physical development. In short, we strive to equip not only the minds of our students, but the child as a whole.

2015-2016

Philosophy of Education

“Dedicate to the Lord and create within him a thirst or desire for spiritual things at each stage of growth and development and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

The staff of UVCA is committed to maintaining the highest of academic standards while remaining mindful of the individual, God-given talents of each student. We believe that no teacher can be successful unless the student takes responsibility for learning. The attitude of a child toward learning is largely influenced by opinions and attitudes learned at home.

The UVCA staff and school board will choose quality Bible based curriculum to meet academic objectives. The curriculum and materials chosen will be of the highest quality Christian curriculum available. In the absence of Christian materials available for a particular course, staff will supplement secular texts and materials so that Christian principles will still be the foundation for each course. In addition to our basic curriculum we will emphasize the basic manners and social skills required to function in society.

It is our desire and expectation that the students of United Valley Christian Academy will receive an education which will allow them to leave us with the academic, spiritual, social, and physical resources to live their lives in a manner that will glorify God.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

We have two choices:

- 1.) Charge enough tuition to cover all costs – approximately \$5,600 per student in grades 1-9, \$3,100 kindergarten per student, and \$1,600 for each student in Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten, OR
- 2.) Ask parents to take an active role in POP's, helping to raise funds for the school. This is not an option, but a requirement for all families. Each family must be prepared to volunteer their time and talents to ensure the success of the school.

UVCA uses no government funds in the operation of the school. All our operational monies come from tuition, donations and fund raising. Tuition fees cover a little over half of our operating budget. For this reason we expect a lot of help from our parents in the fund raising projects sponsored by POP's. Please be generous with your time. Sign up for at least one major fund raiser, if not more, and help make the smaller fund raisers a success by doing your part selling the items that are for sale. If everyone will help carry the burden it will take a lot of weight off the few people who have been shouldering it for several years, and UVCA will be a better school for all.

Ideas of ways you can help your school:

- Fundraising
- Facilities maintenance
- Grounds maintenance
- Janitorial
- Attend PoP's and Board meetings
- Attend school functions
- Pass the word!

UVCA STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe that all scripture is given by the inspiration of God. Holy men were moved by the Holy Spirit to write the words of Scripture. Therefore, we consider scripture to be unerring, infallible and authoritative in all matters of faith. We believe all scripture centers around the Lord Jesus Christ in His person and work in His first and Second coming (II Timothy 3:16, 17; II Peter 1:20, 21; John 5:39, 40). **We believe** there is only one God existing in equal persons: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The three members of the Godhead have the same nature and attributes and deserve equal praise, confidence, and obedience. (Matthew 28:18, 19; John 1:14; Acts 5:3,4; Hebrews 1:1-3). **We believe** man was originally created in the image of God and that through the rebellion of sin, he lost his spiritual life, became dead in trespasses and sins, and became subject to the devil. The sins of Adam and Eve were transmitted to every descendent thereafter. The resulting sin-nature possessed by every person made every form of self-redemption impossible. Therefore, we are dependent on God's grace to animate us with spiritual life (Genesis 1:26, 27, 3:1-8; Romans 5:12; Ephesians 1:3, 2:1-10). **We believe** that God created an innumerable company of spiritual beings known as angels. The highest being known as "Lucifer, son of the morning", sinned through pride and became known as Satan. Satan then enticed a great company of angels to follow him in rebellion. These angels, who are totally committed to unholy purposes, are known as demons. **We believe** that Satan was judged at the cross and will receive his sentence at the Second Coming. **We believe** a great company of angels kept their holy estate and are before the throne of God. From there they are sent as "ministering spirits to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation: (Isaiah 14:12-17; Ezekiel 28:11-19; I Timothy 2:6; John 12:3; Colossians 2:15; Hebrews 1:14; Revelation 12:4-9). **We believe** that Jesus, although eternally God, left Heaven's glory, (yet retained His absolute deity), to be born of a virgin and therein received a human body and sinless human nature (Matt. 1:23; John 1:1,2; Heb. 4:15, 10:5). In infinite love for the lost, He voluntarily accepted His Father's will and became "The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world". On the cross he took upon Himself the Holy Judgment against sin which the righteousness of God must impose. He died in our place, "the just for the unjust", and by His death became the Savior of the world (John 1:29; Romans 5:25, 26; II Corinthians 5:21; I Peter 3:18). **We believe** the miracles spoken of in Scripture are literal and are meant to illustrate that belief in spiritual truth will issue eternal life. We believe in the physical resurrection of the Lord Jesus which validates His teachings, and in the eyes of God, confirms His work at the cross to be totally sufficient in providing our salvation (John 2:11, 20:30, 31; Romans 4:25; I Corinthians 15:3-8, 17). His ascension to the Father's right hand indicates His redeeming work was perfectly accomplished. He now merely awaits the command of the Father to return in glory and establish His Kingdom (Hebrews 1:3, 13; Revelation 19:11, 20:10). **We believe** that universal death through sin prevents us from entering the Kingdom of God unless we are born again. God gives the gift of spiritual life to all who believe. The scriptures emphasize the gracious nature of this gift by removing all possibility of merit on man's part. The blood of Jesus Christ satisfied the price of redemption (John 3:3, 4:10, 19:30; Romans 4:2-8; Ephesians 2:8,9; Titus 3:5). **We believe** that Jesus Christ, not wanting to leave His followers as orphans, asked the Father to send someone to help. This helper, the Holy Spirit, came at the Pentecost to dwell within believers, thereby enabling them to live godly lives, which glorify the Lord (John 14:16-18; Acts 2:1-4; Romans 8:11-13; Philippians 3:3). **We believe** that all, who are united to the risen and ascended Son of God, are members of the church who are the body and bride of Christ. Having been united to Christ by the Spirit, we are under solemn duty to remain united by keeping the bond of peace, laying aside secondary differences, and loving one another fervently with a pure heart (Matthew 16:16-18; Romans 12:5; I Corinthians 12:12-14; Colossians 3:14-15). **We believe** in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost. The saved are resurrected to life, and the lost are resurrected to judgment. In accordance with the scriptural principle, "who will render every man according to his deeds", the saved must appear at the judgment seat of Christ to determine reward, while the lost must appear before the Great White Throne to determine the degree of punishment (John 5:28, 29; II Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 20:11-15).

