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MOUNT VERNON HIGH SCHOOL

2021-2022
SCHOOL PROFILE
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STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Freshmen	115
Sophomores	108
Juniors	117
Seniors	<u>99</u>
Total Enrollment	439

SCHEDULES

On 3 days per week, Mount Vernon High School utilizes a traditional 49 minute 7 period day schedule, and on 2 days per week, an 85 minute block schedule. An additional Early Bird (EB) period is also used by some students. Regular classes run from 8:15am through 3:15pm

COURSES

Mount Vernon High School offers a comprehensive curriculum that includes 109 course offerings including several AP courses plus dual-credit offerings available through several area colleges.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

0.5 credit is awarded each semester for the successful completion of a class that meets daily. The following courses are required for graduation:

<i>English</i>	4 credits (English I, II, 1 composition, 1 literature, 1 communication course required)
<i>Mathematics</i>	3 credits
<i>Science</i>	3 credits (Earth Science 1, Biology, Chemistry 1, Physics 1 required)
<i>Social Studies</i>	3 credits (US History, World History, Political Science and Behavioral Science required)
<i>Vocational</i>	A minimum of 1 credit from any of the following: Fine Arts, Music, Family/Consumer Science, Industrial Technology or Business Ed (Financial Literacy required)
<i>Physical Ed.</i>	Students must enroll in Physical Ed. at least one semester each academic year.

Total credits required to graduate:
Class of 2022: 26.0 credits

CO-CURRICULAR

MVHS offers students a wide array of extra- and co-curricular activities in the arts, athletics, drama, and vocational areas.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Mount Vernon High School offers 5 levels of Spanish (which includes an Intermediate Spanish course through Kirkwood College taught onsite), and 4 levels of German.

GRADING

Mount Vernon High School utilizes EBR (Evidence Based Reporting) to measure a student's mastery of the essential standards and targets for a class, or how well a student understands the material in class, ensuring that a student's grade is reflective of his or her learning based on our courses' learning expectations. EBR uses proficiency scales (not points) to collect accurate evidence of student performance and academic growth. At the end of the semester, the teacher reviews the evidence presented by each student, in each target, and converts into a traditional letter grade. Semester grading is then done on a typical 4-point scale with no weighted grades (A=4.0, B=3.0, C=2.0, etc.). Cumulative GPA is updated at the end of each semester.

ACCELERATED PROGRAMS

Students may choose from regular, advanced, honors, and AP courses. In general, honors and AP classes will prepare students to take optional Advanced Placement exams that are made available each spring. Online courses are available on a limited basis. Students with appropriate course background and qualifying test scores may take college credit classes at nearby colleges such as Kirkwood Community College, the University of Iowa, Coe College, and Cornell College. College-credit classes allow Mount Vernon students to earn both high school and college credits.

GRADUATE TRENDS

Approximately 60-70% of recent graduates have attended a 4-year college immediately following graduation. Approximately 20-30% of recent graduates have attended a 2-year community college/specialized school immediately following graduation.

<u>Class of 2021:</u>	Number of graduates	106
	Attend a 4-year college	68%
	Attend a 2-year college	22%
	Median GPA	3.56
	Mean GPA	3.36
	Mean ACT Composite	23.05

COUNSELING SERVICES

Mount Vernon High School has a full-time professional school counselor to address the personal-social, academic planning, post-secondary, and career needs of our students. Contact the school counselor at ext. 4119.

iJAG

MVHS has the benefit of an Iowa Jobs for America's Graduate (iJAG) Educational Specialist who teaches leadership and life skills necessary for students to graduate and transition into continued learning at the workplace or through some level of post-secondary education, the military and/or National Service. For more information, contact our iJAG Educational Specialist at x.4112

