

# Welcome to the PACK!



## Are YOU Ready?

**Michigan City High School** is a place where all students are **challenged to achieve** their highest potential. We are intently focused on making sure **our graduates are ready** — ready for success in college, and ready for success in future careers.

With an enrollment of approximately **1,600 students in grades 9-12**, MCHS serves residents of Michigan City and outlying areas within LaPorte and Porter Counties. **Our school is accredited** by AdvancEd and the Indiana Department of Education.



## Why Choose MCHS?

**College and career focus.** We are a college and career prep school. For the past five years, our graduates have earned 3,700+ college credits — and a third of our students have graduated with academic or technical honors. Many also earn industry certifications.

**Opportunities to achieve.** We have outstanding programs for gifted/talented students, middle-tier students, and special needs students. We are a large school made up of small learning communities.

**Opportunities to shine.** With 22 different athletic teams and nearly 40 clubs and organizations, there's a place for every student to excel. We also believe in the importance of serving our community.

**Opportunities to save.** Our students can earn credits from Purdue, Indiana University, Ball State, and Ivy Tech. School breakfast & lunch are also **FREE**. We're saving families *thousands!*

**We are 1:1!** Every student at MCHS is issued a Chromebook, for use at school and at home. These devices are taking us to new levels of learning!

# Are YOU Ready?

Our focus is on College and Career Prep for every student.

*Michigan City High School is a large school* — with 1,600 students, we have lots to offer! But we also know that **small learning communities** are best for students' success. That's why we offer these programs tailored to meet the needs of each individual.



## Honors College

High-ability students are challenged by **Academic Honors sections for all core classes**.



In addition to a broad range of dual-credit courses, students may

take Advanced Placement classes in up to 18 subjects, with free AP exams and prep in Math, Science and English thanks to a partnership with the University of Notre Dame. Students strive to **graduate with an Academic or Technical Honors diploma** and can earn 30-60 college credits. Each year, Honors College students are succeeding at advanced levels in college and career. Weighted grades are awarded for Academic Honors, AP, and Dual Credit classes.

## Early College

Each year, up to 125 students are accepted into our **Early College High School**,

where they receive a **strong foundation for success** in college and career, with added guidance and study skills support. Through a partnership with Purdue University Northwest and Ivy Tech, **Early College students earn both high school and college credits**. Upon graduation, they receive both a high school diploma and up to 60 college credit hours.



## Core Academy

Core Academy students enter freshman year prepared to take the classes needed for an **Indiana Core 40 diploma**. By junior year, they have an opportunity to supplement their schedule with a variety of **dual-credit and career and technical education courses**. The focus for Core Academy students is success during *and* after high school, as they transition to college and other post-secondary training options.

*Did you know?*  
All MCHS students are assigned a Chromebook to use at school and at home!

## P.A.C.K. Academy

Students who need added academic support receive **help in core classes** through the P.A.C.K.

Academy (**P**repare - **A**chieve - **C**ollege/Career - **K**nowledge). Reading, study, and organizational skills are emphasized, and an **extra class period of math** prepares them to pass the ISTEP+ 10. **Class sizes are smaller, and a counselor is focused on their needs**. The P.A.C.K. Academy helps close the gap so that students are ready to take a Core Academy class load.

**PLUS: Career & Technical Pathways!** Through the **LaPorte County Career and Technical Education** program, MCHS students can pursue pathways in 14 different disciplines. **Students learn from professionals in the field** as they explore careers, build a work ethic, and **earn college credit and industry certifications**. Visit [EducateMC.net/careertech](http://EducateMC.net/careertech) to learn more!





Did you know?  
MCHS was named  
the 2018-19  
AP School of the Year  
by the AP TIP-IN  
program!

# AP & Dual



Save

# CREDIT

**Michigan City High School** currently offers 42 classes that allow students to earn both high school and college credits. (Even **more dual-credit classes** are offered through our Career & Tech Program!)

**AP courses** are open to juniors and seniors, although some students may take them as early as freshman year. At the end of the course, students take **AP exams** prepared by the College Board to receive credit. Thanks to a partnership with the University of Notre Dame, students receive AP exam prep, and exam fees are covered for Math, Science, and English.

