

VBHS's Recognition of African American Scholars

On April 22nd, 2020, Administrators and the Guidance Director from VBHS met with District Administrators to discuss the master schedule. There was a consensus that increasing the recognition of minority students begins with increasing access to advanced academic programs. Another meeting to review data has been set for the first week in May. At that meeting, data will be reviewed, and parameters will be established for ensuring equitable access to Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment, and CTE classes. Data will be collected from course grades, previous FSA testing, and guidelines from the College Board. District personnel have also agreed to explore providing the PSAT 8/9 to all 9th grade students to identify minority students that could excel in these classes. The AP coordinator at VBHS will also assist in data collection and examination.

It should also be noted that administration is aware of the importance of equity in current recognition. The school's current year John B. Witt Award winner is of African American descent. Another VBHS African American student was also recommended to Congressman Bill Posey and will be receiving the Congressional Medal of Merit in May. Finally, 1/3rd of the schools Shraubstader Scholarship Award winners were also African American.¹

¹ See VBHS Administration for specific recipients. Names have been withheld from this document for the sake of confidentiality.