



MVHS Counseling Department 2020-2021



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who is my Counselor? Based on your Last Name

Mr. Lockwood: A-D & SDC

Mr. Vandenburg: E-L & NCAA

Mrs. Thornburg: M-Q & IB Diploma

Mrs. Castro: R-Z

Mrs. Mendoza-Montoya: AVID, English Learners, and 504 Accommodation Plans

Q: When are counselors available to meet with parents and students?

A: Please go to our Counseling Website to schedule a Virtual Meeting with your counselor

A: Counselors are available for PARENTS 10-11:30 AM

A: Counselors are available for STUDENTS 12:30-3:30

Q: When are schedule changes allowed?

A: During the first 10 days of the start of the semester, students may complete a Schedule Change Request Form. Counselors will review the request and make changes if available.

Q: Where do I check my grades?

A: There are 2 places grades are posted, on Canvas and Aeries. Aeries will be updated at the minimum at the 6 week Progress Report, 12 week Progress Report, and Final Grades. Log into your Aeries Portal account to check your grades weekly, especially at the 6 week, 12 week and Final Grades. All students have an Aeries, Canvas, and Microsoft 365 accounts with their studentID@mvusd.org.

Q: What should I do if I am struggling in a class?

A: The first thing you should do is to TALK TO YOUR TEACHER. GO TO OFFICE HOURS!!!

Q: How are credits awarded?

A: 5 credits are awarded per class with a passing grade (D or better).

Q: What is the difference between “non-weighted” and “weighted” GPA?

A: Each grade has a point value A=4 points, B= 3 points, C= 2 points, D= 1 point, and F = 0 point.

AP (Advanced Placement) and IB (International Baccalaureate) classes receive an extra point which bumps the value for A=5 points, B=4 points, C=3 points but a D and F remain same as non-weighted value.

Q: What are A-G College Entrance Requirements and how are they different from Graduation Requirements?

A: A-G College Entrance Requirements are specific subject area that College and University review on Transcripts to determine eligibility. Information is available on our Course Catalogue.

Q: How do I order transcripts?

A: We use Parchment for Transcripts

Q: How do I get a Work Permit?

A: Work permit forms are available on our Counseling Website listed under Counseling Forms.

You must first get a job, then complete the 3 top sections, then email or scan it to Mrs. Young.

Q: What are the Graduation Requirements?

A: Total of 230 Credits

Elective=50 credits

English=40 credits

History=30 credits (Modern World History, US History, and Government/Economics)

Math =30 credits

Physical Education=20 credits

Science=30 credits (Life Science, Physical Science and one additional)

Visual and Performing Art=10 credits

World Language=10 credits

Health/Career=10 credits

Q: How many hours of Community Service are required?

A: For 2020-2021 school year the 40 total hours of community service have been waived

Q: Does MVHS offer PSAT?

A: For 2020-2021 school year, NO

Q: Are SAT and ACT's offered at MVHS?

A: No, students must sign-up for SAT with collegeboard.org or for ACT with act.org. Click here for explanation of difference between SAT and ACT.