**Dual-credit courses** are rigorous and fulfill the requirements expected of students at the partnering college or university.

**Credits are \$25 . . . or FREE** for students who qualify for free/reduced meals!

**Information about AP and dual credit** is presented at parent/student meetings each year, and is available from your counselor.

## Courses Offered

Dual-credit and AP courses at MCHS are offered in partnership with Ball State, Indiana University, Ivy Tech, and Purdue University Northwest.

Advanced Speech  
Eng 12 - Cont Lit/Adv. Comp  
Eng 11 - Academic Honors  
French III & French IV  
German III & German IV  
Japanese III & Japanese IV  
Spanish III & Spanish IV  
Finite Math  
Pre-Calculus/Trig AH  
AP Statistics  
AP Calculus  
AP Computer Science  
Computer Science 1 & 2  
Digital Applications  
Banking & Investment Capstone  
Business Law and Ethics  
Intro to Engineering Design  
Principles of Engineering  
Civil Engineering & Architecture

Chemistry II  
Principles of Biomedical Science  
Human Body Systems  
AP U.S. History  
AP European History  
AP World History  
AP Human Geography  
AP Microeconomics  
AP U.S. Government  
AP Music Theory  
AP Psychology  
AP Biology  
AP Chemistry  
AP Physics  
AP Environmental Science  
AP English Lang/Comp  
AP English Lit/Comp  
AP Spanish

**AP credits earned at  
MCHS will transfer to  
colleges & universities  
across the U.S.!**

## Are YOU Ready?

All students at Michigan City High School are encouraged to sign up for dual credit. Students participating in the Honors College, Early College, and Career & Technical Education Programs can earn up to one or even two years of college credit while still in high school!



## Look How Much \$\$\$ You Can Save!

School	Tuition (per credit hour)	Total Cost of...	
		15 credits	30 credits
Ball State	\$320	\$4,800	\$9,600
Ivy Tech	\$150	\$2,250	\$4,500
Purdue Northwest (PNW)	\$269	\$4,035	\$8,070
Indiana University (IUSB)	\$236	\$3,540	\$7,080
I.U.P.U.I.	\$297	\$4,455	\$8,910
Purdue University	\$348	\$5,220	\$10,002
Dual Credit at MCHS	\$25*	\$375	\$750
Dual Credit at MCHS (for free/reduced meal/ textbook eligible students)	\$0	FREE!	FREE!

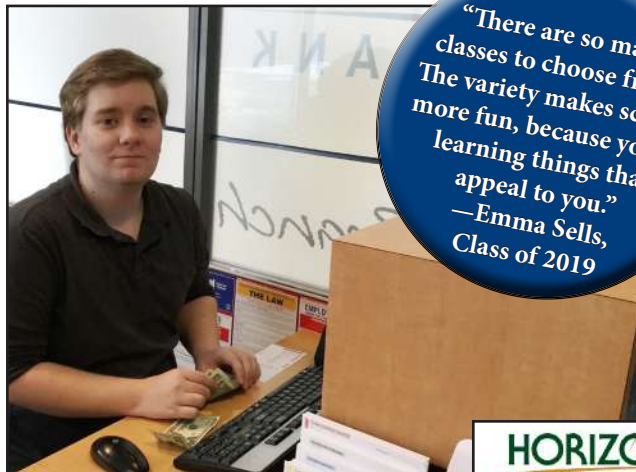
\*cost of some PNW courses may vary

\*\*All amounts are subject to change and for illustration purposes only

# An "Open Door" for Good Health

Did you know that MCHS has an in-school health clinic? The **Open Door Adolescent Health Center** provides sports physicals, support groups, mental health services, nutritional counseling, and much more. All services are free of charge regardless of students' or parents' economic or insurance status. A nurse practitioner and social workers are part of the Open Door team.

Students must be registered to receive services; registration forms are available in the PowerSchool parent portal, or online at <http://educateMC.net/opendoor>.



"There are so many classes to choose from! The variety makes school more fun, because you're learning things that appeal to you."  
—Emma Sells, Class of 2019



## Thanks, Partner!

How do you teach students about financial planning, saving, and credit? How about **opening a bank** right at their high school!

