

**PARENT REVIEWS
FOR
VALLEY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL**

Spring 2026

81% of Parents Completed the Survey

4.46 out of 5 ★★★★★ (46)

Parents were asked if Valley exceeded their expectations and/or to provide a general comment.

Surveys are anonymous.

Parents say

Parents describe Valley Lutheran High School as a supportive, Christ-centered school with caring teachers, strong academics, and a welcoming family atmosphere where students are truly known and encouraged. Families consistently praise the opportunities for involvement in athletics, music, theater, clubs, leadership, and service, while also appreciating the small class sizes, individualized support, and positive campus culture grounded in faith. Some reviewers noted opportunities for growth in athletics, communication, and academic rigor, but overall families describe Valley as a supportive community that delivers a positive and well-rounded high school experience. *AI generated from text of parent reviews.*

★★★★★ ***“The school exceeds expectations in academics, support, and communication, and has created a positive experience for my son.”***

★★★★★ ***“We appreciate the academic excellence while maintaining a Christ-centered environment. Chapel and family groups create a positive culture without bullying or negativity.”***

★★★★★ ***“The Christian atmosphere is clearly visible and evident in the campus culture, though there are opportunities for growth in athletics and student confidence.”***

★★★★★ ***“The commitment of the teachers and principal to serving both God and students is exceptional.”***

★★★★★ ***“Our daughter loves the family atmosphere, small class sizes, and teachers. She doesn’t feel like just a number.”***

★★★★★ ***“The variety of classes and extracurriculars, from coding and guitar to football and track, has been outstanding.”***

★★★★★ ***“The school’s inclusiveness has exceeded our expectations.”***

★★★★★ ***“Our three stars is because we are still waiting for Boys Volleyball to be added to the athletics program. So many of the boys want to join!”***

★★★★★ ***“Valley provides a big-school experience with sports, clubs, strong academics, and faith, while maintaining a small-school feel.”***

★★★★★ ***“My children are truly known and supported at Valley. They simply cannot fall through the cracks.”***

★★★★★ ***“The teachers and counselors went out of their way to help my son fit in and succeed.”***

★★★★★“The way chapel and faith are presented at a level teenagers can relate to has been wonderful.”

★★★★★“We appreciate the academic work while maintaining a Christ focused environment. We send our kids there because of the dedication of the staff to the students and their success. With chapel and family groups, the school does not seem to have bullies, name calling, or other negative connotations that come with high school. Christ is the main focus and that is why we would always recommend sending anyone to Valley.”

★★★★★“Faculty is open to reasonable accommodations for struggling students and truly partners with parents.”

★★★★★“Our son has been able to participate in everything he wanted, from athletics to music and yearbook.”

★★★★★“Very family oriented, love the environment and the people.”

★★★★★“It has been a great fit for our son. He has found his rhythm, niche, and people at Valley Lutheran.”

★★★★★“The willingness to help struggling students through study halls, academic support, and follow-up has exceeded expectations.”

★★★★★“VLHS is a wonderful small community that truly feels like family.”

★★★★★“The financial aid information and scholarship opportunities have been extremely helpful.”

★★★★★“VLHS needs to market better-emphasize the academics- the strong faith background is a given but not sure people know about the strong academics. I think families would be shocked to learn how their chances for college admissions are higher at VLHS than at Xavier/Brophy. It is more difficult to be active members in sports and clubs at those other larger public schools where they have to try out and could be cut from teams. Not to mention the competition to be higher ranking in their class and stand out academically is considerably more difficult. On paper VLHS students look amazing, well rounded with strong academics, leadership, volunteer work, sports and clubs which probably wouldn't be the same at a larger school. And one more unrelated note, it would be nice if all of the sports were given as much money and focus as football...and teach the students that they deserve to win rather than to just be gracious losers. God's love makes all of us deserving of love and blessings for abundance and everything good in life. I feel that is the one thing lacking in the students as this school- confidence and a winning attitude. It is ok to lose and great to be gracious when it happens; however, it is also ok to win and don't begin a game or match defeated- carry oneself as if you believe in yourself and do your very best!”

★★★★★“We are absolutely impressed with both the academics and faculty/staff, though we would still like to see even higher academic standards and rigor.”

★★★★★“Our expectations were exceeded most due to the commitment

of both the teachers and the principal to serving both God and the students.”

