



EXPLORATION
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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We are excited to offer Exploration Academy as an option for high school aged students to pursue a personalized path to graduation. We offer a rigorous and relevant course of study that is flexible to meet the needs, interests, and passions of each student.

The Exploration Academy provides innovative educational programming to meet the needs of students. Openings will be filled by lottery drawing and not on a first come/first served basis. No student will be denied eligibility with a completed application. More information is available at theexplorationacademy.org.

Enrollment Procedures:

- Complete the application. Application forms can be returned to the Verona Area High School K-wing office, located at 400 N. Main St, Verona WI 53593. Be sure to complete all sections of the application.
- Attendance at an informational meeting with the Exploration Academy is highly suggested in order to fully understand the philosophy and vision of the Exploration Academy. Informational meetings will be held January and February in the K-wing.
- Exploration Academy does not accept direct open enrollment applications. Families interested in Exploration Academy who live outside of Verona Area School District will need to file the necessary paperwork for open enrollment and must be accepted to be enrolled at Verona Area High School first before transferring to Exploration Academy if space is available. Open enrollment paperwork can be obtained at the district office.
- Once students are notified of their acceptance, they will be scheduled for an initial interview to discuss their learning style and academic goals. These meetings will occur in August.

Timeline:

1. Informational meetings will be held on January 23rd at 6:00pm in the K-Wing KITC, and January 31st at 7:00pm in the PAC following the Course Information Fair.
2. Open House Dates: February 7th from 9am-11am and February 9th from 1pm-3pm.
3. Completed Applications are due by February 17, 2017.
4. Lottery will be held on February 17, 2017 at 4 pm.
5. Acceptance letters will be mailed home after the lottery
6. Students will meet with counselors to adjust schedules the fourth week of February
7. Initial Individual Student/Parent Meetings will be scheduled during August

Contact Information:

Exploration Academy 400 N. Main Street Verona, WI 53593	Phone: 608-845-4560 Fax: 608-845-4570 E-mail: explorationacademy@verona.k12.wi.us
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Students that complete the enrollment procedures by the dates specified in the timeline will be available for the lottery. Applications received after the lottery process will be placed on a waitlist on a first come/first serve basis.



Application Form:

Student Information

Full Name _____ Student ID# _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Male/Female _____

Student will be entering _____ grade in the fall of _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Full Name _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Second Parent/Guardian

Full Name _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Other Information (Check all that apply)

- My student currently resides in the Verona Area School District
Name of the school previously attended _____
- My student's educational program is currently governed by an I.E.P.
- My student qualifies for free and reduced lunch.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

TRADITIONAL COURSE OPTION—EA Students have the option to take up to 2 credits of traditional course work at VAHS. Please identify courses from your submitted schedule that you would like to keep.

Course 1: _____

Course 2: _____

Course 3: _____

Course 4: _____

Please contact Pheng Lee, Exploration Academy Principal, at 845-4560 or an EA Advisor if you have any questions.

The Verona Area School District does not discriminate against pupils on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability in its educational programs or activities.

Student Essay

1) What is your passion? What role do you think this passion will play in your future in education and beyond?

2) Why do you think the Exploration Academy will be a good fit for you as a learner?

3) Create a Visual Representation of yourself (Draw a picture, make a collage, etc.) This picture should represent your personality, interest, values, emotions, not just your physical appearance.