

# Modoc Vineyard Academy

A Ministry of Modoc Vineyard Church



## PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Dear MVA Parents and Students:

Welcome! We are very excited about our second school year, and we hope that you are, too. Modoc Vineyard Academy (MVA) is counting on your support and patience to help make this year at MVA the first of a long legacy we hope to unfold. The board is dedicated to discovering your needs as they arise and helping your family benefit as much as possible from your experience with us.

This handbook is designed to give you an understanding of the basic policies and procedures of MVA. It will of course be subject to change as the need arises. We hope it is a benefit to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. We look forward to getting to know each one of you. Please join us in praying for our school and students. By working together, MVA can become all that we hope it could be for our kids.

Sincerely,  
The Staff and School Board of Modoc Vineyard Academy

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Modoc Vineyard Academy exists by His Grace and for His Glory as a ministry of Modoc Vineyard Church (MVC) to assist families of Modoc County by providing a Christ-centered, Bible-based, academically-sound education option that inspires each student to impact their local community and also the world. Students will benefit from the caring community, the small class sizes, and the quality Christ-centered education they receive.

*“I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ’s return.*

*~Philippians 1:9-10*

*“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*

*~Matthew 28:19-20*

## **WHO WE ARE**

As a ministry of Modoc Vineyard Church, Modoc Vineyard Academy operates in accordance with the Bylaws and Statement of Faith that are set forward by Modoc Vineyard Church and Vineyard USA. We believe God set forth clear and living standards in His Word for us to live by, and we make every effort to teach His standards and His truths.

Since education is preparation for life and life is preparation for eternity, we must assume our responsibility to help each child develop fully into the person God intended them to be. This can be done by displaying and teaching the love of Jesus and by being sensitive to each child's individual needs, encouraging each one to develop into the adult God can use to fulfill His purposes.

In order to accomplish these many facets of Christian education, Modoc Vineyard Academy personnel will partner with parents and students to provide a loving, orderly, well-disciplined environment in which the child can study and learn.

## **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

1. To develop a wholesome sense of self-worth in each child and to help each child realize and celebrate their individual abilities and value in the sight of God.
2. To promote a thorough educational background that encourages individual academic success, self-discipline, and a sincere desire for learning.
3. To build upon the guidelines of honesty, loyalty, morality, love for others, and love for life as set forth in God's word, the Bible.
4. To help each student recognize and appreciate these standards and tools to be able to integrate them into their individual lives.

## **SCHOOL MOTTO**

The Wisdom to Follow...The Courage to Lead

## **SCHOOL MASCOT**

Mustang: Biblical horses symbolize freedom, power, war, courage, and wisdom.

## **SCHOOL COLORS**

Black, White, Gold

## **ENROLLMENT POLICY**

To be considered for enrollment students should:

- Fellowship at Modoc Vineyard Church or another Bible-believing church, or have at least one custodial parent who has accepted Jesus Christ as their personal savior and is actively practicing their faith
- Maintain a doctrinal position which supports the Modoc Vineyard Church *Statement of Faith*
- Have a satisfactory citizenship record in the school they are presently attending
- Be motivated to attend Modoc Vineyard Academy and be willing to comply with the school's standards as stated in the Student Handbook

Students and siblings that are currently attending Modoc Vineyard Church, have family employed at MVA, or have family on the MVA Board will have priority enrollment.

Modoc Vineyard Academy operates as a ministry of Modoc Vineyard Church. For more information on our *Statement of Faith* and basic discipleship practices visit [www.modocvineyard.church](http://www.modocvineyard.church). At least one custodial parent/guardian of each student must sign the application acknowledging agreement with the MVA policies and procedures as stated in the MVA Student Handbook and guiding documents.

Parents must return the admission application and application fee to the school office. An academic assessment appointment will be made for the student prior to starting their first year. Acceptance to MVA will be primarily based on each individual student's academic evaluation, citizenship record, and disciplinary history. MVA reserves the right to refuse admission on a case by case basis.

Children enrolling in kindergarten must submit a copy of their immunization record, per CA state law, and a copy of their official birth certificate. (Please note: Hospital Birth Certificates are not accepted.)

Children enrolling in first grade must have a first grade physical, per CA state law, and the appropriate form filled out by the child's doctor.

