Mount Vernon High School
2025-2026 School Profile

School & Community Context

Mount Vernon High School is a public school located in Knox County, Ohio. Approximately 40% of the juniors will choose to enter a two-year program at the Knox County Career Center. Out of our senior class an estimated 55% will matriculate to two year and four-year colleges. The school year is composed of two semesters (four 9-week grading periods). The school day consists of seven 47-minute academic class periods. Many students participate in extracurricular activities at school and in the community.

Mount Vernon, located 45 miles northeast of Columbus, Ohio, is the largest city in Knox County and is the county seat. Healthcare is the largest industry complemented with a diverse manufacturing industry and many ties to agriculture. All levels of socio-economic background are represented. The population of Mount Vernon is approximately 16,800. Kenyon College, Mount Vernon Nazarene University and Central Ohio Technical College-Knox Campus are near the high school. Several high school students take advantage of College Credit Plus opportunities or guest student status at these neighboring institutions.

Markings Systems and Procedures

A 92.5 – 100%
A- 90.0 – 92.49%
B+ 87.5 – 89.99%
B 82.5 – 87.49%
B- 80.0 – 82.49%
C+ 77.5 – 79.99%
C 72.5 – 77.49%
C- 70.0 – 72.49%
D+ 67.5 – 69.99%
D 62.5 – 67.49%
D- 60.0 – 62.49%
F below 60%

Weighted grades of 1.0 point are in areas of AP, KAP and courses for college credit in comparable AP subject areas. Grades of A's, B's, and C's will receive additional weight. Students must carry at least five credits for the year.

*Grade point average and class rank are computed at the end of each semester on a 4.0 scale. All courses are included with KAP, AP, and college credit courses being weighted 1.0 (A = 5.0, B = 4.0, C = 3.0).

Student Demographics

Enrollment grades 9-12	913 students
% Hispanic	4.4%
% Multiracial	5.5%
% White, non-Hispanic	88.2%
% Economic Disadvantage (District)	46.71%

Graduation Requirements (20 total credits)

Subject	Required	Recommended
Math	4	4
English	4	4
Foreign Language	0	3
Social Studies	3	3
Science	3	3
Fine Arts	1	1
Physical Education	.5 or waiver	.5 or waiver

Additional requirements:
- **.5 Health**
- **.5 Financial Literacy**
- **3.5 or 4 elective credits depending on if a PE Waiver was used.**

Grade Distribution for Senior Class
Based on 6th Semester Cumulative GPAs.
- Standard Course Grading Scale
- Weighted Course Grading Scale

Class Rank (%)	Weighted GPA	Unweighted GPA
Highest	4.72	4.0
10%	4.105	3.804
25%	3.712	3.48
50%	3.074	2.93
75%	2.487	2.387

Career and Credential Opportunities

- Ariel Co-op
- Electrical Pre-Apprenticeship
- Teacher Academy
- Mentorship
- Phlebotomy
- Public Safety (EMT / Fire)
- State Tested Nurse Aide

These pathways allow students to explore pathways and gain a broader knowledge base for their proposed interests.

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ADVANCED PLACEMENT/ENRICH PROGRAMS:

● Advanced Placement courses are offered at Mount Vernon High School. Students with the necessary prerequisites and staff approval may take Advanced Placement Calculus, Biology, English, Physics, Statistics, US Govt. and Politics, French, Spanish, Drawing, and 2D Art & Design.

● KAP (Kenyon Academic Partnership) is offered in several disciplines. Students enrolled in these courses are introduced to the rigors of college work in familiar, supportive settings, and are offered more advanced and varied courses than normally found in high school. Students enrolled in these courses are awarded credit from Kenyon College in addition to satisfying graduation requirements. KAP offerings: KAP American History, KAP French, KAP Spanish, KAP English, & KAP Chemistry.

● Dual Enrollment classes with Central Ohio Technical College are offered in Advanced Composition, Pre-Calculus, Psychology, Speech, and Human Physiology.

● Honors courses are offered in English 9, English 10, Algebra II, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, and World History.

Course of Study Handbook is available here.

Extra-Curricular Offerings

Athletics

- We offer 16 JV and 25 Varsity sports opportunities. They can be found here.
- Students are not required to participate in athletics. If students choose to participate in two seasons, they are eligible for a PE waiver to fulfill this graduation requirement.
- Girls Softball – 2nd place in OHSAA Division 2 state tournament 2025
- Boys Volleyball – 2nd place in OHSAA Division 2 state tournament 2025
- Wrestling – LCL champions 2025, two individual OHSAA state Division 1 champions 2025
  - Boys Heavyweight
  - Girls 105 lb

Fine and Performing Arts

- We offer opportunities in visual and performing arts including band, orchestra, choir, studio art, digital art, school musicals, jazz band, pep band, and various ensemble competitions.
- The state of Ohio requires students take one credit of fine art in grades 7-12.
- Chorale - received Superior in Class C at State Level (2024), Excellent in Class B at State Level (2025)
- Symphony Orchestra - consistently receives Superior ratings in Class B at State Level
- Students have advanced to regional and state judging from the Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition
- Mount Vernon City Schools was recognized as a "Best Community for Music Education" by the NAMM Foundation in 2024

Clubs & Student Organizations

- We offer approximately 20 clubs and extra-curricular organizations. A full list can be found here.
- Some of our most popular clubs include National Honor Society, Key Club (a Kiwanis Service Organization), Boots and Bindings (Ski Club), Robotics, In the Know, Pep Band, Jazz Band, and Vedette (school publication).
- Ohio District of Key Club International State Representation
  - Governor 2025
  - Lieutenant Governor 2023, 2024, 2025

Enrollment Trends

- 44% attending 4-year institutions
- 11% attending 2-year institutions
- 2% enlisting in the military
- 24% entering work force

- 5% of students attending an out-of-state institution
- 95% of students attending an in-state institution

- Student achievement awards

National Merit Scholarship

2023-2024	3 Finalists	2 Commended Students
2024-2025		2 Commended Students

College Board National Recognition

2026-2027	9 students recognized
2025-2026	7 students recognized

College Destinations

Our students attend a broad range of institutions both in and out of state. The following list includes institutions in which 3 or more students reported attending in 2024-2025.

Bowling Green State University	Muskingum University
Capital University	Ohio University
Denison University	Ohio Wesleyan University
Hocking College	Otterbein University
Kent State University	The Ohio State University
Kenyon College	University of Cincinnati
Miami University	University of Dayton
Mount Vernon Nazarene Univer	University of Findlay

ACT Scores

All Juniors are offered a free ACT in the Spring.

Average ACT Composite for Total Group

Year	Mount Vernon	State	Nation	# Tested
2024-2025	19.1	19.0	19.6	270
2023-2024	18.8	19.2	19.4	343
2022-2023	19.0	19.6	19.5	306