



IGDVS

INSTILLING GOODNESS
DEVELOPING VIRTUE SCHOOLS

VOLUNTEER TEACHER PROGRAM



OUR FOUNDER



**"Education
is a
nation's
best
defense."**

**VENERABLE MASTER
HSUAN HUA**

The Venerable Master Hsuan Hua, Founder of the Instilling Goodness Developing Virtue Schools, vowed to save the world through education. During his youth, he established a free school to teach children at his town.

Later, continuing to act on his vow, the Master founded Instilling Goodness Elementary School and Developing Virtue Secondary School, hoping to inspire children to goodness, and to encourage transformation and virtue in young people.



CAMPUS & ENVIRONMENT

Instilling Goodness Elementary and Developing Virtue Secondary Schools are located on the grounds of the City of Ten Thousand Buddhas, a large training monastery and international community in the rural outskirts of Ukiah. The schools are surrounded by a natural environment with large open spaces filled with wildlife, trees, and walking trails.

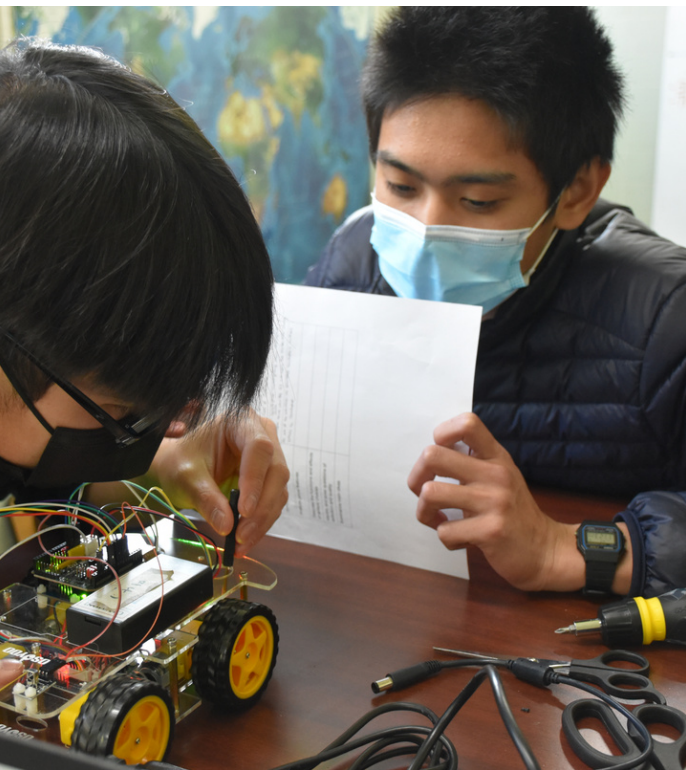
Volunteer Teacher *INSPIRATIONS*

Volunteering at the schools is a great way to work on one's spiritual practice; to nurture the seeds of loving-kindness, compassion, empathetic joy, and equanimity in ourselves and students. The following are reflections from teacher volunteers:



Being involved at the school allowed me to practice kindness, filial piety, respect, trustworthiness, fairness, citizenship, integrity and humility. Being able to teach young people virtues alongside of lessons helps them learn and improves theirs' and others' lives. We are empowered to have the students think about the goodness of virtues and make space for them to practice. To work at IGDVS is to grow the eight virtues to benefit the children and the world. It is worthwhile work."

-Benjamin Sandel, PTO President



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In a winter meditation retreat, a sense of gratitude arose in me for all the teachings I have received and an inner urge to pay back to the community. Right after that session, I saw a flyer about teaching at IGDVS. So I immediately applied to be a volunteer teacher. Since I started teaching the girls, I have been constantly touched by their wholesome qualities, kindness, diligence, curiosity, and play! It has been a blessing to share what I have learned and learn from them; it is also a spiritual journey for me to know myself better when surrounded by the wholesome and pure energy of the young people."

-Dr. Yu Chen, Assistant Professor, SJSU



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The reason why I volunteer is because of the experience I had as a student at DVGS. Many of the teachers there were volunteers and they gave as much knowledge as they could to the students and so I really hope that I can continue to carry that forward. And CTTB is one of the places where it is possible to remain true and simple without the facades of society."

-Vanessa Sun, Alumna, Class of 2017

TEACHING ASSIGNMENT AND SUPPORT

- Teach three course load and auxiliary work
- Collaborate with a mentor teacher
- Attend professional development workshops
- After the first year of service, volunteers can apply for a \$5000 yearly stipend with demonstrated need
- Travel stipend: Full time volunteers can apply up to \$1000 by receipt every third year
- Health insurance: Apply through Covered California / Medi-Cal

HOUSING, DINING, AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

- Room and Board on the Buddhist campus
- Single room in a dormitory setting
- Vegetarian meals
- Buddhist and spiritual practices on campus

TEACHER CREDENTIAL GRANT

A volunteer teacher who has worked full time for at least one semester could apply for a credential grant. A volunteer teacher whom IGDVS supports to get a single-subject credential or multiple-subject credential shall commit to full time teaching for two (not necessarily consecutive) years at the school after receiving the credential.



How to Apply

- Email us to express your interest to receive a Teacher Application.
- Include with your application a 500 word personal statement: What inspires you to be a volunteer at Instilling Goodness Developing Virtue Schools?
- Email completed application, personal statement, and resume to dvgs@drba.org (Girls Division) or dvbs@drba.org (Boys Division).
- Applicants will be contacted for an interview and campus visit.

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