★★★★★“Our expectations have been exceeded by the ability to be part of any group (musical, baseball, year book) that our son has wanted to be a part of.”

★★★★☆“Valley has fallen short of our expectations due to no response from staff.”

★★★★★“Very family oriented, love the environment and the people, which is why Valley has exceeded our expectations.”

★★★★★“Valley Lutheran has been a great fit for our son. He’s not super outgoing and takes a while to warm up to new situations, surroundings, and people. He started at VLHS his freshman year last school year. It was a struggle for him in the beginning but he has finally found his rhythm, niche, and people.”

★★★★☆“Please never discontinue shuttle services because we would not be able to attend if that happens. Interim week is “fun” but a real struggle for families that live far away so please keep that in mind. Please continue study halls and block scheduling. My kids are way more successful when they have time to complete work at school. I appreciate you all so much!”

★★★★★“For a commuter school with students from many backgrounds, Valley does a remarkable job building community.”

★★★★☆“The coaches have been disappointing, which is why we believe expectations have fallen short.”

★★★★★“The fact that my child has had a big school style education with sports, clubs, fun, great academics and faith but in such a small school. This is how Valley has exceeded my expectations.”

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“The teachers have exceeded our expectations by their willingness to help struggling students with academic hour, study halls and followup.”

★★★★☆“The financial aid information and scholarship opportunities have gone above and beyond.”

★★★★★“Our daughter has had such a positive experience. She loves the family atmosphere, small class sizes, and teachers. She has gotten to try and experience new things and doesn’t just feel like a number where nobody knows who she is. The Christian atmosphere is truly visible and evident in the campus culture.”

★★★★★“The way chapel/faith is approached at a level teenagers can relate to and find value in. This has exceeded our expectations.”

★★★★☆“We provided the four stars because VLHS is a great community within a school”

★★★★☆“VLHS has been a great fit for our daughter, however depending on

a child's specific needs and goals, it may not be the best fit for everyone."

★★★★☆ "We are giving Valley a high score because the commitment of the staff is wonderful.

I would recommend increasing more opportunities for students learning by creating the concessions as a school business and incorporating it into a business course for sophomore -Senior year. Have a teacher run it like other high schools do and pay that teacher a stipend through-out the year. Give credit to the students in the areas of honors society/student counsel any other areas volunteer hours are needed for students. As a possible elective, create a school newspaper written by the students creating opportunities for future journalists and writers.

As parents we are more than happy to volunteer our time to support the workings of the school, but feel like the basic operations/handyman/grounds keeper is a necessity for running the campus."

★★★★☆ "With Valley Lutheran high school being such a small environment, I believe teachers should keep their eyes out and ears open. It doesn't take much gossiping or clicky groups to start alienating students."

★★★★☆ "We give Valley three stars because we would like to see a more rigorous curriculum and higher academic standards (emphasis on organization, note taking, annotation and more prestigious curriculum/ text book companies. Would like to see a higher standard for behavior."

★★★★★ "We scored VLHS a five because VLHS is a wonderful, small community that feels like family. This is an important element for our family as we want to be involved and stay connected with our children's high school experience."

★★★★★ "Caring but firm teachers and staff is how Valley is exceeding our expectations."

★★★★★ "The variety of classes and extracurriculars, from coding and guitar to football and track. These are the reasons VLHS is exceeding our expectations."

★★★★★ "Our rating is because I am absolutely impressed with both the academics and faculty/staff"

★★★★★ "We scored Valley a 5 because the school is small enough to have so many incredible opportunities provided. This is our first year so these may be still to come but here are some valuable (as a parent) suggestions:
Career opportunity day
Meeting (could be virtual since many families live far) on teen mental health and what parents can do and look for. This may help alleviate frustrations for families as it addresses adolescent brain development."

"Retreats for parents or students where parents can write letters to the students, etc help build communication as it gets harder as they get older . Foster relationships between parents and

students which will help maintain their faith !”

★★★★★“VLHS has been the ideal high school experience for our daughter. The smaller student to teacher ratio not only provides, but welcomes tremendous freedom to explore new opportunities, customize academics to accommodate personal future goals and creates a supportive faith based environment that is truly empowering. Although our hearts are sad that our VLHS chapter is closing, we move on to the next knowing that the unique atmosphere, personalized curriculum along with the love and dedication of the staff has made an incredible impact.”

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