

# STUDENT AND PARENT HANDBOOK



VALLEY VIEW HIGH SCHOOL  
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Office Hours 7:15 am – 3:00 pm

## WELCOME TO VALLEY VIEW HIGH SCHOOL

### Our Mission

Valley View High School is a smaller learning community that provides a unique educational setting for students to establish higher standards for their own education. A curriculum and structure have been especially designed to provide for personal, social, and academic support to meet the needs of the individual learner. Students will be empowered to become quality workers, effective communicators, and productive citizens in our society.

### Blue Springs R-IV Mission Statement

The mission of the Blue Springs School District is to create a community of life-long learners in which each individual acquires knowledge, develops skills, and functions as a literate citizen to achieve personal goals.

### Philosophy of the Blue Springs R-IV School District

The Blue Springs School District is dedicated to the proposition that each child in the district, regardless of sex, economic or social status, geographic location, race or individual difference, should experience a broad and balanced education. In order to accomplish that goal, a variety of programs and teaching methods will be employed to meet the various needs and differences in the abilities of students. The objective of the Blue Springs School District is to establish a program to deal with student's special gifts, and to allow each student an opportunity to attain maximum achievement.

## What makes Valley View special?

Valley View High School is an exciting opportunity for students in the Blue Springs School District. It is our goal to help students find success in a smaller educational environment. One of our most valuable tools to build success is our highly qualified and dedicated staff. Staff here is committed to developing ways to engage the students in experiential learning experiences. Along with their approach to supporting students they are highly qualified instructionally to guide students in their high school experience. The building approach as a team is positive in finding ways that work best for our students.

We believe that the students who attend Valley View will have a unique opportunity to set a new standard for their own educational future. Our doors are open to all eligible high school students in the Blue Springs School District to partner in developing a path to success. Counselling services for students and families are an integral part of the success of the building.

The expanded curricular offerings including the number of elective and vocational options allow student the ability to earn their credits toward a diploma at Valley View. In addition, we also offer flexible scheduling to give students opportunities for off-campus experiences.

*Valley View offers a smaller environment with a flexible scheduling approach to better support students in successfully completing their personal plan of study. With a commitment to do what is best for students, we welcome you to Valley View.*

## STAFF

### Office

Dr. Danica Fuimaono	Principal
Mr. Jay Jarrett	Assistant Principal
Mrs. Lucille LanFranca	Building Secretary
Mrs. Vicki Compton	Health Aide/ Attendance Secretary
Mrs. Angie Baich	Academic Counselor
Mrs. Tara Grauberger	Social Worker
Ms. Jessica Walker	Counselor
Officer Martin Steele	School Resource Officer

### Instructional

Mrs. Becky Stanton	Coordinator, Missouri Options Program
Ms. Ellen Forester	Art
Mr. Matt Cox	Credit Recovery
Mrs. Nicole Gaulden	English/Communications
Ms. Vita Osborn	English/Reading
Mrs. Denise Haglund	Family and Consumer Science
Mr. Kevin Berry	Math
Mrs. Julie White	Options Program Paraprofessional
Mr. Keeston Terry	Physical Education
Mrs. Katie Carter	Science
Mr. Robert Sturman	Social Studies
Mrs. Tammy Fryer	Support/Special Education
Mr. Matt Cox	Secondary School Satellite Program

Custodial Staff

Mrs. Ginger Hale  
Mr. Joe Bleyenbergh  
Mr. Brian Weese

**Bell Schedule**

<b>Good Morning Bell</b>	<b>7:40</b>
<b>Homeroom/Study Hall/1<sup>st</sup> Hour</b>	<b>7:45-7:53</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Hour</b>	<b>7:56 – 9:01</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Hour</b>	<b>9:04 – 10:09</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Hour</b>	<b>10:12 – 11:17</b>
<b>ISD Lunch</b>	<b>11:05</b>
<b>VVHS 1<sup>st</sup> lunch</b>	<b>11:17-11:34</b>
<b>VVHS 2<sup>nd</sup> lunch</b>	<b>11:49 – 12:06</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Hour</b>	<b>11:20 – 12:42</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Hour</b>	<b>12:45-1:50</b>
<b>Homeroom</b>	<b>1:53 -2:00</b>
<b>Support</b>	<b>2:00 – 2:45</b>

**Quarter Rotations**

Quarter 1	8/23/2021 - 10/22/2021
Quarter 2	10/25/2021 - 12/21/2021
Quarter 3	1/6/2022 - 3/18/2022
Quarter 4	3/21/2022 - 5/25/2022

## Educational Options for Credits

Valley View High School customizes each student's plan of study to meet their needs helping them to graduate high school and successfully transition to post graduation opportunities.

