

VINCENT MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL 2023 - 2024



**42505 Highway 25
Vincent, Alabama 35178**

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FACEBOOK

Vincent Middle High School

WEBSITE

<http://www.shelbyed.k12.al.us/schools/vmhs>

COLORS

Black & Gold

MASCOT

Jackets

ALMA MATER

Down where southern skies are brightest,
Stands ole VHS
With her banners proudly waving
In her black and gold
Sing her praises ever loyal
Full of cheer and joy
Hail to thee, our Alma Mater
Dear ole
Vincent High

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MAIN OFFICE

Mrs. Lauren Yancey	Principal
Mrs. DeWanda Nelson	Assistant Principal
Mr. Landon Manning	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Samecca McCrimon	Office Manager-Bookkeeper
Mrs. Sarah Walker	Registrar
Ms. Tina Jiles	Secretary

GUIDANCE OFFICE

Mr. Jordan Robbins	Counselor, 9 th -12 th Grade
Ms. Allison Little	Counselor, 6 th -8 th Grade

NURSE - HEALTH ROOM

Mrs. Kristi Childers

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Lewis Brooks
P.O. Box 1910
Columbiana, AL 35051

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STUDENT FEES

AP CLASSES	COST
AP Biology <i>(plus cost of AP exam)</i>	\$25.00
AP Calculus – AB <i>(plus cost of AP exam)</i>	\$20.00
AP Chemistry <i>(plus cost of AP exam)</i>	\$25.00
AP English, Language and Literature <i>(plus cost of AP exam)</i>	\$20.00
AP Music Theory <i>(plus cost of AP exam)</i>	\$20.00
AP Psychology <i>(plus cost of AP exam)</i>	\$20.00
AP Spanish <i>(plus cost of AP exam)</i>	\$20.00
AP Studio Art: 2-Dimensional Design, 3-Dimensional Design & Drawing <i>(plus cost of AP exam)</i>	\$40.00
AP U.S. Government and Politics <i>(plus cost of AP exam)</i>	\$20.00
AP U.S. History <i>(plus cost of AP exam in Grade 11)</i>	\$20.00
FINE ARTS <i>(Additional fees may be collected as needed to cover costs of competition.)</i>	COST
Arts, Visual I	\$30.00
Arts, Visual II, III, IV	\$35.00
Band (Concert, Jazz, Percussion, Symphonic, Wind, Visual Ensemble)	<i>Band Fees Determined Locally</i>
Concert Choir	\$25.00
Theater I, II, III, IV	\$20.00
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	COST
American Sign Language I, II, III, IV	\$15.00
Spanish I, II, III, IV	\$15.00
PHYSICAL EDUCATION & OTHER ELECTIVES	COST
Driver Education	\$40.00
Physical Education (LIFE) – Suggested Donation	\$5.00
Physical Education (All Other P.E. Electives)	\$10.00
SCIENCE	COST
Anatomy and Physiology	\$20.00
Biology (Suggested Donation)	\$15.00
Biology, Honors	\$20.00
Chemistry	\$20.00
Chemistry, Honors	\$20.00
Environmental Science	\$15.00
Physical Science (Suggested Donation)	\$10.00

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CAREER TECH FEES

AGRISCIENCE	COST
Agriscience-Foundations (<i>year</i>)	\$40.00
Agriscience-Foundations (<i>semester</i>)	\$20.00
ARCHITECTURE & CONSTRUCTION	COST
Construction Finishing and Interior Systems	\$40.00
Construction Framing	\$40.00
Construction Site Prep and Foundations	\$40.00
Introduction to Metal Fabrication (<i>year</i>)	\$40.00
Senior Career Pathway Project - Architecture and Construction	\$40.00
USINESS/MARKETING	COST
Business Technology Applications (<i>BTA</i>)	\$30.00
Multimedia Design	\$30.00
Multimedia Publications	\$30.00

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CLUBS

All clubs will meet during club time or at a time approved by the principal. The club sponsor must be present at all meetings. For further details and requirements, please see the school's website.

