

Vel Phillips Memorial High School

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CEEB code: 501157 | Enrollment: 1909 | 2026 Senior Class: 507



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Vel Phillips Memorial High School is a 4-year comprehensive public high school with a wide variety of courses to meet the needs of our 2000 students. Students may enroll in up to 7 courses per semester, with no limit on Honors, AP, Dual Enrollment courses. Madison, WI is located in the south central region of Wisconsin, with a population of 285,000. Madison is the home of the University of Wisconsin and the State Capitol and has long been considered a leading medical, cultural, and educational center of the Midwest. Memorial High School is a microcosm of the City of Madison, reflecting its rich ethnic, cultural, and economic diversity. The University of Wisconsin provides numerous enrichment opportunities and brings many national and international experts into our school community to live and work.

Student Race and Ethnicity:

American Indian: <1%
Asian: **9%**
Black/African American: **15%**
Hispanic/Latino: **26%**
Multiracial: **9%**
White: **41%**

Percentage of students with free/reduced lunch:

42%

Percentage of Identified English Learners:

31%

Number of District Identified Languages Spoken at Home:

51



Memorial High School proudly earned 4 stars – Exceeds Expectations on the State Report Card!

Memorial demonstrates strong academic achievement and growth. Students excelled in both English Language Arts (67.1) and Mathematics (62.3), with growth scores reaching an outstanding 93.6. VPM's achievement scores are growing faster than 92% of 9-12 schools in WI.

Grading System

Grade point average is based on a 4.0 scale with A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, and NC=0. MMSD does not use any type of weighted grading system. Additional grade designations include WD=Withdrawal from class, I=Incomplete, and MD=Medical Excuse. Coursework taken through Madison Virtual Campus is designated with a "V" on the transcript.

2022-present "No Credit (NC)" is used in lieu of "F" in the grading scale. No Credit is not included in the student's calculated GPA.

MMSD does not implement a class ranking system. In order to comply with Wisconsin Act 95, students who are in the Top 5% or Top 10% of their class have this denoted on their transcript. This designation is only on transcripts sent to University of Wisconsin Schools.

Graduation requirements

Students need a total of **22 credits** to earn their diploma. In addition, students must pass the State of Wisconsin Civics Exam.

English: **4 credits**

Math: **3 credits**

Social Studies: **3 credits**

Science: **3 credits**

Physical Education: **1.5 credits**

Health: **.5 credits**

Financial Literacy: **.5 credit**

Humanities: **1 credit**

Unique Curricular Offerings:

AVID Schoolwide

Spanish Dual Language Immersion (DLI)

Early College Biomedical Academy

Early College Education Academy

Early College Networking & Cybersecurity Academy

Early College Running Start Academy

Early College STEM Academy

25 AP Courses:

AP Computer Science A
AP Computer Science Principles
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
AP Precalculus
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Environmental Science
AP Physics 1
AP African American Studies
AP European History
AP Microeconomics
AP Macroeconomics
AP US Government & Politics
AP US History
AP Psychology
AP World History
AP English Lang & Composition
AP English Lit & Composition
AP Seminar
AP Chinese Language & Culture
AP French Language & Culture
AP Spanish Language & Culture
AP Spanish Literature & Culture

3 Dual Credit Courses:

Automotive Technology 3
Automotive Technology 4
Medical Terminology

12 Honors Courses:

Algebra 1 Honors
Geometry Honors
Algebra 2/Trig Honors
Integrated Science Honors
Biology Honors
Chemistry Honors
English 1 Honors
English 2 Honors
US History Honors
US History Honors-Spanish DLI
World History Honors
World History Honors-Spanish DLI

Early College Credit Opportunities:

171 college credits were earned by VPM students in SY 25-26 on college campuses

Colleges VPM Graduates Attend: Madison College**, Arizona State University, Coppin State University, Depaul University, Edgewood University, Georgia Tech, Harvard University, Lawrence University, Marquette University, Milwaukee School of Engineering, Northern Michigan University, Purdue University, University of California-Berkeley, University of WI-Madison, University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, UW Milwaukee, UW La Crosse, University of Michigan, University of Iowa, University of Vermont

**Madison College is the only 2-year transfer college in the area.

Number of AP tests taken (2026) **1509**

Number of students who took an AP test (2026) **614**

% of students earning a 3 or better on exams **84%**

% of students earning a 4 or better on exams **63%**

Average Composite ACT Score (2026) **20.9**

Average ACT English Score **20.4**

Average ACT Math Score **20.5**

Average ACT Reading Score **21.6**

Average ACT Science Score **20.8**

Number of National Merit Semifinalists (2026) **8**

Number of students who earned the Seal of Biliteracy (2026) **21**

Post Graduate Plans for Class of 2026*

Immediate Enrollment in a 2- or 4-year college or university **86%**

Job training/workforce **6%**

Apprenticeship **2%**

Gap year **3%**

Military **1%**

Undecided **2%**

*Percentages are based on student self-report