

AREA CAREER CENTER

Agriculture/Horticulture
Automotive Repairer/Technician
Business/Marketing
Child Care Occupations
Computer Aided Drafting/Design
Cooperative Education
Electronics
Food Service Occupations
Health Occupations
Precision Machining



SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Instructional Services
Resource Services
Self-Contained Services



ATHLETICS

Baseball
Basketball (B & G)
Cheerleading
Cross Country (B & G)
Football
Golf (B & G)
Rockin' Rams
Soccer (B & G)
Softball
Swimming (B & G)
Tennis (B & G)
Track (B & G)
Volleyball
Wrestling



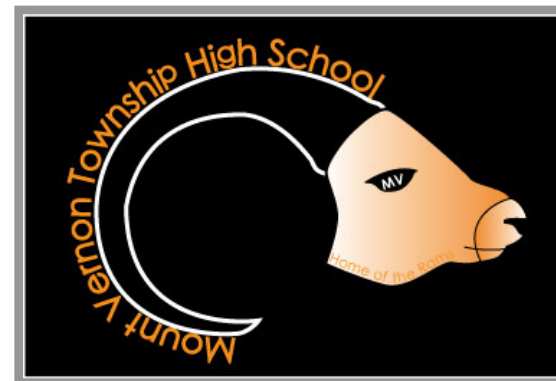
MUSIC

Band
Symphonic Band
Symphonic Orchestra
Voice
Girls' Chorus
A Cappella Choir



CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

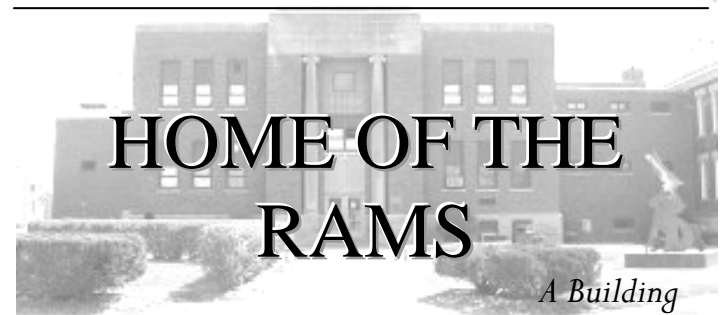
Creative Writing Club
Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)
FFA
French Club
Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)
Hi-Tri
JAVA (Art & Literary Magazine)
Key Club
LifeSavers
Math Team
Mock Trial
National Honor Society
Peer Helpers
Scholar Bowl Team
Skills USA
Spanish Club
Speech & Acting Team
Student Council
Thesian Society (Children's Theater, Operetta)
Vernois Broadcasting System
Vernois News (Newspaper)
Vernois (Yearbook)
World-Wide Youth in Science & Engineering (WYSE)
Youth & Government



Mount Vernon



Township High School



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EDUCATION

Mt. Vernon Township High School, located in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, the county seat of Jefferson County, Illinois, has an enrollment of approximately 1,300 students. The high school occupies 32 acres of land and consists of 11 buildings, an excellent athletic field complex, and a large stage and auditorium.

POPULATION

Mt. Vernon High School has been integrated since its beginning in 1905. Approximately 17 percent of its students are minorities. The district has participated in various student exchange programs through the years and has students enrolled from many different countries. Hispanic and Asian students have attended Mt. Vernon High as regularly enrolled students.

ENHANCED OPPORTUNITIES

Mt. Vernon High School, governed by a seven-member Board of Education, is a comprehensive high school and offers a varied curriculum to serve the needs and goals of its students. Courses and programs are available for a wide range of special needs students from the mentally and physically challenged to the exceptionally gifted and talented. Independent study programs are established if students have special needs for programs of studies not normally offered in the curriculum. Advanced Placement courses in calculus, American history, biology, literature and composition, and English language and composition enhance the school's many offerings along with a number of dual credit courses. Classes in areas such as Web Design Graphics, English Composition, Political Science, Child Care, Drafting, Health Care, Music, Physical Education, and Spanish are offered in cooperation with Rend Lake College's dual credit program.

