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# Valley Oaks Charter School

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## Strategic Planning for Now and Our Future

As VOCS continues in the strategic planning process, we have been discussing how our students' futures may be different than "our" past. Since we know the future will be different, then the next question we need to consider is how should our school/families be preparing our students for success in a very different environment. Over the past seven years the school has created a fantastic, supportive program, but what else could and should our homeschooling program be addressing to make sure it is meeting needs for the future?

This year I have been holding meetings and talking with parents, students, and staff members to gain ideas to help us develop the next long-range plan on how to even better support our students and families in the future! The staff has drafted the following statements to help guide our future decisions and actions. **So the next step in the process is to have your input!! It's YOUR turn to review the DRAFT statements and provide us with your suggestions!**

### Review our DRAFT Statements:

- Revised Mission Statement
- New Vision Statement
- Tenets Statement
- Logo Contest

So what do you think? Please send your comments and suggestions to my email address at [scmeier@kern.org](mailto:scmeier@kern.org) or give me a call 661-633-5288 to discuss your ideas!!

## Our Mission Statement "DRAFT" Our Promise of Today!

*The mission of Valley Oaks is to provide opportunities, support and accountability for parents in their homeschooling endeavors. In partnership, parents, credentialed teachers and staff provide high quality curriculum, diverse resources, and learning experiences for unlimited student growth.*

2020...

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## 2020 Vision Statement

### ***OUR VISION STATEMENT IS A COMPELLING IMAGE OF OUR FUTURE FOR THE CLASS OF 2020 & BEYOND***

*"Vision without action is a dream. Action without vision is simply passing the time. Action with Vision is making a positive difference."*

Joel Barker,  
Author



Valley Oaks Charter School's 2020 homeschooling program provides proactive opportunities for students to perform at their highest levels. Varied academic approaches support student learning styles and interests. We support a dynamic, personalized, open educational environment, which offers learning anytime and in many different ways.

Our nurturing and safe environment offers unique learning experiences to support families' educational choices. Valley Oaks provides a continuum of involvement opportunities to inspire lifelong learning, foster multilingual and multicultural awareness, and connect homeschooling visionaries with global educational partners.

We offer enriching programs designed to provide students with unlimited potential for future success in their career pathways. Valley Oaks uses state-of-the-art technology to maximize global access to the exponential growth of information and communication resources.

Our program utilizes multiple and individualized measurement resources to authenticate academic achievement. Student growth and potential are maximized by data-driven decisions. Cultivating strong roots ensures opportunities for future success and unlimited growth.

***"Our Promise for Our Future"***

**VOCS  
Strongly  
Believes In:**

## *Our Tenet Statement* *"OPPORTUNITIES"*

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**Opportunities** for our students to experience individualized "real-life" learning through homeschooling & non-traditional instruction

**Parent Choice** in selecting quality curriculum and instructional strategies that best match the learning style of each student

**Professional Staff** and credentialed teachers who are dedicated to providing the highest level of curriculum expertise, instructional planning support, and training/coaching for our parents/students

**Outcomes** that demonstrate continuous student progress based on multiple indicators (i.e. parent/teacher observations, student work, portfolios, projects, content assessments, course benchmarks, rubrics & state testing)

**Resources** that support homeschooling approaches with curriculum and technology materials, enrichment, workshops, field trips, core instruction and additional resources that meet a variety of learning styles and abilities

**Teamwork** among our parents, students, Valley Oaks staff and community partnerships to support a high level of student learning

**Unlimited Potential** of each student to become a well-rounded individual with pursuits in academics, arts, community service, and cultural awareness that promote lifelong learning

**Nurturing Environment** that offers unique learning experiences for students, parents and staff with state-of-the-art facilities (ie...farm, wood & metal shops, museum, technology)

**Individualized Planning** in partnership between parents, student and staff that targets each student's learning styles, needs, and other areas of interest

**Technology Opportunities** that foster stronger integration of instructional strategies, academic resources and communication among parents, students and Valley Oaks staff

**Integrated Learning** approaches that ensure strong connections between subjects/content areas standards and varied student learning styles

**Effective Training** to continuously improve instruction for parents and staff

**Student Interactions** through varied **enriching activities and field trips** for students to develop communication, relationships and other life skills that promote a healthy lifestyle



"Keep your dreams alive. Understand to achieve anything requires faith and belief in yourself, vision, hard work, determination, and dedication. Remember all things are possible for those who believe."

Gail Devers  
*Olympic Gold Medalist*



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...Unlimited Growth*

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