



Welcome to
VIDALIA HIGH SCHOOL

John Sharpe, Principal
Eric McDonald, Assistant Principal
Jamie Sharpton, Instructional Coordinator
Carla Coleman, Counselor
Ann Michele Toole, Counselor

What's in your packet?

- 1. Graduation Requirements**
- 2. HOPE Rigor**
- 3. Plan of Study Chart Class of 2026**
- 4. Pathway/Elective Classes**

High School Terminology

- **Carnegie Unit (Credit)** - 1 Unit is 150 hours of seat time instruction.
- **Academic Course** - a course in English, Math, Science, Social Studies, or Modern Language. Also used to determine HOPE eligibility, Honor Roll, and Class Rank.
- **Required Course** - an academic or elective course that is mandatory for graduation.
- **Elective** - a *non academic course* that fulfills Carnegie units for graduation.

Promotion and Retention

In order to be promoted to the next grade level, students must earn credit as indicated below:

5 credits - 10th Grade Sophomore

11 credits - 11th Grade Junior

17 credits - 12th Grade Senior

23 credits - Graduation

Retention

If students do not earn the number of credits needed to move to the next grade level, they will be **RETAINED in their current grade.**

Eligibility for Athletics

Students entering the 9th grade are grandfathered in under GHSA for eligibility; however, students **must pass 3 out of 4 courses during each Semester to remain eligible .**

4 x 4 Block Schedule

Semester 1:

Academic
Academic
Elective
Elective

Pair English & Science



Semester 2:

Academic
Academic
Elective
Elective

Pair Math & Social Studies

All 9th graders take Health & Personal Fitness

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Core Areas	Credits Required
I. English/Language Arts	4
II. Mathematics	4
III. Science	4
IV. Social Studies	4
V. CTAE and/or Modern Language and/or Fine Arts	3
VI. Health/Physical Education	1
VII. Electives	3
TOTAL UNITS (minimum)	23

Vidalia Comprehensive High School

Class of 2026 Plan of Study Chart

Subject Area	Level	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English 4 Credits Required	Honors	Honors 9 th Grade Literature	Honors 10 th Grade World Literature	AP Language	AP Literature or Dual Enrollment	AP Literature or Dual Enrollment
	Regular		9 th Grade Literature	10 th Grade World Literature	American Literature	Advanced Composition or Dual Enrollment
Mathematics 4 Credits Required	Honors	Honors Algebra I	Honors Geometry	Honors Algebra II	Honors Pre-Calculus or Dual Enrollment	AP Calculus or Dual Enrollment
	Regular		Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II	May choose from: Pre-Calculus; Mathematics of Finance; Advanced Mathematics Decision Making; Or Dual Enrollment
Science 4 Credits Required	Honors	Honors Physical Science	Honors Biology	Chemistry	May choose from: Physics; AP Chemistry; Human Anatomy; Dual Enrollment	May choose from: AP Physics; AP Chemistry; Human Anatomy; Dual Enrollment
	Regular		Environmental Science	Biology	Physical Science	May choose from: Chemistry; Game Design; Human Anatomy; Food Science; Dual Enrollment
Social Studies 4 Credits Required	Honors		Honors World History	Honors American Government	Honors or DE United States History	Economics or DE Economics
	Regular		World History	American Government	United States History	Economics or DE Economics
Health & PE	ALL		Health/Personal Fitness			
CTE/Modern Language/Fine Arts	ALL	A total of 3 units required from: Career Technology and/or Foreign Language and/or Fine Arts for all students (<i>Note: Students planning to enter a University System of Georgia institution must take two units of the same foreign language</i>).				
Electives	ALL	3 units of other electives. (See College & Career Pathway and Elective Course offerings sheet)				

To graduate students must earn a total of 23 units and have completed all required courses.

