

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Valley High School Parents/Guardians and Students,

As the principal of Valley High School, it is my pleasure to welcome you back to a great 2017-2018 school year. We are all excited to have your student(s) back in our classrooms and hallways helping to create energy and enthusiasm for learning. It is our mission to continue helping every student feel welcomed, connected, and part of our Viking family. During the course of this next year, our Viking Staff and I will be getting to know our new incoming students and will continue to build relationships with the diverse community that is our student body. We at Valley believe that every student is unique to his/her culture and will value and recognize his or her diverse background so every student feels connected.

Additionally, we strive to challenge each student to grow in his or her academic abilities, and to be college and career ready by the end of their four years here at Valley. At Valley High School, we have dedicated teachers who spend hours planning and creating lessons to engage our students in the learning process. Our teachers utilize research-based best practices and analyze academic data to determine current skill levels and to set goals for growth and improvement. We believe that all students should graduate from Valley High School prepared for the demands of postsecondary education, meaningful careers, and effective citizenship.

To support these goals we are in the process of developing new academic pathways and innovating our current ones. Here is a list of our Academic Pathways and status:

Entrepreneurship – Innovating

Fire-Science – New

Health Tech – Advancing

Leadership – New

Project Lead the Way – Emerging

VAPA – Beginning/Emerging

AFJORTC – Innovating

You may find more information about each academic pathway and other information we send via email in our new website <https://vhs.egusd.net>. In addition to our website, you may also find information about our academic pathways, sports, events and activities in our Facebook account **@ValleyHighSchoolVikings** which we use to send out updates and quick announcements as we go through the school year.

I am honored to serve as the principal of Valley High School. It is truly a privilege to be a part of a community where parents, teachers and students care for each other and strive to build positive relationships that support academic and social growth. Please feel free to contact me at 916.689.6500.

Once again, welcome! Let us make this a great year at Valley High School.

Sincerely, **Richard Gutierrez**, Principal of Valley High School