## **STUDENT TRANSFER ACCEPTANCE POLICY**

Accepted students will be enrolled once existing academic records and the MVA academic evaluation have been reviewed by the Administrator. If there are concerns about a student's ability or proficiency in any area, the teacher will discuss with the parent different ways they can assist their student as they make the transition to MVA. Students with IEP-specific needs will need to have one-on-one meetings to determine case-by-case if MVA will be able to provide their specific/necessary services and discuss options otherwise.

## **GRADES K-12 FEE SCHEDULE**

Application Fee: \$200 per student for first-time enrollees\*  
\*Nonrefundable \$100 per student for returning enrollees\*

Curriculum Costs:	TK-K	\$200
per student	1-4	\$400
	5-8	\$350
	9-12	varies per student

Curriculum becomes the property of the student upon purchase and is nonrefundable. Late enrollees may incur additional curriculum costs to cover shipping.

Annual Tuition: per Student - \$2,750

Monthly Tuition: per Student - \$275/month paid in 10 equal payments August - May

All monthly payments will be due by the 5th of each month. If paid after the 5th of the month MVA will charge your credit card on file and you will be charged a \$30 late fee plus the cost of the service fee to process via Tithely. Parent is responsible to keep credit card information current. All non-sufficient funds (NSF) are subject to a \$30.00 processing fee. Tuition may be prepaid in any amount for convenience if a family wishes, but only entire unused months of tuition will be refunded in the event the student leaves MVA.

Alternate financial arrangements can be considered on a case-by-case basis for extreme circumstances.

\*TUITION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE ANNUALLY

## **LATE ENROLLMENTS**

The registration fee for late enrollments (after July 15, 2023) is \$250.00. Submit the application to the Modoc Vineyard Academy as soon as possible for review. MVA will do its best to accommodate late enrollment but cannot guarantee admission. If space or resources are not available, the student will be put on a wait list. Monthly tuition will begin the month of your start date once your student is accepted and will be \$275 per month through the month of May. Tuition for the first month may be prorated depending on the student's start date. The curriculum is purchased for the entire year and late enrollees will be required to pay the full year's cost. Once paid, the curriculum is the property of the student.

## **WITHDRAWING A STUDENT**

A student may be withdrawn from MVA at any time by filling out and submitting the Withdrawal Form available from the MVA Administrator. The student's curriculum materials are the property of the student. Any prepaid tuition will be refunded for any full months it is unused.

Students who withdraw and wish to re-enter MVA within the same school year are not guaranteed readmission.

**FUNDRAISING**

Active participation in school fundraising efforts are required as part of the privilege of attending Modoc Vineyard Academy. We plan to participate in one fundraiser during the fall, and one fundraiser in the spring of the year. By everyone taking an active part in the support of these events, tuition fees are kept as low as possible, while still giving our children an academically sound, Christ-centered education. Fundraising expectations will be sent home with students prior to the events. All families are required to participate in some way.

**HEALTH AND IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS**

Per state law SB277, beginning January 1, 2016, exemptions based on personal belief, including religious beliefs, will no longer be an option for the vaccines that are currently required to enter into child care or school in California. For more information on SB277 please see the MVA Administrator with printed FAQs.

**KINDERGARTEN  
VACCINE**

**REQUIRED DOSES**

<b>Polio:</b>	4 doses at any age, but . . . 3 doses meet requirement for ages 4-6 if at least one was given on or after the 4th birthday; 3 doses meet requirement for ages 7-17 years if at least one was given on or after the 2nd birthday
<b>DTP/DTaP/DT/Td2:</b>	5 doses at any age, but . . . 4 doses meet requirements for ages 4-6 if at least one was on or after the 4th birthday
<b>MMR:</b> Measles, Mumps, Rubella	2 doses Both on or after 1st birthday
<b>Hepatitis B:</b>	3 doses
<b>Varicella:</b> Chickenpox	1 dose Or proof of disease

**KINDERGARTEN**

<b>Oral Health Assessment</b>	California law, Education Code Section 49452.8, requires that children have an oral health
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assessment by May 31 in Kindergarten. Forms will be provided in the summer packet.

### **FIRST GRADE PHYSICAL**

CA state law (\*citation) requires that all children entering first grade present documentation of a recent physical exam .

