

Golden Valley Christian Academy
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EDUCATE, ENRICH, AND EMPOWER

FAITH BASED EDUCATION

Vision Statement: Establish a faith centered education for students within Golden Valley to support their walk towards Christ. Provide an improved and bolstered curriculum which encourages spiritual and individual growth rooted in faith. Execute this vision with little to no fiscal impact on parents.

Matthew 18:12-14:

“What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.”



FAITH BASED CURRICULUM, CULTURE, EDUCATION, AND PEERS

A FAITH CENTERED ENVIRONMENT



CHAPEL DAYS:

At Golden Valley Christian Academy, chapel sessions are a regular part of our weekly schedule. This inclusion offers students a structured and empowering opportunity to strengthen their connection with God. Chapel days play a vital role in establishing foundational aspects of a fulfilling walk with Christ.

PRAYER:

At Golden Valley Christian Academy, prayer is seamlessly woven into our daily routine. Students begin each day with prayer and integrate it into the various activities they participate in. Recognizing prayer as a powerful tool, our youth are encouraged to cultivate a deeper connection with their faith.



BIBLE STUDY:

Golden Valley Christian Academy integrates Bible study into our daily activities. Students engage in regular sessions where they delve into scripture, seeking wisdom and understanding to guide their lives. By weaving Bible study into our routine their lives are enriched consistently.



Home to the Roadrunners

Educational Philosophy: Our approach to education is rooted in striving for excellence through enrichment, education, and empowerment. We seek to enrich the student experience through a robust curriculum intertwined with biblical principles. By significantly reducing class sizes and establishing a strong, supportive community, we aim to empower students for success.

We integrate faith into the curriculum and daily activities through prayer, a commitment to faith, and a deep love for our nation.

Our Kindergarteners begin their educational journey with us by foundationally rooting their knowledge in an advanced curriculum that's faith centric. Kindergarteners will have ample "play study", but will start learning core subjects, bible, and social studies.
Expected Student Teacher Ratio: 14:1

Grade
Kindergarten

Grades

1st & 2nd

Our 1st and 2nd grade classes will dive deeper into core curriculum topics along with history, social studies, added science (faith rooted), and Bible. There will be focus on further developing social skills, phonics-based reading, and independence.
Expected Student Teacher Ratio: 15:1

Our 3rd and 4th grade classes will continue their core curriculum development with an expanded view which graduates these students into literature within language arts. Students will expand their biblical knowledge and start working independent projects.
Expected Student Teacher Ratio: 15:1

Grades
3rd & 4th

Grades

5th & 6th

Our students will be further enriched with the increased rigor of the core curriculum. With a deeper focus in communication, literature, and comprehension, our students will complete independent projects, public speaking, among other major milestones
Expected Student Teacher Ratio: 15:1

Student Policies & Standards



ZERO TOLERANCE BULLYING POLICY

Golden Valley Christian Academy believes in a safe and protected learning environment for all students. Bullying will not be tolerated.



CHRIST LIKE BEHAVIOR POLICY

Golden Valley Christian Academy expects students to be respectful of their peers, instructors, and elders. Students must maintain a positive behavior.



APPROPRIATE DRESS POLICY

Golden Valley Christian Academy maintains a dress code and uniform for students. Students must maintain proper dress code during school.



ACADEMIC SUCCESS POLICY

Golden Valley Christian Academy is committed to supporting the educational endeavors of each and every student. GVCA will support their academic progress.



CODE OF CONDUCT

Golden Valley Christian Academy outlines suitable conduct within the classroom, chapel, and scheduled activities. Students are expected to conduct themselves appropriately.



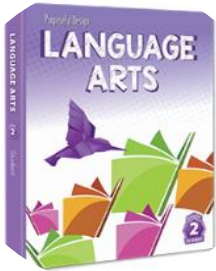
DISCIPLINE POLICY

Golden Valley Christian Academy strives to ensure consistent disciplinary measures are followed, whenever applicable, so all students are upheld to the same standard.

