

9-12 Opportunities

Verona High School is committed to the belief that each student should be encouraged to realize his or her fullest academic and social potential. We strive to provide an environment where an open exchange of ideas is encouraged. We motivate our students to interact with the various members of the school community.

Verona High School offers enriched, challenging courses for students beginning their freshman year. Our curriculum is extensive, diverse, and constantly changing as the high school continually works to meet the needs of a dynamic student population. Most importantly, Verona High School encourages all of its students to challenge themselves these four critical years before moving on to higher education, pursuing a technical trade, joining the military, or starting a career.

The courses students select should support their own individual goals for the 2025-26 school year and beyond. If your child has a special interest, we encourage the child and parents to examine the courses available in that area. If your child plans to further their education beyond high school, we encourage each family to meet with their counselor to make sure that they have included the courses necessary to meet the requirements suggested by the college, university, or technical school of their choice. Whatever your child's interests and goals, our curriculum has a course of study for you. To learn more about the courses offered, please speak with your child's teachers, counselors, and district supervisors of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), Humanities (English, Social Studies, and World Language), and Special Services.

Academics

Verona High School has removed its barriers to honors and advanced placement courses by creating an open enrollment process where students are encouraged to challenge themselves academically. Verona High School believes that all its students should be able to enroll in college preparatory, honors, and advanced placement courses and experience college-level experiences while still in high school. Every one of Verona High Schools academic departments offers courses that will stimulate students' academic growth.

- [Business](#)
- [English](#)
- [Fine & Performing Arts](#)
- [Health & Physical Education](#)

- [History & Social Sciences](#)
- [Mathematics](#)
- [Science](#)
- [Technology, Engineering, and Design](#)
- [World Language](#)

Mathematics Accelerated Pathways

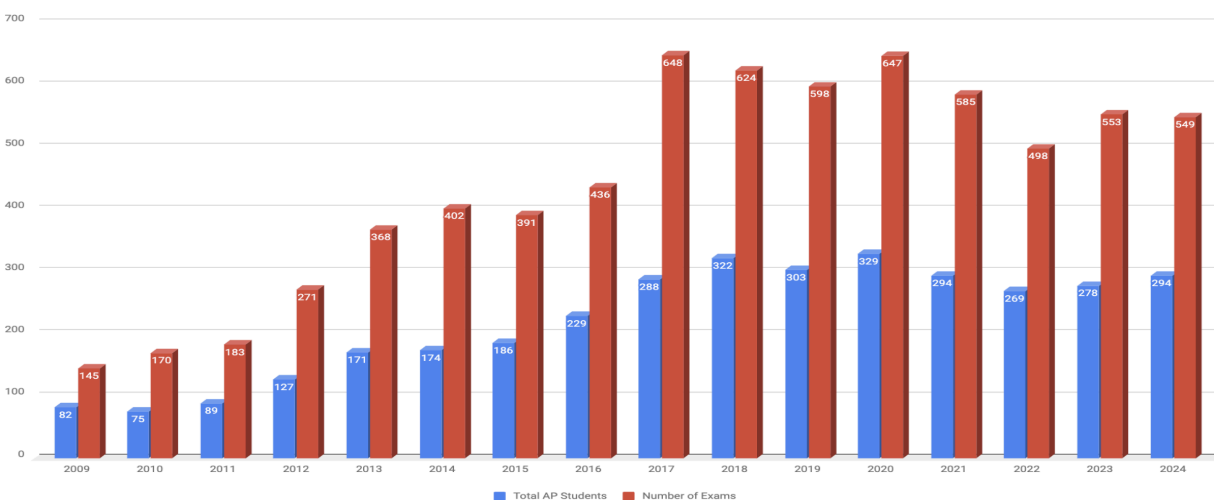
We believe in Verona that students should have the opportunity to move up a level in mathematics if they are willing to work hard and have an open mindset. Every summer, students can enroll in our pathways program from pre-algebra through pre-calculus to move up to the next math level for the following school year. If a student is interested in accelerating in mathematics, please speak with your school counselor and Dr. Miller, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment.

Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

For students in grades 9 through 12, there are many opportunities for them to take honors and advanced placement courses. Beginning in grade 9, some students begin immediately by enrolling in AP Computers Science Principles, AP World History, English 9 Honors, and Geometry or Algebra II Honors. As students gain confidence in themselves, many of them take an academic risk and enroll in an honors or advanced placement course taking advantage of our open enrollment process. Verona High School has removed the barriers (entrance exams) that traditionally limit the honors or advanced placement experience for many students. Amazingly, our student enrollment in advanced placement courses has quadrupled since 2009 (see the graph below).

