

# VETERANS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2029



## EIGHTH GRADE TRANSITION PARENT NIGHT

**3.10.2025**

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-C
- ❖ Mrs. Daphne McMahan – Last name D-H
- ❖ Ms. Jennifer Bickle- Last Name I-M
- ❖ Mrs. Kadie Griger – Last name N-R
- ❖ Mrs. Laura Whitaker – Last name S-Z



# Important Keys to Success



## Attendance

- Attend 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 Composition II 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 JROTC)



# Graduation Requirements



- 3 units of CTAE and/or World Language and/or Fine Arts
  - These may be taken in any combination.
  - Most four-year college institutions **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) is used for college admissions, scholarships, and HOPE eligibility. It begins in the ninth grade and is cumulative.
- Students must take 4 course of rigor in order to be eligible for the HOPE scholarship.

Please refer to the VHS website under the Academics-Advisement-Parent Registration Information Book 2025 for a list of all rigor courses offered at VHS. The HOPE GPA can be found in the student's [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. Composition I
2. Algebra or Honors Geometry
3. Physical Science or Honors Biology
4. American Government/Civics and World Geography
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



# Local Middle School/High School Credits



- Algebra 1: 1 of the 4 Math credits per graduation requirements
- Physical Science: 1 of the 4 Science credits per graduation requirements

\*The grades in these courses are not calculated as part of the High School GPA.\*

\*The 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.
- Students must meet gifted eligibility for honors courses.
- AP courses are available from 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade.



# Testing Requirements



- MAP
- 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.
  - 9<sup>th</sup> graders may take 2 EOC assessments:  
Algebra 1 and Biology
- CTAE End of Pathway Assessment (EOPA)
  - Students 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 sequence 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



## Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education

### • **The Myth**

- CTAE is only for students who plan to attend a technical college.
- CTAE is 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.

# Freshman 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 1

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## Graphics

-Intro to Graphics and Design

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## Marketing

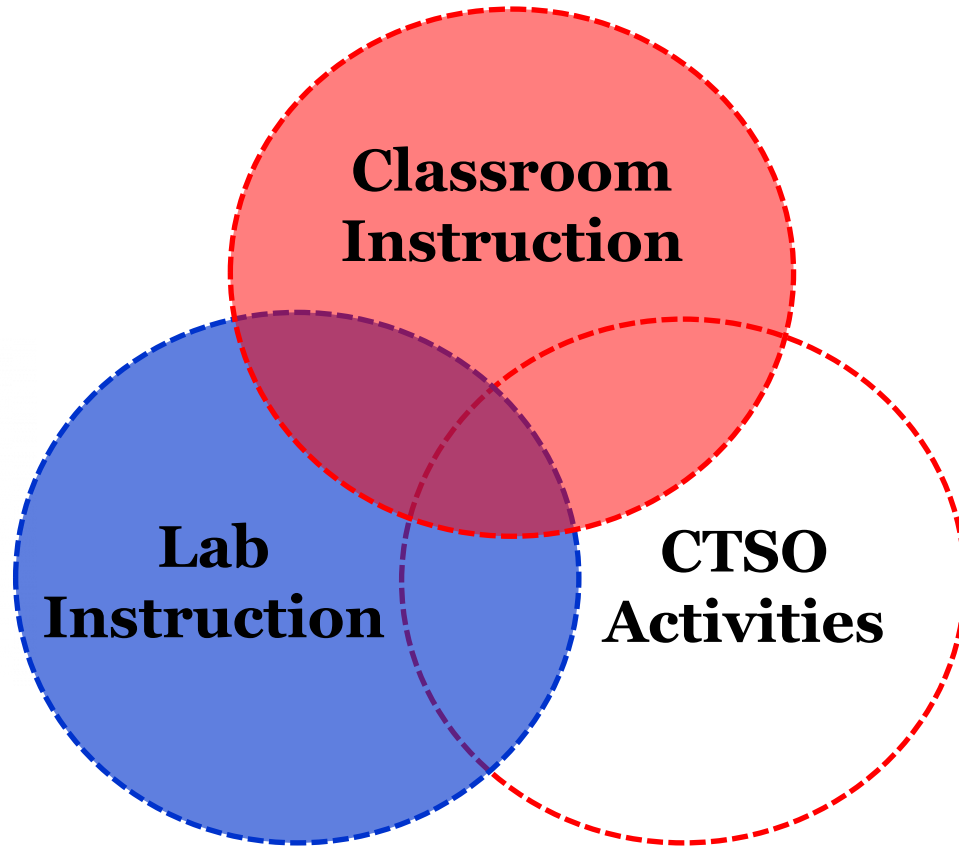
-Marketing Principles

## Air Force JROTC

-AFJROTC



# 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 annually: One-Act and Spring Musical
- Several in-class productions each year, including seasonal shows





# Fine Arts: Chorus



- Everyone is welcome in Chorus, regardless of ability level – we have novice to experienced singers!
- Minimal out-of-school commitment, with four concerts and one performance evaluation each year
- Beginning Treble, Intermediate Treble, Tenor/Bass, Advanced Treble, and Advanced Mixed Choirs



# Fine Arts: Visual Art



- **Art Comprehension**
  - 9<sup>th</sup> grade year long class
  - Prerequisite 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



- Mr. Chad Simmons, Athletic Director
- Seasonal Athletic Information Meetings

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

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