

Bethlehem Catholic High School
VHS Course Application
2017-2018

Is VHS for you? Please read the information listed below, and complete the steps in the application process. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether VHS will be a good match for you. Applications that are not complete will be returned to the student.

Criteria for acceptance into the VHS Program - The following items will be considered for all students applying for VHS courses.

- Classroom behavior
- Completion of assignments (there is no minimum grade requirement)
- Self-motivation
- Ability to work independently
- Attendance (will not be a major factor, but will be considered)

Course Policies for VHS Classes.

- A student cannot take a course that is currently offered at Bethlehem Catholic High School.
- The administration has the right to disapprove a course.
- VHS Course Registration begins in the first or second week of May. Once a student has been registered for a course, they will not be allowed to withdraw from the program. However, Bethlehem Catholic reserves the right to withdraw a student from the program at any time.
- There are a limited number of seats each semester. The number of classes a student is enrolled in will be determined by the number of students accepted into the program.
- Students should review the course information carefully before making their course selections. A student may request to switch one VHS course for another prior to the start of classes. This does not mean that a student's request will be granted. Requests to change a course will be considered on a case-by-case basis. All requests must be approved by Mrs. Young and Mrs. Fitzpatrick. In order to request a course change, a written request stating the reason for the change must be completed by the student and signed by his/her parent or guardian.
- Students must be able to work independently.
- A student may need to work outside of school hours to complete weekly assignments.
- If a student does not have Internet access at home, he/she must be willing to use a public library or other source to complete the necessary course work.

How much time should I allot to complete my work for VHS each week? Students taking a VHS course during school hours have 3 ½ hours of scheduled class time. The hours listed below include this time.

- A **standard level** class requires students to be actively engaged in their coursework for approximately **6 - 8 hours** per week
- An **honors level/Pre-AP** class requires students to be actively engaged in their coursework for approximately **8 - 10 hours** per week
- An **AP level** class, requires students to be actively engaged in their coursework for approximately **10 - 12 hours** per week.

Credit for VHS Courses: The VHS Collaborative is Nationally Certified, as well as Middle States Certified. A list of NCAA approved courses can be found on the Beca web site under Academics/The VHS Collaborative/VHS NCAA Approved Courses. VHS Courses receive the same credit and weight, and are listed on the student transcript in the same manner as any other course offered at Bethlehem Catholic.

How and where do I take my VHS course?

Students are assigned a class period to work on their VHS courses in the computer lab. VHS courses are taught over the Internet, and therefore are accessible from any computer that has an internet connection. Students have the option to take a VHS class without being assigned a class period during school hours.

Who pays for VHS Courses?

Bethlehem Catholic High School pays the membership fees and basic tuition for up to two VHS semester courses, or one AP or year-long course.

- In years when we have a high demand for courses, students may be limited to one semester course.
- Students wishing to take courses in addition to those paid for by Bethlehem Catholic, will be required to pay the tuition fee. All fees must be paid for prior to being registered for a course.
- VHS Course Registration takes place during the first week in May. However, students can still be registered for courses through the first week of a course, whether it be a fall or spring semester course.
- Bethlehem Catholic does not provide any material for VHS courses. Students are responsible for any materials required for their course which are not provided through VHS.
- VHS has an additional charge of \$75 for AP courses. Students electing to take an AP course will have to pay the additional fee.
- In addition, AP Sciences and AP Music Theory have “lab” fees. Students will be required to pay the lab fee for their courses. The science class lab fees vary from course to course.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the program.

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Please complete the information on the following four pages.

I. The Application Process

II. Understanding the VHS Catalog

III. The VHS Application 2015-2016

IV Student/Parent Contract

Return only the four sections listed above to Mrs. Fitzpatrick in Lab 226, no later than March 10th. The first two pages of this document are for your records.

I. The Application Process

Please watch this course demo.

<http://www.govhs.org/shared/CourseScreencasts/MYCUIC/MYCUIC.html>

Math You Can Use in High School

The title of this course is now *Essential Math for College and Careers*.

In Lesson 3-1 the presenter clicks on a link to interactive tutorials. List the name of the web site below and also the three objects that are on the right side of the website.

Name of the Web site _____

The three objects shown are:

_____, _____ and _____.

In Lesson 3-5, they will be discussing 4 problems. List the names of the 4 problems in the spaces below.

Watch the D2L demo at the bottom of the Course Demo Page

[How to Navigate in the Desire2Learn \(D2L\) Platform](#)

Do you have Navigation down? Complete the following quiz.

Please fill in the blanks with the appropriate words/expressions from the list below.

