

SCHOOLS

Elementary (Grades K-6)

Beechwood 999 Hwy 27 39180
 601-638-3876 Fax 601-638-2869
Bowmar 912 Bowmar Ave. 39180
 601-636-2486 Fax 601-631-2853
Dana Road 1242 Dana Rd. 39180
 601-619-2340 Fax 601-619-2343
Redwood 100 Redwood Rd. 39156
 601-638-4885 Fax 601-636-1194
South Park 6530 Nailor Rd. 39180
 601-636-1271 Fax 601-636-2501
Warrenton 809 Belva Dr. 39180
 601-636-7549 Fax 601-638-6191
Sherman Avenue
 2145 Sherman Ave. 39183
 601-638-2409 Fax 601-638-5139
Vicksburg Intermediate
 1242 Dana Rd. 39180
 601-638-4199 Fax 601-638-4416
Warren Central Intermediate
 2147 Sherman Ave. 39183
 601-638-5656 Fax 601-638-6358

Junior High Schools (Grades 7-8)

Vicksburg
 1533 Baldwin Ferry Rd. 39180
 601-636-1966 Fax 601-631-2830
Warren Central
 1630 Baldwin Ferry Rd. 39180
 601-638-3981 Fax 601-631-2839

High Schools (Grades 9-12)

Vicksburg
 2701 Drummond St. 39180
 601-631-2914 Fax 601-631-2885
Warren Central
 1000 Hwy 27 39180
 601-638-3372 Fax 601-631-2933

Non-Traditional (Grades K-12)

Grove 1315 Grove St. 39180
 601-636-2539 Fax 601-631-2856

Early Ed. and Pre- Kindergarten

Beechwood 999 Hwy 27 39180
 601-631-2870 Fax 601-631-2869

SCHOOL HOURS
 Elementary 8:15-3:00
 Junior High 7:20-2:30
 High School
 7:40-2:30

Important Phone Numbers

Central Office.....601-638-5122
Includes: Curriculum & Instruction, Staff Development, Human Resources, and Recruitment
 Accounting.....601-631-2811
 Accounts Payable.....601-631-2815
 Athletics.....601-631-2822
 District Attendance.....601-631-2896
 State Attendance.....601-634-1420
 Billingual Education.....601-636-2875
 Computer Services.....601-631-2818
 Employee Benefits.....601-631-2817
 Federal Programs.....601-636-4371
 Finance.....601-631-2812
 Hearing & Suspensions.....601-638-2877
 Information Management.....601-631-2942
 Maintenance.....601-638-5610
 Media Services.....601-634-0403
 Payroll.....601-631-2814
 Print Shop.....601-631-2878
 Property.....601-631-2896
 Purchasing.....601-631-2807
 Safety/Security.....601-636-2806
 School Nurses.....601-636-4371
 Student Activities.....601-631-2813
 Youth Court Assistance.....601-631-2857

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS
 Mr. Jerry Boland, President Dist. 1
 Mrs. Zelmarine Murphy Dist. 2
 Ms. Betty Tolliver Dist. 3
 Mrs. Jan Daigre Dist. 4
 Mr. Tommy Shelton Dist. 5

The public is welcome to attend regular Board meetings which are held on the last Thursday of each month starting at 5:30 PM in the Board Room at Central Office. Meetings are televised on the VWSD's channel 16 at various times .

Registration Information

All students who attend VWSD schools must pre-register before the fall semester. Registration Forms are available on each campus.

After a student is enrolled, kindergarten attendance is required by state law. A child must be five years of age on or before September 1 to enroll.

Students enrolling in the VWSD at all grade levels must provide copies of the following documents:

1. A certified birth certificate
2. Social Security Card
3. Immunization Record, including Diphtheria, Varicella, Polio, Hepatitis B and two doses of MMR (Measels,Mumps,Rubella)
4. Two documents showing proof of residency
5. Transcript from previous school (if transferring from another district or area)

SCHOOL SERVICES

School Food Service

VWSD Food Service Departments provide an extensive selection of nutritious meals at all schools. This department is financially independent and provides approximately 7,000 lunches and 3,200 breakfasts daily in addition to after school snacks. VWSD is one of 25 school districts in the state of MS that receives a Federally Funded Fruit and Vegetable grant.