DOCTRINE

United Valley Christian Academy is a school that supports the historic authority of the Bible. Many different denominations are represented among our students, faculty, and board members. We believe that controversy among those in our school family will best be avoided by specifically stating what will and will not be discussed within the confines of our school. If a student asks a question in class which relates to a specific denominational doctrine, that student will be referred to his/her parents and/or pastor for an answer. The staff of UVCA is sensitive to the differences in doctrine regarding some Biblical issues and will make every effort not to show bias for or against those controversial issues that are outside the school's basic doctrine.

Doctrine that may be taught:

1. God is a Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
2. God created all things
3. Man was created for God's glory
4. Man rebelled against God
5. Sin entered by rebellion
6. Man can be restored only by atonement
7. Old Testament atonements are symbols
8. Christ made full atonement by His death
9. Justification is by grace through faith
10. Repentance toward God
11. Lordship of Jesus Christ
12. Baptism (but not mode)
13. Eternal life and everlasting death
14. Heaven and Hell
15. Virgin birth
16. God's love and God's wrath
17. The Bible as the infallible word of God
18. Christ is coming again (but not when)
19. All unrighteousness is sin
20. The Holy Spirit dwells in believers
21. Missionary work and evangelism
22. After death judgment
23. Godly respect for authority
24. People are eternally lost without Christ
25. Christ is our power and wisdom
26. Man is born in sin
27. Christ is our righteousness
28. Satan is real

Doctrine that should be avoided:

1. Infant baptism
2. Eternal security
3. Falling from grace
4. Pre, post, or mid tribulation.
5. Rapture
6. Predestination
7. Speaking in tongues
8. Specific gifts of the Spirit
9. Church authority
10. Church government
11. Mode of baptism
12. Holiness (eradication)

NON-DISCRIMINATION

United Valley Christian Academy admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all 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, tuition assistance programs, or athletic and other school administered programs.

PRESCHOOL AND PRE-KINDERGARTEN

The Pre-School (3 year old class) and Pre-Kindergarten (4 year old class) classes are operated by UVCA and taught by a UVCA staff member. Registration for these classes costs \$65.00. PS tuition is \$75.00 per month for 10 months, and PK tuition is \$110.00 per month for 10 months.

NEW STUDENTS

Enrollment forms to attend UVCA are available in the school office or one can be mailed to you on request. Prospective students and their parents will have an interview with UVCA staff in order to determine whether or not UVCA staff can meet the needs and expectations of the student and parents.

TUITION AND FEE INFORMATION

For those students who are currently enrolled at UVCA all accounts must be paid in full before you can register for the following school year. Students who have unpaid accounts will have their report cards and testing results held until their account is brought up to date, or payment plan arrangements are made with our business office.

