



MESA VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

General Information

DESCRIPTION

MVCS is a District 51 charter school serving students in grades K-12. This school's unique structure empowers parents to educate their own child with a personalized learning plan designed expressly for him or her. The educational program is extremely flexible—students may take classes in a variety of environments at a schedule set by their parents. Staff members provide guidance, accountability, and periodic assessments, ensuring a quality education for students. Funds are also available for educational expenses.

MVCS students can take classes at home, in community groups, at traditional public schools (6-12th grade only), online, with a tutor, or at MVCS itself. This variety of learning settings is the most unique aspect of MVCS, yielding public schooling that feels a lot like homeschooling.

STUDENTS SERVED

Students must be self-motivated and MVCS requires a high degree of parental involvement for success. Parents considering this option will need to:

- Be physically available for instruction an average of four hours per day on weekdays.
- Work with MVCS Advisors to develop, assess, and periodically amend a Personalized Learning Plan.
- Take responsibility for instruction, planning, grading, motivating, etc. by being the primary teacher or coordinating with a designated primary teacher.
- Complete required learning hour documentation and funding paperwork.
- Provide transportation to and from learning activities.

ENROLLMENT PROCESS

Enrollment is open to students in Mesa County. Interested parents should contact the school which will schedule an enrollment consultation to help parents evaluate if the school is a good fit for their child. Following this consultation, parents may fill out an Intent to Enroll form. MVCS takes enrollment for each semester as space is available.

MISSION

MVCS creates opportunity for students to pursue a personalized learning plan supported by District and private resources, technology, and a learning community that includes family members, tutors, highly qualified instructors, and specialized consultants.

VISION

Learners engaged in personalized education in a variety of environments.

PHILOSOPHY

- We believe that personalized learning plans increase the likelihood of genuine engagement by students—especially when the plans support the integrity of the individual and are initiated by those who know the student best, taking into consideration their strengths, weaknesses, and interests.
- We believe that children will grow toward achieving their highest potential when given a safe, nurturing, well-structured, and disciplined environment which balances genuine opportunity for student independence with thoughtful guidance, positive role models, and accountability.
- We believe each person is unique and must be encouraged in his or her individual search for fulfillment. Each person is also part of a community and must be encouraged in his or her search for common purpose and ways to serve.

OPERATING PRINCIPLES

The following operating principles guide all who participate in MVCS:

- Consider the best interests of students, not sacrificing the wellbeing of a child for the future of the school.
- Approach others with honor and respect, treating others as you would like to be treated.
- Value input from all stakeholders in decision making, including soliciting minority opinion.
- Strive for consensus.
- Trust and support all school participants.
- Commit to integrity and honesty.
- Embrace accountability, flexibility, and humility.
- Accept responsibility for decisions and actions.