Paid lunches are \$2.25 and paid breakfasts are \$1.00. Free and reduced price meals are available to qualified students. Reduced lunches are \$.40 and reduced breakfasts are \$.25.

Breakfast is served only to students in kindergarten through grade 8.
Contact: Gail Kavanaugh 601-631-2826

Transportation

During the 2006-2007 school year, VWSD transported approximately 5,500 students daily to school. Using a total of 138 buses to transport students, this department travels about 6,456 miles/day, or 1,162,080 miles/year.

Free transportation is provided to all students living within the school's designated boundaries.
Contact: David Keen 601-636-1478

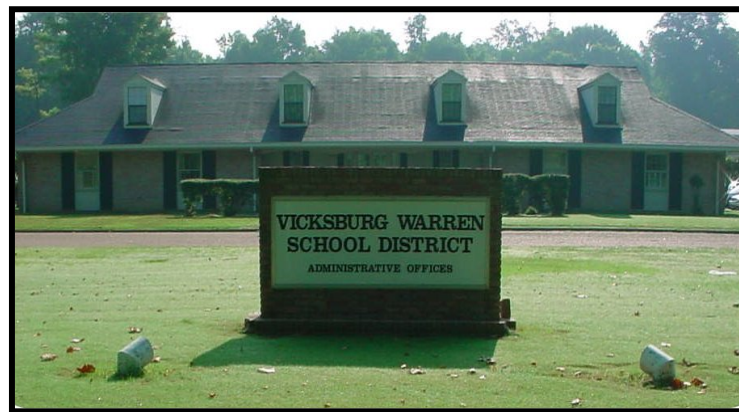
Wellness

SCHOOL NURSES advance the wellness, academic success, and life-long achievement of students by implementing strategies which promote the health and safety of all students and staff. The nurse acts as a liaison between the school, home, additional health care providers, community and community resources. A team of five nurses serve all schools in the VWSD.

BEHAVIOR SPECIALISTS assist teachers in addressing the behavioral needs of students to maximize academic success. These specialists work with parents as well as school personnel. Each school is served by one of the team of six Behavior Specialists.

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS serve as liaisons between the school, home, and community to promote and support the academic and social success of students. This group also maintains a PRIDE closet which is stocked with needed school materials to ensure every child has what is necessary to be successful in the school setting. Each school is assigned a social worker.

Fingertip
FACTS



PHYSICAL AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS serve qualified students ages three to 21. The primary focus of the school-based Physical and Occupational Therapist is to use therapy as mandated by Federal Law that is designed to meet the physical and educational needs of the student while he/she is in a school environment. The VWSD has one PT and PT assistant and two OT on staff.
Contact: Susan Bentley 601-636-4371

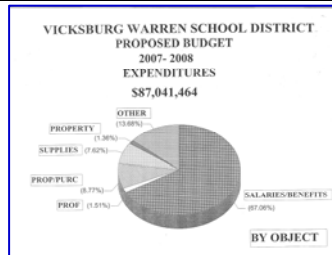
PERSONNEL

There are 601 teachers in the VWSD with 41% possessing advanced degrees.

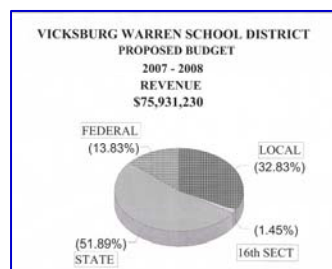
TEACHER SALARIES

Degree	Beg.	Max.
Bachelor	\$33,100	\$47,040
Master	\$35,660	\$54,220
Specialist	\$37,490	\$57,925
Doctorate	\$38,520	\$60,630

The average teacher salary is approximately \$42,227.00.



Budget—General Fund—



WELCOME

The Vicksburg Warren School District is a diverse learning community. Teachers and staff, with the collaboration of the Board of Trustees, strive to meet the individual educational needs of more than 9,000 students.

I have never doubted the importance of education to the citizens of Vicksburg. However, I am always humbled at the magnitude of the support for and generosity to education that the community exhibits.

The VWSD and I are committed to providing a quality education to young people and look forward to serving you and your family.

Dr. James Price
 Superintendent

MISSION STATEMENT

To teach and inspire all students to continually pursue knowledge, to achieve their aspirations, and to make positive contributions in a changing world.