1 Peter 2:17:

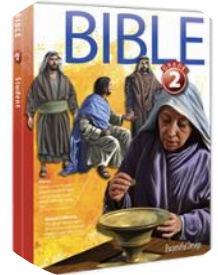
"Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor."

THE CURRICULUM



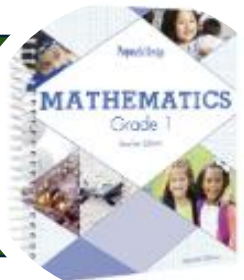
The Language Arts series integrates oral and written language with a biblical perspective, aligned with comprehensive standards. It emphasizes phonological awareness, phonics, comprehension, vocabulary, and fluency. Components include systematic phonics, spelling, vocabulary, diverse literary genres, grammar, and writing activities, supported by reader and literature guides. The kit offers kinesthetic learning tools.

The Purposeful Design Elementary Bible series aims to foster a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ in students. It emphasizes key themes such as God's story in the Bible, the truth of God's Word, His love for all, salvation through Jesus, and spiritual growth. The series includes age-appropriate lessons, outcomes, and resources for grades K-6, structured to accommodate different instructional schedules and teaching methods.



The Purposeful Design Elementary Science series offers research-based, hands-on learning aligned with college-and-career standards. It integrates NSES and NGSS, focusing on fundamental questions about God, humanity, and the world. Teachers benefit from differentiated instruction and cross-curricular activities. The series emphasizes scientific inquiry and engineering design, fostering students' appreciation for God's creation.

Students will build a strong foundation with the Purposeful Design Publication Mathematics series. Students will grow in confidence as they master problem-solving skills and real-life application through manipulative use and modeling. Project-based learning provides STEM and biblical worldview connections throughout. Students will benefit from consumable worksheets with applicable real-world examples to support their educational endeavors.



The Spelling Plus series for Grades 1-6 provides so much more than just spelling. It incorporates grammar, writing, genres of writing and literature, Greek and Latin roots and more. It easily incorporates into any language program and integrates a biblical worldview throughout the lesson plans. Each grade level is themed—creating fresh learning—and offers a 5-day systematic approach. Initial teacher response to the series has been positive due to the teacher edition's ease of use and flexibility.

& MORE!

**Based on Grade Level*



An Inclusive Experience:

As part of our mission and endeavor at Golden Valley Christian Academy, we're aspiring to make the experience an "inclusive" one. That means we're going to, as part of the tuition and fees, include the following:

- ✓ Required School Supplies.
- ✓ Five (5) Uniform Shirts.
- ✓ School Provided Backpack.
- ✓ School Provided Lunchbox (we do not provide lunches).
- ✓ Reusable Water Bottle.
- ✓ All Curriculum Material.
- ✓ School Photos.
- ✓ School Yearbooks.
- ✓ Parental Portal Access.
- ✓ School Events (when hosted).
- ✓ Tutoring Sessions (If necessary).

TUITION AND THE ESA GRANT

The recent signing of the Universal ESA grant into law marks a transformative moment for Arizona's education landscape. Golden Valley Christian Academy plans to leverage this grant to fund tuition for all students. The tuition rate at GVCA is \$6,250 + fees for the school year. The universal grant amount has consistently been large enough to cover both tuition and fees.

Traditionally, parents felt confined to designated school districts, but the ESA grant disrupts this norm, allowing families to explore educational options previously out of reach. Arizona Christian School in Golden Valley exemplifies the opportunities this grant provides. More than an alternative to public schools, it offers a holistic, faith-based education.

Beyond financial support, the grant empowers parents as active participants in their children's education, while showcasing alternative education methods. Golden Valley Christian School demonstrates how a faith-based curriculum and commitment to academic excellence can transform learning experiences.

This decision heralds an era where parents can make choices aligned with their children's best interests. With private Christian schools leading the way, Arizona's education future promises tailored excellence for all students.

Jeremiah 29:11:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."



Frequently Asked Questions

1

Where are Ryan and Kayla from?

We moved to Golden Valley from Casper, Wyoming. Casper shares similar values to Golden Valley. This community has been a blessing to us as we were able to bring our entire family Together.

2

Will staff undergo a background check?

