

## **Expected School wide Learning Results (ESLRs)**

In the Spring of 1999, Valley Christian Schools adopted our Expected School wide Learning Results (ESLRs). The five ESLR statements listed below are a result of a collaborative effort involving students, teachers, administrators and parents. Each of the ESLRs was formalized in light of the VCS Mission Statement. The entire VCS faculty works diligently, from kindergarten to the twelfth grade, to equip students with the skills they need to attain the goals of our ESLRs.

### **Mission Statement**

To provide a nurturing environment offering quality education supported by a strong foundation of Christian Values in partnership with parents, equipping students to become leaders to serve God, their families, and to positively impact their communities and the world.

### **Five ESLRs**

- A personal understanding of the Christian faith and values as found in the Bible and reflected in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ
- Verbal, written technological skills for effective communication
- An ability to think critically, solve problems effectively and draw conclusions from research, personal analysis and investigation
- Competence in the academic disciplines that will enable them to pursue the university and career goals to which they aspire
- The interpersonal skills needed to work cooperatively and effectively with others, including those of other cultures.

### **Accreditation and Strategic Planning**

Valley Christian Schools is accredited with ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International) and WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges). VCS' last accreditation visit was in 1997. At that time VCS was given a full 6-year term of accreditation, the longest term that a school can receive. During these past six years, we have prepared for the next accreditation visit, which will take place in the spring of this upcoming school year.

Valley Christian Schools was given permission by ACSI and WASC to use the strategic planning process as our instrument to evaluate VCS during the upcoming accreditation visit. We are "paving the way" for other schools to use this very effective and beneficial tool to meet the accreditation requirements. Strategic planning has truly met the needs of Valley Christian Schools as it has identified areas of needed growth and improvement to enable us to effectively continue on our "Quest for Excellence."