### Instructional

The instructional track is designed to teach students information that they have not yet been exposed to in the high school experience. These courses could be core (2 semester) or elective classes (1 semester). It is done in a traditional classroom setting only.

### Remediation/Credit Recovery

Occasionally, a student attends class but doesn't successfully complete it. In this situation, remediation is provided with instruction targeting those concepts not mastered without having to retake the entire course. If a student receives a minimum of 50% as a semester grade, credit recovery can occur either in the classroom setting or through an online credit recovery program. Additionally, if a student fails an EOC course but then receives an Advanced or Proficient score on the EOC test, the student will be awarded a passing grade and credit for the course. This includes the following year-long courses: American Government, Algebra I, English II and Biology I.

### Competency Based

CB is an opportunity given to students via teacher recommendation based on in-class observation and assessments. A student is provided a review of the course which takes one week. Instructional coaches for the designated subject area proctors and grades the competency based test. The instructional coach keeps the test and communicates results with Valley View who then shares the results with the student. Credit is awarded if the student receives a minimum of 80% on the competency based test.

### School Flex Program

This flexible program is available at Valley View allowing students to work and go to school on a revised schedule based on the student's. A job embedded credit program allows students to receive .5 credit for working outside of the school setting for every 60 hours submitted for up to one full credit a semester. Jobs have to include at least one of the expected competencies (Math, Science, or English). In order to begin this program an application form must be completed. Students are required to submit check stubs and communication with a manager and a staff member must be documented in order to receive the credit. In addition, a teacher will visit the workplace four times a semester for approval at VVHS. The Curriculum and Instruction department will give final approval before credit is awarded.

## JAG

Jobs for Americas Graduate's is a federal program that instructs students on a list of competencies to help them to be successful in the work place. This program completion is for 1 elective credit and is available to Juniors and Seniors. In this program students are expected to complete both the instructional and performance elements. Upon completion students will receive a certificate that allows them to get a job at specific partnerships in the community and country. Application is required.

## Career Programs

Career programs is an opportunity for students to gain experience, high school credit and certification in various programs. This program is available through the Blue Springs School District as well as partnerships with CTC in Fort Osage and STA in Lee's Summit. Programs vary from 2D design to Auto Mechanic and many more. Application and meeting prerequisites required. Please see the course description book at [www.bssd.net](http://www.bssd.net) for further information.

# Information and Opportunities

## Transition to Valley View

All students are required to meet with the principal and the counselor prior to starting at Valley View in order to best design support, personal plans of study and a schedule that best supports student success.

## Personalized Plans of Study

While attending Valley View High School, all students will have access to a Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program supporting them in making informed choices for developing and reviewing an Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP). Through the guidance program, ICAP's will be updated regularly and students will receive a sequence of coursework requirements, academic and career-related experiences, goal setting activities, and action planning for postsecondary education and/or training. Our academic counselor meets with all students a minimum of once a quarter.

## Student Support

Valley View has counseling and mental health support for students. This is formatted through triage, individual meetings and groups that are based on the needs of students with one of our counselors. Our building uses the lens of trauma informed schools to approach and support our student population.

## You Be You-Student Leadership

You Be You is the student leadership group at Valley View High School made up of students nominated by staff and students. This group finds ways to celebrate student growth and works to unify students with various activities.

### Missouri Options

The Missouri Option Program permits full-time, public school enrolled seniors who are at least 17 years of age and at risk of not graduating with their cohort group the opportunity to earn a high school diploma.

It is a completion and competency-based program which utilizes the HiSET (high school equivalency test) as mastery for graduation purposes. To earn a high school diploma through the MO Option Program, a student must pass the HiSET along with various additional requirements.

### Parking Pass and Driving

Students must be classified as Sophomores or above to have the privilege of driving to Valley View. Freshman status students are not allowed to drive. Parking Passes may be purchased in the front office

### Graduation

Any student who has attended a Blue Springs high school for 7 semesters and transfers to Valley View High School and completes graduation requirements will be given the option of choosing one graduation ceremony in which to participate, either Valley View High School or their home school (BSHS or BSSHS). All other students will participate in the Valley View High School ceremony.

The deadline for this decision is May 1.

All MO Option Program completers will be given the option of participating in the Valley View High School graduation ceremony.