TECHNOLOGY

The district has implemented a comprehensive technology plan that provides every classroom with access to an integrated voice video and data communication system. All classrooms are equipped with one or more computers, and Internet access is available in all classrooms. The school's library/media center serves students before and after school as well as during the school day. There, students may use computer technology to locate books and materials in the school's library, in the library system, or in any other library participating in inter-library loan. The school library houses over 20,000 books, 125 magazines, 5 daily newspapers, microfilm, CD ROM's, videos, and more than 60 computers with Internet access. A Student Career Center is available to help students plan for transition after high school.

AREA CAREER CENTER

Mt. Vernon High School has one of the few secondary career and technical area centers in the state of Illinois. Students from neighboring high school districts are enrolled in career/technical programs in agriculture, automotive repair, business, health, consumer and family sciences, industrial

technology, and cooperative education. The career education facilities and staff are available, as needed, to train specific work forces for business and industry. A 25-station Computer Assisted Drafting (CAD) laboratory has been installed and provides a state-of-the-art facility for students. Three business education laboratories with a total of 80 computer workstations are available for student instruction. Courses in web design graphics and three-dimensional graphics are available. Technical Preparation and Dual Credit courses are available for post secondary career training.

EDUCATION TO CAREERS

Since 1985, Mt. Vernon High School has participated in the Illinois Education for Employment Program. This program promotes increased emphasis on general academic and employment skills, technology, and specific skill development for participating students in Hamilton and Jefferson Counties. Services are provided through the Rend Lake Regional Delivery System for Vocational Education. The six high schools and Rend Lake Community College, which comprise the Rend Lake Delivery System, meet regularly to plan and coordinate a regional articulated approach to providing career and technical education.

FACULTY

The average teaching experience of the district's eighty plus teachers is 13.5 years. Approximately 37 percent have Master's Degrees or more. Many enroll in graduate courses and inservice opportunities regularly to improve their knowledge and skills.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Academically, Mt. Vernon High School students do very well. Every quarter approximately 470 are on the academic honor roll. Students who take the American College Test (ACT) receive scores that qualify them to enroll in prestigious universities and colleges all over the country. Approximately 60 percent of the graduates enroll in colleges, universities, or other educational programs beyond high school.

EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS

The high school has established a reputation for excellence in its extracurricular programs as well as in its curricular courses. These programs include publications, drama, speech and acting, music (including several bands, two orchestras, several choirs and choruses), art, athletics, Youth and Government (state winners), Mock Trial (state and national winners), FFA (regional, state, and national winners), Skills USA (regional, state, and national winners), FBLA (regional and state winners), FCCLA, and over 22 additional clubs and organizations.

PHILOSOPHY

Mt. Vernon Township High School's philosophy is that education is a lifelong process by which an individual grows intellectually, socially, and emotionally. The mission of Mt. Vernon Township High School is to provide educational experiences that will cause all students to become productive, responsible citizens in a changing world.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school year is divided into two 18-week semesters. MVTHS is on a modified block schedule. The weekly schedule includes three seven-period days, a three-block day, and a four-block day.

GRADING SYSTEM

Grading Points	
A = 92-100	4
B = 83-91	3
C = 74-82	2
D = 65-73	1
E = 64 and below	0

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR 2006-2008

23 total credits are needed for graduation.

Required credits include:

English--3

Math--2

Science--1

Social Studies--2

PE/Career Ed/Safety Ed--2

Voc./Music/Art/Foreign Lang--1

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR 2009

23 total credits are needed for graduation.

Required credits include:

English--4

Math--3

Science--3

Social Studies--2

PE/Career Ed/Safety Ed--2

Voc./Music/Art/Foreign Lang--1

ACCREDITATION

North Central Association for Colleges and High Schools
State of Illinois