### **MEDICAL IMMUNIZATION EXEMPTIONS**

A parent or guardian must submit a written statement from a licensed physician (M.D. or D.O.) which states that the physical condition or medical circumstances of the child are such that the required immunization(s) is not indicated; which vaccines are being exempted; whether the medical exemption is permanent or temporary; the expiration date if the exemption is temporary.

\*Religious exemptions will be considered for acceptance of the COVID-19 vaccine at present.

### **QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS**

At Modoc Vineyard Academy, we have an open-door policy and welcome the opportunity to address your concerns. We realize that in any school there may be times when a parent has questions. The teaching and administrative staff at Modoc Vineyard Academy desire to assist our families when these situations arise.

If you should have a concern about anything that is happening in the classroom, discuss it directly with the teacher. If your concern is about general school policy, please discuss it with the school Pastor or Administrator. It is the intention of Modoc Vineyard Academy that all conversations between parents and school personnel should be in a civil manner using the fruit of the Spirit as the Biblical model. The fruit of the Spirit “. . . is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control...” (Galatians 5:22-23a)

This is the model for staff, parent, and student communication. Therefore, yelling, abusive, or demeaning language and destructive behavior will not be tolerated. This applies to all school communication including teachers, staff, School Board, parents, future coaches, and officials during athletic events. This kind of behavior is not acceptable by anyone affiliated with MVA.



## **SCHOOL BOARD**

The School Board is the policy-making body of MVA consisting of the Senior Pastor of Modoc Vineyard Church and four other qualified individuals. Members are selected by existing Board members and a panel of MVA parents. School Board meetings are normally held each month of the school year. If you would like to address the School Board with school improvement ideas, concerns, suggestions, etc., please contact the MVC Pastor or MVA Administrator prior to the meeting so you may be placed on the agenda, or email: [Board@ModocVineyard.Academy](mailto:Board@ModocVineyard.Academy)

## **PARENT COMMUNICATION POLICY**

The teachers and staff will contact the custodial parent or guardian that their student is currently residing with concerning academic, physical, emotional, or disciplinary concerns. When notified, the custodial parent or guardian has the responsibility to communicate academic, physical, emotional, and disciplinary concerns or their progress with the non-custodial parent. Parent/teacher conferences are held upon request.

## **RESTRICTIONS OF VISITATION/CUSTODY**

If there are legal agreements that involve taking the student to and from school or restrictions of visitation/ custody, those documents must be submitted to the school office before the student's first day of attendance.

## **FIELD TRIPS**

We endeavor that each class takes field trips throughout the year that are educational in nature and reflect what is being taught in the classroom. Parents will be notified in advance of each activity. Permission slips must be signed and returned to school before a student will be permitted to attend a field trip.

We may rely on parents to drive for field trips and future sports events. If you are interested in driving, you must clear the Background Check, fill out a Volunteer Driver Application and show proof of valid driver's license and insurance. This information will need to be submitted each school year.

## **PARENT INVOLVEMENT**

Involved parents are a significant part of our school climate and operation. We encourage parents to take this responsibility seriously for the continued excellence of our school. Parental involvement is a great way to let your child know how important they are to you, and this involvement benefits the rest of the school. There are many areas where parents may serve: classroom assisting, driving on field trips, library work, facility improvement work days, special events, sports, extracurricular activities, etc. It is the policy of Modoc Vineyard Church & Academy that background checks are required and provided for all volunteers and paid staff. Forms can be obtained in the school office and the no-cost confidential background check will be submitted through MVC.

## **VISITING THE CAMPUS**

*Parents:* We welcome classroom visits. Please arrange the visit with the teacher in advance. MVA will operate under a closed campus policy. All visitors and volunteers are required to sign in at the office upon arrival and pick up a visitor badge to wear while on campus. It is required that you sign out in the office when you leave campus.

*Children:* Children may visit the campus with parents during lunch time with permission from the school office. The child is to adhere to all school rules and policies.

*Siblings:* We encourage parents to arrange care for their younger children when they are coming to their child's class or attending a field trip so that full attention may be given to the class activity. We realize that child care is not always possible. Siblings may, when necessary, come to class activities with the prior approval of the classroom teacher. Younger children are not to accompany parents to school when the parent is there as a classroom helper, unless prior arrangements are made with the teacher.

