

# VETERANS HIGH SCHOOL

## CLASS OF 2027



### EIGHTH GRADE TRANSITION PARENT NIGHT PRESENTATION

Dr. Amy Barbour, Principal

Dr. Mark Antley, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Ashley Brock, Assistant Principal for Instruction

Mr. Chad Simmons, Assistant Principal

Mr. Shawn Masters, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Dana Morris, Assistant Principal/CTAE Supervisor



# Counseling Staff



- ❖ Mrs. Lisa Stewart – Last name A-E
- ❖ Mrs. Daphne McMahon – Last name F-L
- ❖ Mrs. Kadie Griger – Last name M-R
- ❖ Mrs. Pam White – Last name S-Z



# Important Keys to Success



## Attendance

- Attending School Regularly & Daily

## Grades

- Check grades regularly; communicate with teachers often.
- Infinite Campus

## Involvement

- Athletics
- Fine Arts
- CTAE
- Honor/Service organizations



# Graduation Requirements



- In high school, each semester course is worth .5 units of credit.
- You may earn up to 3.5 units each semester, or 7 units each year.
  - 4 units of English  
(must include 9<sup>th</sup> grade Literature and American Literature)
  - 4 units of Mathematics
  - 4 units of Science (must include Biology, Physical Science or Physics, Chemistry or Environmental Science) and one additional science course
  - 3 units of Social Studies (Civics, World History, US History, Economics)
  - 1 unit of Health and Personal Fitness (or 3 units of ROTC)



# Graduation Requirements



- 3 units of CTAE and/or World Language and/or Fine Arts
  - These may be taken in any combination.
  - Most four-year and some two-year colleges **require** at least **2 years** of the same world language.
  - Students are encouraged to complete a career pathway in a CTAE area and take the end of pathway assessment. Students can complete an academic or fine arts pathway, as well.
    - 5 additional elective units
    - 24 Total units required for graduation



# GPA/HOPE Requirements



- A student's Grade Point Average (GPA), used for college admissions, scholarships, and HOPE eligibility. It begins in the ninth grade and is cumulative.
- Students must take 4 "rigorous" courses in order to be eligible for the HOPE scholarship.

Please refer to the VHS website under the Academics-Advisement-Parent Registration Information Book 2023 for a list of all rigor courses offered at VHS. The HOPE GPA can be found in students [www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org) account.

# Teachers As Advisors/ Academic Opportunities (AO)



- Advisement structures
  - Tutoring/Remediation
  - Class Assemblies
  - Georgia Student Finance Commission
  - Bridge Bill Activities
  - S.O.A.R.- Seeking Opportunities for Advancement & Reinforcement
- Night Advisement
  - Graduation Progress
  - Class/Course Selection
  - Advisor Feedback and Guidance



# Typical Freshman Schedule



1. Ninth Grade Literature/Composition \*
2. Algebra or Honors Geometry\*
3. Biology \*
4. American Government/Civics and US/World Affairs\*
5. Health and Personal Fitness
6. Elective or World Language (must have a 90% in 8<sup>th</sup> English and/or teacher recommendation)
7. Elective

\*Honors courses are available in these areas.



# Local Middle School/High School Credits



- Algebra 1- 1 of the 4 Math credits per graduation requirements
- World Geography-History Elective Credit
- Physical Science- 1 of the 4 Science credits per graduation requirements

\*Not calculated as part of the High School GPA

\*Intent of these Middle School courses is to progress into upper-level High School courses.



# Gifted Program



- Students must take one honors and/or AP course each year to remain eligible for gifted classification. Honors courses are available in all four academic content areas.
- AP courses are available from 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade years through an application process.



# Testing Requirements



- Georgia Milestones=EOC
  - Select courses in each academic area have end-of-course assessments aligned to the course.
  - Students must take the end-of-course assessment for each course.
  - Freshmen may take 2 EOC assessments:  
Algebra 1 and Biology
- CTAE End of Pathway Assessment (EOPA)
  - Student must take a selected national industry recognized credential assessment at the end of the 3rd pre-determined CTAE course in a specific pathway.



# Pathways

- Pathways are identified as a sequenced of three pre-determined courses.
- Types of Pathways:
  - Academic - complete required courses in English, Math, Science, and Social Studies, with at least 1 AP or Dual Enrollment course, and at least 2 sequential World Language courses.
  - CTAE- complete a series of 3 sequential courses
  - Fine Arts – complete a series of 3 courses in one area: Art, Band, Drama, or Chorus

CTAE

## • **The Myth**

- CTAE is only for students who plan to attend a technical college.
- CTAE is really just “job training”.
- CTAE is only valuable if you know which career you want to be trained in.