Registration: \$200.00 per student – due at time of registration
Kindergarten: \$1900.00 per year or paid in 10 equal installments of \$190.
1st – 4th: \$3250.00 per year or paid in 10 equal installments of \$325.

Tuition is due and payable on the 1st of each month, September through June. If tuition is paid in full for the entire school year and the student transfers to another school or is dismissed, tuition will be refunded for that portion of the year the student does not attend UVCA. Statements will be sent monthly to all unpaid accounts.

DISCOUNTS

If tuition for the entire year is paid in a lump sum at the beginning of the school year, a 5% discount is allowed.

In families with more than one child attending UVCA, a discount of 5% is allowed for the second (youngest) child.

If a parent of a currently attending student refers a new student, that parent will receive a discount of one month's tuition.

ATTENDANCE

Because of the age of our students, responsibility for attendance, we feel, rests on the parents of our students. Being punctual is a matter of respect. When a student arrives late or leaves class early it disrupts all the other students. Minutes count in the learning process, especially in an accelerated curriculum such as we use. Please be respectful of the students and the teacher and be on time.

Children must bring a written excuse from home after being absent; otherwise the absence will be unexcused. Excusable absences are those caused by illness, death or illness in the immediate family, doctor or dentist appointments. All other absences must be pre-arranged with the teacher. The teacher will give assignments and requirements for lessons that will be missed during the absence. The work missed during an unexcused absence cannot be made up for credit.

Parents need to realize that some courses do not lend themselves to either homework or make-up work and that the choice to be absent may significantly impact the student's academic progress. Please help us give your child the quality education you are paying for by seeing that he or she is in class every day unless he or she is ill. We ask that whenever possible you make doctor and dentist appointments at a time when they will not disrupt the school day.

HEALTH MATTERS

Immunizations

Every student must have an up to date immunization record on file at UVCA. If immunizations conflict with your religious beliefs you will provide UVCA with a written statement to that effect.

Our school business office will check the immunization record of each student in September. If a student's immunization record is not current, the parent will be notified. Students must obtain the necessary immunizations by September 30th or be excluded from school until their immunizations are up to date.

Administering medications

We can administer medication to students only when we have WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM PARENT.

When a child becomes ill at school the parent or caregiver will be called. If you have any special health instructions please write them on the health papers included with your registration form.

HEALTH GUIDELINES

Children with the following should remain at home until released by physician to return to school: vomiting, diarrhea, colored nasal mucous, including any contagious or communicable diseases.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

We ask that whenever possible you make doctor and dentist appointments at a time when they will not disrupt the school day.

UVCA UNIFORM

Uniform clothing may be ordered from vendors such as French Toast, JC Penny, and Old Navy. Clothing purchased from other vendors may be used, but must be of the same general style as clothing purchased from uniform companies.

No item of clothing may be more than 3 inches above the knee.

If a student is wearing inappropriate clothing, that student's parents will be called and must make arrangements to bring appropriate clothing to the student.

Kindergarten through Fourth Grade

Shirts must be either a blouse, polo shirt or a turtleneck. **All uniform shirts must have a collar.** Uniform tops may be *solid* red, white, or navy. Pants, shorts, skorts, skirts, jumpers must be navy, or khaki. No embellishments are allowed (sequins, lace, rhinestones, etc.).

Grooming and Accessories

Girls: Hair must be well groomed, clean and brushed. Bangs should be cut neatly and out of the eyes. No extreme hairstyles. Hair must be of a natural color. Hair accessories are permitted. Fingernail polish is acceptable, with the exception of black. No artificial nails are to be worn at school. Students may wear a watch, one ring per hand, and one set of post-style earrings (must not dangle). One necklace may be worn tucked inside of the shirt. No bracelets or other accessories are allowed.

Boys: Hair must be styled above the eyebrows and above the collar. Hair must be neat, clean, and well combed. No extreme haircuts (shaved areas, lines, tails, etc.). Hair must be a natural color.

Students may wear a watch, and one ring per hand. One necklace may be worn tucked inside of the shirt. No bracelets or other accessories are allowed. Medical bracelets are permitted.

If a student must deviate from these grooming requirements, a note from the students' parents is required, stating the reason for the deviation and the approximate time the child will be out of code.

Tee shirts with the school logo may only be worn for PE or Jeans Day. Logo sweatshirts may be worn only if the student is wearing an appropriate collared shirt underneath. Polo and denim shirts may be worn as a part of the student's uniform.

Scouting Uniforms

Boy Scout & Girl Scout uniforms may be worn on days the student has a meeting or function. The uniform must be worn complete and to the standards of Scouting.

