



Mission Statement

The Santa Ynez Valley Charter School (hereafter “SYVCS”) is founded to work collaboratively to create a supportive, innovative, and academically challenging educational environment that nurtures its students and prepares them for high school and beyond through close curricular articulation. The SYVCS will also emphasize preparation of its students for a successful and rewarding future by developing both academic and nonacademic skills, including community involvement and social skills. It is the vision of the SYVCS to create a public school of choice, in which participants can enjoy the benefits of a small learning community that is enhanced by the educational, administrative, and budgetary flexibility afforded by the Charter School Law.

The following objectives will guide our efforts:

- Helping students achieve strong academic goals through multi-sensory learning experiences, technology & the arts.
- Developing innovative and effective curriculum.
- Building a child’s sense of self by allowing the student to learn at his or her own pace and experience success while continuing to challenge the child at all times.
- Teaching students that they have a responsibility for their choices, actions and learning.
- Actively involving families in the educational process in order to facilitate individual growth and self-esteem.
- Nurturing the physical, intellectual, social and emotional development of the child.
- Establishing collaborative relationships between students, parents, teachers, staff, and community members in order to enhance student learning and assessment.
- Incorporating community resources into the curriculum by taking advantage of specialists in technology, music, art, science, and by providing students with the opportunity to participate in internships, field trips and other business partnerships.
- Acknowledging that learning takes place everywhere and at all times.