



Veritas Academy

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Dear Prospective Incoming Students and Families,

Greetings, my name is Jason Vanderwalker and I am the Principal of Veritas Academy. As potential incoming students and families, I would just like to start by saying welcome and thank you for considering our high school as you begin the process of looking for your chosen high school next fall. I know that this can be a daunting process as families prepare to transition from middle school to high school. We just want you to know that we understand the factors that families weigh when looking for a high school, and hope to help in the decision-making process by providing you advanced, clear, and detailed information about our school that may fit your family's needs when looking for the right fit for your family. As you learn of us through information shared by your current middle school and see the opportunity for our upcoming virtual open houses in November, we hope you join us to learn more and strongly consider us for the coming school year.

Veritas Academy is a small close-knit school community in the Flushing High School complex. We have approximately 600 students and we pride ourselves on our warm and welcoming safe learning environment that provides social emotional learning support to all students. We have built our instruction around the Renzulli Learning model that builds on the talents of all students. This model provides students opportunities to learn in ways that provide them choices within learning tasks and to excel academically by exploring topics of their interest. This is most evident through our elective classes that offer a variety of different unique learning opportunities for students. Our overall instructional program provides all students a well-balanced college preparatory education over their 4 years of high school. As you review other samples of information about our school and participate in upcoming information sessions, you will receive a comprehensive description of our instructional program and overall community at Veritas Academy.

Once again, I thank you for considering our community as you begin your search process for your chosen high school for the coming year. At Veritas, we understand that this is a big decision and it's not just a school, it is your home for the next four years before moving on to the next stage after graduation. Thank you for considering us and if you have additional questions, please don't hesitate to reach out at any time to our team and we look forward to meeting you during our open house events.

Sincerely,

Jason Vanderwalker

Jason Vanderwalker
Principal



Mission & Vision 2022-2023

VISION

Veritas will be a nurturing, safe, and professional environment that supports academic success while furthering the social, emotional, and physical development of all students. Veritas offers an array of courses that are standards-based, academically engaging, that meet the needs, experiences, and cultures of diverse learners.

MISSION

Veritas is a Renzulli school that focuses on igniting the talents of all students. Veritas uses the schoolwide enrichment model, which provides opportunities to elevate student voice in order to incorporate student interests through targeted surveys that inform the development of elective courses. In these courses, students contribute to the development and sequencing of the course syllabus in a student-centered learning environment.

Additionally, this model targets enrichment and higher learning standards for all children through three goals:

- developing passionate learning interests in all students
- providing a broad range of advanced-level elective course experiences for all students
- providing advanced “beyond the classroom” opportunities for students based on their strengths and interests

At Veritas, various systems and structures work coherently within the social emotional model to provide students with social and emotional support that incorporates individualized and group counseling. Students engage in learning activities both inside and outside of the school that build students' self-confidence, and self-esteem to enable them to become civic-minded citizens.

Veritas prioritizes the development and implementation of an equitable, rigorous, standards-aligned curriculum that develops higher order thinking skills that equips all students with the ability to read, write, communicate, and problem solve in an ever evolving society.



Misión y Visión SY 22-23

VISIÓN

Veritas será un ambiente enriquecedor, seguro y profesional que apoye el éxito académico mientras fomenta el desarrollo social, emocional y físico de todos los estudiantes. Veritas ofrece una variedad de cursos basados en estándares, académicamente atractivos, que satisfacen las necesidades, experiencias y culturas de diversos estudiantes.

MISIÓN

Veritas es una escuela Renzulli que se enfoca en encender los talentos de todos los estudiantes. Veritas utiliza el modelo de enriquecimiento de toda la escuela, que brinda oportunidades para elevar la voz de los estudiantes a fin de incorporar los intereses de los estudiantes a través de encuestas específicas que informan el desarrollo de cursos electivos. En estos cursos, los estudiantes contribuyen al desarrollo y secuenciación del plan de estudios del curso en un entorno de aprendizaje centrado en el estudiante.

Además, este modelo apunta al enriquecimiento y estándares de aprendizaje más altos para todos los niños a través de tres objetivos:

- desarrollar intereses de aprendizaje apasionados en todos los estudiantes
- proporcionar una amplia gama de experiencias de cursos electivos de nivel avanzado para todos los estudiantes
- proporcionar oportunidades avanzadas "más allá del aula" para los estudiantes en función de sus fortalezas e intereses

En Veritas, varios sistemas y estructuras funcionan de manera coherente dentro del modelo socioemocional para brindar a los estudiantes apoyo social y emocional que incorpora asesoramiento individualizado y grupal. Los estudiantes participan en actividades de aprendizaje tanto dentro como fuera de la escuela que desarrollan la confianza en sí mismos y la autoestima de los estudiantes para permitirles convertirse en ciudadanos con mentalidad cívica.

