



VALWOOD SCHOOL

2025-2026 ANNUAL REPORT

*Valwood: Where Every Student is Known,
Challenged, and Inspired.*

Valwood School

Our Mission

ACADEMICS • CHARACTER • SERVICE

Valwood is an independent, college preparatory school whose mission is to instill in its students an enthusiasm for academic excellence, the foundations of strong character, and a commitment to serve others.



Annual Report

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VALWOOD SCHOOL

Dear Valwood Family,

As I reflect on my nine years serving as Head of School, my heart is filled with gratitude. It has been one of the greatest privileges of my career to serve this remarkable community, a place where students are known, challenged, and loved; where dedicated faculty inspire excellence each day; and where families, alumni, grandparents, and friends unite around a shared belief in the transformative power of a Valwood education.

Throughout these years, I have witnessed countless moments that remind me what makes Valwood so special. I have celebrated academic achievements, championship victories, artistic performances, service projects, and milestone graduations. More importantly, I have watched young people grow into compassionate leaders of character who are prepared to make a meaningful impact on the world.

None of this happens by chance.

Valwood's success is made possible because of a community that believes in our mission of Academics, Character, and Service. Your partnership, encouragement, volunteerism, prayers, and financial support have strengthened our school and created opportunities that would not otherwise exist. Every gift, regardless of its size, has helped enhance the educational experience for our students.

As we look to the future, I encourage you to continue making Valwood one of your philanthropic priorities. Tuition alone does not fully fund the exceptional educational experience we strive to provide. The Annual Fund bridges that gap, allowing us to invest in outstanding faculty, innovative academic programs, campus improvements, technology, the arts, athletics, and opportunities that enrich every student's journey.

Your generosity is more than a financial contribution, it is an investment in children, in families, and in the future of our school. Each Annual Fund gift demonstrates confidence in Valwood's mission and ensures that future generations of Valiants will experience the same tradition of excellence that has shaped so many lives.

As my time at Valwood comes to a close, I leave with immense pride in what we have accomplished together and great confidence in what lies ahead. The strength of this school has always been its people. Because of your unwavering support, Valwood is well-positioned to continue growing, serving, and preparing students for lives of purpose and impact.

Thank you for the trust you have placed in me over the past nine years. Thank you for believing in our students, supporting our teachers, and championing the mission of Valwood School. It has truly been an honor to serve alongside each of you.

I hope you will continue to stand with Valwood by making a meaningful gift to the Annual Fund and ensuring that our tradition of excellence continues for generations to come.

With heartfelt gratitude,

John L. Davis, Sr.
Head of School





Congratulations Class of 2026



Class of 2026 At-A-Glance

56 Graduates
100% College Acceptance
28 Honor Graduates
6 Student Athletes Playing at Next Level

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