

2000 POST GRADUATE SURVEY FOLLOW-UP
(Survey completed in 2005 - 5 years after graduation)

Class size: 51 (One deceased)
Respondents: 45
Response %: 90%

After leaving High School, VHS Graduates entered the following areas:

Work Force: 16%
2 year College: 22%
4 year College: 53%
Tech School: 9%
Military: 0%

4-YEAR COLLEGE ENTRANTS

42% Of those who entered a 4-year college immediately following graduation have successfully completed a degree program.

33% Are currently taking classes at 4-year college and will graduate with a minimum of at least one degree within the next 12 months.

0% Are currently taking classes at a 4-year college and will graduate with a minimum of at least one degree within the next two years.

13% Are no longer taking classes but plan to return to a 4-year institution.

13% Are no longer taking classes at a 4-year institution and do not plan to return.

2-YEAR COLLEGE ENTRANTS

40% Of those who entered a 2-year college immediately following graduation have successfully completed a degree program.

30% Are currently taking classes and will graduate with a degree within the next 12 months.

20% Are no longer taking classes but plan to return to a 2-year institution.

10% Are no longer taking classes at a 2-year institution and do not plan to return.

VO TECH/TRADE SCHOOL ENTRANTS

0% Of those entering a Tech School program immediately following graduation have successfully completed a least one certified program.

25% Are currently taking classes and will graduate with at least one certified program within the next 12 months.

75% Did not successfully complete the program.

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES EARNED

Two AA Seven BA

Two AAS Three BS

EMPLOYMENT

78% Of respondents are currently employed.

22% Of respondents are currently unemployed.

VHS PROGRAMS

(GRADUATES WERE ASKED TO RATE THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS, 5 BEING EXTREMELY VALUABLE, 1 HAVING NO VALUE.)

Computer Education 4.1
Mathematics 3.9
Science 4.0
English 4.1
Physical Education 3.6
Business Education 3.6
Shop/Industrial Arts 3.9
Library/Media 3.7
Foreign Language 3.1
Counseling/Career 3.9
Music 3.1
Social Studies 3.8
Health/Safety 3.6
Art 3.0
Home EC/Consumer SCI 3.2
Clubs 3.8
Athletics 3.8
Student Government 3.5

QUALITY OF SCHOOL

(GRADUATES WERE ASKED TO RATE THE QUALITY OF VHS FROM SUPERIOR TO VERY POOR)

11% Superior	7% Fair
49% Excellent	0% Poor
33% Good	0% Very Poor
0% N/A or No Response	

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

When asked what VHS could do to improve the educational opportunities, graduates responded in the following ways:

Would like to see teachers who are burned out on teaching retire.

Very happy with the education I received at VHS.

Would like to see classes offered with more emphasis on Anatomy and Physiology.

Would like to see more emphasis on real-world application of things learned.

VHS should offer more advanced classes in Chemistry and Biology.

Make students, staff and teachers more accountable for their performance.

Ease up on the authority, stop treating responsible people like they are in elementary school.

Keep offering the great computer classes.

Would like to see VHS have equal justice in disciplinary issues regarding student body instead of showing favoritism towards students who play sports.

PWSCC dual credit classes were great.

Would like to see VHS offer more business type math classes.

Make sure all teaching staff are kept current, even when they acquire tenure.

VHS is a great school.

Continue to offer VHS students dual credit classes through the college.

Would like to see Physical Education classes required all 4 years of High School because of the current obesity issues teenagers are dealing with.

Would like to see staff encourage students to take classes that teach them real life job skills.

Would like to see a Current Event class offered so students can be more aware of what's going on in the world on a daily basis.

Would like to see more career seminars offered to students.

Put less emphasis on the basketball teams and try to incorporate the VHS sports teams more equally.

Would like to see the Counseling/Career Center push more students towards taking dual credit classes.

Would like to see VHS provide students with a better understanding of the details associated with college life.

Would like to see VHS require that all students take 2 years of Foreign Language.

More students should be made aware as Freshman what the criteria are for college, university and technical schools. They should have a plan from the beginning, even if the plan changes.

I don't think that I was prepared by the school to enter into the work force. I feel that the Counseling/Career Dept. led me astray. I wish I had been better prepared for entering the work force.

Would like to see more advanced Math, Chemistry and Physics class.

Would like to see prep classes for Engineering, more Applied Math and Science classes.

Would like to see more qualified science instructors.

Would like to see VHS make Computer classes mandatory.

Would like to see more emphasis towards using proper grammar in the English classes and more focus on composition in writing.

VHS should offer more complex and variety of Foreign Language classes to choose from.

Offer more Business classes and Computer Programming courses. Emphasize math and lots of science.