SYSTEM OVERVIEW

- The VWSD serves the city of Vicksburg and Warren County. It is the sixth largest district in the state.
- VWSD is comprised of 14 schools and Early Ed Center with enrollment of approximately 9,000 students in pre-K through grade 12.
- All schools have been classified as either successful, exemplary, or superior performing schools according to standards set by the US Dept. of Education.
- All students in kindergarten through grade 8 are required to follow the uniform dress code.
- The VWSD has a 1:15 teacher/student ratio.

A Winning Record...

SYSTEM HIGHLIGHTS

2006-2007 Scholars

The graduating classes of 2007 were awarded over \$2.8 million dollars in either academic, athletic, choral, instrumental music, or community scholarships. A total of 158 students graduated with honors during the 2007 Commencement Exercises.

Advanced Placement Classes

Currently, the VWSD ranks 3rd in the state with the total number of AP classes offered at the two high schools.

Award Winning Fine Arts Programs

• **BAND**

The marching and concert bands of the VWSD have both won superior ratings in various contests throughout the state. Several students have been selected to the All State Lions Band.

• **ART**

Through the Honors Art classes and the National Art Honor Society the VWSD takes students who are especially talented in art and introduces them to a higher level of art education as well as exposes their talent to the community.

• **CHORAL**

Past Madrigal choirs have been invited to perform at Carnegie Hall as well as locally in our community. Total Sound, a show choir, was invited to compete and won 3rd place at Disney World in a national competition of Best Show Choirs.

• **DRAMA**

Both high schools put on student-directed and produced spring musicals that are open to the community.

Champion Athletic Programs

The VWSD boasts several State Championships in our athletic programs at our high schools. Governed by the rules of the *MS High School Athletic Association*, the following sports are offered by the district:

Soccer, Football, Basketball, Track and Field, Cross Country, Golf, Tennis, Swimming, Power Lifting, Slow and Fast Pitch Softball, Cheerleading, and Dance Team.

2006-2007 PEOPLE OF THE YEAR

Principal

Cedric Magee *WCJH*

Teacher

Betsy Selby *VHS*

Assistant

Diane Wilder *Warrenton*

Parent

Ali Hopson *Bowmar*

VWSD Channel 16

The VWSD operates its own television station which is used to broadcast current events and programs at all schools, school board meetings, important district-wide notices, and informative programs for students and parents.

High school students enrolled in the videography class at their respective high school are allow-

ed the opportunity to get hands-on experience as they assist in the producing and broadcasting of certain school events.

Email Listserv Notification

The VWSD offers an email notification service to parents when important and necessary information needs to be known quickly.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Tutors in Public Schools

Volunteer tutors in the schools reinforce reading and math skills.

Job Shadowing

Students are allowed to "shadow" employees in different careers at local businesses.

City of Vicksburg Job Partners

Students receive on-the-job training through the City of Vicksburg.

Partners in Education

The Child Abuse Prevention Center and Warren-Yazoo Mental Health Service assist the VWSD in the overall education of children through various programs they offer at all schools in the district.

Community Advisory Group

A committee of various business leaders, active parents and community leaders meet periodically with the superintendent to discuss past and current progress of the VWSD as well as future visions the community has for our schools.

Special Programs

Gifted Program

The VWSD provides a gifted educational program for its *Intellectually Gifted* students in grades 2 through 6. The gifted education program is designed to meet the individual needs of these children and is in addition to and different from the regular education program.

Gifted students require a differentiated educational program which enables them to realize their potential contribution to self and society.

Contact: Susan Bentley 601-636-4371

Talented Arts Program

This is an educational program offered by the VWSD for students that have identified a desire to exhibit their talents in either choral music, drama, band, or visual arts. The students attend classes that are designed to provide experiences that enable them to further develop those skills and expand their knowledge of the arts.

Contact: School Counselors

Dual Enrollment Program

The VWSD in cooperation with Hinds Community College has a Dual Enrollment Program for high school students at the HCC Vicksburg Branch. Students are allowed to begin earning college credit before graduation by enrolling in courses while still in high school.

Contact: School Counselors

Dual Credit/Enrollment Program

The VWSD in cooperation with Hinds Community College has a Dual Credit/Enrollment Program that allows high school students to simultaneously earn college or vocational credit toward a post-secondary diploma that will also count as credit toward a high school diploma.

