



VAHS offers a comprehensive curriculum and has its foundation in serving all learners through differentiated teaching. The core curriculum in grades 9-11 does not track students by ability; instead, advanced opportunities are offered through differentiated curriculum within the course. Consequently, VAHS courses do not carry designations such as “Honors” in their title. AP, Dual Credit/Enrollment, Project Lead the Way (PLTW) and Early College Credit Program exist as options. Outside of academics, VAHS has a robust offering of Clubs and Athletics.

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COMMUNITY

Verona Area High School (VAHS) is located on the fast-growing southwest side of Madison and serves students residing in Fitchburg, Verona, and a small area of Madison. Verona, once a small farming community, has experienced rapid growth. The 2020 population estimate stands at 13,512 residents. Verona is currently growing at a rate of 1.30% annually and its population has increased by 27.24% since the most recent census, which recorded a population of 10,619 in 2010. Fitchburg, established as a city in 1983, is home to 31,556 residents. The enrollment at VAHS as of September 2020 was 1668. Based on September 2020 enrollment data, 62% of our population categorized themselves as white. 38% of all VAHS students categorized themselves as non-white, with 12.2% African-American, 20.6% Latino, 3% Asian, and 0.2% Native American, 0.1% Pacific Islander, and 5.9% identifying as two or more. 166 students (10%) receive ELL services. Approximately 23% of VAHS students qualified to participate in free and reduced lunch programs for the 2020-2021 school year. VAHS currently serves about 146 students with disabilities, about 11% of the total student population.

ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Pam Hammen	<i>Principal</i>
Mr. Jorge Avalos	<i>Associate Principal</i>
Mr. Pheng Lee	<i>Associate Principal</i>
Mr. Mike Murphy	<i>Associate Principal</i>
Ms. Tamara Sutor	<i>Associate Principal</i>

TRANSCRIPT + GRADING

Verona Area High School does not rank students. All courses run on the following GPA scale:

A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F WF
4.00	3.67	3.33	3.00	2.67	2.33	2.00	1.67	1.33	1.00	0.67	0.00

Spring 2020 Covid-19 Policy: During the spring, VAHS adopted a policy of allowing students to select whether their courses would be Pass/No Grade or scored on a standard A-F scale.

Fall 2020 Plan: In comparison to last spring, virtual grading and assessment practices will include increased expectation and accountability for student learning. Students will be receiving traditional A-F letter grades for all classes. The purpose for grading and assessment is to clearly, accurately, and meaningfully communicate a student’s achievement of content academic standards.

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**CLASS OF 2021
GRAD REQUIREMENTS**

ENGLISH	4.0
MATHEMATICS	3.0
SCIENCE	3.0
SOCIAL STUDIES	3.0
ELECTIVE	8.5

PROGRAM OFFERINGS

ADVANCED COURSES (22 AP, MANY ADVANCED/DUAL CREDIT/PLTW)

Agriculture

- Science of Vet Medicine 2- Dual Credit
- Advanced Soils and Plants-Dual Credit
- Biotechnology -Dual Credit
- Advanced Biotechnology -Dual Credit

Art

- Advanced Ceramics
- Advanced Computer Art & Design
- Advanced Photography
- Advanced Art Studies

Business Education

- AP-Economics-Macro
- AP-Economics-Micro
- College Accounting -Dual Credit

Computer Science

- AP Computer Science Principles - PLTW
- AP Computer Science A

English

- AP English Language & Composition
- AP English Literature & Composition
- Intro to College Writing and Reading Strategies -Dual Credit

Family and Consumer Science

- Professional Culinary (1 and 2)
- Certified Nursing Assistant

Math

- Algebra 2 -Dual Credit
- AP Statistics
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Calculus BC-12

Music

- Advanced Wind Ensemble
- Advanced Concert Choir
- Advanced Symphony Orchestra
- Advanced Guitar
- Advanced Piano
- AP Music Theory
- Advanced Music Production

Project Lead The Way -Engineering

- PLTW-Introduction to Engineering
- PLTW- Principles of Engineering
- PLTW-Engineering Design and Development

Project Lead The Way- Science

- PLTW-Principles of Biomedical Science
- PLTW-Human Body Systems
- PLTW-Medical Interventions
- PLTW-Biomedical Interventions

Science

- Biology 2 - Dual Credit
- AP Biology
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Chemistry
- AP Physics 1 & 2
- AP Physics C. Mechanics

Social Studies

- AP Psychology
- AP World History
- AP United States History
- AP Comparative Government and Politics
- AP Human Geography

Technology Education and Engineering

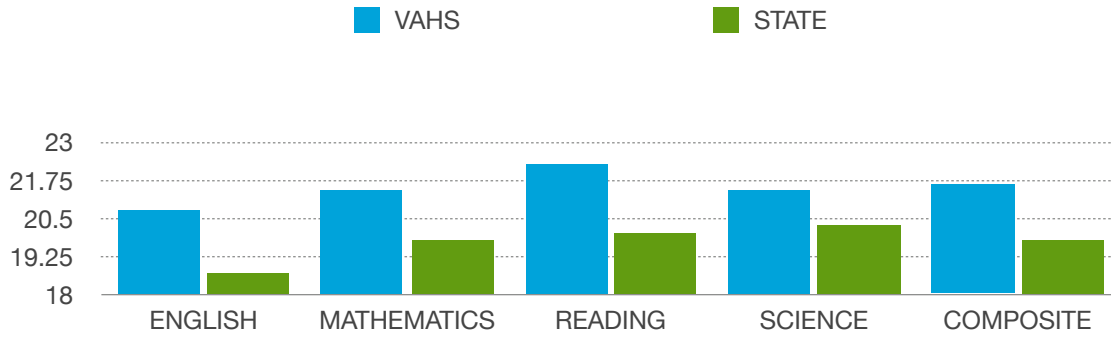
- Advanced Wood Processes- Dual Credit
- IT Essentials- Dual Credit
- Metal Fabrication- Dual Credit
- Machine Tool- Dual Credit
- Advanced Welding Technology- Dual Credit