- Art Club
- Battle of the Books - MS/HS
- Beta Club - HS
- Drama Club - MS/HS
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes - MS/HS
- First Priority - MS/HS
- Future Business Leaders of America - HS
- Future Farmers of America - HS
- Future Teachers of America - HS
- HOPE - MS/HS
- Junior Beta Club - MS
- Math Team - MS/HS
- Peer Helpers - HS
- Scholar's Bowl - MS/HS
- Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica - HS
- Student Government Association - MS/HS

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STUDENT POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

The administration retains the right to alter any policy or regulation when deemed to promote the welfare of any student or students, or to promote the public trust of Vincent Middle High School.



AFTER-SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Students staying after school must be supervised by a sponsor or teacher. Students will not be allowed to remain on campus without direct supervision of a school employee.

AP CLASSES

The counselor will give more information on the cost of the AP test by the second semester.

ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS

Students are to be dismissed to assembly programs by announcement and will sit with their TEACHER and their CLASS during assembly programs. Rude or improper behavior may result in removal from the assembly and from all other programs for at least one semester. Once students are dismissed from the assembly, they should leave in an orderly manner and report to their designated classroom.

ATTENDANCE

Each and every time a student is absent from class the chances of success are reduced and the student's education is compromised. It is the responsibility of a parent, guardian, or other person having charge of any child enrolled in an Alabama school (K-12) to explain in writing the cause of any and every

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absence (full day and half day) Furthermore, excessive absences could result in loss of credit for an entire semester's work, possible Saturday School detention, and/or referral to Early Warning Court. If a student must be absent, a note from a doctor's office or a parent must be filed with the school office within three (3) days following the student's return to school. Therefore, **a student who accumulates more than 12 absences (6 per semester for grades 9-12) during a school year is subject to loss of credit and/or retention. Absences beyond 6 per semester must be documented with a doctor's or court excuse or permission of the principal. Completing and submitting the form to administration does not guarantee automatic approval.** Any student with 5 (five) or more unexcused absences during the school year may be referred to Early Warning Court. Absences put both the student and parents in danger of being considered in violation of the compulsory attendance laws of the state of Alabama. Absences beyond 10 (excluding 2x and 3x absences) must be documented with a doctor's excuse, court excuse or permission of the principal. **NOTE: Please see the Student Code of Conduct and Attendance for definitions of excused and unexcused absences, and for other important information.**

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR **(AED)**

An AED is placed in the school for the protection of our faculty and students. Any tampering with the defibrillator or storage boxes will be handled in the same way as setting off the fire alarm. The result can be suspension.

CELL PHONES/MP3 PLAYERS/VIDEO GAMES

Electronic devices and cellular telephones are to be stored in school lockers and/or student vehicles during the school day. **Use of these devices are ONLY allowed if the teacher uses the device for classroom instruction per the BYOD, Bring Your Own Device, SCBOE policy. If a student uses these devices at school, the phone or device will be taken and will only be returned when a parent can come to the school to pick up the device.** The school is not responsible if a student's device is lost or stolen.

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CHECK IN/OUT POLICY

The Shelby County check-out procedure states that students may only be checked out of school by their parent, guardian, or an individual designated by the parent on a check-out authorization form. **Only the people listed on the check-out authorization form will be placed in the computer for check out authorization. Parents should be aware that signing the check in slip only acknowledges that student was late. To be excused, the student or parent must bring an acceptable note (see Code of Conduct for acceptable reasons for absences).** Students may not be checked out of school by a fax or a phone call; one of the adults on the student's check out list must sign out the student in person. Identification will be requested.

COLLEGE VISITS

VMHS recognizes the value of college visits. Therefore, juniors will be given one college visit per year, and seniors will be allowed two. In order to have the absence excused (4X), students should request the absence in advance and must return proof from the college that they attended.

DELIVERIES

Office staff cannot efficiently perform their duties when they are asked by a parent or others to deliver messages to students. Only in the case of extreme emergencies will messages be delivered to a student. No deliveries of flowers, balloons, etc. will be made to students.

DRESS CODE POLICY

The student dress code is outlined in the Shelby County Code of Conduct and Attendance. Skirts, shorts and dresses must be mid-thigh or longer in front and back. No slits or leg openings may be above mid-thigh. Leggings, or other similar garments (i.e. jeggings), should be worn with the appropriate outer garment (i.e. shorts, dress, or skirt) **and must be of proper length.** Clothing that is too tight or loose to fit appropriately is unacceptable at school. Tank tops (regardless of the width of the strap) are not allowed for any student. Shirts should cover the entire chest and back area. Administrators will have the final judgment on the appropriateness of a student's dress.

