



VARINA HIGH SCHOOL

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SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PROFILE

The Varina High School zone is located in eastern Henrico County. Varina High School has a population of about 1,550 students in grades 9-12. The faculty consists of approximately 120 teachers, six school counselors, and five administrators. Varina houses the Center for Communications, which is one of the county's 10 specialty centers. In addition, students at Varina also have opportunities available at HCPS' two Advanced Career Education Centers.

ACADEMIC CHARACTERISTICS

The school year is divided into two semesters. A semester is 18 weeks with two nine-week reporting periods. Seven classes meet every Monday for 45 minutes and for 90 minutes on alternating days. In addition to the seven classes, there is a shorter study/activity period. The curriculum offers a variety of college-prep, Advanced Placement and honors courses as well as a variety of electives in business, marketing, family and consumer sciences, technology education, fine arts and the general academic areas.

AP Curriculum

English Language Human Geography	English Literature U.S. History	Statistics U.S. Government	Calculus AB Psychology	Biology Environmental Science	Physics I
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Honors Curriculum

English 9, 10, 11, 12	World History & Geography I, II	VA & U.S. History	Geometry	Algebra II
Math Analysis/Trigonometry	Biology	Chemistry	Teachers for Tomorrow	Spanish IV
Engineering Explorations	Chorus	Band	Marching Band	Photojournalism
Specialty Center Courses				

Specialty Center: Center for Communications

The Center for Communications offers a comprehensive and rigorous college-preparatory program of studies with specialized learning in writing and communication skills. Courses provide opportunity for students to become critical thinkers and problem solvers in academic study while enhancing skills in the fields of television, multimedia, photography, computer information systems, graphic design, mass media, advertising, journalism and public relations.

GPA and CLASS RANKING

Class rank and grade point average are determined by the levels of courses taken and the grades earned in those courses. Grades earned in courses completed in middle school that were awarded a high school credit will not be computed as part of the high school cumulative GPA. High school courses completed during the summer before entering ninth grade will be included in the GPA. Students are ranked numerically in ascending order, according to GPA, at the end of the junior year and at the end of first semester of the senior year. Students who are earning either a Standard or an Advanced Studies diploma are included in class rank. Beginning with the class of 2017, total grade points include an additional 0.5 quality point for any honors and a 1.0 quality point for any AP/dual-enrollment class taken.

Grading Scale (effective Sept. 2, 2014)

Letter Grade	Percent Grade	4.0 Scale
A+	97-100	4.0
A	93-96	4.0
A-	90-92	3.7
B+	87-89	3.3
B	83-86	3.0
B-	80-82	2.7
C+	77-79	2.3
C	73-76	2.0
C-	70-72	1.7
D+	67-69	1.3
D	65-66	1.0
F	Below 65	0.0

$$\text{Cumulative GPA} = \frac{\text{Total Grade Points}}{\text{Total Credits Attempted}}$$

Grade Distribution 2016* (351 students ranked)

Upper Quintile	4.86-3.416
Second Quintile	3.415-2.928
Third Quintile	2.927-2.433
Fourth Quintile	2.431-2.05
Fifth Quintile	2.04-1.02

*Students in the class of 2016 and earlier earned 0.17 weighted credit added to their final GPA for each honors/AP/dual-enrollment credit. This grade distribution does not reflect the changes beginning with the class of 2017 (0.5 quality point for any honors and a 1.0 quality point for any AP/dual-enrollment courses).

TESTING RESULTS

ACT 2016 (66 students participated)

	Varina	Virginia	National
English	14.8	22.9	20.1
Math	16.5	22.9	20.6
Reading	17.7	24.0	21.3
Science	17.6	23.1	20.8
Composite	16.8	23.3	20.8

SAT 2016 (93 students participated)

	Varina	Virginia	National
ERW	474	572	551
Math	431	554	549
Total Score	906	1126	1100

Advanced Placement Exam

154 students participated in 304 exams - 19.4% scored a 3 or higher

5	=	2
4	=	12
3	=	45

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

STANDARD DIPLOMA

	CREDIT	VERIFIED
English	4	2
Math	3	1
Lab Science	3	1
Social Studies	3	1
Health & P.E.	2	
Fine Arts, CTE, or World Language	2	
Econ & Personal Finance	1	
Electives	4	
Choice		1
Total	22	6

ADVANCED STUDIES DIPLOMA

	CREDIT	VERIFIED
English	4	2
Math	4	2
Lab Science	4	2
Social Studies	4	2
Health & P.E.	2	
Fine Arts or CTE	1	
Econ & Personal Finance	1	
World Languages	3	
Electives	3	
Choice		1
Total	26	9

APPLIED STUDIES DIPLOMA

This diploma is available to students with disabilities who complete the requirements of their Individualized Education Program (IEP) and who do not meet the requirements for other diplomas.

CLASS OF 2016 GRADUATE INTENTIONS

4-Yr College=35.8 percent
 2-Yr College=37.0 percent
 Work/Military/Other= 22.9 percent
 *Results from VHS Class of 2016 Senior Survey