

Rincon Valley Charter School

**Building on a Tradition of
Excellence in Education
for
7th and 8th Grade Students**

Application Packet

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NOTE: *Items with asterisks must be completed and included in your application packet.

Rincon Valley Charter School

Mission Statement

The Rincon Valley Charter School provides excellence in middle school education in a small, secure atmosphere where students hold themselves to high academic and personal standards.

Vision Statement

Successful 7th and 8th grade schools are characterized by high-quality student work enhanced and enabled by excellent teaching and a supportive school culture.

- Learning occurs in a context that values fairness, equity, justice, honor, civility, service to others and democratic principles.
- Learning occurs in a classroom setting that emphasizes the ability of all students to do quality work and to meet the standards for their grade and subject.
- Active learning develops student proficiency through creative work involving problem solving and other tasks requiring complex reasoning.
- Learning emphasizes direct and frequent interaction with real-life experiences: field trips, world of work, school-to-career mentorships.
- Learning occurs in classrooms that honor the richness of human diversity. The contributions of all ethnic, linguistic, and cultural traditions are celebrated.
- Learning occurs in inclusive groups that emphasize caring teachers and differentiated instruction.
- Learning occurs in a setting that values participation, cooperation, and collaboration among teachers, administrators, students, parents, and community.
- Learning involves locating information from print and digital sources and validating the quality and integrity of the content.
- Learning takes place in classrooms where students participate in selecting ways in which they will demonstrate their academic proficiency and have input in developing scoring criteria.
- Learning emphasizes the value of redoing, polishing, and perfecting work until it represents the highest quality of which students are capable.

**Rincon Valley Charter School
Application Process
2010 – 2011**

January	Advance notice of RVCS Family Information Night mailed to all families of sixth graders in RVUSD
January 25 – March 26	Application packets available upon request at RVUSD site offices and RVCS office.
February 3 (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m.	RVCS Family Information Night Sequoia Gym, adjacent to RVCS campus 5305 Dupont Drive
March 26	Application Deadline – due to district office by 5:00 p.m.
March 29 – April 2	Spring Break
April 5 – 9	Applications Reviewed
April 12	Lottery (if needed) 9:00 a.m., Village School
April 14	Admission/Acceptance Letters mailed
April/May	Student/Parent Appointments Campus Tours
First Day School Instruction begins	Student Orientation

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Admission Criteria

The Rincon Valley Charter School is a comprehensive, learn-by-doing, educational program for seventh and eighth grade students. The RVCS campus is integrated with Sequoia School, which will operate as a K-8 site.

Admission to the Rincon Valley Charter School is dependent upon the following criteria:

- Students and parents will submit application questionnaires explaining their interest in attending RVCS, describing the kind of middle school experience they hope to have and how they can contribute to the RVCS community.
- Students and parents must sign an agreement indicating that they understand and are committed to the Rincon Valley Charter School's program, policies, expected outcomes, and philosophy.
- Registration Form must be submitted.

Admission preferences will be given to:

1. Siblings of students currently enrolled in the Rincon Valley Charter School or alumni of the Rincon Valley Charter School; currently enrolled in RVUSD.
2. Children of faculty and staff of the RVCS or the RVUSD currently enrolled in Rincon Valley Union School District.
3. Students currently enrolled in the Rincon Valley Union School District (RVUSD).
4. Students residing within the district boundaries and not enrolled in RVUSD.
5. Siblings of students currently enrolled in the Rincon Valley Charter School or alumni of the Rincon Valley Charter School; who do not reside or attend RVUSD.
6. Children of faculty and staff of the Rincon Valley Charter School or Rincon Valley Union School District who do not reside or attend RVUSD.
7. Students residing outside RVUSD (all other applicants).

If the number of students who wish to attend the charter school exceeds the school's capacity, attendance shall be determined by a public random drawing in accordance with policies developed by the Executive Committee of the Rincon Valley Charter School.

Existing students of the Charter School who have successfully met the criteria of the student pledge and policies of RVCS will be guaranteed a placement and will not be included in the drawing.

