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Solution

To find the vertex, we look at the coefficients in the function $w(y) = ay^2 + by + c$ in this equation, $a = 1$ and $b = 3$

The first coordinate of the vertex has the formula: $\frac{-b}{2a}$ now, plugging into formula to get:

$$\frac{-b}{2a} = -\frac{3}{2(1)} = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{The second coordinate of the vertex is } w\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right) &= 1\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + 3\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right) - 4 \\ &= -\frac{25}{4}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the vertex of the graph of f is $\left(-\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{25}{4}\right)$