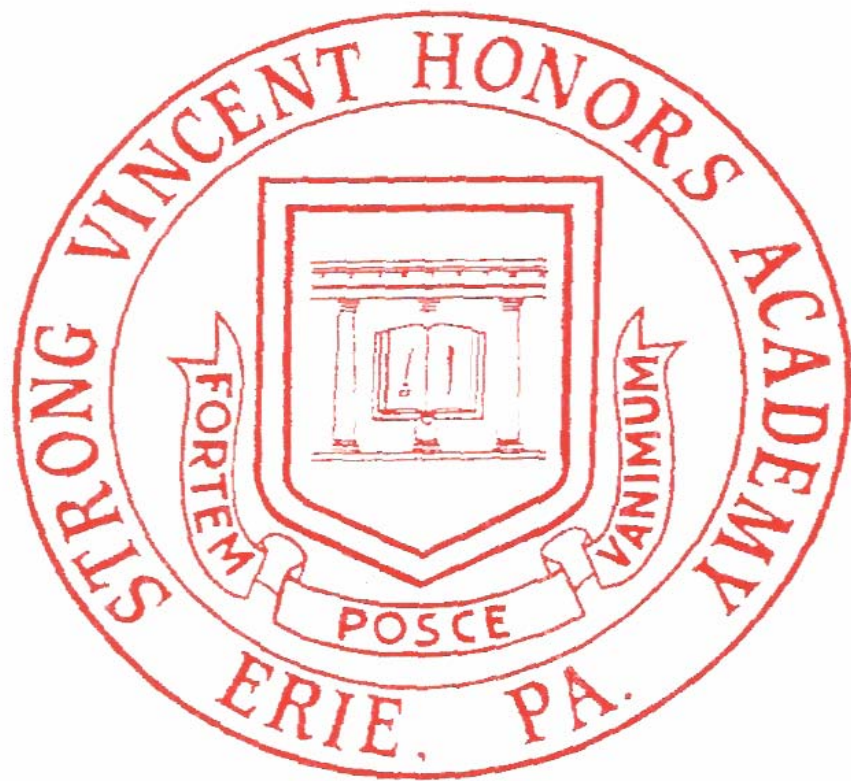


Strong Vincent Honors Academy



Academic Handbook

**Strong Vincent High School
Alma Mater**

**Hail to dear Strong Vincent
To the red and black that floats
upon the breeze;
Oh, hail dear Strong Vincent!
With all her happy memories;
Give three cheers for Vincent...
And we will never let her glory die;
Long shall we love her, Our Alma Mater,
Vincent High**

Student Citizenship Pledge

“My obligation as a responsible Strong Vincent Honors Academy citizen is to be courteous and respectful towards others. Courtesy and respectful behavior are essential elements in order to achieve personal excellence. Personal excellence is practiced at all times and is part of my daily routine. It is reflected in the way I communicate, and the way I deal with people and circumstances each day.”

Parent Assistance

Strong Vincent Honors Academy welcomes and relies on parental support of school sponsored activities and policies. Suggestions for maintaining and improving each student’s academic success include communicating with teachers, attending parent conferences and Open House, checking student agenda books, monitoring homework, class projects, supporting the school dress code and following the attendance policy.

Attendance

Strong Vincent Honors Academy schedules are rigorous and, therefore, regular attendance is essential. Even with one day of absence, students miss a great deal of work, and it is often difficult to catch up. The primary responsibility for ensuring regular school attendance rests with the student and his/her parents. Strong Vincent follows attendance procedures as explained in the School District Handbook and in accordance with the Pennsylvania Compulsory School Attendance Laws.

Absences

Upon return to school, a written note from the parent/guardian must be presented to the homeroom teacher explaining the absence. If excuses are not submitted within three (3) days, the absence(s) will be marked illegal. In the event that a student has three (3) unexcused days of absence, a first warning letter will be sent home to parents. When a student accumulates ten (10) days of absence, a doctor excuse will be required for all future absences. Any additional days absent without a doctor's excuse, a second notice will be filed with 4th Ward District Justice Tom Robie.

Homework requests may be called to the office. Counselors may need a full day to collect assignments.

Students have two days to make up missed homework.

Early Dismissals

All appointments should be scheduled after school hours. In the event that this is not possible, students:

- must bring a written note from a parent/guardian to the Attendance Office before homeroom
- will receive a yellow excusal slip to present to teachers for dismissal and re-entry

Students must bring verification of appointment to the office when they return to school or time away will be considered illegal.

Illness During the Day

If students become ill during the day, they should ask permission from the classroom teacher to see the nurse. If the nurse is not available, students should report to the main office. Students must have a pass to see the nurse.

