

## What is the Vacaville Early College High School (VECHS) Program?

- An educational partnership between the Vacaville Unified School District and Solano Community College.
- The primary goal of the VECHS program is to prepare students for college success by enrolling them in rigorous high school coursework and college classes beginning in ninth grade.
- This non-traditional high school program is especially beneficial for students from family demographics that are typically underrepresented in college.
- Students may be able to earn a high school diploma and up to 60 transferable college credits (equivalent to an Associate degree).
- VECHS will begin with ninth grade students for the 2013-14 school year and add an additional incoming class for the next three years.
- For the first few years, the high school level courses will be taught at both Will C. Wood High School and the SSC Vacaville Center.
- By the year 2017-18, it is expected that all of the high school level coursework will be taught at the SCC Vacaville Center campus.

## What will the 9<sup>th</sup> grade year look like?

- A daily schedule that is a combination of traditional and block scheduling.
- Students in ninth grade will be expected to take the following college prep high school courses: English 9 P, Biology, Math (Algebra I or Geometry), World History, PE and a period of AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)
- Students in the ninth grade will also be expected to take one appropriate level SCC course each semester.
- As students satisfy the required coursework for a high school diploma, their schedule will open up to the opportunity to take more SCC courses.
- An exact schedule may be seen on the VECHS website.



## What kind of student?

- VECHS is designed to serve motivated students with high potential for future academic and career success.
- This program is available to ALL 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who will be starting high school in August 2013.
- Due to program structure, VECHS may not be suited for students interested in high school sports and AP course offerings.

## Who can apply?

- Admittance is based on completion of a student application, interview and recommendation process.
- Applicants should have an overall GPA of 2.5 – 4.0, STAR scores in the “Proficient” range or above (within the past four years), consistent attendance and responsible student behavior.
- Application to the program is open to all students regardless of school of residence. Students will be selected based on a wide variety of factors.

# Where can I find additional information?

- ▶ [www.vechs-vusd-ca.schoolloop.com](http://www.vechs-vusd-ca.schoolloop.com)
- ▶ Jepson Middle School Counseling Office
- ▶ Yaca Peña Middle School Counseling Office
- ▶ VUSD Educational Services Center, 401 Nut Tree Road
- ▶ Information by telephone: (707) 453-6115



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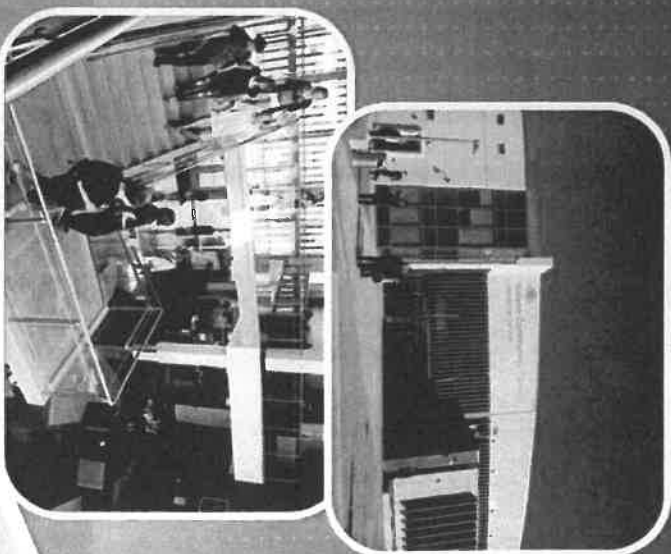
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