Horizon Bank opened its **"MC Wolves Branch"** in **Michigan City High School** in January 2014. This facility provides banking services for students, faculty, and staff, including checking and savings accounts and a custom Wolves debit card. The branch is open before school and

# Are YOU Ready?



Scan with your phone to take a tour & learn more about the exciting opportunities Michigan City High School has to offer!

[EducateMC.net/mchs](http://EducateMC.net/mchs)



## Stay Connected to MCHS!

Be sure to sign up for "Wolves Wire" —

the monthly e-newsletter of MCHS! (To subscribe, visit [EducateMC.net/wolveswire](http://EducateMC.net/wolveswire).)



during lunch periods, and **is staffed by students** working under the supervision of a Horizon advisor. Horizon also partners with MCHS to help educate students on finance and money management.

Horizon is just one of many local **businesses and organizations that partner with MCHS** to give students real-world experiences. It's all part of our mission to ensure students are **college and career ready!**





# Activities & CLUBS

Get Involved



"The diversity here allows people from all different walks of life to come together and find their niche."  
—Luke Poulin,  
Class of 2022

At Michigan City High School, we know that students involved in extra-curricular activities and athletics are more successful in school — and in life! We offer a wide variety of clubs & organizations to a diverse student body.

## What's YOUR Thing?

As an MCHS student, you can participate in any of the extra-curricular activities below. Interested in forming a club not listed? Please speak with an assistant principal!

**Academics** Chemistry Olympiad ★ Early College Club  
Envirothon ★ History Club ★ Mathletes ★ National Honor Society ★ Quiz Bowl ★ RHO Kappa Honor Society  
Robotics Team ★ Science Club ★ Spell Bowl

**The Arts** Art Club ★ Anime Club ★ Drama Club  
Improv Club ★ K-Pop Club ★ Flag Corps  
Jazz Band ★ Marching Band ★ Pep Band  
Poetry Club ★ Thespian Society ★ Wolvettes

**Language** Foreign Language Honor Society  
French Club ★ German Club ★ Japanese Club  
Spanish Club ★ American Sign Language Club

**Leadership** Black Student Union ★ Helping Hands  
J.R.O.T.C. ★ Steering Committees ★ Student Council

**Publications** Alpha Yearbook  
Video Announcements

## And There's More...

Chess Club ★ Diversity Club  
Dungeons & Dragons Club ★ E-Sports  
Fishing Club ★ Roller Skating Club  
Ping Pong Club ★ Prism Club



Students can also participate in many elective classes that are offered as part of the regular school day, providing hands-on learning while enriching student life at MCHS. Band, Choral Groups, Ceramics, Photography, Drawing, Theater, Strength Training — these are just a few examples!



Did we mention we also have 22 different Athletic teams?





# Student LIFE

Make Memories



**Highlights of our school year** include Homecoming, Spirit Week, Winterfest (don't miss the Class Olympics!), and Prom. The annual "City's Got Talent" show is a must-see...just like our fall and spring plays and musicals. Annually, we host exchange students from across the globe who are with us for a year, a semester, or just for a week — and there are opportunities for international study and travel for our own students, too. We could go on and on....

*It all adds up to an awesome experience!*



"At City, there is always something to do; there are so many clubs, sports and activities. I am proud to be a Wolf!"  
— Jack Smith, Class of 2019

## Blitz Academy

School's out — but members of Safe Harbor's Blitz Academy still stay at school to hang out! And why not? This popular after-school program offers tutoring, study tables, and a time to chill with friends and have a snack. Plus, there are enrichment and community service opportunities to keep students engaged and inspired. Blitz kids have learned to record and mix music, worked on robots and 3D printers, performed in poetry slams, visited colleges, prepped for the SAT, packed groceries for food pantries, and more.





## Athletic

## TEAMS



**Michigan City High School** is a Class 5A school and is a proud member of the **IHSAA** (Indiana High School Athletic Association) and the **Duneland Athletic Conference**, one of the most highly respected conferences in the state of Indiana.

Michigan City "Wolves" fields teams in **22 different sports**, both at the Varsity and Junior Varsity level, and in many cases at the 9th grade level, as well.