Verona # Unique AP Students & # AP Tests Administered Annually since 2009

Total AP Student & AP Tests Administered



Our school counselors meet with students and their parents annually to discuss social, emotional, and academic opportunities that are available at the high school. Honors courses at Verona High School generally include more material, accelerated pacing, and higher expectations than our general college preparatory classes.

Dual Enrollment Programs

Dual Enrollment programs provide high school students a unique opportunity to jump-start their college career. It allows qualified high school students to enroll in college coursework while still in high school. These courses are designed by postsecondary institutions with an emphasis on rigor. Success in these courses requires a high level of commitment and academic responsibility.

Admissions requirements reflect admissions standards at the respective college. Courses are taught by VHS faculty who meet the college's credentialing requirements. Credit for dual enrollment courses is widely accepted among private and public colleges, depending on your major. Students can contact colleges of interest to discuss the applicability of dual enrollment coursework. Provides college-level instruction to high school students, during regular school hours. Accelerates a student's college career and earns college credits at a substantially reduced rate. Enriches the course opportunities for qualified high school students. Students gain understanding of the rigor of college work as well as college faculty expectations. Provides access to college resources, facilities and services such as advising, career counseling and mentoring.

Presently, we have relationships with the following institutions to offer dual enrollment credit:

Seton Hall University

- [English IV CP: Race, Culture & Identity](#)

Syracuse University Project Advance (SUPA)

- [Introduction to Financial Accounting](#)
- [Introduction to Creative Non-Fiction](#)
- [Gender & Literary Texts](#)

Option ii

Option II extends flexibility at the local level by allowing schools to choose from an array of models for developing activities or programs linked to the Student Learning Standards, such as: interdisciplinary and theme-based programs; independent study; co-curricular and extracurricular activities; magnet programs; student exchange programs; distance learning opportunities; internships; community service; or other structured learning experiences.

Teachers and instructors must be certified and properly licensed by the appropriate state agencies. Teachers, instructors, and institutions must present certification upon request and be approved by the Board of Education. Any costs incurred as a result of an Option II program will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian. The Board of Education will not assume any responsibility for any fees associated with this program.

If students are interested in applying for option ii, they need to speak with their school counselor.

Athletics

Verona High School offers plenty of fall, winter, and spring sports opportunities to our students. We offer competitive programs that are highly successful in building students self-esteem, leadership, and relationships with teammates, coaches, and our fellow student-athletes.

The Verona Public Schools follow the athletic eligibility standards that are determined by the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association. In order for a student to be eligible for athletic competition during the 1st semester (September 1-January 31) of the 10th grade or higher, a student must have passed 25% of the credits (30) required by the State of New Jersey for graduation (120), during the immediately preceding academic year.

To be eligible for athletic competition during the 2nd semester (February 1-June 30) of the 9th grade or higher, a student must have passed an equivalent of 12.5% of the credits (15) required by the State of New Jersey for graduation (120) at the close of the preceding semester (January 31). Full-year courses shall be equated as $\frac{1}{2}$ of the total credits to be gained for the full year to determine credits passed during the immediately preceding semester.

Students looking to play sports competitively in college should review the NCAA Eligibility requirements located at www.eligibilitycenter.org. Courses approved by the NCAA are noted throughout our Curriculum Bulletin.

Band & Chorus

Verona High School has a long, proud history when it comes to its music programming. VHS offers co-curricular opportunities such as : Band, Color Guard, Concert Choir, and Chamber Choir as well as courses such as Striking a New Chord, Music Theory I, and Advanced Placement Music Theory. To learn more about these opportunities, please speak with your school counselor.

Clubs

Our students have the opportunity to pick from over three dozen [clubs](#) to join. We offer World Language Clubs in Chinese, French, Spanish, and even include American Sign Language! On the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) side, we offer Chess, Engineering, Environmental, Marine Biology, Math Team, Sports Medicine, and Strategic Gaming clubs. For our Humanities, we offer Debate Team, Drama, Euro Challenges, Fed Challenge, Moot Court/Mock Trial, and Stock Market clubs. There are even more opportunities with Avant-Garde Literary Magazine, DECA, Heroes and Cool Kids, and Peer Leadership.