All staff are required to undergo a 3-part background check. This includes the IVP card from Arizona, which requires fingerprinting, as well as a locality and social media background check.

3

What are the anticipated grades/offering?

In 2024/2025, Golden Valley Christian Academy is slated to offer K – 6. Variance may exist based on enrollment numbers, but the first year is expected to open with four (4) total classes: Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th with each grade getting the appropriate curriculum.

4

What is the tuition or additional costs for parents?

The tuition is expected to be fully covered by the ESA. The ESA, available to all students, is typically more than enough to cover all tuition and fees. Golden Valley Christian Academy is expected to have a tuition rate of \$6,250 a year, plus a curriculum and enrollment fee.

5

What are the credential requirements for teachers?

We will follow Kingman Unified School District criteria. Educators must be degreed (or in apprenticeship), at minimum, in a closely related field and pursuing their teaching license, in accordance with Arizona State requirements.

6

Will Golden Valley Christian Academy follow IEPs?

Our educators will be prepared to follow IEPs and meet with the appropriate personnel from the district to ensure continued success of our students. If some students actively have an IEP, our educators are experienced working with these.

ABOUT US

Ryan is an esteemed business leader, currently leveraging his expertise at one of Arizona's largest health systems. With a track record of launching successful ventures and earning an impressive array of credentials, including six professional certifications and two Master's Degrees—with a PhD on the horizon—Ryan brings a wealth of experience and innovation to his role.

Complementing Ryan's business acumen is Kayla's passion for education. As an educator at a private Christian Academy in Kingman, Kayla is dedicated to her students' growth and well-being. Specializing in special education and behavioral health, she applies her expertise daily, with the aim of nurturing each student's unique potential. Finishing her Master's Degree in Teaching and pursuing an Educational Doctorate specializing in Ministry and Leadership, Kayla's commitment to lifelong learning mirrors Ryan's drive for excellence.

Together, Ryan and Kayla form a dynamic partnership, where their careers converge to support both educational and business endeavors. Their shared faith and Christ-centered perspective serves as the cornerstone of their relationship, guiding them in their commitment to hard work, dedication, and the belief that everyone deserves the opportunity to succeed. This conviction extends beyond their professional lives, shaping their daily actions and interactions with others.

With Ryan's business leadership and Kayla's educational expertise, they embody a harmonious blend of skill, passion, and faith, united in their mission to make a positive impact in both their professional fields and the lives of those they encounter.



"Always and Forever, Forever and Ever, and Ever More"

Our journey began in the hustle and bustle of a pizza chain, where Kayla, immediately taken with Ryan, found herself fumbling plates and cups as she tried to focus on her work. Through the years, from the uncertainties of post-high school life to the adventures of international travel, we've weathered it all together. However, it was the birth of our third child, who was diagnosed with cerebral palsy and spent months in the NICU, that truly tested our resolve, ultimately bringing us closer than ever before.

Throughout our nearly 15 years married, our faith has been a constant guiding light. Rooted in Christ, it has strengthened our bond and provided a solid foundation for our relationship. With "Always and Forever, Forever and Ever, and Ever More" engraved in Kayla's ring, this phrase serves as a reminder of our enduring love and commitment to each other.

Golden Valley holds a special place in our hearts, thanks to its tranquil surroundings, natural beauty, and the meaningful relationships we've begun to cultivate. When we first arrived, we enrolled our eldest daughter, Amy, at Black Mountain Elementary. However, the experience fell short of our expectations, leading us to transfer Amy to Emmanuel Christian Academy, where Kayla also found the opportunity to teach.

The establishment of the ESA grant presented a unique chance to bring faith-based education to the Golden Valley community. Ryan's own upbringing in a Christian Academy, where his faith was nurtured, inspired our vision to provide our children and the youth of Golden Valley with a similar opportunity. Our goal is for our children to stand before Christ on chapel day, hands crossed in connection with Him. This vision drives us—to offer the youth of our community a chance to establish a firm foundation in faith while receiving an education that enriches their lives and strengthens their relationship with Christ. This is our purpose.



Proverbs 22:6:

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it."