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E-CIGARETTES, JUULS, TOBACCO

Electronic cigarettes or Juuls are not allowed on school property. See Code of Conduct for more information

EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

In any emergency situation, students are to follow the instructions of the principal and their teachers.

EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

It is the policy of Vincent Middle High School that no person shall be denied the benefits of any education program or activity on the basis of race, color, handicap, creed, national origin, age, or gender.

FIGHTING

Fighting is a class III violation of the code of conduct. A police report will be filed for any fight; furthermore, students may be subject to loss of privileges such as driving to school and serving as a teacher's aide. **Students suspended from school may not return to school without a parent meeting with an administrator.**

FIRE DRILLS

THE SIGNAL FOR A FIRE DRILL IS THE ACTIVATION OF THE FIRE ALARM. Fire drills will be held in accordance with the state guidelines. Instructions on how and where to leave the building are posted in each classroom.

FOOD ON CAMPUS

Students cannot have meals delivered to campus or eat food brought to school in carryout containers or packaging from outside vendors.

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GRADING PROCEDURES

Grades will be based on the Shelby County Schools approved grading scale.

Categories/Weight

- A 90 - 100%
- B 80 - 89%
- C 70 - 79%
- D 60 - 69%
- F Below 60%

Assignment Categories

- Gold-60%
- Silver-30%
- Bronze-10%

HALL REGULATIONS

No student shall leave any classroom without a signed agenda book or hall pass. Students should remind teachers who send them on errands that they need to sign their agenda book. Any student in the hall without a signed agenda book will be subject to disciplinary action.

IN-SCHOOL DETENTION

In the event a student checks-out on a day he or she has been assigned ISD, he or she will be required to complete another full day of ISD. A student must complete a "successful" day of ISD in order to return back to class.

INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

The use of computers at Vincent Middle High School is a privilege afforded to our students to enrich their education and prepare them for the technology they will use both in college and the workforce after graduation. Students who abuse this privilege in any way will be barred from using the computers in the future and subject to discipline appropriate for the offense. Disciplinary measures can include detention hall, ISD, out of school suspension, expulsion, and/or legal charges if the offense is in violation of state and federal law. Students are to use the computers only for educational purposes related to their classes. The list of things that students may not use computers for includes, but is not limited to, games, chat rooms, downloading any type of music, movies, videos, etc. Students are not to use the internet to access any

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type of pornographic sites, sites containing profanity, or other sites inappropriate for the educational setting. At no time will a student be allowed to use a faculty member's computer for any reason. Students are required to read, sign, and follow the Shelby County Schools Internet Use Policy.

LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS

Students are not to leave school grounds without permission from an administrator or through proper check-out procedures. **Once a student arrives on campus, by bus, car, or walking, they are considered at school and may not leave.** Students who are "absent" or who check out cannot come on the campus unless they check in at the office. Violation of these regulations will lead to disciplinary action. Additionally, students are not permitted to visit any other Shelby County School campus without following proper check in procedures.

LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER (LMC)

All library media materials are the property of Vincent Middle High School. Books and audio materials are checked out for two weeks.

Students with overdue materials or outstanding fines are not allowed to check out additional materials until all obligations have been cleared.

Penalties for overdue, lost, and/or damaged books are:

- Overdue fines are 10¢ charge per day after the book's due date.
- Lost book: Students must pay replacement cost of the book plus a non-refundable \$5.00 processing fee
- Damaged books: Students must pay according to the amount of damage determined by the media specialist.
- Students who lose or damage more than three books per semester may be subject to loss of library checkout privileges.
- Overdue materials not returned to the LMC by the end of the school year are considered to be lost and must be replaced at the expense of the person in whose name the materials are checked out. The replacement cost will be the current price of the book plus a non-refundable \$5 for processing.