## **LUNCH PROGRAM**

Sack lunches will be necessary until further notice as we are working bringing the cafeteria up to code to be able to cook lunches. We typically have a supply of snacks available.

## **CELL PHONES**

Students are not permitted to use cell phones during school hours. Phones used during the school day will be confiscated and turned in to the school office at the administrator's discretion. The child's parent will be required to pick the cell phone up at the end of the day.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Daily required attendance will be Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays while Mondays and Fridays will be optional homeschool days with proper notice to the teacher. Absences are considered excused due to illness, family emergency, doctor, or dentist appointments.

If student pick-up prior to the end of school is necessary, the parent must come to the school office and sign the student out. If possible, please send a note to the teacher with the student that morning indicating the time and reason for leaving to help make arrangements with minimal disruption.

If you know your child will be absent from school for a pre-planned situation, please let his/her teacher know at least two weeks in advance if possible so work can be assigned.

## **TARDIES**

Punctuality is one of the character traits we teach at Modoc Vineyard Academy; therefore, out of respect for our teachers and in the desire to model positive Christian qualities, all students are required to be seated at the morning meeting by 8:30 a.m. We recommend that all students arrive at school by 8:20 a.m.

## **SCHOOL HOURS**

Doors open for drop off at 8 a.m.

Kindergarten: 8:30 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

\*Kindergarten childcare available until 3:15 p.m. if older siblings are required to be on campus until 3:15 p.m. Prior permission is required by the teacher and administrator for this arrangement.

1st - 8th Grade: 8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Pick-up at 3:15 p.m.

## **ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL**

Students may arrive on campus at 8:00 a.m. and must be picked up by 3:15 p.m.

While picking up or dropping off your child, please park in a designated area or use the designated loading zone. We desire to have the safest environment possible for all our children.

If parents arrive at school before class lets out, we ask that they wait out in front of the school, away from the halls or classroom, so as not to distract the class in any way. Please do not go into the classrooms before school is dismissed for the end of the day.

## **ILLNESS**

If a child has a fever or any other symptoms of illness, he/she should NOT be sent to school. If your child is sent home from school with a fever or illness, they should not come back to school for at least 24 hours. Students may return to school 24 hours after a fever has broken without the use of medication.

A physician should be consulted before a child who has been prescribed antibiotics or has been diagnosed with any of the following illnesses returns to school: measles, mumps, whooping cough, pneumonia, pink eye, impetigo, or strep throat.

If your child has head lice, they may come back to school after they are nit-free. When your child returns, school staff will do a nit check. If your child is not nit-free, they will have to return home.

If for some medical reason, a student is unable to participate in regular school activities, the school must be notified in writing as to the nature of the incapacity and the probable length of its duration.

## **MEDICATION**

Medicine should not be sent to school with a child. Parents may bring medication to the office with written permission and information on how it should be administered. This policy includes pain relievers, inhalers, cough drops, etc.

## **ILLNESS OR MEDICAL EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

In the event of an illness at school, the office staff will attempt to contact a parent. If neither parent can be reached, the school will call the additional names on your emergency card to arrange for your child to be picked up from school. In the event of a medical emergency, the above procedures will be followed and first aid will be administered when necessary. If it is impossible to contact any designated persons, the school will have the authority to contact the doctor or hospital you have designated on your emergency card.

## **CAMPUS SECURITY AND SAFETY**

Modoc Vineyard Academy takes campus safety and security very seriously. We have a working relationship with the Modoc County Sheriff's office to have a presence on campus. The CHP has an open invitation for parking lot drive-throughs and campus visits. The school is equipped with functioning locks and security cameras. The entire perimeter is contained by chain-link fencing and locking gates.

All visitors to the MVA campus, including parents of students, will sign in at the school office. If someone unfamiliar shows up at a classroom door, they will be denied entry until proper

identification can be made by the teacher/teacher's aide. Students will not open the door without the permission of the teacher/ teacher's aide. In the event of a criminal disturbance on campus or nearby, school staff are asked to report anyone on campus that they do not recognize to the authorities. Lockdown drills will be practiced as deemed necessary by the school Administrator. These drills will be done in a way to help prepare students in the actual event of a real lockdown but to not instill fear in the students.

