VOA HIGH SCHOOL *Newsletter*





Meet · The · Director.

HELPING STUDENTS REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL

Hello VOA Families. We officially surpassed the first month of school! I do not think we could have a more positive and successful September. I am the new school director here at VOA High School, and I have the privilege to join the VOA community. I have been in the charter school world for quite some time as a dean of students, principal, and most recently the executive director. I chose to come to VOA to help impact our youth community. The staff here are all amazing and caring educators that want the best for your students. I look forward to a wonderful year!

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WELCOME TO OUR LEARNING COMMUNITY

VOA High School offers credit recovery to students in the Minneapolis area. We provide students with a chance to push the reset button and provide an environment for students with a chance to graduate. Our students leave VOA High School with the skills to join the working community, move on to higher education, and pursue life goals. Students are offered flexible scheduling and substantial on-site support to help students on their path to success.



WAYS TO CONTACT VOA

- Call front office 612-375-0700
- email: sam.wakefield@voamn.org
- School Hours: M-T: 8:30 - 4:00. Friday: 9:00-3:00

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

SCHOOL CONFERENCES

October 13, 2026
4pm - 7pm
(dinner provided)

October 14, 2026
8:30am - 12:00pm

ENROLLMENT STILL OPEN!

VOA NEWS

FRIDAY FIELD TRIPS FOR CREDIT

Here at VOA, we want to give students as many experiences possible! We make sure we align learning standards to help students receive high school credit for the work they do during the field trip experience.

9/11/26: **Freedom Writers:** Students were able to view the film and perform a writing activity for English credit. We made sure to make it like a movie theatre experience!

9/18/26: **Snake Discovery:** Students headed over to Snake Discovery to learn about over 75 reptiles.

9/25/26: **Cat Cafe:** Students refined their drawing techniques by sketching some cats!

10/2/26: **Baking with Beta:** Students earned chemistry credit while baking a variety of cookies!







STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Mariah is always kind and respectful towards staff. She is one of the first ones in the building with a do what it takes attitude. Mariah is always looking for every opportunity to earn credit, while having an interest in the material she is learning. We are excited to have her join our VOA community.

Ameer has put in amazing work so far this year. The staff here at VOA have seen a huge turn around in his efforts and attitude towards his education. Ameer is here every day getting his work done. He is willing to lead by example and help motivate the peers around him. We are happy to see him back and ready to impact VOA.



SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Social Emotional Learning: Each Tuesday our school community takes time to participate and learn the topics around social emotional learning. We want to teach students the life skills they use in everyday life. This month we focused on healthy relationships and how we can heal, support, and build trusting relationships. A Speaker from the Tubman Clinic talked to our students around what makes a healthy relationship and helped us personally define what it means to have a healthy relationship.

STATE OF THE SCHOOL

Come join us 10/13 from 4pm-7pm for the state of the school presentation. This presentation is held annually to inform families of our Title 1 programming and funding, our school improvement goals, how we assess our students, and how we inform families of student progress. There will be time for families to speak with staff, ask questions, and provide feedback to improve our school environment.

WHATS COMING UP AT VOA



Conferences: Conferences are held at the school 10/13 from 4pm-7pm and 10/14 from 8:30am-12:00am.

Hispanic Heritage Dinner: Come join us for a Hispanic Heritage Dinner to help celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month! Food served 4pm-7pm.

No School (MEA): Students have no school 10/15 & 10/16.

No School (Election Day): Student have no school 11/3.

> *"Roads may close, but there is always another path to your destination."*