



***NORTH VALLEYS HIGH SCHOOL***  
***LEARNING TODAY FOR TOMORROW***

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## **2024-2025 SCHOOL PROFILE**

### **Mission Statement**

The North Valleys High School Community will develop productive, competitive and compassionate citizens who value learning.

### **School Facts**

North Valleys High School opened in August of 2001 and is one of 15 comprehensive high schools in the Washoe County School District. The district is located in Northwestern Nevada and encompasses all of Washoe County including Reno, Sparks, and Incline Village. It will serve over 64,000 students grades K-12 during the 2024-2025 school year. Our enrollment at NVHS is approximately 2324. We are accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges. Our student population's ethnic diversity breaks down as follows: 34% White, 51% Hispanic, 5% Multiracial, 3% Asian, 3% Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, 3% African American, and 1% American Indian or Alaskan Native.

The Office of the Governor, the Nevada Department of Education and the International Center for Leadership in Education selected North Valleys High School as an Honor Grant High School. This award recognizes schools in the state that are implementing innovative programs designed to increase academic rigor. North Valleys High School is an invited member of the International Center for Leadership in Education's Successful Practices Network, which recognizes schools committed to a rigorous and relevant course of study.

### **Faculty and Staff**

North Valleys High School's certified staff is comprised of 112 teachers, seven counselors, one librarian, five administrators, two deans, a social worker, and a mental health professional. Over 85% of our certified staff hold an advanced degree (Master's or higher) and 12% are National Board Certified. In addition, we have 55 support staff including a registrar, secretaries, clerks, teacher assistants, library assistants, lunchroom workers, school police, parent liaison and custodial staff.

### **School Programs**

North Valleys has the district's only Air Force HSROTC program. We have a fully functioning career center to assist students with their post-secondary educational options. We have strong AP, fine arts, industrial arts, leadership, and multi-media programs, as well as a complete list of athletics and extra-curricular clubs for our students to explore their interests and diversify their high school experience. We have peer mentors who assist freshmen students in assimilating to our school culture. We have a thriving peer mediation program that is available to model conflict resolution skills for our students. The CASE Academy (Center for Agricultural Science & Engineering) is where students can work towards being program completers and earn college credit. We have mandatory tutoring for students who are below 60% in any given class. We have an after-school credit recovery program to assist students to obtain credits toward graduation.

### **School Schedule**

Students enrolled at North Valleys High School are scheduled for seven in person classes. Our average class size is 35. We are on a rotating block schedule and are a closed campus. Students attend five classes each day with a thirty-minute lunch break.

### **Academic Rigor**

Students at North Valleys High School have the opportunity to take Honors level courses in freshman and sophomore English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Foreign Language. Advanced Placement courses are offered in junior and senior English, Calculus, Biology, Environmental Science, Chemistry, Physics, U.S. History, American Government, Psychology, Spanish, French, and Art. Students are required to take the AP exam in all courses designated as AP. A total of 676 AP exams were administered to 421 students at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. All students at North Valleys High School are encouraged to take a minimum of four courses in Math and three in Science and a total of 24 credits.

### **Academic Support**

We service 15% of our population through our special education program, which includes a Comprehensive Life Skills program and resource classes in English and Math. We service 12% of our population through our EL program, which provides English and Mainstream Support classes. Our credit recovery classes are computer-based programs called Edgenuity. We have school-wide literacy and math programs designed to support all students' learning in their academic classes and increase their skill levels.

### **Types of Diplomas**

There are three types of diplomas offered by the state of Nevada. Each one requires students to participate in the end of course exams in Algebra 1/2, Geometry 1/2, English 3/4, as well as participate in a college readiness exam such as the ACT.

Standard diploma: 23 credits-4 English, 3 Math, 2 Science, 3 History, 1 Humanities/Fine or Industrial Arts, .5 Computer Literacy, 2 PE, .5 Health, 6.5 Electives, 1.0 Flex

Advanced Diploma: 24 credits-Additional 1 Science and .5 Elective credit than the standard diploma.

Minimum weighted/unweighted 3.25 GPA.

Honors Diploma: 24 credits-Additional 1 Math, 1 Science and 2 Foreign Language credit than the standard diploma. Minimum eight credits honors/AP level courses. Minimum weighted/unweighted 3.4 GPA.

### **Grading system**

.5 credit is awarded for each 18-week class a student completes receiving a D or higher as long as the 90% district mandated attendance requirement is met. All grades are converted to a four-point scale for the purposes of calculating GPA: A= 4.0, B=3.0, C=2, D=1, F=0.

Only for the purposes of calculating Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and the senior class top twenty, GPA (including all courses of the student's seven semester transcript) is computed using the four-point scale and AP/honors courses are given a weighted value. This weighted GPA does appear on the student's transcript. In order to be considered for these distinctions, a student must be receiving an honors diploma.

### **College Admissions Exams and Post-Secondary Pursuits**

99% of the Class of 2024 took the ACT exam and the average composite score was a 15.5.

\*We invite you to explore our school's website at

<https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/6360>

Additional information regarding North Valleys High School is available upon request.