## • **The Reality**

- CTAE benefits students planning to enroll in technical colleges, attend four-year universities, serve in the military, or begin a career or registered apprenticeship.
- CTAE equips students with valuable soft skills and gives them a chance to apply what they are learning in the classroom
- CTAE helps students explore the career options available to them

# Freshmen Courses:

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## Agriculture

-Basic Ag Science & Tech

## Business

-Intro to Business & Technology

-Intro to Software Tech

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## Family and Consumer Science

-Food, Nutrition, & Wellness

-Early Childhood Education

A

## Graphics

-Intro to Graphics and Design

E

## Marketing

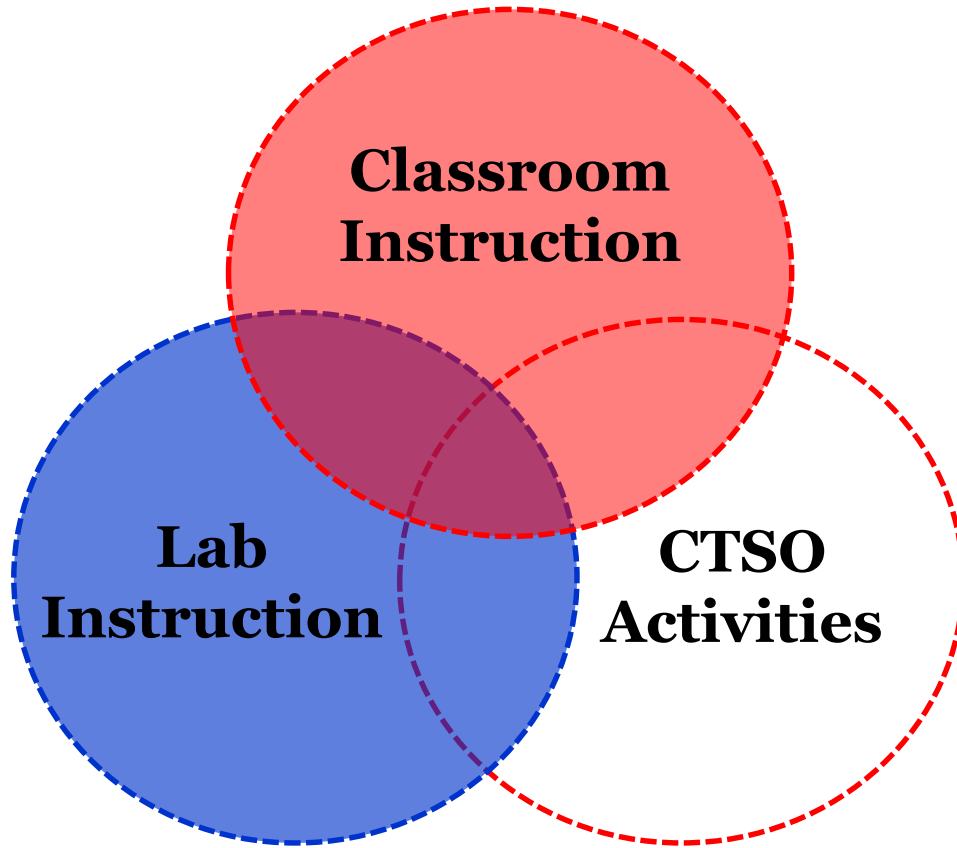
-Marketing Principles

## Air Force JROTC

-AFJROTC Aerospace SC Leadership 100



# CTAE Courses



National Technical Honor Society



## End of Pathway Assessment



# Fine Arts: Drama



- Class Sequence: Fundamentals of Drama, Acting 1, Acting 2, Musical Theatre
- Two Mainstage productions during the year are One-Act and Spring Musical.
- Several in-class productions each year, including seasonal shows.





# Fine Arts: Chorus



- Everyone is welcome, no matter the ability level!
- Minimal out-of-school commitment
- 5 choirs with a place for everyone



# Fine Arts: Visual Art



- Art Comprehension
  - 9<sup>th</sup> grade year long class
  - Pre-requisite to upper-level art classes
  - Covers a wide variety of styles and media with emphasis on building skills and creativity.



# Fine Arts: Band



- **Four Concert Bands:**
  - Wind Ensemble
  - Wind Symphony
  - Symphonic Band
  - Concert Band
  
- **Three Extracurricular ensembles:**
  - The Warhawk Squadron Marching Band
  - Basketball Pep Band
  - Jazz Band (Spring)

\*Please visit the VHS website under the Campus Life-Fine Arts tab for more details



# VHS Athletic Program

- Joshua Ingram  
Head Football Coach
- Dr. Mark Antley  
Athletic Director

Please visit the VHS Website, under the Athletics tab, and make sure you are familiar with DragonFly.

***Welcome to the Warhawk family!***