Our Wolves are the true definition of the student athlete, and our Athletic Department follows an education-based athletic philosophy. Each year, many seniors sign letters of intent to **play at the college level**. Recently, students have received **athletic scholarships** to attend Purdue, Notre Dame, Holy Cross, Western Kentucky, Michigan State, University of Arizona, Ball State, Olivet, Eastern Illinois, Southern Illinois and many others!

"The DAC is one of the most competitive conferences the state. It allows you to compete against the best of the best."  
—Tyler Siegmund  
Class of 2019



Michigan City



*Boys & Girls Basketball*

*Girls Gymnastics*

*Boys & Girls Swimming & Diving*

*Wrestling*

*Boys Baseball*

*Girls Softball*

*Boys & Girls Track & Field*

*Cheerleading*  
*Boys & Girls Cross Country*  
*Football*  
*Boys & Girls Golf*  
*Boys & Girls Soccer*  
*Boys & Girls Tennis*  
*Girls Volleyball*  
*Unified Track*



# Wolf Pack

# Play

# PRIDE



"Being part of a team at City provides not only challenging competition but lifelong friendships on and off the field."  
—Nathan Stevenson  
Class of 2020

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## Look Where MCHS Grads are Studying Now....

Ball State University  
Bethel College  
Butler University  
Columbia College  
DePaul University  
Holy Cross College  
Indiana State University  
Indiana University  
IUPUI  
Ivy Tech Community College  
Loyola University  
Manchester University  
Marquette University

Michigan State University  
Northwestern University  
Purdue University  
Purdue University Northwest  
Rose Hulman Institute of Technology  
Saint Mary's College  
Spelman College  
University of Arkansas  
University of Nebraska  
University of Notre Dame



Valparaiso University  
Wabash College  
*...and MANY others!*





# How to

Visit



# ENROLL

## Want to take a closer look at Michigan City High School? Here's how:

### 1. Get in on a Tour

- ✓ All 8th graders from Michigan City Area Schools (Barker and Krueger Middle Schools) take a field trip to visit MCHS each fall. During this visit, you'll meet counselors, teachers, and students, and will see and hear about the MCHS experience first-hand.
- ✓ Students from schools outside the MCAS attendance area — along with those from private, charter and homeschool — are always welcome to visit! Please call our Guidance Office at (219) 873-2044 to set up a tour or a “shadowing” experience.

### 2. Enroll

Visit our online course guide:  
[EducateMC.net/courseguide](http://EducateMC.net/courseguide)

- ✓ Current MCAS students are already enrolled!  
(Your parent/guardian will simply need to complete the annual online registration, which takes place during the summer.) Course selection for 8th graders takes place in February and March. See your middle school counselor for information — and be sure to ask about Honors and Early College opportunities!
- ✓ Students who will be attending Michigan City Area Schools for the first time can enroll online! Visit <http://EducateMC.net/enrollment> to enter your information. Once you've completed the online form, call the MCHS Guidance Department to make an appointment with a counselor. He or she will assist you in establishing a class schedule. If possible, please bring the following when you meet with the counselor:
  - Transcripts from your current school
  - Letters of recommendation from two teachers, if applying for Honors or Early College.
  - Any documents you weren't able to upload online.



**3. Come Early!** All freshmen are required to begin school a day early in August for “Freshman Orientation.” This is an opportunity to meet teachers, find your locker, walk through your daily schedule (and the cafeteria line!), and hear more about student life at MCHS. Parents are invited for their own orientation session.



# We are

# Pride

# FAMILY



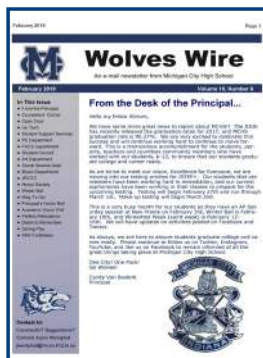
## Michigan City High School

knows that a strong support system is one key to student success!



"Michigan City High School has given both of my children a solid foundation. My son started college with 36 credit hours he earned through AP and dual credit, and my daughter is on track to do the same. I looked at other options for my children, but found that City provides more opportunities... from classes, to sports, to extracurricular activities. And by being involved as a parent, you can support not only what the school is doing but also help our community."

—Debby Blackie, Parent



✓ A **"PowerSchool" online portal** allows both parents and students to check grades, assignments, discipline records, and attendance. (A login for this system is shared once students are enrolled.) If you need assistance, please contact the school counseling office.

