

VETERANS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2030



EIGHTH GRADE TRANSITION PARENT NIGHT PRESENTATION

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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 Composition I and 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), 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 2024 for a list of all rigor courses offered at VHS. The HOPE GPA can be found in students www.gafutures.org account.

Academic Opportunities (AO)



- S.O.A.R.- Seeking Opportunities for Advancement & Reinforcement
 - Tutoring/Remediation/Enrichment
 - Class Assemblies
- AO-Academic Opportunities
 - Top State for Talent
 - Scheduling/Advisement
- Advisement Structure
 - Teachers as Advisors
 - Graduation Progress
 - Class/Course Selection
 - Night Advisement: 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 or AP US Government
5. Health and Personal Fitness
6. Elective or World Language (must have a 90% in 8th 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

*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
- Students must meet gifted eligibility for honors courses.
- AP courses are available in every grade level for select content areas.



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.
 - Freshmen may take up to 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



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.

Introductory Courses for Freshmen:

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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

A

Graphics

-Intro to Graphics and Design

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Marketing

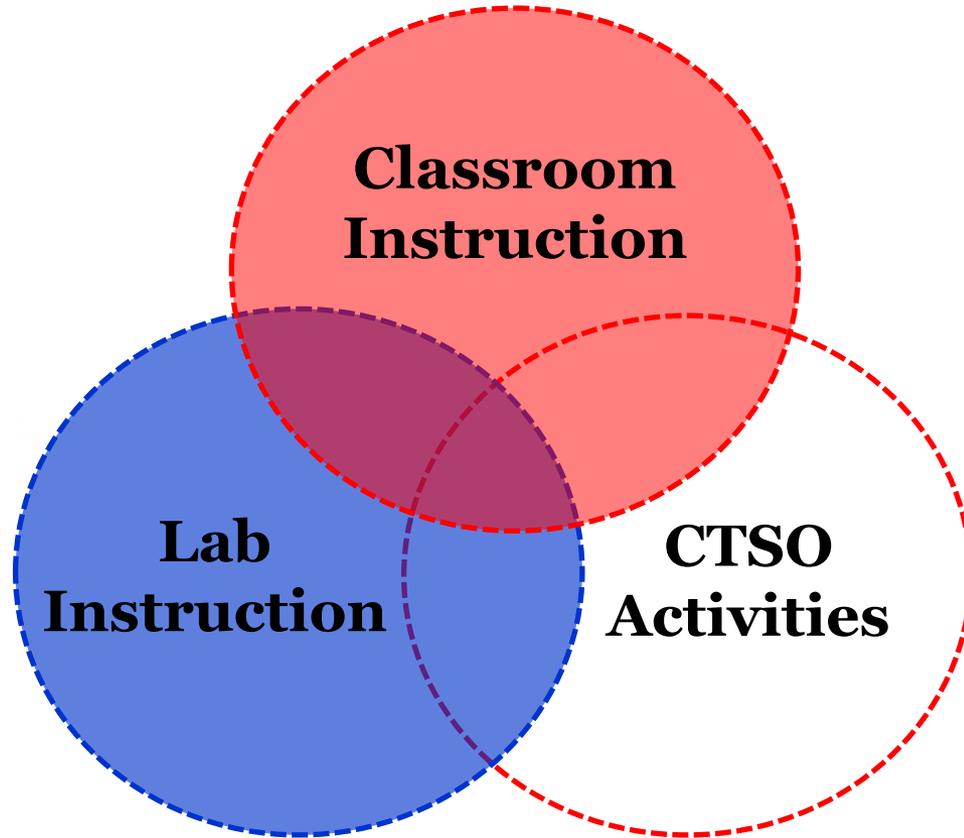
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Air Force JROTC

-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 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
 - 9th 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

- Mr. Steven Devoursney
Head Football Coach
- Mr. Shawn Masters
Athletic Director

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

Welcome to the Warhawk family!