Contact: School Counselors

MS Virtual Public Schools Program

The MVPS Program allows high school students and educators the opportunity to access a wider range of courses, more flexibility in scheduling, and an opportunity to develop capabilities as independent learners via the internet. The two high schools in the VWSD participate in this web-based educational service offered by the MS Department of Education.

Contact: School Counselors

Jobs for MS Graduates

Offered at both high schools, this program is designed to teach eligible students job-seeking, life survival, and personal growth skills. The JMG program builds a partnership with the local business community to enhance quality job placement.

Contact: School Counselors

Tech-Prep

Using the modular instructional approach, this program allows students to work in teams and provides them with fundamental knowledge about technology and its applications. Tech-Prep is also designed to assist students in identifying and applying technological resources to problem solving.

Contact: School Counselors

School to Work Programs

A variety of innovative programs prepares students for productive citizenship and lifelong learning. An example of one such program is the *Multi-Purpose Community Training Center*. This pilot program will begin in January 2008 and will offer job training as well as an individualized education plan for over-age junior high students.

Contact: School Counselors

Career-Technical Center

The Career-Technical Center was developed through a partnership between Hinds Community College and the VWSD. High school students are eligible to participate in a wide range of career-technical programs. Classes are offered locally in one or two hour blocks.

Contact: School Counselors

Career Centers

Located at both high schools, the Career Center is a computer lab under the supervision of a Career Lab manager that is designed to assist all students in career choices. Students discover careers that are best suited for them according to their interests, are exposed to all careers available as well as the education or training necessary for a particular career, and the colleges or schools that offer these programs.

Contact: Felicia Jacobson at VHS
Janice McKercher at WCHS

JROTC and NJROTC

Currently, both of these programs are available at the high schools in the VWSD. Offered as an elective course, the goal of the program is to help students develop self-discipline, confidence, teamwork skills, and motivation.

Contact: School Counselors

Pre-K Program

The VWSD began a pilot pre-kindergarten program at two elementary schools for the 2007-2008 school year. Staffed by certified teachers and offering small teacher/student ratios, the Pre-K program's focus is to help prepare students who will be entering kindergarten as well as

increase a student's future success in school by providing a curriculum with developmentally appropriate literacy-related skills. Transportation is offered for this program.

Contact: Susan Bentley 601-636-4371

Special Education Program

The purpose of the Special Education Program is to provide effective educational programs to students ages 3-21 with disabilities. A wide range of services is offered based on the need of the mentally and/or physically disabled child. Special Education children can be placed in either the regular classroom with extra support available, the resource classroom, or the self-contained classroom. The students must meet eligibility criteria as specified in federal and state guidelines.

Contact: Susan Bentley 601-636-4371

Early Education Center

This center provides quality education for children three to six years of age for a period of 11 months each year. The center serves children who are developmentally delayed, have hearing, speech, and/or visual impairment, and/or are physically disabled. Staffed by certified teachers, the center offers small teacher/student ratios.

Contact: Susan Bentley 601-636-4371

Magnet Program

Magnet Programs create exciting learning experiences that promote student achievement. Our magnet program has special focus ranging from science and literature to computer technology to creativity.

Contact: Dr. John Walls 601-631-2877

ELL Program

An English Language Learner (ELL) is one whose native language is not English and does not speak, read, or write English well enough to participate meaningfully in the educational setting without additional support.

The ELL program addresses language development and the academic success of the ELL students by providing ELL tutors who rotate among schools to work with the students under the supervision of the student's primary teacher.

Contact: Laura Prather 601-631-2875

Alternative Programs- GROVE

The mission of GROVE is to provide comprehensive and challenging programs characterized by high expectations, rigorous academic lessons, career education components, and individualized student support.

Programs offered at GROVE:

- K & Grades 1 & 2 Day Treatment Classes
- Discipline Classes
- Overage Classes
- G.E.D. Classes
- Short-Term Suspension Classes
- Youth Court Assistance Program

Contact: Dr. John Walls 601-631-2877

Reading First Program

RF is a nationwide effort administered by the US Dept. of Ed. designed for students in lower elementary that will enable all students to become successful readers by the end of third grade. Led by literacy coaches that work directly with teachers, four elementary schools in the VWSD participate in the RF program through a Federally Funded grant.

Contact: Susan Bentley 601-636-4371