World Languages

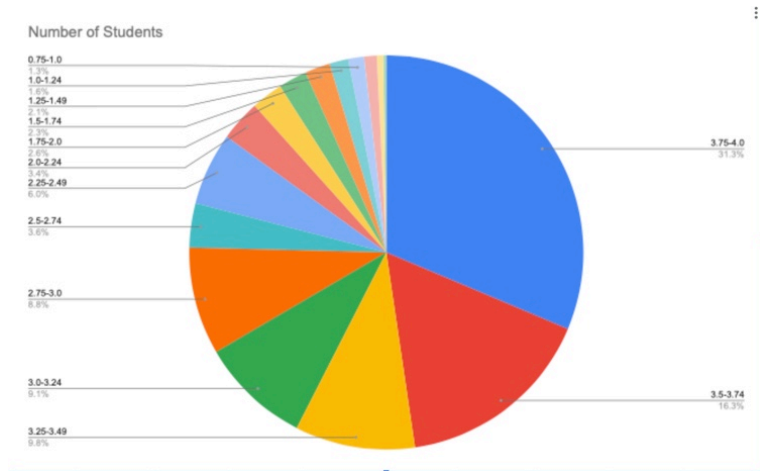
- American Sign Lang 1 & 2
- French 1st through 5th year
- German 1st through 5th year
- Spanish 1st through 5th year
- Spanish Lang Arts 2 & 3

A full course prospectus can be viewed online [here](#).

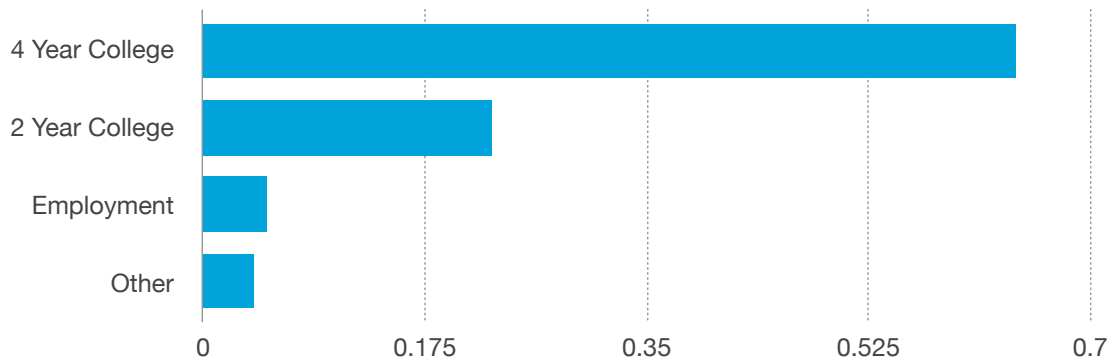
**AVERAGE ACT SCORE FOR CLASS OF 2021
N=342 (CLASS SIZE 403)**



GPA RANGE FOR CLASS OF 2021 (CLASS SIZE 403)



Class of 2020 Future Plans N=322





EXPLORATION ACADEMY PROGRAM

High school aged students residing in the Verona Area School District have the choice to attend Verona Area High School or be part of the Exploration Academy Program.

Students choose Exploration Academy for its focus on providing an equitable and excellent educational experience. EA is a rigorous academic experience that challenges students to reach proficiency in their learning. Students cannot just get by in Exploration Academy. However, Exploration Academy was designed to meet students where they are in a flexible manner to provide support where needed, while recognizing students individual strengths, passions, and interests. It is the recognition of these strengths, passions, and interests, which form the basis for each students learning experience. Students are drawn to EA because they are able to have voice and choice as a way to be highly motivated and engaged in learning that is personally meaningful and relevant.

Admission to the Exploration Academy Program is open to all Verona Area School District students who choose to apply. All applicants are admitted based upon the availability of space. Exploration Academy is a school targeted to engage all students and does not define itself as a school for gifted and talented or at-risk. The complete spectrum of students attends Exploration Academy.

Our **Vision** is Finding, Exploring, and Growing Students Passions, Interests, and Needs for Personalized Learning.

Our **Mission** is to provide a flexible structure for students to determine their own direction for learning based upon their individual passions, interests, and needs. A highly qualified staff supports the students pursuance of learning, as a process of growth. Individualized attention is paid to each student, as parents and an advisor work closely and collaboratively with the student to map out a personalized learning plan, where students choose to engage in project-based learning, technology infused-learning, 21st century skills/career exploration and development, and social/emotional growth. Students will engage in deep learning, attain needed skills for a successful post-secondary school future, and develop a love of learning.