Announcements	Discussions	Grades	Lessons	Private Thread	VHS Courses
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- All _____ have similar areas that students and teachers move through on any given day.
- The _____ tab contains all course assignments and activities.
- _____ is a place where students and teachers go to participate in class discussions. This area is also a place where students can ask questions of their classmates or teacher.
- _____ is a place on the Course Home Page that contains posted messages for students to view upon entering a course.
- _____ is the place where students go to view their progress in class.
- Each VHS student has a _____, which is a special discussion area where he/she can talk privately with his/her teacher.

II. Understanding the VHS Catalog

Course length

- Full Year courses – are made up of two semesters. The fall semester is 15 weeks and the spring semester is 18 weeks. All AP courses and a select group of other courses fall into this category.
- Repeated Semester – are single semester courses, which are 15 weeks in length, and can be taken in the fall (F17) or spring (S18) semesters.

**Please note: Some courses are offered fall only or spring only. The current course catalog still has the F16 and S17 notations in the listings, but have the correct F17 and S18 notations in the course descriptions.

VHS vs. Connections Learning

When selecting courses, please make sure it says High School. The Connections Learning Courses are an additional fee. You may take one of these courses, but you will be responsible for the additional cost.

Familiarize yourself with the [VHS Catalog](#). Search the catalog to find the *Twentieth Century Women Authors* course. Complete the information below from the results of your search:

1. When is the course offered (circle all that apply)? F16 F17 SP17 SP18

Discipline _____ Grades _____
Level _____ Program _____
Duration _____ Credits _____

2. Click on one of the sections and then answer the following questions:

Is this course Middle States certified? yes / no

Is this course NCAA Certified? yes / no

How many Course Objectives are there? _____

3. Open the Syllabus link to the right of the course title. What is listed on the syllabus for Week 7? _____

4. On the catalog page, find the list of possible reading selections for the course. How many are there? _____

5. Open up the link to the Media Kit, also to the right of the course title. What are the names of the two books that will be used for the course (Item Title/Name)?

III. The VHS Application 2017-2018

Name _____

Year of graduation _____ Current homeroom _____

Briefly explain why you would like to take a VHS course.

Course Selection: After reviewing the VHS catalog, please complete the information requested for the courses you would like to take. List the courses in order of preference. Please note that if a course is listed more than once in the catalog, it is the same course, with multiple sections. Please list at least 3 different courses. When writing the course title, please write it exactly as it is listed. For example: The Human Body (not: Human Body).

Course 1 Full title: _____

Length: full year / 1 semester **Level:** AP Pre-AP Honors Standard

Prerequisites: _____

Course 2 Full title: _____

Length: full year / 1 semester **Level:** AP Pre-AP Honors Standard

Prerequisites: _____

Course 3 Full title: _____

Length: full year / 1 semester **Level:** AP Pre-AP Honors Standard

Prerequisites: _____

Course 4 Full title: _____

Length: full year / 1 semester **Level:** AP Pre-AP Honors Standard

Prerequisites: _____

Please list what activities you are involved in at Bethlehem Catholic. This will not affect your acceptance into the program. It is used as a means of scheduling students. If you have more activities in the fall, you may be placed in a spring course

If you are only taking one VHS semester course and need it scheduled for a specific semester, please note this below and state the reason. For example, if you are taking a semester course at Beca that is held in the fall, you would need a spring VHS course.

_____ fall semester course only _____ spring semester course only

Reason: _____

Please list any other information I need to know in order to schedule your course(s).

IV. Student/Parent Contract

Please **read and initial** each of the statements below. Then complete the signature portion at the bottom of this page. Upon completion, return all four pages of the application to Mrs. Fitzpatrick in Lab 226 no later than March 12th.

- We have reviewed the information provided in this document and the course descriptions and prerequisites for the course listed above. We understand that a student will not be allowed to drop a VHS course once they are officially registered on the VHS registration system.
- Students taking a VHS course, must meet the grading standards set forth by Bethlehem Catholic High School. Therefore, a student must achieve a grade of 70 or higher to receive credit for the course.
- A student who does not receive a grade of 70 or higher will be responsible for reimbursing Bethlehem Catholic High School for the cost of the course.
- Students taking an AP course will be responsible for the additional VHS fee of \$75.
- Students taking an AP course, as per Diocesan policy must take the AP Exam for their course.
- Students are responsible for paying any lab fees involved with the VHS course they take.

Name of Student (please print)	date
Signature of Student	e-mail address

Name of Parent/Guardian (please print)	date
Signature of Parent/Guardian	e-mail address
	phone number

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