We accept students of all races, nationalities, ethnicities, religions and abilities. As diverse as they are, our students and parents have one important thing in common – they have made a commitment to the Rincon Valley Charter School and are serious about learning and are already on track towards becoming responsible, compassionate citizens.

Pending Board approval 2/2/10

Application Checklist

For an official application packet to be considered for acceptance, please submit the following forms in the order listed:

- Registration Form
- Parent/Guardian Application Questionnaire
- Student Application Questionnaire
- Student/Parent Pledge
- Copy of 6th Grade Report Card

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STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM

SCHOOL **RINCON VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOL**

STUDENT ID NO. _____		SCHOOL USE ONLY	
ENROLLMENT DATE _____		GRADE _____	

STUDENT'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

LAST NAME _____	FIRST NAME _____	MIDDLE NAME _____
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STUDENT'S LEGAL NAME (if different)

LAST NAME _____	FIRST NAME _____	MIDDLE NAME _____
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BIRTHDATE

GENDER

Male Female

HOME PHONE

BIRTHPLACE

CITY _____	STATE _____	COUNTRY _____
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EMAIL

ADDRESS

MAILING ADDRESS _____	CITY _____	ZIP _____
RESIDENCE ADDRESS (if different) _____	CITY _____	ZIP _____

CHILD'S ETHNICITY

Is child Hispanic/Latino? Yes No

CHILD'S RACE (choose one or more)

<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/> Laotian	<input type="checkbox"/> Guamanian	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native
<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese	<input type="checkbox"/> Cambodian	<input type="checkbox"/> Samoan	<input type="checkbox"/> African American or Black
<input type="checkbox"/> Korean	<input type="checkbox"/> Hmong	<input type="checkbox"/> Tahitian	<input type="checkbox"/> White (A person having origins
<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Pacific Islander	in Europe, the Middle
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian	<input type="checkbox"/> Hawaiian	<input type="checkbox"/> Filipino / Filipino American	East or north Africa)

HOME LANGUAGE SURVEY

Language your child learned when he/she first began to talk? _____

Language your child most frequently uses at home? _____

Language you most frequently speak to your child? _____

Language most often spoken by the adults at home? _____

EDUCATION HISTORY

DATE FIRST ATTENDED U.S. SCHOOL _____	DATE FIRST ATTENDED A CALIFORNIA SCHOOL _____
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HAS STUDENT EVER ATTENDED A SCHOOL IN RINCON VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT? Yes No

If YES, which school? _____ DATE FIRST ATTENDED: _____

MOST RECENT SCHOOL ATTENDED: NAME _____

ADDRESS _____	CITY _____	STATE _____	ZIP _____	PHONE _____
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STUDENT'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME
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WHAT SPECIAL SERVICES HAS YOUR CHILD RECEIVED?

<input type="checkbox"/> Special Education / IEP	<input type="checkbox"/> 504 Plan	Are there psychological or confidential reports available from student's former school? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> English Language Learner	<input type="checkbox"/> GATE / Gifted	
<input type="checkbox"/> Title 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____	

STUDENT HEALTH INFORMATION

Does your child have any health issues?

<input type="checkbox"/> Asthma	<input type="checkbox"/> Bee Sting Sensitivity	<input type="checkbox"/> Wears Glasses / Contacts
<input type="checkbox"/> Allergies	<input type="checkbox"/> Takes medicine regularly	<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes
<input type="checkbox"/> Seizures	<input type="checkbox"/> Hearing problem	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____

FATHER/GUARDIAN

Name	
Address	
Work Phone	
Cell Phone	
Lives with Student <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Occupation	
Parent Education Level (Please mark highest education level)	
<input type="checkbox"/> High School Graduate	<input type="checkbox"/> College Graduate
<input type="checkbox"/> Not a High School Graduate	<input type="checkbox"/> Postgraduate Training
<input type="checkbox"/> Some College	<input type="checkbox"/> or Graduate School

MOTHER/GUARDIAN

Name	
Address	
Work Phone	
Cell Phone	
Lives with Student <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Occupation	
Parent Education Level (Please mark highest education level)	
<input type="checkbox"/> High School Graduate	<input type="checkbox"/> College Graduate
<input type="checkbox"/> Not a High School Graduate	<input type="checkbox"/> Postgraduate Training
<input type="checkbox"/> Some College	<input type="checkbox"/> or Graduate School