Electives/Pathways

<p><u>Advanced Show Choir</u> Course 1: Advanced Chorus I Course 2: Advanced Chorus II Course 3: Advanced Chorus III</p>	<p><u>Christian Learning Center</u> Course Offerings: Old Testament New Testament Biblical Finances Christian Psychology</p>
<p><u>Audio-Video Technology Film</u> Course 1: Audio-Video Technology Film I Course 2: Audio-Video Technology Film II Course 3: Audio-Video Technology Film III</p>	<p><u>Energy & Power Generation</u> Course 1: Foundations of Energy and Power Course 2: Energy and Power: Generation, Transmission and Distribution Course 3: Energy Systems Applications</p>
<p><u>Automotive Technology</u> Course 1: Automotive Technology 1 Course 2: Automotive Technology 2 Course 3: Automotive Technology 3</p>	<p><u>Engineering and Technology</u> Course 1: Foundations of Engineering & Technology Course 2: Engineering Concepts Course 3: Engineering Applications</p>
<p><u>Band</u> Course 1: Band I Course 2: Band II Course 3: Band III</p>	<p><u>Food & Nutrition</u> Course 1: Food, Nutrition, and Wellness Course 2: Food for Life Course 3: Food Science</p>
<p><u>Business Management & Administration</u> Course 1: Introduction to Business & Technology Course 2: Business & Technology Course 3: Business Communications</p>	<p><u>JROTC – Army</u> Course 1: JROTC Army Leadership 1 Course 2: JROTC Army Leadership 2 Course 3: JROTC Army Leadership 3</p>
<p><u>Carpentry</u> Course 1: Industry Fundamentals and Occupational Safety Course 2: Introduction to Construction Course 3: Carpentry I</p>	<p><u>Marketing and Management</u> Course 1: Marketing Principles Course 2: Marketing and Entrepreneurship Course 3: Marketing Management</p>

<p><u>Personal Care Services-Cosmetology</u> Course 1: Introduction to Personal Care Services Course 2: Cosmetology Services II Course 3: Cosmetology Services III</p>	<p><u>Therapeutic Services/Patient Care (Nursing)</u> Course 1: Introduction to Healthcare Science Course 2: Essentials of Healthcare Course 3: Patient Care</p>
<p><u>Teaching as a Profession</u> Course 1: Examining the Teaching Profession Course 2: Contemporary Issues in Education Course 3: Teaching as a Profession Practicum</p>	<p><u>Therapeutic Services/Sports Medicine</u> Course 1: Introduction to Healthcare Science Course 2: Essentials of Healthcare Course 3: Sports Medicine</p>
<p><u>Theater Arts</u> Course 1: Theater Arts I Course 2: Theater Arts II Course 3: Theater Arts III</p>	<p><u>Unmanned Aircraft Systems</u> Course 1: Fundamentals of Aerospace Course 2: Flight Operations 1 Course 3: Unmanned Aircraft Systems</p>
<p><u>Therapeutic Services/Allied Health</u> Course 1: Introduction to Healthcare Science Course 2: Essentials of Healthcare Course 3: Allied Health & Medicine</p>	<p><u>Visual Arts</u> Course 1: Visual Arts I Course 2: Visual Arts II Course 3: Visual Arts III</p>

Sample 9th Grade Schedule

Semester 1:

Environmental Science

Health/PE

Introduction to Healthcare

9th Grade Literature

Semester 2:

Algebra I

World History

Essentials of Healthcare

Food, Nutrition, & Wellness

Advisement

4 Year Daily Advisement with the same Advisor



Grades

- Grades ROLL during a semester.
- Progress Reports go home every 4 1/2 weeks.
- Only **Semester Grades** are **permanent**.
- Once grades are complete, the grades are stored on the students transcript; this takes place at the end of each semester.

We strongly encourage Parent Portal for PowerSchool to track student academic progress and attendance.

Milestones (No longer *End of Grade Assessments*)

Milestone **End of Courses Assessments** in the following Courses:

Algebra I

Biology

American Literature

US History

GPA

Grade Point Average (4.0 Scale)

Numerical Grade Average (100 point Scale)

Academic GPA/NGA- all academic courses; including English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Modern Language, and Academic Electives

Total GPA/NGA- ALL courses taken for High School Credit

Honors Program

- All students receive the *same* diploma type; General.
- We offer *Honors* English, Math, Science, and Social Studies.
- Rigorous program of study designed for the most academically capable students, taught at a faster pace, greater demands, more homework, and out of class reading assignments.
- **5 points are added to the final grade each semester of each class.** GSFC removes the five points in factoring eligibility for the HOPE Scholarship.