Veritas prioriza el desarrollo y la implementación de un plan de estudios equitativo, riguroso y alineado con los estándares que desarrolla habilidades de pensamiento de orden superior que equipa a todos los estudiantes con la capacidad de leer, escribir, comunicarse y resolver problemas en una sociedad en constante evolución.



Schoolwide Goals 2022-2023

Academic

All students will engage in rigorous learning opportunities through the advancement of their ability to justify their thinking through higher-level discourse, written expression and problem solving in our ever-changing learning environments & society.

Social/Emotional

In this evolving world, we will support our students to become empathetic and responsible decision makers while building positive relationships with those around them.



Metas Escolares 2022-2023

Academicas

Todos los estudiantes participarán en oportunidades de aprendizaje rigurosas a través del avance de su capacidad para justificar su pensamiento a través de discursos de alto nivel, expresión escrita y resolución de problemas en nuestros entornos de aprendizaje y sociedad que está en constante cambio.

Social / Emocional

En este mundo en evolución, ayudaremos a nuestros estudiantes a convertirse en jóvenes de decisiones empáticas y responsables mientras construyen relaciones positivas con quienes los rodean.



Instructional Focus 2022 - 2023

Our Instructional Focus is to advance all students academically to reach their potential and beyond with a strong foundation in social emotional support that nurtures all students in a safe, equitable, and affirming learning environment. In classrooms, teachers empower students to be the driving force behind their growth of knowledge. This empowerment is rooted in the expansion of advanced literacy skills, rich levels of student discussion, complex writing skills and problem solving in real-world application tasks.



Enfoque Educativo 2022 - 2023

Nuestro enfoque instructivo es avanzar académicamente a todos los estudiantes para alcanzar su potencial y más allá con una base sólida en el apoyo socioemocional que nutre a todos los estudiantes en un entorno de aprendizaje seguro, equitativo y afirmativo. En las aulas, los maestros capacitan a los estudiantes para que sean la fuerza impulsora detrás de su crecimiento del conocimiento. Este empoderamiento tiene sus raíces en la expansión de habilidades de alfabetización avanzadas, niveles ricos de discusión de los estudiantes, habilidades de escritura complejas y resolución de problemas en tareas de aplicación del mundo real.



2022-2023

Schoolwide Theme

The Year of **Supreme** Achievements

Veritas... **Grow as We Go**

Learning is The **Seed** of Life



Present

Accountable

Responsible



Computer Science Program

9th Grade

Computer Science Exploration

Introduction class for students that want to learn the basics of computer science and basic programming.

10th Grade

AP Computer Science Principles

Introductory college level computing course. Students will develop computational thinking skills necessary for all computer science careers.

11th Grade

AP Computer Science A

This class introduces students to programming. Students will learn Java Language and how to structure and organize computer data.

12th Grade

IOS Programming

Students will use programming knowledge from the previous computer science classes to learn the Swift syntax and classes in the Xcode IDE. Students will build applications for the IOS platform.

Computer Sciences

Rational:

Computer code runs the world. Computer-programming careers rank as the top opportunities in any industry. Learn basic and advanced techniques for creating code for computers, iPhone, iPad and Android devices at the Veritas Academy's new Software Engineering program.

Eligibility:

Middle school students with good math skills or previous programming experience. A minimum score of 80 on the Algebra I regents for 9th and 10th graders.

Course Descriptions

Computer Science Explorations:

This is an introductory, year long class for students who have no prior programming experience and have a desire to work hard and learn the basics of computer science. We will use scratch and the other basic programming environments to build applications that can be deployed on the internet. Topics include animations or loops, conditions, motion, interactive games with Boolean Operators, storytelling and artificial intelligence This course culminates with students, working in teams of 4, creating their own applications for the and demonstrating it for the school at a technology fair in June.

AP Computer Science Principles:

This course is equivalent to an introductory college computing course. In this course, students will develop computational thinking skills vital for success across all disciplines, such as using computational tools to analyze and study data and working with large data sets to analyze, visualize, and draw conclusions from trends. The course engages students in the creative aspects of the field by allowing them to develop computational artifacts based on their interests. Students will also develop effective communication and collaboration skills by working individually and collaboratively to solve problems. This course terminates in an Advanced Placement exam in which students have the potential to earn 3 college credits.

AP Computer Science A:

The next level Computer Science introduces students to programming. Fundamental topics in this course include the design of solutions to problems, the use of data structures to organize large sets of data, the development and implementation of algorithms to process data and discover new information, the analysis of potential solutions, and the ethical and social implications of computing systems. The course emphasizes object-oriented programming and design using the Java programming language. This course terminates in an Advanced Placement exam in which students have the potential to earn 3 college credits.