

## Charter-in-the-Workplace

The VCS are identified as "Charter Schools in the Workplace" and operated as a Florida not-for-profit corporation. Established through Florida law, charter schools in the workplace are public charter schools with the ability to target a specific student population. Charter schools are public schools of choice. The Villages Charter Schools exist as a part of the "Choice" program defined by the Florida Department of Education (see 1002.33).

An essential element for the success of students at The Villages Charter School is the inclusion of parents in varied capacities. Research indicates that the involvement of parents in the academic areas of a child's life can greatly increase the child's chances of success.

Students are eligible to attend The Villages Charter Schools in a very unique way. Unlike traditional schools where enrollment eligibility is based upon where the students live, VCS students become eligible based upon their parent's employment. There are approximately 400 businesses affiliated in one of the three categories of enrollment.

- Category I: Businesses directly part of the developer's suite of companies.
- Category II: Businesses that are direct sub-contractors to the developer.
- Category III: Businesses that permanently reside on Villages property.

Due to our unique organizational structure, our schools have the students' future in mind. All throughout our curriculum, we integrate business fundamentals with strict attention to the core subjects and the Florida Sunshine State Standards. All students graduating from The Villages High School will be able to achieve the Florida "Gold Seal" after completion of one of the academies.

Our last expansion plans call for our overall enrollment to increase to 2,600 students in grades K-12 by the 2009-2010 school year.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION :

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# The Villages®



## Charter Schools



Enrollment slots  
now available!  
Come succeed with us!

# THE VILLAGES CHARTER SCHOOL CAMPUS



The Villages Charter Elementary School



The Villages Charter Middle School



The Villages High School

## The Villages Charter Schools Were Designed To Be Different ... And, Of Course, Better!

**The Villages Charter Schools offer academic excellence to the children of qualified employees working within The Villages community. This benefits those who have dedicated their lives toward the creation of The Villages.**

We embrace high academic standards in the belief that all children can succeed!

We have developed and adopted a world-class PK-12 curriculum.

Small class sizes and low student-to-teacher ratios.

A minimum of five computers per classroom, internet connected and featuring state-of-the-art software.

Formal instruction in Art, Music, Spanish & Physical Education.

Dedicated, highly-skilled, certified teachers and staff—all of whom care about the student's well being.

An established record of standardized test scores well above national averages.

Developmentally appropriate, tuition-based preschool program for three and four year olds.

Separate buildings for Preschool / Primary Elementary, Intermediate Elementary, Middle School and High School.

Multimedia labs for student use and instructional purposes.

State-of-the-art computer labs with individualized, skill-based tutoring.

The Villages Charter Schools offer a tremendous group of facilities to learn, grow & play.

Our classrooms are built with input from educators & experts to offer the best learning environment.

Our school campus is laid out to maximize the flow of work and people throughout the day.

Our athletic fields, gyms, and performing areas provide a great venue for our students to excel.

## Starting Strong & Growing!

From 2000-2001 through the 2006-2007 school years, each school was given a separate school grade. Of the 15 opportunities for VCS to earn a "school grade", we have been awarded 13 "A's" and 2 "B's". Beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, VCS was given one school grade and we again earned a K-12 "A" — a tremendous accomplishment.

## Buffalo Adventures

We assist our working parents by offering high-quality before and after-care programs. Students are supervised from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. In addition, parents can sign their children up for dozens of educational and fun activities, such as violin, competitive dance, culinary arts, pottery, archery, golf, etc. All of these activities are supervised and sponsored by caring adults right on our campus.

All schools offer before and after care supervision & programs.

## The Villages Charter Schools

### Built on core values...

- Hard work
- Hospitality
- Stewardship
- Innovation & Creativity