Library Use Policies:

- **Independent students must have a student planner/agenda signed by a teacher or administrator (even during lunch)**

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- Food, Drinks, and Gum are NOT allowed
- Students must comply with the Shelby County Schools Technology Policies and Shelby County Student Code of Conduct
- Library hours are posted outside the LMC door. Any changes in the schedule will be posted outside of LMC
- Students must sign-in and out
- Magazines and newspapers may be read in the LMC

LOCKERS

Students should purchase a locker. Students are not to share lockers. All students will be responsible for keeping their lockers locked at all times. The school is not responsible for any lost or stolen items. A locker form must be signed by the student and their parent or guardian before a locker can be rented. **STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO CHANGE LOCKERS.**

MAKE-UP TEST POLICY

(1) Any test missed must be discussed with the teacher the day the student returns to school. (2) The student is responsible for asking the teacher about making the arrangements to take the test. Tests should be made up within a reasonable length of time, usually three days. (3) In the event that a test is given on the day the student returns to school, the student will be required to take the test unless the test was assigned during the student's absence, or other circumstances exist which prevent the students from having appropriate time to prepare for the test.

MEETINGS

All student meetings or practices must have a sponsor or authorized SCBOE person present. All student activities must be supervised on and off campus.

MEDICINE

ALL medications, whether prescription or non-prescription, chemicals, vitamins, pills, herbs, or other substances, must be turned in to the office by the student's parent/guardian in the original container. In addition, a School Medication Authorization form—available in the office—must be completed by the parent/guardian (by a licensed prescriber if medications are to be administered for more than two weeks) before any medication can be

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administered by the school. Parents who anticipate their child needing long-term medicine should review the SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION PROCEDURES.

NCAA INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY CENTER

Many colleges are regulated by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), an organization that has rules on eligibility, recruiting, and financial aid. If you are planning on enrolling in college as a freshman and you wish to participate in Division I or Division II athletics you must be certified by the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Center. Please see the Athletic Director and the High School Counselor for information.

OPENING OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING

Students who arrive before 7:40 A.M. must report to the cafeteria or other designated areas unless they have a **hall pass or signed agenda book** to make up a test or receive teacher tutoring. Doors to the school will open at 7:15 A.M. Students should not arrive at school prior to that time.

PARKING LOT REGULATIONS

Some general rules are listed below for those students who drive to school and use the student parking lot: (1) a parking form must be signed by each student and by his or her parent or guardian agreeing to rules, regulations and random drug testing; (2) students must purchase a parking decal after the required form is signed and completed (**passes will not be issued until all paperwork has been returned**); (3) **students must park in a designated parking space**; (4) once arriving on campus, students must park in the student parking lot and **immediately leave their car to enter the building**; (5) students may not return to their cars at any time during the day without an administrator escort; (6) the parking lot is off limits to all students during school hours, except for those students who have driving permits from the College and Career Center. Students are expected to drive safely. Violation of safety expectations and traffic rules could result in the temporary or permanent loss of driving privileges.

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PARTICIPATION IN AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

In order for a student to participate in any after-school activity, he or she must be present at least four periods of the school day. The only exceptions to this policy are for authorized absences which are approved by the office or students who participate in the Dual Enrollment Program.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

High School students must take one year of Beginning Kinesiology (PE), one year of JROTC, or two years of marching band. **Students are required to dress out in clothing appropriate to the gymnasium (PE uniform), and to participate in all activities.** Failure to dress out and participate will result in loss of credit. Students present at school will be considered physically able to participate. **Non-participation for medical reasons shall require a doctor's note. This note will be sent to the front office, not to the PE teacher.**

SCHEDULE CHANGE POLICY

Staffing and scheduling is based on classes that students select during the spring semester. Each change in a student schedule that is approved by the administration or counseling department will involve a fee of \$15 per incident. No changes will be made to schedules for either the first or second semester unless it is for **academic purposes**. Students must learn to complete tasks they undertake and should not drop a course just because it is difficult. **Schedule changes cannot be made after the first three days of each semester.**

SCHOOL BUS REGULATIONS

There are some general rules of behavior for students who ride buses to school, go on field trips, and to the College and Career Center: (1) no bus driver shall be required to wait for a child after the scheduled departure time; (2) no bus driver shall allow any student to load or unload except on the school grounds and at their designated bus stop unless approved from an administrator; (3) **students are considered under the school rules from the time they leave for school, and must observe all rules and**

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instructions of the bus driver; (4) students must conduct themselves in an orderly fashion. Talking should be kept low and should cease when the school bus nears a railroad crossing; (5) no student will be permitted to ride a bus, except children assigned to that bus; (6) students are expected to keep the bus clean and should never write on or deface the school bus in any way; (7) students should never use the rear door of the bus to load or unload except in an emergency; (8) drivers have the right to assign seats and make other reasonable and necessary rules to ensure safety; and (9) students whose poor conduct results in a report to the principal will be subject to disciplinary action. (10) Students should not attempt to get off the bus at any stop other than their home stop. Violations may result in temporary or permanent removal from the bus.

