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# MOUNT VERNON HIGH SCHOOL

2017-2018  
**SCHOOL PROFILE**  
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## STUDENT ENROLLMENT

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| Freshmen         | 103 |
| Sophomores       | 106 |
| Juniors          | 97  |
| Seniors          | 98  |
| Total Enrollment | 404 |

## SCHEDULES

On 3 days per week, Mount Vernon High School utilizes a traditional 52 minute 7 period day schedule, and in 2016-2017, implemented an 85 minute block schedule on 2 days per week. An additional Early Bird (EB) period is also used by some students. Regular classes run from 8:15 a.m. through 3:15 p.m.

## J-TERM

Mount Vernon High School utilizes an 11-day J-Term in January which allows students to earn 0.5 credit for classes taken in an AM/PM block format. Classes will be J-Term specific and primarily for elective credit.

## COURSES

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

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

25.5 credits are required to graduate. 0.5 credit is awarded each semester for the successful completion of a class that meets daily. The following are required during grades 9-12:

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

## GRADING

Grading is done on a typical 4-point scale with no weighted grades (A=4.0, B=3.0, C=2.0, etc.). Cumulative GPA and class rank are 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.

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| <u>Class of 2017:</u> | Number of students      | 108   |
|                       | Attend a 4-year college | 64.1% |
|                       | Attend a 2-year college | 25.2% |
|                       | Median GPA              | 3.46  |
|                       | Mean GPA                | 3.27  |
|                       | Mean ACT Composite      | 24.56 |

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Mount Vernon High School offers 4 levels of both Spanish and German.

## COUNSELING SERVICES

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

## CO-CURRICULAR

MVHS offers students a wide array of co-curricular activities in the arts, athletics, drama, and vocational areas. Opportunities include: Student Council, at least 19 different sports teams (boys and girls); Jazz Band, Jazz Choir, the Fall play and Spring musical, speech contests, Academic Decathlon, National Honor Society, Archery, Art Club, Chess Club, Robotics Club, International Club, Book Club, Disc Golf Club, and Newspaper.

