Mount Vernon High School
2026-2027 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 45% 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 46-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. It is recommended students 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 some college credit courses being weighted 1.0 (A = 5.0, B = 4.0, C = 3.0).

Student Demographics

Enrollment grades 9-12	887
%Hispanic	3.9%
%Multiracial	5.6%
%White, non-Hispanic	88%
%Economic Disadvantage (District)	46.7%

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 PE Waiver use

Contact Information

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Counselors

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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	4.58	4.0
10%	4.17	3.83
25%	3.87	3.57
50%	3.35	3.14
75%	2.62	2.47

Career and Credential Opportunities
- Ariel Co-op
- Electrical Pre-Apprenticeship
- Teacher Academy
- Mentorship
- Phlebotomy
- Public Safety (EMT / Fire)
- Nurse Aide Training and Competency Program
- Medical Assistant

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

ADVANCED PLACEMENT/ENRICH PROGRAMS:

● Advanced Placement courses are offered at Mount Vernon High School. Students with the necessary prerequisites and/or 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 Sociology, and KAP Chemistry.

● Dual Enrollment classes with Central Ohio Technical College are offered in Advanced Composition, Pre-Calculus, American Politics and Government, Psychology, Speech, American Literature, College Algebra, Applied College Chemistry, 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	Fine and Performing Arts	Clubs & Student Organizations
• 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. • Boys Golf – LCL champions 25-26 • Wrestling – LCL champions 25-26 ○ 1 individual OHSAA state Division 1 champion 2026 ○ Girls 110 lbs. • Girls Softball – 2nd place OHSAA Division 2 state tournament 2025 • Boys Volleyball – 2nd place in OHSAA Division 2 state	• 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 to take one credit of fine art in grades 7-12. • Chorale- qualified for state level competition for the last 3 years, receiving a Superior rating in class B in 2026 • Symphony Orchestra – consistently receives Superior ratings in class B at the State Level • Art students were selected to advance to regional and state judging from the Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition.	• 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 Org.), Boots and Bindings (Ski Club), In the Know, Pep Band, Jazz Band, and Vedette (school publication) • In the Know (academic quiz bowl) won JV Mid-Ohio Winter Tournament 2026 • Ohio District of Key Club International State Representation ○ Governor 2025 ○ Lieutenant Governor 23,24,25

Enrollment Trends

35% attending 4-year institutions
8% attending 2-year institutions
6% enlisting in the military
32% entering work force

18% of students attending an out-of-state institution
82% of students attending an in-state institution

Student achievement awards

National Merit Scholarship

24-25		2 Commended Students
25-26	3 Finalists	

College Board National Recognition

2027-2028	7 students recognized
2026-2027	15 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 2025-2026.

Bowling Green State University	Ohio University
Capital University	Otterbein University
Central Ohio Technical College	The College of Wooster
Columbus State Community College	The Ohio State University
Kenyon College	University of Cincinnati
Mount Vernon Nazarene University	

ACT Scores

All Juniors are offered a free ACT in the Spring.

Average ACT Composite for Total Group

Year	Mount Vernon	State	Nation	# Tested
2025-2026	20.1	19.0	19.4	258
2024-2025	19.1	19.0	19.6	270
2023-2024	18.8	19.2	19.4	343

US News and World Report Best High School Designation 2026-2027