SCHOOL INSURANCE

School insurance is available to all students. This insurance is limited in coverage, and the school assumes no responsibility in insurance matters. These forms can be picked up from the office, and should be mailed directly to the insurance company.

SEMESTER EXAMS

Good student attendance is integral to academic achievement. When a student is not in attendance, he or she misses valuable instructional time and opportunities to apply relevant learning in classroom activities. As such, we have established semester exam exemption guidelines designed to encourage attendance and foster academic achievement.

High school students shall be eligible for semester exam exemption provided they meet the criteria outlined below:

Course Average	Maximum Number of Excused Absences (Per Class Period)
90	5
80	3

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Because we believe students need experience taking a summative exam, we will employ a graduated exemption policy for the students meeting the requirements outlined above:

- 9th Grade: Students may exempt one exam in the second semester.
- 10th Grade: Students may exempt two exams in the second semester.
- 11th Grade: Students may exempt three exams in the second semester.
- 12th Grade: Students may exempt all exams in the second semester.

Tardies:

- Five (5) or more tardies to school will result in the loss of exemption.

Important Notes:

- Unexcused absences will automatically result in a student losing the opportunity to exempt a second semester exam.
- Students taking an AP course may also earn the opportunity to exempt a second semester exam in a course for which they have opted out of the AP exam.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Sexual harassment is considered a serious offense at Vincent Middle High School. Any student who feels he or she may be a victim of sexual harassment should notify an administrator or counselor immediately so appropriate action may be taken.

STUDENT ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE

Alcohol and controlled substances are strictly forbidden by Board of Education policy -- JCDAB/JCDAC. Being under the influence of, consuming, soliciting, or possessing alcohol or a controlled substance on school property or at a school event shall subject the student to disciplinary action and/or prosecution.

TELEPHONE

The telephone in the office is a **business phone**. In case of illness or emergency, **office personnel will make necessary calls for students**. Students will not be called to answer phone calls. **No long distance calls allowed.**

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TEXTBOOK POLICY

Textbooks will be checked out to students, but remain the property of the Shelby County School System. Students are expected to bring their books to school/class each day and to keep all textbooks in good condition. Some classes will have a classroom set of textbooks only. The students in those classes have the option of checking out textbooks on a daily basis with the teacher.

TARDINESS

We stress being on time for several reasons: (1) being prompt is an important lesson to be learned that will be valuable throughout life; (2) when students are late to class they may miss important opportunities for learning; and (3) the student entering the classroom late draws the attention, breaks the train of thought, and compromises the learning of everyone inside. A pattern of tardiness is disrespectful of other students.

The following is the tardy policy based on a calendar month:

Student drivers who arrive late to school may lose parking privileges.

1-3	Tardies	Warning
4-6	Tardies	In-School Detention - 1 day
7+	Tardies	In-School Detention - 2 days Early Warning Court Pre-referral

A student who appears on the tardy list consecutive times will receive the following consequences:

4-9	Tardies	In-School Detention - 2 days
10+	Tardies	Suspension and possible referral to Truancy Court

TRANSCRIPTS

Current Students - Transcripts will be charged at a rate of \$3.00 a transcript for current students. After graduation, one transcript per graduating senior will be provided to the college of the student's choice at no charge. Former

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Students - Transcripts will be charged a rate of \$7.00 a transcript for former students.

A link for requesting transcripts is located on the VMHS website. Paper transcripts request forms are available in the main office.

VALEDICTORIAN/SALUTATORIAN

The Valedictorian/Salutatorian policy is posted on the Shelby County Schools website. Questions can be answered by contacting the school.

VISITORS

For the safety of all students, faculty, and staff, any visitor to the school must report to the office. Parents/Guardians are welcome to eat lunch with their students with office approval. Student visitors are not permitted on the campus or in the buildings. Visitors may visit teachers only during the teacher's preparation time. Visitors will not be allowed to enter a class during instructional time.

WEATHER DRILLS

The signal for a tornado drill is an announcement over the PA System. Tornado drills are held throughout the school year. Instructions on where to go during a tornado drill are posted in each classroom.