

## Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation's Mission:

Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation will **Engage**, **Educate** and **Empower** today's students to seize tomorrow's opportunities.

## Vision Statement:

Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation (MVCSC) is where parents choose to send their children, students are successful, highly qualified personnel desire to work, and the community is proud to support. We are committed to serving a diverse population in a safe, secure, and challenging learning environment where students are engaged in rigorous, relevant and technologically-enhanced curriculum. Student success is nurtured through diverse instructional methods enabled by partnerships fostered between students, parents, school, and community. A strategic and fiscally responsible approach insures a sustainable, highly effective learning experience inside and outside the classroom. We respect the uniqueness of each student as we *Engage, Educate*, and *Empower* them to seize their futures as responsible members of society.

**Student Enrollment** – Mt. Vernon is the right size to have plenty of educational and extracurricular opportunities, while small enough to provide personal attention. MVCSC houses over 4,000 students and has experienced a 50% growth in enrollment over the last 15 years.

MVCSC Enrollment	
	2016– 2017
Mt. Vernon High School	1,227
Mt. Vernon Middle School	930
Fortville Elementary	466
McCordsville Elementary	630
Mt. Comfort Elementary	680
Mini-Marauder Preschool	85
Total Students	4,018

Location – MVCSC is located on the northwest

corner of Hancock County, east of Marion County (Indianapolis) and just south of Hamilton County (Fishers).

MVCSC is comprised of Vernon Township and Buck Creek Township. Several towns are located in the school district: Fortville, McCordsville, Mt. Comfort, Mohawk, and part of Cumberland.

**Schools** - MVCSC has six schools, four of which are located on the Fortville school campus: Mt. Vernon High School, Mt. Vernon Middle School, Fortville Elementary, and the Mini-Marauder Preschool. The elementary schools house kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup>grade. The Mt. Vernon Middle School is 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade located in Mt. Vernon High School (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades). MVCSC is a 1:1 school district (one computer device for each student/staff). All MVCSC schools are awardwinning and provide academic excellence with innovative educational programming in a safe and secure environment.



**Commitment to Academic Excellence** - The Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation has a commitment to provide a positive educational experience that is tailored to meet each child's stages of cognitive development. This is accomplished through quality, top-performing teachers with innovative, technology-rich teaching methods striving for each student to achieve their personal best. The community is integrated with the success of the schools' programs through parent involvement and corporate support.

**Preparing 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learnerswith High-Tech Learning Opportunities** - All students and staff are immersed in a technology-rich environment with individual computer devices and classroom Apple TV's. These devices are a tool to motivate, engage and challenge students to learn 21<sup>st</sup> century skills that will be an integral part of virtually every aspect in their future. These devices are utilized in many of the endless curriculum opportunities offered at Mt. Vernon High School. A few of the subjects that students can experience to prepare them for post-secondary education include:

- **High-Tech** Mt. Vernon High School has a wide range of high-tech learning opportunities. Thanks in part to a 2003 Eli Lilly Cape Grant, Mt. Vernon is home to a Microsoft Academy and an A+ Certification program. The High-Tech Academy currently offers nine computer classes through which students are also eligible to receive college credit through Vincennes University. A few of these classes offered include: Interactive Media, Networking Fundamentals, Web Design and Computer Programming.
- **Computer Animated Design** -The Computer Animated Design (CAD) classes offer state-of-theart computer modeling and an animation lab. Mt. Vernon was one of the first high schools in the nation to have a 3D printer and is currently the only high school in the country to have an Elumen's Vision Dome. Two CAD classes offer college credit through Ivy Tech. Many former students have pursued careers in these fields due to their experiences at Mt. Vernon.
- **Project Lead the Way** Mt. Vernon High School offers Project Lead the Way classes teaching students the architecture and engineering fundamentals. The "Project Lead the Way" designation means the school has been granted the status of an official pre-engineering program. Most classes are offered for college credit.
- Engineering & Technology There are also several Engineering & Technology classes available, such as Intro to Construction, Manufacturing, Transportation, Communications, and Technology Enterprises, among others.
- **Business** The Mt. Vernon High School Business Department offers many class options for those interested in the business field, such as Introduction to Accounting, Business Math, as well as special interest business fields like Sports & Entertainment Marketing.
- **Agriculture** Mt. Vernon High School has opportunities in the agriculture field, with an active Future Farmers of America (FFA) club. A few of the classes offered include: Animal Science, Natural Resources and Agribusiness Management.
- Advanced Placement (AP) & Dual Credit There are 16 AP and 15 Dual-Credit classes are offered at Mt. Vernon High School, including Biology, English Literature/Composition, Physics, Studio Art, Spanish, and US History, among others. Mt. Vernon High School requires all AP students to take the college AP exam. Students that receive a three or higher may receive college credit at colleges/universities.

