



VARINA HIGH SCHOOL

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SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PROFILE

Varina High School is one of nine high schools in Henrico County with opportunities available at two Advanced Career Education Centers. The Varina High School zone covers the eastern corridor of the county and also houses one of the county's ten specialty centers. Varina High School has a population of approximately 1500 students in grades 9-12. The faculty consists of approximately 120 teachers, 6 school counselors and 6 administrators. Varina houses the Center for Communications consisting of approximately 100 students and 5 faculty members.

ACADEMIC CHARACTERISTICS

The school year is divided into two semesters. A semester is 18 weeks with two nine-week reporting periods. 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

Biology	Calculus AB	Computer Science Principles	English Language	English Literature	Environmental Science
Human Geography	Physics	Psychology	Statistics	U.S. Government	U.S. History

Honors Curriculum

Algebra I	Band	Biology	Chemistry	Chorus
Digital Media and Art	English 9 & 10	French IV	Geometry	Geospatial Technology
Intro to Human Studies	Marching Band	Math Analysis/Trigonometry	Photojournalism	Spanish IV
Specialty Center Courses	Teachers for Tomorrow			

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 2020 (341 students ranked)

Upper Quintile	4.404 - 3.435
Second Quintile	3.424 - 2.976
Third Quintile	2.976 - 2.589
Fourth Quintile	2.578 - 2.129
Fifth Quintile	2.120 - 1.157

TESTING RESULTS

ACT 2020 (59 students participated)

	Varina	Virginia	National
English	14.7	23.8	20.1
Math	16.2	23.3	20.4
Reading	17.1	24.8	21.2
Science	17.5	23.6	20.6
Composite	16.5	24.0	20.7

SAT 2020 (165 students participated)

	Varina	Virginia	National
ERW	476	567	528
Math	444	549	523
Total Score	920	1119	1051

Advanced Placement Exam

75 students participated in 118 exams - 23% scored a 3 or higher

5	=	0
4	=	4
3	=	21

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

*see planning guide for additional requirements

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 2020 GRADUATE INTENTIONS

4-Yr College=30.4 percent
 2-Yr College=18.7 percent
 Work/Military/Other= 50.8 percent
 *Results from VHS Class of 2020 Senior Survey

The following are state waiver and relief measures as a result of COVID-19 currently in effect as of September 9, 2020 that may impact the graduating class of 2021.

- A waiver of the requirement that a pupil be withdrawn from the roll after 15 consecutive absences, as found at [8VAC20-110-130](#), if such student is known to be absent **due to illness or quarantine due to COVID-19**.
- Students graduating in 2020-2021 shall be relieved of the requirement to complete training in emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the use of automated external defibrillator, including hands-on practice of the skills necessary to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation. (§ [22.1-253.13:4.D.7](#))
- A waiver of the career and technical education credential requirement for any student who is graduating in 2020-2021 and seeking a Standard Diploma under the graduation requirements in [8VAC20-131-50](#).
- A waiver of the first additional requirement for graduation (Advanced Placement, Honors, or International Baccalaureate Course or Career and Technical Education Credential) for any student who is graduating in 2020-2021 but under the graduation requirements in 8VAC20-131-51; or is a career and technical education program completer as of summer 2020 term and intended to use a career and technical education credentialing test to meet the additional requirement for graduation.
- A waiver of the student selected test for any student who is graduating in 2020-2021 and seeking either a Standard or Advanced Diploma under the graduation requirements in 8VAC20-131-50; or is a career and technical education program completer as of the summer 2020 term and intended to use a career and technical education credentialing test to meet their student selected test requirement.
- A waiver of the requirement in [8VAC20-131-30](#) that students in middle and secondary schools must take all applicable end-of-course SOL tests following course instruction unless they have already earned a verified credit in that subject area. Middle and high school students must still take all end-of-course SOL tests required for federal accountability. Middle and high school students may take any end-of-course SOL test needed for verified credit for graduation. This waiver only applies to the 2020-2021 school year.
- The Superintendent of Public Instruction will waive accreditation for each public school for the 2021-2022 school year based on data from 2020-2021. The accreditation label assigned to each public school for 2021-2022 will be "accreditation waived."
- A waiver of the requirement to attempt the associated SOL end-of-course test twice and score within the 375-399 scaled score range in order to earn the locally awarded verified for the following students:
 - Students graduating in 2020-2021 or beyond who were enrolled in a high-school credit bearing course that was eligible for a verified credit in the spring or summer of 2020.
 - Students graduating in 2020-2021 or beyond who earned a standard credit prior to the spring 2020 semester seeking **ONE** verified credit and who meet the following conditions:
 - previously failed the corresponding SOL end-of-course test needed for verified credit with any scaled score;
 - were scheduled to take the SOL end-of-course test in the spring 2020 test administration; and
 - in spring or summer 2020 were provided with targeted and sustained remediation or enrolled in a course intended to prepare them for taking the previously failed SOL end-of-course test.
- A waiver on the cap of locally-awarded verified credits that can be earned by the following students:
 - Students graduating in 2020-2021 or beyond who were enrolled in a high-school credit bearing course that was eligible for a verified credit in the spring or summer of 2020.
 - Students graduating in 2020-2021 or beyond who earned a standard credit prior to the spring 2020 semester seeking **ONE** verified credit and who meet the following conditions:
 - previously failed the corresponding SOL end-of-course test needed for verified credit with any scaled score;
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