

# Mount Vernon Academy



## Parent and Student Handbook 2024-2025



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## **Mission and Belief Statements**

The uniqueness of the individual is the primary focus of the learning environment. Students are offered a stimulating and comprehensive educational experience, designed to prepare them to be responsible and productive citizens.

- All students have the ability to learn and succeed.
- Education must have a personal focus.
- Students learn in different ways and are provided with an environment to meet their unique needs.
- Acceptance by peers and instructors is unconditional and based on mutual respect.
- Classroom size is small enough to allow time for individual expressions of thought and feeling.
- The development of character is as important as the development intellect.

## Financial Information

- Tuition and fees can be paid on our school website under the “Parents” tab.
- Tuition is due the first school day of each month. If tuition is not paid by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month, a \$90 late fee will be added.
- The tuition schedule is figured on a yearly basis and divided into equal payments for your convenience. Tuition may be paid by the year if desired.
- Registration, school fees, and tuition are agreed upon at the time of enrollment and are non-refundable.

## Daily Schedule

Mount Vernon Academy operates on an alternating A/B Day schedule. Each student is enrolled in eight classes, attending four each day. Each class period is **1 hour and 20 minutes** long, with five minutes provided for students to change classes.

<b>A Day</b>		<b>B Day</b>	
Period 1	8:30-9:50	Period 1	8:30-9:50
Period 2	9:55-11:15	Period 2	9:55-11:15
Lunch	11:15-11:55	Lunch	11:15-11:55
Period 3	11:55-1:15	Period 3	11:55-1:15
Period 4	1:20-2:40	Period 4	1:20-2:40

## Lunch

Lunch is 40 minutes. High school students are allowed to leave campus for lunch in groups of two or more. Junior high and elementary students must remain on campus for lunch. The office must receive verbal or written permission from parents in order for high school students to leave campus in the vehicle of another student. Food and drink are not allowed in the classroom.

## Academic Calendar for 2024-2025 School Year

August 26th	Monday	School Begins 8:30 AM for all grades
September 2nd	Monday	Labor Day Holiday (No School)
October 3rd	Thursday	Parent Teacher Conference (grades 6-12) 3:30-6:00 PM
October 17 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>	Thu-Fri	Fall Break (No School)
November 27 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup>	Wed-Fri	Thanksgiving Break (No School)
December 23rd -Jan 3rd		Christmas Break (No School)
(Return Monday, January 6th)		
January 10th	Friday	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester
January 20th	Monday	Martin Luther King Holiday (No School)
February 17th	Monday	Presidents Day Holiday (No School)
March 6th	Thursday	Parent Teacher Conference (grades 6-12) 3:00-6:00 PM
March 31st – April 4th	Mon-Fri	Spring Break (No School)
May 22nd	Thursday	Final Day of School (End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester) Senior Graduation 6:00 PM Auditorium

## Gradelink

Students and parents can access grade, schedule, and attendance information on the Gradelink platform, which can be accessed using the “My Login” tab on the school website. The school code for Mount Vernon Academy is 2909. The office can provide assistance if there is trouble logging in.

## Grade Scale

A	92-100
A-	90-92
B+	87-89
B	83-86
B-	80-82
C+	77-79
C	73-76
C-	70-72
D+	67-69
D	64-66
D-	60-63
F	0-59

## Graduation Requirements

<b>Category</b>	<b>Required Credits</b>
Language Arts	4.00
Foreign Language	2.00
Mathematics	3.00
Physical Education	1.50
Science	3.00
Social Studies	3.00
Health	0.50
Computer Tech	0.50
Vocational & Career	1.00
Fine Arts	1.50
Financial Literacy	0.50

## Honor Roll

Students with a semester grade point average of 3.5-4.0 receive Honor Roll designation at the end of each semester. Students with a grade point average of 4.0 receive High Honor Roll designation.

## Student Honor Code

The purpose of the Honor Code is to enhance the educational experience of every student that attends Mount Vernon Academy. Violation of the following rules may result in expulsion from school.

### 1. Dress Code

Approved school dress code must be worn properly at all times. Students should be clean and well-groomed. Visible tattoos are prohibited. Failure to follow the dress code will result in the issue of a violation form.

#### Dos:

- Docker's style pants and shorts in tan, gray, or navy
- collared shirts (polo or button-down) in red, white, or blue
- sweaters and crew-necks
- official Mount Vernon hoodies
- close-toed shoes

#### Don'ts:

- jeans or sweats
- tee shirts or hoodies besides official MVA hoodies
- hats or beanies

### 2. Attendance

Consistent attendance is expected. Utah State law requires all students age 6 to 18 years old be enrolled and attend school regularly.

### 3. Cell phones, laptops, and other devices

Students are not allowed to have cell phones in the classroom. Students may bring their own laptops or use school-provided laptops, however laptops should only be used when indicated by the teachers. Damaging or tampering with school property (including bypassing firewalls and wifi-filters) will result in school discipline.

### 4. Alcohol, Drugs, Tobacco, and Vaping

Utah law and Mount Vernon Academy prohibit the use, possession, distribution, sale, or being under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances, or intoxicants by students.

### 5. School Safety

Weapons of any kind, fighting, or any activity that places other students in danger is prohibited. Students cannot drive away from campus during lunch without parental permission given to the office.

### 6. General Behavior



- There will be no disrespect towards fellow students, teachers, staff, or visitors at our school. Any form of bullying or harassment will result in school discipline.
- There will be no profane language.
- Food and drinks are not allowed in the classroom besides water bottles.
- Plagiarism and cheating are not tolerated at Mount Vernon Academy. Students are expected to uphold academic integrity in all assignments.
- Students will respect school and teacher property. Students are not to use computers that are not checked out to them, whiteboards, or other school property without permission.
- Public display of affection between students is not permitted (kissing, holding hands, etc.)

## Extracurriculars

Mount Vernon Academy provides a variety of enriching extracurricular activities and is a member of the Utah High School Activities Association. All student athletes are required to register on [registermyathlete.com](http://registermyathlete.com) and receive an annual physical before participating in any athletic activity.

Activities offered by Mount Vernon Academy are subject to change.

Recently offered activities include:

- Fall
  - o Women's Volleyball
  - o Men's and Women's Cross Country
- Winter
  - o Men's Basketball
  - o Women's Basketball
  - o Cheerleading
- Spring
  - o Men's and Women's Track and Field
  - o Men's Soccer and Women's Soccer
  - o Men's Volleyball