Dual Enrollment

- College classes count for **BOTH high school and college credit.**
- **NO cost** to the student - that's 30 FREE Hours of College Credit.
- 11th and 12th Grade students who are ready for college-level work and the responsibility.
- **We offer several DE classes on VHS campus.**

HOPE Scholarship

- **The Georgia Student Finance Commission administers the HOPE program.**
- **Students cumulative grade point average in academic core classes determines HOPE eligibility. No classes taken in middle school for high school credit count towards HOPE GPA.**
- **This fall your student's grades will start counting toward determining HOPE eligibility for college.**
- **A 3.0 average in academic core classes and 4 courses of RIGOR determine HOPE eligibility**
- **Zell Miller- 3.7 and 1200 SAT/26 ACT 100% Tuition**

Ways to Get Involved!

Fine Arts:

- Art
- Band
- Literary
- One-Act
- Show Choir



Clubs/Organizations:

- Beta Club
- Drama Club
- FCA
- FBLA
- FCCLA
- HOSA
- NHS
- Political Science
- SGA
- SkillsUSA
- TSA
- Writers Inc

Athletics:

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Bass Fishing
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country
- Dance
- E-Sports
- Football
- Golf
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

Attendance

- Attendance is taken every block.
 - Parent & Medical Notes are turned in to Mrs. Howard at the front office.
- Parent Notes **MUST** be turned in within 5 days of the absence or the absence will be unexcused. (maximum of 5 parent notes will be excused)
- Unexcused absences *may* result in students not being able to make up their work.

- Attendance impacts final exam exemptions, the ability to attend Prom, and eligibility to receive Honor Cards.
- If a student is late to school, they must sign in at the front office.
- Students must be **present for 60 minutes** in a block **to be considered present**.
- Students are **NOT** permitted to sign out for lunch.

Dress Code



- All tops must be solid including no writing and no pictures
- Clothing brand logos must be smaller than 2 inches
- All tops must be Vidalia City dress code colors: maroon, gold, black, white, or gray
- Tops and bottoms must be contrasting colors
- Undershirts must be maroon, gold, black, white or gray with no wording or pictures
- Shirts must be collared, polo-style, button up, or crew neck shirt with short or long sleeves
- Crew Neck shirts must be around the base of the neck.

Dress Code



- The base shirt (shirt that touches the skin first) MUST be around the base of the neck
- Shirts that button up the front must have attached collar (see above)
- Only the top two buttons can be unbuttoned and must be within three inches from the top of the placket.
- Shirt length must reach past the waistband, but within the student's arm length.
- No hoodies are allowed
- Vidalia City Schools' spirit wear is allowed as long as it is dress code color, dress code shirt style (collared, polo, button up, or crewneck), and is not homemade. Spirit wear hoodies are not allowed.

Dress Code



- All bottoms (pants, shorts, skirts, capris) must be appropriate size and solid dress code color: Denim, Black, Gray, or Khaki
- All shorts, pants, and skirts must be denim (includes black or white) or khaki/chino style button up. No athletic pants or shorts are allowed, with the exception of JD Dickerson Primary students. Due to developmental needs of these students, athletic pants and shorts will be allowed.
- All bottoms must be without frays or holes
- All bottoms must be without words or pictures
- All bottoms must, at minimum, touch the top of the knee when standing and pants at appropriate waistline
- Tights must be solid (no fishnet) black, gray, or khaki and can only be worn under approved bottoms.

Google Classroom

Communicate

Collaborate

Collect Information

Grade Level Relevant Information

Post School News

Reminders

Voting



let's join now!

Join the



CLASS OF 2026

Google Classroom

by using the code



ni3cdkp

Connect



WITH THE INDIANS



Vidalia High School



@vidaliahs



@VidaliaHS



VHS Audio Video

Be in the know!

NOTIFY ME

School Website: vidaliahighschool.org



[PowerSchool](#) [System Calendar](#) [Staff Directory](#) [Parent Portal](#) [NotifyMe](#)

[Home](#) [Schools](#) [District](#) [Contact Us](#) [Bus Routes](#) [School Report Card](#)



Vidalia
HIGH SCHOOL



901 North Street, West / Vidalia GA 30474
PH: 912-537-7931 | FX: 912-537-7508

Ignite. Invest. Inspire.

Complete Registration Process for “Notify Me”

- May choose notifications via text, email or both.
- May log in at anytime to update your information or preferences.