



Mount Vernon High School

Mount Vernon Majors achieve and thrive together with purpose and pride.

10 Reasons Why Mount Vernon High School Stands Out!

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Academic Achievement - As a school with 61 % of our students categorized as current or former multilingual learners, we are proud that in the 2025-2026 SY, 100 % of our MLL students passed all the VA state tests to earn their verified credits for graduation. Our International Baccalaureate (IB) Program graduated 62 students from the Diploma and Certificate Programs in 2026, and our Class of 2026 earned +5 million in scholarships. MVHS currently has 349 students who have been inducted

into 9 different National Honor Societies. And in 2026, our band, chorus and orchestra programs earned the prestigious VA State Blue Ribbon status.

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Student Programs - In addition to our exceptional academic & CTE programs, Mount Vernon HS students excel in many extracurricular programs, including athletics, band, orchestra, chorus and performing arts. In the 2025-2026 school year, MVHS honored and decorated 125 student-athletes with All-District Honors, 21 earned All-Region Honors, and 2 who were named All-State. MVHS musicians, singers and performers have also been recognized at all three levels, with 5 students receiving

All-District Band Honors and 2 students receiving All-District and 3 All-State Choral Honors. A total of 14 of our students were recognized with All-Academic Athletic Honors. Our SGA is highly involved in our positive school environment, including spirit days, monthly ethic and cultural celebrations and staff recognitions. Over 26 received *Student of the Quarter* and *Achievement Awards* recognitions at the Edison Academies of the Auto Collision, Auto Technology, Cyber Programming, Electrical Construction, Construction Technology, HVAC & Veterinary Science. MVHS also had a 2026 State Champion in the SkillsUSA (HVAC) Competition.

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Staff Recognition - MVHS currently has four (4) National Board-Certified Teachers for this school year but has been proud to have several others over the past few years. Our Fine Arts, Theatre and Orchestra Teachers have been recognized at the county and state levels. In 2025-2026 school year, 3 of the MVHS coaches recognized as “Coaches of the Year” in field hockey, football, and tennis and our School Based

Technology Specialist Mr. Abrams was named “FCPS's Region 3 Outstanding Professional Employee of the Year.” In 2025-2026, our orchestra teacher Mr. Rodriguez was honored in the Yamaha’s “40 Under 40” – Celebrating Excellence in Music article *and* is a finalist for the Grammy Music Educator Award!

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Community Engagement - MVHS works closely with our amazing community to provide diverse opportunities to our students, outside of the opportunities provided to all FCPS high schools. Recently, MVHS hosted the VACRO College Fair, where 60+ colleges and universities attended. Additionally, MVHS hosted the *Steamology* STEM Fest (featuring MVHS volunteers/mentors), as well as FCPS Teacher Hiring Fairs.

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School Culture - MVHS boasts a diverse school culture that celebrates all of our students and their backgrounds and experiences. MVHS annually celebrates our military families with our Purple Star initiatives & Chapter 35 Military Benefits, as well as cultural celebrations during the cultural recognition months, as well as planned SGA Spirit activities. We truly embody our motto of “Once a Major, always a Major!”

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Facilities and Resources - While the MVHS school building is aging gracefully, MVHS building services staff that keeps an aging facility running at top levels each school year. MVHS fine and performing arts, as well as our music programs, perform in our iconic Little Theatre, while our athletic programs participate on the vast array of fields and facilities on our campus. MVHS proudly hosts many county and state events in our vast Fieldhouse.

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College and Career Readiness (High Schools) - Mount Vernon HS proudly serves a wide array of academic programs, including International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma and Certificate Programs, Dual Enrollment classes with NOVA, Governor’s School Program opportunities, FCPS Academy Programs, AVID Program, MCJROTC and other CTE pathway programs. Visit <https://mountvernonhs.fcps.edu/academics> for more academic program information.

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Alumni Success – There are several notable MVHS alumni, including Callie Brownson, the first female position coach in an NFL game, Ed Cunningham, former pro football player & current TV broadcaster, Gary Etherington, former pro soccer player, Atlee Hammaker, former pro baseball player, Tim Koogle, first CEO & President of Yahoo, Lea Gabrielle, diplomat, Joe R. Reeder, former US Under Secretary of the Army, Chuck Robb, former US Senator & Governor of Virginia,

Markus Rogan, pro swimmer & ’04 Olympic Silver Medalist, Bernard Shlesinger, auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, Syd Thrift, former MLB scout & executive, Lucian Truscott IV, writer & journalist, and Darryl Williams, 4-star General & current Superintendent of the US Military Academy.

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Student Growth and Progress - MVHS students have overcome a wide array of barriers to student success and have worked closely with dedicated staff to reach *full accreditation* from the Virginia Department of Education this past 2025-2026 school year. MVHS student performance has grown over the past few years, including a 92% projected graduation rate

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Special Recognitions - In addition to the special recognitions our students have received in our Academy Programs, athletics, fine and performing arts, we also are proud to be the home of an Eagle Scout and several exchange students. Our MVHS staff have been recognized at the region and state levels for their leadership in athletics, extracurricular programs, and fine and performing arts. MVHS continues to hire dedicated instructional leaders and teaching staff who provide our students with a top caliber educational experience. *Our graduates go on to amazing things!*

Our Majors have success at all levels of academia!

See below for where the Class of 2026 is going....

Mount Vernon High School Class of 2026

Top 4-Year Colleges & Universities Ranked by Number of Students Attending

- George Mason – 28 (almost all were direct admissions)
- Virginia Commonwealth Univ. – 17 (with 3 in The Arts College)
- Old Dominion - 14
- UVA - 14
- Penn State - 12
- William & Mary - 9
- Virginia Tech - 5
- George Washington - 5
- Marymount - 5
- James Madison – 4 (40+ were accepted)
- LSU - 4
- Howard - 3
- Ole Miss - 3
- Temple - 3
- Mary Washington - 3
- FAMU - 2
- Florida - 2
- Eastern Carolina - 2
- Kentucky - 2
- Maryland - 2
- Cornell - 1
- US Military Academy at West Point - 1
- US Air Force Academy - 1 (same student was accepted into West Point)
- Alabama - 1
- Berklee School of Music – 1
- Christopher Newport - 1
- Coastal Carolina - 1
- Hampton - 1
- Howard – 1
- Iowa - 1
- Johnson & Wales - 1
- NC A&T – 1
- Norfolk State - 1
- Oregon - 1
- Richmond - 1
- Sacramento State – 1

- Southern Virginia - 1
- Texas A&M – 1
- Texas Southern - 1
- Virginia Military Institute - 1
- Washington State University - 1
- West Virginia – 1

- Class of 2026 earned **\$5+ million** in scholarships
- Class Impact: **31 out of 156** of the 4-year-bound grads (~20%) are attending UVA, William & Mary, George Washington, Cornell, and Military Academies, representing an outstanding matriculation rate for top-tier flagship schools – not including placements across notable SEC, HBCUs, and Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania schools. **260 of the 453 graduates** are matriculating to either a 4-year or 2-year institution or Training School, including **101** students from the Class of 2026 attending a 2-year Community College or Training School.