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## Solution

To find the vertex, we look at the coefficients in the function  $q(j) = aj^2 + bj + c$  in this equation,  $a = 2$  and  $b = 9$

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

$$\frac{-b}{2a} = -\frac{9}{2(2)} = -\frac{9}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{The second coordinate of the vertex is } q\left(-\frac{9}{4}\right) &= 2\left(-\frac{9}{4}\right)^2 + 9\left(-\frac{9}{4}\right) - 4 \\ &= -\frac{113}{8}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the vertex of the graph of  $f$  is  $\left(-\frac{9}{4}, -\frac{113}{8}\right)$