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THE BASICS

- **CEEB Code: 343251**
- “Vernon Malone CCA,” “Vernon Malone,” “VMCCA”
- Mascot: Silver Hawk
- Application-based Enrollment
- Community College Partner: Wake Tech Community College
- Program Types: Certificate, industry certifications, professional licensure, and/or hours towards licensure
- Grades Served: 9-12, Optional “Grade 13”
- Sports: through Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School
- Accreditations: Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI), NC Cooperative Innovative High School (CIHS), Certified National Magnet School

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Enrollment: 365
Senior Class Size: 96
Grade 13 Enrollment: 12
Gender: Male (48%), Female (52%)
Race/Ethnicity:

- Black/African American = 41%
- Hispanic = 27%
- White = 23%
- Two or more = 4%
- Asian = 4%
- Other = 1%

BACKGROUND

Vernon Malone College and Career Academy opened its doors in August 2014. The school is located steps away from downtown Raleigh, NC. The building was repurposed from a Coca-Cola Bottling Plant. VMCCA is one of five early college high schools in the Wake County Public School System. Students submit an application for admission to these schools in order to enroll. Accepted students are offered a seat in one of our seven program areas. Our school partners with Wake Tech Community College to offer dual-enrollment opportunities for students during 11th and 12th grade.

Students may elect to continue for a 5th year of high school, or “Grade 13.”

ACADEMIC CALENDAR/SCHEDULING

At Vernon Malone, courses are taught within a traditional 4x4 block schedule, with semesters resembling a collegiate academic calendar (fall/spring). High school curriculum is

taught at the Honors level, whenever possible. Additionally, students may have the option to take Advanced Placement

courses. Students have limited flexibility in their course scheduling due to our small school size, as well as the inclusion of their Dual Enrollment classes within the high school day.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

In addition to taking classes towards high school graduation, students enroll in community college coursework during the 11th and 12th grades. These courses are taught by Wake Tech Community College instructors on the VMCCA campus. Earned credits may be used towards certificates, diplomas, and/or Associate degree programs at Wake Tech Community College.

ADDITIONAL DUAL ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Students who meet academic requirements may choose to enroll in additional college-level transferable coursework, such as: ENG111, PSY150, COM120 and HUM 110. These courses are offered once per academic year in addition to the regular academic school day. Some students may choose to take these or other courses over the summer.

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

Biopharmaceutical Technology, Nurse Aide
Cosmetology, Simulation & Game Development,
Facilities Maintenance Technology, and Welding Technology.

- **Cosmetology:** clients may enter the salon for services from students on the Advanced floor (CCP COS112, CCP COS 114).
- **Nurse Aide:** clinical rotations (CCP NAS101, CCP NAS 102).

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to complete a minimum of 22 credit hours, including the following coursework:

- 4 credits of English
- 4 credits of Mathematics
- 4 credits of Social Studies
- 3 credits of Science (1 lab)
- 1 credit of Physical Education
- 2 credits of Electives - *Foreign Language Recommended*

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

English I Honors	
English II Honors	Spanish II
English III Honors	Spanish Heritage II Honors
AP Language and Composition	Spanish III Honors
English IV Honors	Healthful Living I
AP Literature and Composition	Teams Sports
NC Math I	Weight Training & Conditioning
NC Math II Honors	Business Essentials
NC Math III Honors	Entrepreneurship I Honors
NC Math IV Honors	Entrepreneurship II Honors
Discrete Math for Comp Sci	AP Computer Science Principles
AP Pre-Calculus	Microsoft Word & PPT Honors
AP Calculus AB	Microsoft Excel Honors
Earth/Envi. Science Honors	Python Programming I
Biology Honors	Python Programming II
Chemistry Honors	AP Computer Science Prin.
Physical Science	Collision Repair Fundamentals
AP Biology	Collision Repair I
AP Environmental Science	Collision Repair 2
World History Honors	Drafting I
American History Honors	Drafting II - ARCH Honors
Civics Literacy Honors	Drafting III - ARCH Honors
Economics and Personal	Magnet Art & Design I Honors
Finance Honors	Magnet Art & Design II Honors
AP U.S. History	Magnet Art & Design III Honors
Spanish I	Magnet Art & Design IV Honors
Spanish I Heritage	CTE Internship

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Students may request to enroll in any AP course for which they have met prerequisites. Scheduling limitations may restrict enrollment in some cases. AP course offerings vary each year depending on student interest and availability.

INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCES

Vernon Malone College and Career Academy recognizes the benefits of connecting students with their community. Students may have the opportunity to complete an internship experience in coordination with a local business/ organization or their college program areas.

PROGRAM AREA FIELD EXPERIENCES

VMCCA'S OPTIONAL "GRADE 13"

Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, students may now elect to remain enrolled in an additional year of high school, or "Grade 13." These students enroll in additional coursework in their programs of study. All students enrolled in Grade 13 participate in face-to-face instruction on the community college campuses. Additionally, students must enroll in one high school course during each semester of Grade 13.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE COURSES AND TRANSCRIPTS

All dual enrollment courses are listed on students' WCPSS high school transcripts. Students' collegiate GPAs are only available via the WTCC transcripts. It is the student's responsibility to provide Wake Tech CC transcripts.

- Courses with the name "CCP" are taken through the VMCCA Program of Study, though not typically covered by the NC [Comprehensive Articulation Agreement](#) (CAA). These courses are offered during the VMCCA school day under the instruction of Wake Tech CC professors.
- Courses listed with only the college course code/name (eg-ENG 111) typically earn college credit per the [CAA](#), and an additional quality point in the high school GPA.

QUALITY POINTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL COURSEWORK

	AP	Honors	Standard	
A = 90-100	5	4.5	4	
B = 80 - 89	4	3.5	3	
C = 70 - 79	3	2.5	2	
D = 60 - 69	2	1.5	1	
F = 59 - 0	0	0		0

CLASS RANK AND GRADUATE DISTINCTIONS

Class rank is determined by weighted cumulative GPA and is displayed on high school transcripts. Beginning in 2018-2019, WCPSS designates the following Latin Honors in lieu of a Valedictorian/Salutatorian:

1. **Summa Cum Laude** - 4.25 or higher weighted GPA
2. **Magna Cum Laude** - 4.0 - 4.249 weighted GPA
3. **Cum Laude** - 3.75 - 3.99 weighted GPA

VMCCA CLASS OF 2023 STATISTICS

Total Graduates in Class of 2023 = 80

- Mid-Year (December) Graduates = 15
- Traditional (May) Graduates = 65
- Grade 13 Graduates = 12

POST-SECONDARY PURSUITS

4-year schools= 43% 2-year schools= 45%
 Entering the Workforce =6% Military = 6%