



Dear Parent or Guardian:

In Fall 2001, the Valencia High School and the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District Board of Education founded the Val Tech Program. The program is designed to both provide quality academic instruction and allow the students to gain technological skills required in further academic studies and/or specific careers. The Val Tech Program requires all students, either before or during their senior year, to complete a 150-hour internship with an approved organization.

Although students can learn much about technology in a classroom, we feel that real-life experience in the community is the only way for students to fully understand how technology is used in various businesses and organizations. We hope to facilitate the development of an educated workforce by encouraging students to participate in the Val Tech Internship Program.

We encourage Val Tech parents to help students select an appropriate organization or agency for the internship, sites where the internship is beneficial to the organization as well as meaningful for the student. The internship must bring together the student's area of technology interest with his/her career interest. Students also must have taken appropriate Val Tech classes that prepared them for an internship in that particular area of technology. Verification of participation in and completion of the internship must be submitted to the Val Tech Internship Coordinator.

Parents should also help students arrange necessary transportation. The school will not provide transportation. (Parents may purchase accident insurance through the school if they so desire.) Some internship opportunities may be available on the Valencia campus or at other PYLUSD schools, but students may choose to travel greater distances to complete their internship. We appreciate your cooperation and support of this valuable program.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 996-4970, ext. 10045.

Thank you,

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