

## Mesa Valley Community School Emerges

The Transition from Mesa Valley Vision—Home and Community Program to MVCS  
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In 2007 a group of families and community members in the Grand Valley began exploring the idea of blending homeschooling with public schooling, keeping the best of each and making a hybrid more robust than either alone.

After negotiating a contract with School District #51, Mesa Valley Vision—Home and Community Program (MVV) opened its doors for the first time. The 2008-2009 school year was the first of six great years of operation for MVV. Families liked the opportunities MVV provided, and the school did very well, getting excellent performance ratings.

In 2013 it became clear that the structure of MVV as a contract school would be impossible to maintain and the difficult decision was made to close the doors of MVV at the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

However, many people were not willing to let this great idea die. Too many students had benefited from being able to pursue a personalized learning plan supported by District and private resources. A group of people worked hard to create a new school which would fill the gap that MVV was leaving behind. This school would also be built on the solid principles of personalized education in a variety of environments.

In early 2014, an application for Mesa Valley Community School to become a District #51 charter school was approved and the new school anticipates opening its doors for the 2014-2015 school year.