

To VCS Families and Community Members,

As faculty and staff at Valley Christian Schools, we have a duty to protect our students and families from both known and foreseeable dangers. We see this as one of our highest priorities. Therefore, when concerns are identified, we are committed to addressing these issues with our community.

In the past year, our faculty have observed a number of our students using rideshare services to and from school, such as Lyft and Uber. Obviously, the ease of access, cost-efficiency, and even the advertisement of these services as being safe, are reasons for increased use by students and families at Valley Christian Schools. I acknowledge the attraction to these rideshare services is strong. However, there are numerous potential dangers connected to these rideshare services.

Let me address two primary concerns related to the use of these ridesharing services. First, please note that Uber and Lyft have policies prohibiting riders under the age of 18 from using their apps or riding unaccompanied by an adult. Second, Valley Christian Schools is duty-bound to ensure our students enter and leave our campuses under the supervision of a responsible adult. In light of these concerns, *Valley Christian Schools does not approve nor condone students entering or leaving its campuses in third-party ridesharing vehicles. Additionally, we urge Valley Christian parents and guardians not to use these services.*

Please help us ensure the safety of our students by not allowing your children to enter or exit Valley Christian Schools with ridesharing services, like Uber and Lyft. Thank you for doing your part to ensure student safety by not using these services for your children to and from Valley Christian Schools. Your partnership in this effort is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ron Taylor
Superintendent
Valley Christian Schools