

GETTING TO KNOW US

21ST CENTURY SKILLS

Our 21st Century Skills are woven into all that we do, from preschool to eighth grade. Unlike a self-contained concept like arithmetic, these skills are broad and deep. Our students develop and practice these skill sets throughout our curriculum and our graduates continue developing them as they move beyond Villa. We know that our 21st Century Skills prepare our graduates for success in high school, college, and beyond.



21st Century Skills: What Can a Villa Graduate Do?

ANALYSIS, CREATIVE THINKING, AND PROBLEM SOLVING

1. Identify, manage, and address complex problems
2. Detect bias and distinguish between reliable and unsound information
3. Formulate meaningful questions
4. Use trial and error; devise and test solutions to problems
5. Use knowledge and creativity to solve complex, real-world problems
6. Develop into a reflective person of faith

COMPLEX COMMUNICATION - ORAL & WRITTEN

1. Understand and express ideas in two or more languages
2. Communicate clearly to diverse audiences
3. Explain information and compellingly persuade others of its implications
4. Listen attentively

LEADERSHIP AND TEAMWORK

1. Build trust, resolve conflicts, and provide support for others
2. Teach, coach and counsel others
3. Collaborate sensitively and productively with people of varied backgrounds
4. Implement decisions and meet goals
5. Share the credit
6. Know when and how to enlist help
7. Modify an idea to achieve a common goal



"The transition to high school is a big step for most kids. The strength of **VILLA's** program was further proven to us as our oldest began high school this past fall. He did not merely feel well prepared, he felt confident and successful."

- Villa Parent

DIGITAL LITERACY

1. Understand, use and apply digital technologies
2. Create digital knowledge and media
3. Use multimedia resources to communicate ideas effectively in a variety of formats
4. Use technology to connect with people and events globally
5. Demonstrate digital citizenship

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

1. Develop open-mindedness, particularly regarding the values and traditions of others
2. Study and understand non-western history, politics, religion, and culture
3. Understand and address global issues
4. Understand and apply principles of Catholic social teaching

ADAPTABILITY, INITIATIVE, AND RISK-TAKING

1. Explore, experiment and reflect
2. Work effectively in a climate of ambiguity
3. View failure as an opportunity to learn
4. Acknowledge that innovation involves small successes and frequent mistakes
5. Use creativity to produce outcomes that are unique and that have value and meaning

INTEGRITY AND ETHICAL DECISION MAKING

1. Foster integrity, honesty, compassion, empathy, and respect
2. Exhibit moral courage in confronting unjust situations
3. Keep the interests and well-being of the larger community in mind
4. Develop a fundamental understanding of emerging ethical issues and dilemmas
5. Make reasoned and ethical decisions in response to complex problems
6. Understand and apply Catholic/Christian teachings and values

"Be a people of love, people of caring, people of service, people of the world, and people making a difference."

- Our founder, Mother Cabrini



"VILLA ACADEMY has excellent, skilled and attentive teachers. The teachers hold the students accountable and help students gain self confidence and self motivation. The language programs are great—both of my children tested into Honors Spanish at their high school. This is a wonderful school and it prepared my children exceptionally well for high school."

- Villa Alumni Parent