

Callback at Vergennes



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What is callback?

Callback is a block of time set aside each day where students and teachers can meet for support, enrichment, evaluation, remediation, pre-teaching, completion of work and re-teaching.



Callback supports an effort to personalize the educational experiences of the students at VUHS. The personalization will help guide the student, their parents,

and advisors make informed decisions about their academic, social and professional yesterday, today and tomorrow. Working with their morning meeting advisor, students will gain a better understanding of what success means at Vergennes. The mission of the school coupled with the five guidelines to success (we are here; we are on time, we are respectful, we are kind, we believe in personal integrity, and we challenge ourselves) guides the group through advocacy, community and skills - traits identified as the focus of the advisory system. The linking of callback and morning meeting means that both teachers and students share an understanding of what each of the students in that callback need to do to achieve their goals. The students meet in small groups and individually with their advisor to review progress on goals, prepare for conferences or

presentations or choose courses. This advocate will support their completion of tasks, guide them through academic struggles and maintain contact with their home so that each students personal goals may be attained. This personalized system will allow each student opportunities to succeed in the classroom and beyond. Opportunities for enrichment may also be available during this time.

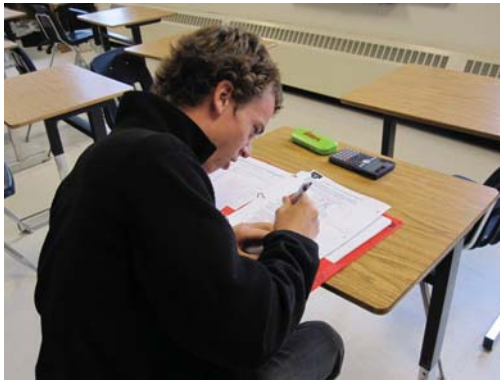
Callback is part of the school's Educational Support System



The Educational Support System is a safety net that helps students be successful in school. It also assists teachers to

build capacity in the classroom and to improve student learning. Direct skill instruction (math), silent sustained reading, and organizational skills will be taught directly to support student success.

How should callback be used?



Callback is a time for students to get help from a teacher. It is a time to do learn concepts for any missed time. Callback supports students to further understand their the application of skills and concepts. It can be a supervised work or time for some students to work in small groups. It is potentially a time to get work before or after an absence. The time can be used to build skills, support transitions, provide enrichment, access guidance services and work on future planning.

How should callback not be used?

Callback is not meant for students to wander, loaf, to finish incomplete homework with the supervision of their teacher, for band/chorus

students to miss that course to make up work in another class or for teachers to repeat lectures or in-class activities because a student has been late or absent.

Lunch

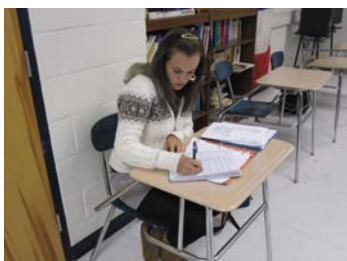
If a teacher requests attendance during a student's lunch period, it is the responsibility of the student to communicate that information to their assigned callback teacher and eat at a different time. It is not the responsibility of the teacher to work around the student's lunch schedule.

Expectations

Some helpful information about callback

Every callback has a scheduled time and place to meet. Every non-music student is assigned to a callback. Students are released from their callback either via our web-based pass program or a routine appointment for supportive intervention. Students unaccounted for will be listed as AWOL, which will result with negative consequence. Students remain in their assigned callback room for the entire 25 minutes until the passing bell rings. Students assigned to lunch should not drop in to see their friends during callback.

What if the student is in band/chorus?



Should a band or chorus student need to be called back, they may be called back either before school or after school, as can other students. Not all teachers will be available during these times to meet with students. It remains a student responsibility to confer with their teacher to work out a mutually acceptable time to meet.

Frequently asked questions.

Can I do my homework for tonight? Certainly. Can I meet with a clinician, guidance counselor? Yes. Can I wander the halls? No. Can I work with my friend on a research project? Maybe. Can I use this time to check in with a teacher about a question I have about an assignment? Of course. Can I get tutored/tutor someone? Sure. Can I play in the gym if I am caught up on my work? Caught up? Hum. Are you challenging yourself? Can I leave early to get some food in the cafeteria? My friends callback teacher let's them do it. Nope, that's not who we are. Can I check my email for school purposes? Yeah, just not gaming.