



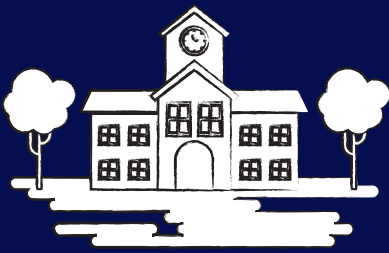
COUNCIL ON EDUCATIONAL
STANDARDS & ACCOUNTABILITY



COMMENDATIONS

THE COUNCIL ON EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS AND ACCOUNTABILITY (CESA)
HAS PROVIDED VCHS WITH THE FOLLOWING HIGH COMMENDATIONS
AFTER THEIR INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW FEBRUARY 23-25

FACILITIES



The VCHS campus is **aesthetically attractive, well-planned, and well-maintained**. Effective steps have been taken to use available space to enhance the school's robust academic, athletic, and fine arts programs, and provide income producing facility rentals.

FACULTY



VCHS is exemplary in its commitment to recruiting, retaining, and training **high quality teachers**. The faculty and staff are **hard-working, highly competent, and fully committed** to the vision, mission, and values of the school. They are supported by a compensation program that exceeds the average annual salary of local public-school teachers and a generous health benefits program that surpasses most CESA schools. The lean administrative staff demonstrates that the school invests in teachers first. The school has experienced little or no faculty attrition during the recent past.

OPPORTUNITIES

3 A'S

An impressive number of **academic, fine arts, and athletic** opportunities are available to students for a relatively small high school. Many new and innovative programs have been instituted as a result of Steve O'Neil's strong and visionary leadership during his tenure as head of school.

INDIVIDUALIZATION



VCHS is exemplary in **meeting the individual needs of students**. Personalized programs are available for gifted students and students with special learning needs.

FINANCES



Eliminating the 4+ million-dollar debt during the past school year has **stabilized the school financially** and provided a platform for effective planning and sustainability for the future.

COMMUNITY



VCHS students and parents are **effusive in their love for the school and teachers**. A 97% re-enrollment rate gives evidence of a **very healthy school community** that supports and appreciates all that the school has to offer.