Students are not permitted to leave Strong Vincent at any time during the school day without permission from an administrator.

Tardies

In the event that students are late for school (after homeroom bell) they must report to the attendance office for a green tardy slip for admission to class. Waking up late and problems with rides are considered unexcused tardies. This is further explained in the School District Handbook under Attendance.

Honor Roll

The Honor Roll will be published quarterly and will be posted on the bulletin board in the front entrance hallway, first floor:

- ◆ The following criteria will be used for determining Honor Roll status:
 - Summa Cum Laude 4.0 +
 - Magna Cum Laude 3.5 – 3.99
 - Cum Laude 3.0 – 3.49

- ◆ Grade point averages will not be rounded up for determining Honor Roll status.
- ◆ A Failure in any class will disqualify the student for Honor Roll for the quarter.
- ◆ An Academic Excellence Ceremony will be held in May for all student who attained Honor Roll status for all three quarters.

Special Help Nights

Strong Vincent High School Honors Academy Special Help Nights are as follows:

- Monday: Math
 - Tuesday: English
 - Wednesday: Social Studies
 - Thursday: Science
 - Friday: Teacher Discretion
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- Special Help times are from 3:30 – 4:00 and are held in the room of the teacher on duty.
 - Special help is mandatory for freshmen falling below a 71% in the core classes.
 - **Special help takes precedence over all other activities.**
 - Attendance to **assigned** Special Help is mandatory.
 - All students without a 90% attendance rate for **assigned** Special Help are not eligible for any school trips or extra curricular activities.
 - Students who miss two (2) assigned Special Help days will have their parents notified by the appropriate teacher.

Homework Expectations

1. **HOMEWORK WILL BE TURNED IN ON TIME**
2. Homework will be completed – partially finished assignments are not accepted.

For Freshmen:

1. Missed homework must be turned in by 8:30 the following day for 50% credit.
2. Students who do not turn in homework by 8:30 the following day:
 - a. Will be assigned an after school detention by teacher
 - b. Will receive a 0% for assignment.
 - c. Will still be required to complete homework assignment and
 - d. Parent will be notified

ALL PROJECTS AND PAPERS MUST BE TURNED IN ON THE DUE DATE.

1. 10% will be deducted from grade for each day late up to three (3) days
2. After three (3) days:
 - a. Parent will be notified
3. Students who are absent must still turn in assignment on the due date.
Work can be sent in to the teacher with a parent or responsible student.
Absent students will also be held to the 10% deduction each day.

Homework Detention

- Students with two (2) missed assignments are required to report to Homework Detention (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 3:30 – 4:15 in room 107)
- Any student assigned a homework detention will continue to attend Homework Detention until the work is completed.
- Students will be given a 24-hour notice for all Homework Detentions.
Parents are required to sign the notification form and return it with the student to the detention.

Academic Consequences

- All students below a 71% are required to meet with the Honors Academy 9th Grade Advisory Team and create a plan for improvement.
 - ◆ This plan may include, but not limited to, the following:
 - Special Help
 - Tutoring
 - Improved student effort
- The Honors Academy 9th Grade Advisory Team may include, but is not limited to the following:
 - o Core Academic Teachers
 - o Appropriate Counselor
 - o Parent/Guardian
 - o Building Administrator
- Any student who does not meet their academic expectations set forth in the contract will be removed from the Honors Academy.
- Any student falling below a 71% after the first quarter is subject to the same procedures as above.

Grading System

Strong Vincent uses a 4.5 scale for honor classes for the four major classes. The four major classes are English, Math, Science and Social Studies:

<u>Percent</u>	<u>Grading Scale</u>		<u>Weighting</u>	
		Regular	AP	Honors
95-100	A	4.0	5.0	4.5
90-94	A-	3.75	4.75	4.25
85-89	B	3.5	4.5	4.0
80-84	B-	3.0	4.0	3.5
75-79	C	2.5	3.5	3.0
70-74	C-	2.0	3.0	2.5
65-69	D	1.0	2.0	1.5
0-64	F	0	0	0

A student's grade-point average and rank in class shall be entered on his/her permanent record and transcript.

How to Calculate GPA (Grade Point Average)

1. Look at percentage grade for course.
2. Write grade point value – take half for ½ credit courses.
3. Add all values
4. Divide by total credits for quarter.

Graduation Requirements for 2005 – 2006

A Minimum of 27.5 credits is required for graduation, and includes the following:

Language Arts	4.0 credits
Mathematics	4.0 credits
Social Studies	4.0 credits
Science	4.0 credits
World Languages	3.0 credits
Wellness & Fitness	1.5 credits
Required Electives	1.5 credits
<u>Electives</u>	<u>5.5 credits</u>
Total Credits	27.5 credits

Requirements can be changed by School Board Policy and local and state laws.

