



THE VANGUARD EVOLUTION — FAQS

1) What changes will be implemented at Vanguard for the 2026-27 school year for new students?

- Serve students in grades 10–12 only.
- Expand STEM-focused coursework and electives aligned to workforce and postsecondary needs.
- Increase schedule flexibility so students can participate in Vanguard alongside AP, concurrent enrollment and other campus-based opportunities.
- Eliminate the application process; courses at Vanguard will be available to any interested upcoming 10-12 grade student.

2) How will future 9th grade students be served?

The district will launch a new course at BAFA that provides early exposure to project-based learning and STEM. This early exposure allows students to make more informed choices about Vanguard in grades 10–12, while remaining fully embedded in their home campus for 9th grade.

3) What does this mean for enrollment and my student's schedule next year?

Students who are already attending Vanguard may continue their coursework at Vanguard or opt to enroll at one of the other four high school options. Because each student is different, please visit with your student's counselor during the enrollment period to find the best scheduling option.

4) Moving forward, how will Vanguard support students who want advanced coursework and a Vanguard experience?

One of the goals with these changes at Vanguard is to remove barriers between advanced coursework opportunities and the Vanguard experience. By aligning with the bell schedule of the Broken Arrow High School and other academies, students will be able to participate in AP, concurrent enrollment, and other advanced opportunities without having to miss a Vanguard learning experience.

5) The Ag/FFA program serves students in grades 8-12 and is housed at Vanguard Academy. Will these changes affect that program?

No. The Ag program will remain at the Vanguard campus and students in all eligible grade levels will continue to be served.

6) Can students still take AP classes, concurrent enrollment, or electives outside of Vanguard?

What about athletics, fine arts and work schedules?

Yes. The changes to Vanguard will increase flexibility, not limit options. Students can continue to take AP courses, concurrent enrollment classes, and electives outside of Vanguard, participate in athletics or fine arts, or work. The goal is to remove scheduling barriers so students no longer have to choose between rigorous coursework and the Vanguard experience—they can have maximum schedule flexibility.

7) Will these changes affect college admissions or scholarships?

Students will continue to earn credits aligned with graduation requirements while developing skills colleges and employers value—critical thinking, collaboration, problem-solving, and real-world application. The integration of STEM pathways, advanced coursework, and authentic projects can help students stand out in college and scholarship applications.

