PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Scan the QR to the left to see more of our website and see what it means to be a Dragon!

SYVCS is an independent school founded on the strong collaboration among parents, teachers and students. Our parents are dedicated to enhancing educational experiences for our students by organizing various events such as the Jog-a-Thon and Carnival. We raise funds to support co-curricular programs such as art, music, and field trips. All parents are warmly invited and encouraged to contribute volunteer hours to the school. In order to foster a healthy and vibrant community there are regular gatherings and social events to allow our families to engage and connect.

OUR VISION

- Support students to achieve strong academic goals through diverse learning activities.
- Build a child's sense of self by allowing them to explore their interests and share their strengths.
- Nurture the physical, social and emotional development of each child.
- Actively involve families in the educational process and the life of the school.
- Establish collaborative relationships between students, parents and teachers.
- Emphasize the value of experiential learning and quality exposure to the Arts.
- Provide students the opportunity to participate in field trips, internships and other community partnerships.
- Foster teamwork and sportsmanship through participation in athletic programs.

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SANTA YNEZ VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOL

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WHO WE ARE

Santa Ynez Valley Charter School was established in 2000 by a committed group of parents and teachers seeking a challenging and inspiring education for their children. We believe that Learning should be joyful, innovative and built around student strengths - Dragons have the passion, drive, and talents to make a difference in the world. Governed by parents, led by teachers and driven by students, our vision is to foster a supportive and nurturing environment that highlights the unique strengths of each child.

LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Charter prides itself on being a family school with one small class per grade level. Our exceptional teachers are all credentialed and qualified for their respective grades and subjects. Using State Standards, Dragons are led through their core coursework in Math, Science, English, and Social Studies. Instructional Assistants offer essential classroom support and supervise students on the playground. Specialized instruction in Music, Art, PE and other electives enables us to provide a broad, well-rounded curriculum.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

The school Garden is an impressive three-acre outdoor classroom for ecology and nature awareness. An appreciation for the natural environment is something all Dragons have in common. As students progress into grades 5-8, they participate in overnight outdoor camping and hiking experiences.

HEALTHY MEALS

Our caring kitchen staff are school parents and lovingly prepare breakfast and lunch every day, all at no cost to families. The lunch menu is refreshed monthly and features a fresh salad bar. We use mostly local organic produce with an emphasis on sustainability. We also have a student kitchen for our baking elective.

MUSIC AND ART

We are passionate about visual and performing arts and have developed a strong music and theater program that allows students to express themselves through song, dance and movement. Students showcase their talents during performances at the holiday concert and Arts Week in the Spring. In addition, all students have art classes weekly, developing creative skills in drawing, painting, clay and mixed media.

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Character education is at the heart of our programs, playing a key role in establishing a safe and nurturing school climate. The Dragon Habits of Heart and Mind guide us in our personal development and we apply these principles through our classroom Buddies Program, Dragon Families and our all-school elective time, the Dragon Quest. Our Middle School students develop leadership and mentorship skills by facilitating these programs.