## **EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

If there is an emergency that makes it necessary to leave the campus, we will evacuate to the safest location with as immediate communication as possible to keep parents notified of the evacuation by telephone, email, or text. Students would be released to parents or legal guardians.

## **SCHOOL CLOSURES**

In the event of extreme weather or other circumstances, it may be necessary to close the school. Parents will be notified by telephone, email (if possible), or text.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

If arrangements are made with the teacher in advance, parents or students may bring treats on a child's birthday.

## **STUDENT EXPECTATIONS**

The school has a basic standard of behavior and attitudes which are based upon Christian morality, courtesy, efficiency, and safety. These expectations are designed to accentuate a positive, pleasant atmosphere and to aid in the best and most efficient school operation for everyone.

1. Respect all those placed in authority. All staff will be addressed with titles of Mr., Mrs., or Miss.
2. Treat each other with respect and love.
3. Respect the rights and property of others.
4. Electronic devices should not be brought to school unless the student has special permission from the teacher for a special project.
5. Following is a list of practices that are not permitted for those who are enrolled at MVA:
  - Aggressive or inappropriate physical contact. Physical displays of intimate affection are not appropriate at school.
  - Smoking
  - Drug abuse
  - Vulgarity

- Drinking
- Profanity
- Cheating
- Immoral conduct that contradicts biblical standards
- Insubordination to school authority
- Any conduct, attitude, or behavior not in accord with Christian principles and objectives of the school as deemed by the school staff or administration
- Bringing to school weapons or replicas of weapons, including toys, of any kind - knives, guns, etc.

6. Talking in the building should be in conversational tones; yelling and running in the hall will not be permitted.

7. Students are not permitted to leave school property at any time without authorized permission.

## **DISCIPLINE**

It is expected that each student will maintain a high standard of personal behavior and that only a minimum of disciplinary action by the school will be necessary. The purpose of discipline in a Christian school is to bring the student to maturity in Christ so that the student will exercise self-control in all areas of life. In the event a student is referred to the office for disciplinary reasons, at the Administrator's discretion these may occur:

*1st Referral:* Student serves in-school detention accompanied by a writing assignment, extra work, recess clean-up duty, etc. as determined by the Administrator. Parents are notified by phone or in writing.

*2nd and 3rd Referral:* Depending on the severity of the offense, a student is eligible for school suspension accompanied by writing assignment, extra work, recess clean-up duty, etc. Parents are notified by phone or in writing.

*4th Referral:* Students may be placed on probation with the next consequence being the consideration for expulsion from school. Disciplinary actions will not be considered in isolation. The student's overall behavior and their disciplinary record will be considered when administering discipline.

In case of suspension, students will have to complete all missed classroom assignments.

The Administrator reserves the right to administer any of the above consequences depending on the severity of the infraction. Parents will be notified of the consequences.

## **PHYSICAL CONTACT POLICY**

One of the primary missions of Modoc Vineyard Academy is to provide a safe place for students to experience the fellowship of other believing students and receive the benefit of a Christ-centered academic program. Modoc Vineyard Academy has the moral obligation to ensure that every student experiences a sense of belonging, respect, dignity and safety while they are engaged on our campus. It is for these reasons that the following policies are put into place.

The actions listed below are expressly forbidden and are against school policy at MVA:

Deliberate hitting, kicking, biting, grabbing, tripping, pushing, aggressive restraint, wrestling, spitting or any other act of physical aggression, and bullying (See section below "Bullying")

California Education Code Section 48900 specifically defines activities that cause "bodily danger, physical harm or personal degradation or disgrace" as activities which are suspendable or expellable offenses. Incidents of physical contact between students will be immediately reported to the office and an office referral may be issued to the offending student. The incident will be investigated by office staff, and if that investigation reveals a violation of the Physical Contact policy, the following steps will be taken at Administrator's discretion:

*1st Referral:* Students will receive in-school or at home suspension for the remainder of the day, a note will be placed in their file, and they will write a letter of apology to the offended student. Parents will be notified.

*2nd Referral:* Students will be suspended from school for two days. Extra work will be assigned, missed school work will be completed, and letters of apology will be written to teachers, offended students, and parents.

*3rd Referral:* Student is eligible for expulsion.