RESIDENCE

Where is your child / family currently living? (Federally mandated by NCLB: Please check appropriate box)

<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent housing (house, apt., condo, mobile home)	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporarily unsheltered (car, campground)
<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary shelter or transitional housing	<input type="checkbox"/> Foster Family Home
<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel / Motel	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Doubled up (shared housing with other families due to economic hardship, loss, or other reasons)	

OTHER CHILDREN IN FAMILY

Last Name, First Name, Birthdate

My signature below indicates that I have read and understand the registration form. It also certifies that the information on this form is true and correct. My signature affirms that the child resides with me at this address (affirmed by PG&E bill, driver's license, recent bill with my name). I understand that any change of residency information (address, telephone number, guardianship) must be reported to the school, examined, and verified within 30 days of change. Falsification of information will be grounds for invalidating the student's enrollment.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE	DATE
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Teacher	SCHOOL USE ONLY	Residency Verificaiton: Type	Initial
Grade	Overflow from:	Birth Verification: Type	Initial
Year	Overflow to:	Registration Date:	

**Rincon Valley Charter School
Parent/Guardian Application Questionnaire**

Parent's Name: _____

Student's Name: _____

1. My child is the following:
 sibling of student currently enrolled in RVCS or alumni of RVCS currently enrolled in RVUSD.
 child of faculty and staff of the RVCS or RVUSD currently enrolled in RVUSD.
 Admission preference number (See page 3) 3 4 5 6 7
(Please circle)

2. I am interested in the Rincon Valley Charter School for my child because:

3. What about your child makes you think the Rincon Valley Charter School is the optimal educational environment for him/her?

4. What areas of strength do you feel your child has?

5. What areas of weakness do you feel your child needs to develop to fulfill his/her potential?

6. Does your child need the services of any of the following programs?
 RSP Speech SDC
 Full Inclusion Adaptive P.E. No services needed
 GATE

7. Has your child ever been suspended in the last two school years? If yes, please indicate how many times. _____

I certify that the above information is true and correct.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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STUDENT APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: _____

Current School: _____ Grade: _____

Please answer the following questions in **ink** and in your **own handwriting**. You may **use a dictionary** for correct spelling and word selection. Answers should be limited to the space provided. Thank you.

- 1. Why are you interested in becoming a student at the RVCS?

- 2. Describe the kind of experience you hope to have.

- 3. Do you have a computer at home? For what do you use the computer?

- 4. What do you feel is your greatest challenge in school?

- 5. What do you do particularly well that will contribute to the Rincon Valley Charter School?

Student’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Student and Parent Pledge

It is important that families and schools work together to help students achieve high academic and character standards. The following are agreed upon roles and responsibilities that we as partners will carry out to support student success in school and life. We understand that fulfilling these responsibilities is considered an important way for all of us to support our school.

Student Pledge

As a student I will:

- Maintain a good attendance record and commit to the academic calendar.
- Effectively utilize all of the time in the school day.
- Bring all the materials I need to work at school.
- Show responsibility and trustworthiness in all that I do.
- Communicate with my parents daily about school so they can be informed and can help me when I need it.
- Commit myself to completing my assignments on time and in a quality manner.
- Show respect to everyone.
- Participate in service learning projects.
- Use all technology wisely and appropriately.
- Set goals for my learning and my participation in the community.
- Abide by the school rules and conduct myself in a responsible manner.
- Show respect to everyone.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Pledge

As a parent or guardian I will:

- Demonstrate to my child through my actions and deeds that learning and education are important.
- Commit to the academic calendar and ensure my child's regular school attendance.
- Uphold expectations set by the school.
- Send my child to school with all needed supplies.
- Support and participate in school activities.
- Provide a minimum of ten hours of volunteer time to the school per family per year.
- Support service learning opportunities.
- Support technology use.
- Update myself regularly about my child's progress, and if I have questions or concerns, promptly call the staff.
- Help my child to set goals for learning and participation in the community, and support the work needed to achieve those goals.
- Show respect to everyone.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____