Uniform exchange program

We keep bins of quality used uniforms at the school. Any uniform clothing that your child outgrows can be exchanged for other used uniform clothing by contacting the school administrator, or by checking at our regular gym sales.

Please make sure any clothes you wish to exchange are washed prior to bringing them to school.

Outerwear

Please make sure your child has appropriate outerwear during the colder months. We have recess outside unless it is raining. Students must wear an appropriate school uniform top under any sweatshirt, including school sweatshirts. If you want to send your child to school with an extra layer, please make sure it is solid navy, red or white with no logos or pictures. *During class time, students must wear only uniform clothing, so please make sure your child has an appropriate uniform sweater or sweatshirt during colder months.*

EVERY FRIDAY IS JEANS DAY – students may wear BLUE jeans (nothing scruffy) with uniform top or UVCA Tshirt.

Every now and then we will have Spirit Day when we will dress according to a theme (cowboy day, pj day). If students do not want to dress according to theme they will wear regular uniform clothing. A note is always sent home in advance of Spirit Day.

Penalty for Noncompliance With Dress Code

UVCA has the uniform dress code for good reasons. It removes competition amongst students in their dress and doesn't distract from classroom activities. It stands for UVCA. Therefore, starting school year 2015-16, there will be consequences for students who come to school not wearing their uniforms. Please help us keep our school unique!

1st & 2nd Offense, Student will be asked to change into a uniform provided by UVCA during the day, and will change back to their clothing at end of the school day. A note will be sent home with the student, to be signed by a parent and returned to school the next day.

3rd & Future Offense, if it is noticed that child is dressed outside dress code before parent leaves UVCA, child will be sent home with parent to change. If parent has already left UVCA before it is noticed child is dressed outside dress code, parent will be called and asked to either pick up child and take them home to dress in uniform, or parent will bring uniform to school and have child change.

IT IS A BIG HELP TO EVERYONE INVOLVED IF EACH STUDENT HAS A NAME OR INITIALS ON CLOTHING – ESPECIALLY COATS AND SWEATERS.

GRADING

The grading scale is as follows:

Grades K – 2

E = excellent

S = satisfactory

N = needs improvement

Grades 3 through 4 will receive traditional letter grades ranging from A+ to F. Report cards will be issued at the end of each quarter. Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled at the end of the first quarter and then as needed during the remainder of the year. ANY TIME a parent or guardian has a concern please call and make an appointment to talk to the teacher, administrator or school board member.

UVCA RULES

School rules are simple: “Do to others as you would have them do to you” (Luke 6:31).

Each incident is treated on an individual basis, and will be handled by school staff and during school hours as often as possible. If the administrator feels it is appropriate to contact a parent about a student’s behavior, the administrator will make arrangements for a conference with the student, his or her parents or guardians, and the student’s teacher if necessary.

We have a few standing rules:

1. Never go behind the buildings or into the parking area without staff permission.
2. Never leave the classroom or play area (gym or outside) without permission of the duty person.
3. All students must remain within sight of the recess duty person AT ALL TIMES.
4. NO GUM ON CAMPUS.
5. No food in mouth while playing.
6. No balloon or flower bouquets sent to student in the classroom.

CLOSED CAMPUS

UVCA is a closed campus. No student is allowed off campus except in the company of a parent or designated guardian. Permission for a student to leave with anyone other than a parent or legal guardian must be given to UVCA staff in writing.

If there is a person or persons who ARE NOT to have contact with your child please notify the office and provide a picture of that person.

Any student siblings or other children visiting the school will be expected to obey the school rules and respond to any instructions given by any of the staff members.

If you have friends or relatives who wish to visit UVCA they are welcome any time. It is a good idea to call ahead and make sure the children will be here and that they are not testing or doing anything else that can't be interrupted.

PHONE USE

Students will not be permitted to use the phone without permission of his or her teacher. If parents need to contact their child during school hours a message will be given to that student during recess. An emergency situation will of course be taken care of immediately. If a child has a cell phone, it shall remain turned off during the school day.

ACADEMICS

UVCA features accelerated curriculum in all classes. This makes attendance extremely important. Homework can be expected every day, especially if the student does not use class time wisely. If parents feel the homework load is too heavy, please contact the teacher.

All classes have Bible as a regular part of their curriculum and Christian values will be taught in all subjects. Prayer is a regular part of every school day. We teach patriotism as a Godly principle.

Concerns & Complaints

Parents with concerns or complaints about the school or staff or other students are encouraged to first discuss the issue with their student's teacher. If further action is needed, the parent should bring their concern to the board.

It is the hope and prayers of the staff and school board that each student has a great year at UVCA and is blessed by GOD with a solid Christian education.