## **BULLYING**

There is a series of graduated consequences for any student who commits an act of intimidation, harassment, violence, or threats of violence. These disciplinary actions conform with applicable federal and state disability, anti-discrimination, and education laws and school discipline policies.

'Bullying' means systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students and may involve: (1) teasing; (2) social exclusion; (3) threat; (4) intimidation; (5) stalking; (6) physical violence; (7) theft; (8) sexual, religious or racial harassment; (9) public humiliation; or (10) destruction of property.

It is expected that students at Modoc Vineyard Church will maintain a high standard of behavior and that only a minimum of disciplinary action will be necessary. The purpose of discipline at Modoc Vineyard Academy is to help our students learn and practice Christian life principles and to grow into mature believers.

Bullying is not permitted at Modoc Vineyard Academy. Students who witness bullying should help the students who are bullied. All students should report bullying that they experience and witness.

## **EXPULSION**

The following are examples of, but not limited to, reasons justifying immediate expulsion without probation:

1. Intentional behavior causing significant physical, emotional, or spiritual harm to themselves or others
2. Possession of obscene literature
3. Possession, use or sale of illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages, or controlled substances as defined in the California Education Code
4. Possession and/or use of weapons

A student who has been expelled or withdrawn by request of the administration may apply for readmission after a waiting period as determined by the Administrator and School Board.

The Administration has absolute discretion regarding matters of discipline. The Administrator reserves the right to administer any of the above consequences depending on the severity of the infraction in agreement with the Administration. Parents will be notified of the consequences.

## **CURRICULUM**

Modoc Vineyard Academy utilizes a Christ-centered, academic curriculum called Abeka, which focuses on math, language arts, science, history, and Bible. It is an accredited curriculum, and we will be following it diligently. We will not be adding in classes or teachings outside of the curriculum unless offered as an optional elective with notice to parents.

## **HOMEWORK POLICY**

The purpose of homework is to develop a lifestyle of responsibility and self-discipline. An added benefit to homework is to reinforce subject matter and skills that have been taught in class. Students not attending MVA in person on Mondays and Fridays are expected to complete those days' full assignments at home in order to stay current for the Tuesday - Thursday lessons.



If a student is absent, they may have the same number of days as their absence to make up their work. Students that choose to homeschool are expected to return the completed work as assigned to the teacher on the following next school day.

Any student absent on a Monday, Friday, or other designated day to homeschool but does not return the assigned lessons for that day will have their absence marked unexcused.

## **DRESS CODE STANDARDS**

Our goal in enforcing a dress code is to assist the students in displaying positive character traits such as modesty, humility, esteeming others, and not attempting to draw inappropriate attention to themselves.

We rely on each parent to become familiar with the dress code and monitor what their children are wearing before they leave the house. The Administrator reserves the right of the final decision regarding proper dress. Uniforms are not necessary at this time.

### General School Dress Code Guidelines for Both Boys and Girls

- All clothing shall be modest, neat, and clean.
- All logos, art, and lettering must not be explicit, profane, or glorifying violence or occult.
- Undergarments must be completely covered by clothing.
- Hair must be kept clean and well-groomed.
- Hats may be worn outdoors. Hats will not be worn indoors.
- No saggy, low-cut, off-the-shoulder, revealing clothing, and no pajamas.
- All clothing under outerwear must meet all other dress code criteria.

### Girls' Dress Code:

- Sleeveless tops must not be spaghetti straps.
- Shorts may be worn if they are not spandex or tight knit material. The shorts must be no shorter than fingertips when the student is standing with their arms resting at their sides.
- Shirts must be long enough to cover the waistband of the students' shorts, skirt, or pants when their arms are fully extended above their heads. No low necklines exposing cleavage or low back lines.
- Leggings may be worn with a long tunic-style shirt, shorts, skirt, or dress that covers past the hips and is no shorter than fingertips when the student is standing with their arms resting at their sides.

If in doubt about any outfit . . . do not wear it! It is not possible to list all types of dress because of how quickly styles change. Therefore, individual decisions on the appropriateness of attire will be left to the discretion of the Administrator or staff.

