

Vicksburg High School Student Clubs & Activities

VHS offers students the opportunity to take part in a wide range of extra- curricular activities including:

AIM Higher: Vicksburg High School's first entirely student-led volunteer group and is open to all VHS students. Members consist of students inspired by helping others and making the world a better place. Our mission is to engage people in the act of compassion, to aim higher as a community, and make an effort to provide for the needs of those around us. AIM Higher strives to develop leadership through service.

BPA (Business Professional of America): The mission of Business Professionals of America is to contribute to the preparation of a world -class workforce through the advancement of leadership, citizenship, academic, and technological skills.

DECA: An association of marketing students. It is an extracurricular club that current or former marketing students can belong to. We compete at the district level in December, the state level in March, and the International level in April. Competition consists of role-playing and tests that are related to a specific occupational area. DECA provides students with a variety of professional and social experiences.

Drama Productions: The Vicksburg High School Drama Department puts on two productions every year. Our Fall Play is open to anyone in the school who is interested in auditioning. The Spring Musical is done in collaboration with the Music Department and is also open to anyone who is interested in auditioning. No experience is necessary to participate in either of these two productions. Both productions offer students the opportunity to act on stage or work behind the scenes. It is an excellent way to meet new people, work with others to create a spectacular show and gain self-confidence.

French Club: The French Club is an informal organization of students who wants to expand the activities in French beyond the classroom. The club participates in field trips to Chicago, French dinners & plays.

FFA: The Vicksburg FFA is an integral part of the Vicksburg Agricultural and Natural Resources (ANR) program. As part of the Kalamazoo Education for Employment (EFE) Program, the Vicksburg ANR program serves all Kalamazoo County. Students from all over the country travel to Vicksburg to attend classes in Animal Science, Horticulture, Natural Resources and Veterinary Science. There are two FFA chapters, the KRESA South Chapter for students from other districts, and the Vicksburg Chapter for Vicksburg students. Activities include local, state and national conferences, skills competitions, individualized projects and community service. Students are urged to join to have fun while developing premier leadership skills, achieving personal growth and becoming ready for career success.

HOSA: Health Occupations Students of America is open to EFE Veterinary Science students. Students attend leadership training and conference and compete in Veterinary Science skills at the regional, state and international.

Interscholastic Sports: These are available to 9th-12th graders throughout the school year.

International Thespian Society (ITS) is an honor society for Vicksburg High School theatre students. Established in 1929, ITS is a division of the Educational Theatre Association and a few famous alumni include Tom Hanks, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, and Stephen Schwartz. Students are invited to join our chapter of the International Thespian Society based upon their participation in the Vicksburg Theater program. ITS members provide fundraisers and service hours for the Vicksburg Theater program, while also attending workshops, enrichment classes, and field trips to enhance each student's theatre skills.

Model UN (United Nations): Model United Nations is an opportunity to research and debate about current events through a different country's point of view. We discuss topics such as global currencies and human rights. Our group travels to Hope College and stays the night to compete in their conference against many other schools in Michigan. It is a great way to learn about politics and how the real United Nations functions.

NAHS (National Art Honor Society): The purpose of the Vicksburg High School Chapter of the National Art Honor Society is to foster excellence and enthusiasm for the visual arts, recognize students who have shown outstanding ability in art, and bring art to the attention of the school and community through service and leadership. Students must meet the requirement of a 2.5 overall grade point average, at least two semesters of art, and maintain a 3.5 or better average in those art classes. Students are required to fulfill a community service activity such as volunteering at the KIA Art Fair. NAHS looks for students who also have strong moral character and leadership qualities.

NHS (National Honor Society): Membership in NHS provides high school students with a number of opportunities to serve their community, be recognized for their academic achievements and participate in an organization that promotes positive role models. Each member may take away something different, but each member is enriched by the experience. Chosen on the basis of scholarship, service, leadership and character, students must write an essay, maintain a GPA of 3.5+, volunteer in the community, provide leadership in school and community projects and demonstrate high standards of character. Each year NHS completes at least two whole chapter service projects: canned food drive and spaghetti benefit dinner.

Robotics: TBD

Simply Men: We meet every Tuesday and Thursday after school for an hour. We rehearse in preparation for performances in choir concerts, the Vicksburg Rotary Showboat, and competitions like the Michigan School Vocal Music Association's Solo and Ensemble and Choral Festivals. Simply Men has consistently earned first division ratings since its beginning in 2006. There will be one rehearsal with the group as an audition.

Ski Club: This is an informal group that goes skiing on Thursday nights at Bittersweet.

SkillsUSA: This national organization serves more than 250,000 high school and college students and professional members who are enrolled in training programs in technical, skilled, and service occupations, including health occupations. Also known as SkillsUSA, prepares America's high performance workers. It provides quality education experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. It builds and reinforces self-confidence, work attitudes and communications skills. It emphasizes total quality at work, high ethical standards, superior work skills, life-long education and pride in the dignity of work. SkillsUSA also promotes understanding of the free enterprise system and involvement in community service activities.

Spanish Club: Spanish Club promotes extra curricular activities, which take Spanish language/cultural learning out of the classroom into the community/world at large. Every other year Spanish Club offers a weeklong trip in mid-June to a Spanish speaking country (Spain 2003). Field trips (to Chicago, to local performances by Spanish dance/drama/music groups) are offered every year as ways of extending learning beyond the classroom. Spanish Club encourages students to become more informed about the role of Spanish language and culture in the world today through visits to restaurants, art exhibits, musical/theatrical programs, festivals, radio or television opportunities, etc.

Student Senate: This is a group of approximately 25 – 30 students who are elected from an application process that includes teacher comments to organize and sponsor a variety of events. Senate is in charge of the Blood Drive (community members as well as our 17+ age students are welcome to donate) and the March of Dimes Breadlift (students visit homes and businesses requesting money donations in exchange for a loaf of bread). The Senate also sponsors the Semi-formal dance in December as well as all the pep assemblies, all voting for fall/winter Homecoming Courts, most high school dances and teacher & student appreciation perks.

Yearbook: Are you dedicated, enthusiastic, and motivated? If you are, you should join yearbook! Yearbook's objective is to create a visually appealing yearbook publication that captures the students' attention. We focus on having a positive work ethic, being organized, and trying something new. If you are interested in joining, get an application from your guidance counselor.

VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America): This national organization serves more than 250,000 high school and college students and professional members who are enrolled in training programs in technical, skilled, and service occupations, including health occupations. Also known as Skills USA, VICA prepares America's high performance workers. It provides quality education experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. It builds and reinforces self-confidence, work attitudes and communications skills. It emphasizes total quality at work, high ethical standards, superior work skills, life-long education and pride in the dignity of work. Skills USA also promotes understanding of the free enterprise system and involvement in community service activities.

FALL SPORTS TEAMS:

Cross Country - Boys and Girls
Equestrian
Football
Golf - Girls
Sideline Cheer
Soccer - Boys
Tennis - Boys
Volleyball

WINTER SPORTS TEAMS:

Basketball - Boys and Girls
Bowling - Boys and Girls
Competitive Cheer
Wrestling

SPRING SPORTS TEAMS:

Baseball
Clay Target - Boys and Girls
Golf - Boys
Lacrosse - Boys and Girls
Soccer - Girls
Softball
Tennis - Girls
Track - Boys and Girls