Possible Field Trips

Honors Academy students may travel on several “local” field trips during 2005 – 2006.

Possible trips may include the following:

1. Presque Isle
2. Erie Art Museum/Historical Society
3. Local T.V. stations
4. G.E. or local industrial company
5. Local Law Firm
6. Local Universities (Edinboro, Behrend, Gannon Allegheny)
7. Citizen Education Program Annual Trip

College Visitations

Throughout the year representatives from colleges, universities and career schools visit Strong Vincent High School. Students may meet with representatives by contacting counselors.

Curriculum 2005-2006 Typical Schedule

English Honors 9	1.0
World History Honors	1.0
Algebra I Honors 9	1.0
Earth Science Honors or Biology Honors 9	1.0
Research	0.5
Wellness/Fitness	0.5
Microsoft Office I & II	0.5
Foreign Language	1.0
Electives	0.5
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Grade 10 Honors Academy

English Honors 10	1.0
U.S. History Honors I	1.0
Geometry Honors 10	1.0
Chemistry or Biology Honors 10	1.0
Wellness/Fitness	0.5
Foreign Languages	1.0
Electives	1.5
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Personnel

Central Administration

Dr. James E. Barker, Superintendent of Schools	874-6001
Dr. Robert Oliver, Assistant Superintendent of School	874-6015
Mr. Frank Scozzie, Assistant to the Superintendent	874-6054

School Administration

Mr. Kenneth C. Brasington, Principal	874-6500
Mr. Cass Wright, Assistant Principal	874-6502
Mrs. Mary Popadak, Assistant Principal	874-6503
Ms. Elizabeth Krug, Assistant Principal	874-6504

School Secretaries

Mrs. Melissa Whalen	874-6500
Miss. Kim Critchfield	874-6500

Attendance Office	874-6509
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School Nurse

Mrs. Janice Dean	874-6508
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Guidance

Mrs. Marijane Dillon	874-6505
Mr. Joseph Bufalino	874-6506

Athletics

Mr. Ron Niebauer	874-6514
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Strong Vincent High School Dress Code

SHIRTS:

T-Shirt, polo or oxford style with collar or turtlenecks. Sleeves must be short, long or $\frac{3}{4}$ length. Solid colors only. (not revealing)

Colors: black, white, red or khaki

CLUB SHIRTS:

The teachers and administration do recognize the importance of school spirit and encourage students to be proud of the clubs to which they belong. The wearing of **(approved)** school club, school organization shirts and/or colors will be accepted on any day.

SWEATERS:

Solid Colors

Colors: black, white, red or khaki

SWEATSHIRTS:

Sweatshirts may be worn if they are plain or have the Strong Vincent logo on them. Sweatshirts must be school colors. No hooded sweatshirts of any kind allowed.

Colors: black, white, red or khaki

*No shirt, sweater or sweatshirt should be worn inside out.

PANTS/SHORTS/CARGO/CAPRIS/DRESSES/SKIRTS:

Length must not touch the floor to excess. Pants may not be oversized or sagging. Pants are to be belted at the waist. Shorts must be fingertip length. Shorts and/or capris must be loose. Skirts or dresses must be fingertip length. Sweatpants are only permitted if worn as a club approved outfit. No flannel pants are permitted. Solid colors.

Colors: black or khaki (No Velour)

SHOES:

Boots, sneakers or shoes must be worn and heel heights are to be 2" or less.

OUTERWEAR:

Must be kept in your locker (hats and coats, jackets)

JEWELRY:

The administration or teachers may ask students to remove jewelry or chains if such items appear to be excessive in number or disrupt the educational process.

*The administration may impose additional limitations on dress and/or appearance if the attire or appearance causes a disruption of the educational process or constitutes a health or safety hazard.

Extra Curricular Activities

Academic Sports League
Cheerleading
Drama Club
French Club
Intramurals
Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC)
Landscape Club
National Honor Society
Outdoor Club
Peer Meditation
Spanish Club
Strong Vincent Environmental Awareness Association
Student Council
Student Mentor Training Program
Yearbook

Athletics

P.I.A.A. District Ten

Boys Sports

Fall

Cross Country
Football
Golf
Soccer (With Villa)

Winter

Basketball
Swimming
Wrestling

Spring

Baseball
Tennis (With Villa)
Track

Girls Sports

Fall

Cross Country
Golf
Soccer
Tennis
Volleyball

Winter

Basketball
Bowling
Swimming

Spring

Softball
Track

Mr. Ron Niebauer
Athletic Director