## **DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS**

Anyone arriving at school inappropriately dressed will receive a Dress Code Violation slip which must be signed by a parent and returned to school. The school office has the discretion to send a student home to change inappropriate clothing or to provide cover-up clothing. Repeated violations will result in disciplinary action. When parents are on campus to help at a class function or volunteer in any other capacity, please assist us by following the dress code.

## **LIBRARY**

We will be conducting a book drive to begin our library supply and will be pursuing potential grant funds specific to library needs. Students may borrow books under the supervision of the teacher. We expect any book that is lost or damaged to be paid for or replaced as we are operating as a non-profit and are donation-based.

## **COMPUTERS/TECHNOLOGY**

Computers will be part of the MVA classrooms. Students may work on skills that enhance regular curricular subjects such as reading, math, and geography. Typing/keyboarding skills are also practiced. Computers will be used for school-related activities only.

## **LOST AND FOUND**

If we accumulate large quantities of clothing and miscellaneous items in our Lost and Found, we will encourage the students to visit it often and pull their items. Names should be written on all items (lunch boxes, coats, etc.) to help us ensure items get back to your student. We will donate all non-claimed items after sufficient notice is given.

## **SPORTS & EXTRACURRICULARS**

Sports and other extracurricular activities are very important to us at MVA. We will continue to encourage the involvement of our students in the many community clubs currently available: AAU Basketball, AYSO Soccer, MCLL Little League, Nor-Cal Running Club, Modoc Pop Warner Football & Cheerleading (MPW), California High School Rodeo Association (CHSRA), Warner Mountain Dance (WMD), Modoc Performing Arts Theater (MPAT), 4-H, etc.

It is our desire to develop relationships with local public schools at the high school level to allow for future partnerships with them for CIF sports. However, if we are not able to reach agreements, we will pursue other avenues, possibly involving other partnerships or our own MVA CIF Membership for sports.

We will also be pursuing the development of our own FFA Chapter as our enrollment and interest opportunity allow.

## **DOCTRINAL STATEMENT**

### **BIBLE**

We believe that the Holy Spirit inspired the human authors of the Holy Scripture so that the Bible is without error in the original manuscripts. We receive the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testament as our final, absolute authority, the only infallible rule of faith and practice (I Thessalonians 2:13; II Timothy 3:16)

### **GOD**

We believe that God is the Eternal King; He is an infinite, unchangeable Spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, goodness, justice, power, and love. From all eternity He exists as the One Living and True God in three persons of one substance: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, equal in power and glory. (John 8:58; John 10:30; Acts 5:3-4)

### **JESUS CHRIST**

We believe that Jesus Christ, God's only son, came as God in the flesh by birth to His virgin mother, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His bodily resurrection to provide forgiveness of sin through His atoning death, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory. (1 John 5:20; Col. 1:13-14; I Peter 1:18-21; Acts 7:56)

We believe that salvation is accomplished by faith in Christ's redemptive work on the cross and His resurrection from the dead. (Ephesians 2:2-9; Romans 3:22-25)

### **HOLY SPIRIT**

We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Jesus Christ and that He is our abiding Helper, Teacher, and Guide. We believe in the present ministry of the Spirit and in the exercise of all the biblical gifts of the Spirit. (John 14:26)

We believe that every area of leadership is open to both men and women who have the desire for humble service to the community of believers and whose God-given gifting and calling for leadership has been recognized and affirmed by the church community. (Galatians 3:38; 1 Peter 2:5; Acts 18:26; Acts 21:9; Romans 16:1; Colossians 4:15; Romans 16:7; 1 Corinthians 12:4-31)

We believe in the one, holy, universal church. All who repent of their sins and confess Jesus as Lord and Savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit and form the living Body of Christ of which He is the head and of which we are all members. (Ephesians 4:2-6; Acts 3:19-21; Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

Every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31) Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are not to be tolerated and are not in accord with Scripture or the doctrines of Modoc Vineyard Academy.

The Statement of Faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God, speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind; it is the sole and final source of all that we believe. Regarding faith, doctrine, practices, policies, and discipline, Modoc Vineyard Academy is a ministry of Modoc Vineyard Church, whose Board of Directors and Pastor are the final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application in these matters.

*\*Modoc Vineyard Academy reserves the right to adjust these guidelines at any time without notice to suit our school's needs more specifically as they arise.*