



"Promoting Excellence in Academics, Arts, and Athletics"

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MOUNT VERNON HIGH SCHOOL

2026-2027
SCHOOL PROFILE
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STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Freshmen	104
Sophomores	115
Juniors	107
Seniors	<u>116</u>
Total Enrollment	442

SCHEDULES

3 days per week, Mount Vernon High School utilizes a traditional 52 minute 7 period day schedule; 2 days per week, an 85 minute block schedule. An additional Early Bird (EB) period is also used by some students on Monday through Thursday. Regular classes run from 8:15am through 3:15pm.

COURSES

Mount Vernon High School offers a comprehensive curriculum that includes over 100 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 1 & 2 are required, 1 composition, 1 literature & 1 communication course are recommended)
<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: Agriculture, Fine Arts, Music, Family/Consumer Science, Industrial Technology or Business Ed (Financial Literacy required)
<i>Physical Ed.</i>	Students must enroll in Physical Education at least one semester each academic year.
<i>Health</i>	Students must take .5 credit of Health, which includes CPR instruction
<i>Civics Exam</i>	Students must score 60% or higher
<i>J-Term</i>	Successful participation each year

Total credits required to graduate: 27 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 6 levels of Spanish (which includes Intermediate Spanish through Kirkwood and PSEO through Cornell taught onsite). German is being phased out.

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 55-70% of recent graduates have attended a 4-year college immediately following graduation.
Approximately 15-30% of recent graduates have attended a 2-year community college/specialized school immediately following graduation.

<u>Class of 2026:</u>	Number of graduates	124
	Attend a 4-year college	70%
	Attend a 2-year college	15%
	Median GPA	3.74
	Mean GPA	3.56
	Mean ACT Composite	23.8

COUNSELING SERVICES

Mount Vernon High School has two full-time professional school counselors to address the personal-social, academic planning, post-secondary, and career needs of our students. Contact the school counselors at ext. 4119 and 4219.

