

# Vandegrift High School

RANKED 280<sup>TH</sup> IN THE US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT'S BEST SCHOOLS IN THE NATION

Vandegrift High School (VHS) was established in 2009 and graduated its first class in 2012. It has been recognized as an academically rigorous and competitive school, which has been ranked for the past four consecutive years in the US News and World Report's Best High Schools. Vandegrift students boast exceptional academic, athletic, and fine arts performances at the regional, state, national, and global levels. Additionally, many VHS students are actively involved in numerous extra-curricular activities and organizations offered at Vandegrift High School and in the wider Austin community, creating a culture of cooperation, innovation, and philanthropy.



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ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES	GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	GRADING CRITERIA																														
<p>Along with 29 AP classes, Vandegrift High School offers 18 Pre-AP courses.</p> <p><b>ENGLISH</b> English III AP English IV AP</p> <p><b>MATHEMATICS</b> Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Statistics AP</p> <p><b>SCIENCE</b> Biology AP Chemistry AP Physics C AP Environ Sci AP</p> <p><b>AP CAPSTONE</b> AP Seminar AP Research</p> <p><b>TECHNOLOGY APPS</b> Comp Sci Prin AP Comp Sci II AP</p> <p><b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b> Human Geo AP World Hist AP US Hist AP US Govt AP Economics AP Euro Hist AP Psychology AP</p> <p><b>WORLD LANGUAGES</b> French IV AP Latin IV AP Spanish IV AP Spanish V AP</p> <p><b>FINE ARTS</b> Art Drawing AP Art 2D AP Art 3D AP Art History AP Music Theory AP</p>	<p><b>DISTINGUISHED LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT (DLA)*</b></p> <table> <tr><td>English</td><td>4 Credits</td></tr> <tr><td>Mathematics</td><td>4 Credits</td></tr> <tr><td>Science</td><td>4 Credits</td></tr> <tr><td>Social Studies</td><td>3 Credits</td></tr> <tr><td>LOTE</td><td>2 Credits</td></tr> <tr><td>Fine Arts</td><td>1 Credit</td></tr> <tr><td>Physical Education</td><td>1 Credit</td></tr> <tr><td>Prof Com/MAPS</td><td>1 Credit</td></tr> <tr><td>Electives</td><td>6 Credits</td></tr> </table> <p>*DLA requires students complete at least one Program of Study for an Endorsement.</p> <p>For additional graduation plan options and information about Programs of Study, refer to the <a href="#">LISD Course Catalog</a>.</p> <p><b>DUAL CREDIT</b></p> <p>Dual Credit provides students the opportunity to earn college course credit while in high school. The current partnership for Dual Credit is with Austin Community College.</p>	English	4 Credits	Mathematics	4 Credits	Science	4 Credits	Social Studies	3 Credits	LOTE	2 Credits	Fine Arts	1 Credit	Physical Education	1 Credit	Prof Com/MAPS	1 Credit	Electives	6 Credits	<p><b>GPA INFORMATION</b> Leander ISD reports both an unweighted GPA and weighted GPA.</p> <p><b>UNWEIGHTED GPA SCALE</b></p> <table> <tr><td>90-100</td><td>A</td><td>4.0</td></tr> <tr><td>80-89</td><td>B</td><td>3.0</td></tr> <tr><td>70-79</td><td>C</td><td>2.0</td></tr> <tr><td>69 or below</td><td>F</td><td>0.0</td></tr> </table> <p><b>WEIGHTED GPA SCALE</b> Modified Courses 0-4 Points On-Level Courses 0-5 Points Weighted Courses 0-6 Points</p> <p>Students receive an additional point on their GPA for a Pre-AP/IB, AP or IB course. Students who qualify for special services and take courses with modified content will receive GPA points on the modified scale. Students' grades are reported numerically.</p>	90-100	A	4.0	80-89	B	3.0	70-79	C	2.0	69 or below	F	0.0
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TESTING PROFILE			
SAT AVERAGES 2017 GRADUATES	VHS	Texas	National
Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing	615	513	533
Mathematics	611	507	527
Mean Score	1226	1020	1060
ACT AVERAGES 2017 GRADUATES	VHS	Texas	National
English	25.4	19.5	20.3
Mathematics	25.6	20.7	20.7
Reading	26.4	21.1	21.4
Science	25.5	20.9	21.0
Composite	25.8	20.7	21.0
NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION	2018	2017	2016
Semifinalists	17	13	14
Commended	38	39	40
National Hispanic Scholars	14	11	10
ADVANCED PLACEMENT	2018	2017	2016
Total students taking exams	1,233	1,169	1,015
Total exams taken	2,578	2,467	2,031
Percentage of students earning 3 or higher	84%	81%	84%
AP Access and Excellence Rate	69%	74%	61%
AP Capstone Certificates	5	N/A	N/A
AP Capstone Diplomas	26	N/A	N/A
AP Scholars	161	171	129
AP Scholars with Honors	101	72	81
AP Scholars with Distinction	216	184	139
AP National Scholars	57	50	39
<p><b>AP Access and Excellence Rate:</b> Percentage of students earning a 3+ on an AP Exam anytime in high school.</p> <p><b>AP Capstone Certificate:</b> Students who receive scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research.</p> <p><b>AP Capstone Diploma:</b> Students who receive scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP Exams of their choosing.</p> <p><b>AP Scholars:</b> Students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams.</p> <p><b>AP Scholars with Honors:</b> Students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.</p> <p><b>AP Scholars with Distinction:</b> Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.</p> <p><b>AP National Scholars:</b> Granted to students in the United States who receive an average score of at least 4 on all AP Exams taken and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams.</p>			
DUAL CREDIT SUMMER, FALL AND SPRING OF 2017 - 2018			
Number of students	501	Credit hours earned	3,346
POST-SECONDARY ENROLLMENT	2017	2016	2015
Graduation class size	540	470	422
Percent going to college	83%	84%	84%
4-year college	67%	68%	68%
2-year college	16%	17%	16%

## COUNSELING SERVICES

### LEAD COUNSELOR

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### MOST COMMON 4-YEAR UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED

University of Texas at Austin  
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 Texas Tech University  
 Texas State University  
 Baylor University  
 University of Arkansas at Fayetteville  
 University of Texas at Dallas  
 University of Texas - San Antonio  
 University of North Texas  
 Texas Christian University  
 University of Alabama  
 Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi  
 University of Oklahoma  
 Rice University  
 St. Edward's University  
 University of Colorado Boulder  
 University of Texas at Tyler  
 Concordia University Texas  
 Stephen F. Austin State University  
 University of Houston  
 University of Texas Arlington  
 Auburn University  
 Abilene Christian University

Source: National Student Clearinghouse (NSC), listed by frequency of enrollment