Career Center Opportunities – For those students who want further technical experience in a
particular field, Mt. Vernon High School has partnership opportunities with the Anderson Ebbertt
Education Center and the Walker Career Center. Students who enroll in either career center leave
school half a day to attend these classes. There are numerous opportunities between the two
centers, including: TV and Radio Production, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Dental Careers, Graphic
Design and Layout, Precision Machining, Auto Collision, Aerospace Engineering, Biomedical Sciences,
Business Administration, Public Safety, and Fashion & Textile Careers, among many others.

Mt. Vernon High School Profile - (Based on Indiana Department of Education's 2016-2017 school year statistics)

- The daily attendance rate was 96%.
- The graduation rate for MVHS has been greater than 92% since the class of 2011, and consistently exceeded the state graduation rate. In 2016, 94% of senior class graduated, exceeding the state average of 89.1%
- Mt. Vernon High School is proud of the diverse culture present with 17.7% minority enrollment: African-American 7.9%, Multiracial 4.3%, Hispanic 2.9%, Asian 2.1%, American Indian .4%, and Native American/Other Pacific Islander .1%.
- The class of 2016 had 92.3% earning a Core 40 diploma, with 37.9% achieving an Academic Honors diploma.
- Mt. Vernon High School has received an "A" rating 2011-2012, 2012-2013, and 2013-2014.
- Mt. Vernon High School has received a Four-Star rating in 2012, 2013 and 2014.
- The class of 2017 earned over \$6.2 million in scholarships.
- Competitive and award-winning athletics are offered, along with premier fine arts and academic clubs.

Visit <u>www.mvhs.mvcsc.k12.in.us</u> for additional accomplishments and information on educational and extra-curricular opportunities.

McCordsville Elementary Profile - (Based on Indiana Department of Education's 2016-2017 school year statistics unless noted) -

- The daily attendance rate was 97.6% for the school enrollment of 630 students in 2016-2017.
- Elementary redistricting in the 2017-2018 school year changed the enrollment to 554 students. This will allow capacity in McCordsville Elementary School for the expected housing growth in McCordsville.
- The IREAD-3 passing percentage for the 2016-2017 school year was 100%.
- ISTEP+ scores exceeded state average by 4.4% in 2016.
- McCordsville Elementary is proud of the diverse culture present with 18.4% minority enrollment: African-American 7.1%, Multiracial 5.7%, Hispanic 4.3%, and Asian 1.3%.
- McCordsville Elementary School received an "A" rating by the Indiana Department of Education in 2012-2013, and 2010-2011 school years.
- Many clubs and extra-curricular opportunities are available, along with before & after-school care.

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**High Ability Learners** - Mt. Vernon recognizes that high-ability learners have unique needs, socially, emotionally, and academically. High Ability Learners need additional curriculum and instruction to continue their educational development. Mt. Vernon addresses this with one high ability teacher at each of the three elementary schools and provides challenging academics for students assigned to the program. Students in the middle school and high school have many opportunities to take advanced courses, keeping them focused and challenged. The high ability program's goal is to provide an enriching curriculum that will encourage the desire for life-long learning.

**Special Education Learners**– The Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation meets the individual educational needs of students determined eligible for special education services through a continuum of services in the least restrictive environment. Eligibility for services is determined by the case conference committee, with parents considered integral members of the case conference committee, following a multidisciplinary educational evaluation. Special education teachers provide support to students within general education classrooms and special education classrooms, depending on the individual need of each student. Special education teachers provide support to reachers and related service personnel, and provide research-based strategies to address individual student learning needs.

**Safety is a Top Priority** – Many measures have been taken to ensure a safe and secure learning environment is provided. All schools have certified and trained School Safety Specialists who are recertified each year through the Indiana Department of Education. Resource police officers cover the Fortville school campus as well as the other two schools. Security training, state drills and the Hancock County emergency management system all aid in keeping students safe. Video surveillance and a visitor screening service called "Lobby Guard" are used to protect students and staff. MVCSC is administered with the practice of protecting all children as if they are their own. Student and staff safety is continually addressed and updated to keep safety in the forefront.

**Financially Transparent and Responsible** – MVCSC has worked hard to ensure the district remains on solid financial grounds. The tax rate in 2017 dropped nearly 17 cents. Because of this due diligence, MVCSC can continue to focus academically on the programs offered in all schools. To remain transparent, monthly fund reports are posted on the MVCSC website at www.mvcsc.k12.in.us/finances.

**Opportunities & Personal Attention** - MVCSC prepares children for challenges and opportunities, both inside and outside of the classroom. MVCSC offers a diverse and challenging curriculum with many opportunities where students can succeed, while providing the benefits of a smaller, personal school system. Children have many opportunities through curriculum, clubs and activities, and athletics. MVCSC is the right size to provide the balance of endless options for the students while still receiving personal attention. Students are not just a number and are not lost in the shuffle; Mt. Vernon is small enough for staff to get to know the students and encourage them in their journey.

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