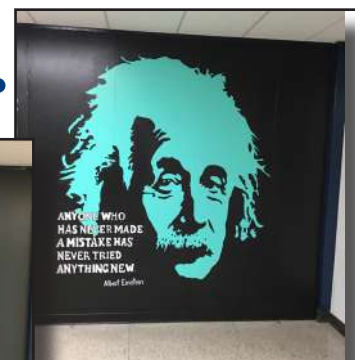
✓ **Parents, grandparents, and community members are urged to sign up for "Wolves Wire"** — the monthly e-newsletter of Michigan City High School. Add yourself to the mailing list today at [EducateMC.net/wolveswire](http://EducateMC.net/wolveswire) or

pick up a printed copy in the school office.

✓ **The Parent Network**, the MCHS parent organization, sponsors informational meetings and student events such as post-prom. They also provide feedback and assist as volunteers. Contact [mchsparentnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:mchsparentnetwork@gmail.com) to join!



"It's cool to hear someone say they like a mural, and I can tell them, 'I did that!'"  
—Jawuan Gaines,  
Class of 2019



## A Living Canvas

As you're walking through the halls of Michigan City High School, you may turn the corner and come face to face with Albert Einstein. Or Maya Angelou. Or William Shakespeare. Their images and many others grace the walls in vibrant color, on murals created by students as part of a project funded in part by the Unity Foundation of LaPorte County.

"The murals extend our classrooms into the halls," says art teacher Cheri Whitler. "Students are leaving a lasting mark on their school. They're creating an artistic legacy."



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Area Schools  
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College &  
Career  
READY!





# WILL YOU BE READY?

To graduate in Indiana you **MUST**:

# 1

**Earn a diploma.**

**Make SURE you will have enough credits to earn one of these!**



- ☒ Core 40 Diploma
- ☒ Academic Honors Diploma
- ☒ Technical Honors Diploma

# 2

**Prove you have skills.**

**Demonstrate your “employability skills” by completing at least one of these!**

- ☒ Project-Based Experience
- ☒ Service-Based Experience
- ☒ Work-Based Experience



# 3

**Show you are ready.**

**Meet at least one of these benchmarks!**

- ☒ Honors Diploma
- ☒ ASVAB (31)
- ☒ SAT (480 Reading, 530 Math)
- ☒ ACT (18 English, 22 Math, 22 Reading, 22 Science)



- ☒ Industry Certification
- ☒ Apprenticeship
- ☒ CTE Concentration  
(C or better in at least 6 credits)
- ☒ AP/Dual Credit Courses  
(C or better in 3 courses; 1 must be a core course)



# ...GRADUATE!

# GO FOR IT! Requirements for Indiana High School Diplomas

## Core 40 with Academic Honors

47  
Credits

*Courses should be at the AH or AP level*

4 years - 8 credits of  
**English**  
+  
1 semester - 1 credit of  
**Speech**  
+  
4 years - 8 credits of  
**Math**  
(Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2 +  
1 additional class)  
+  
3 years - 6 credits of  
**Science**  
(Biology, Chemistry, ICP or  
Physics + 1 additional class)  
+  
3 years - 6 credits of  
**Social Studies**  
(Geography or World History, US  
History, Government, Economics)  
+  
3-4 years - 6-8 credits of  
a **Foreign Language**  
(3 years of the same language or 2  
years each of 2 different languages)  
+  
2 credits of **Fine Arts**  
+  
1 year - 2 credits of  
**Physical Education**  
+  
1 semester - 1 credit of  
**Health**  
+  
1 semester - 1 credit of  
**Preparing for College &  
Careers**  
+  
**Electives**  
+  
**Complete ONE:**  
6 Dual Credits  
2 AP courses/exams  
3 Dual Credits + 1 AP  
course/exam  
Specific SAT/ACT scores

\*Must earn C or above in courses that count  
toward diploma and have at least a 3.0 GPA



44  
Credits

## Core 40

4 years - 8 credits of  
**English**  
+  
1 semester - 1 credit of  
**Speech**  
+  
3 years - 6 credits of  
**Math**  
(Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2,  
Quantitative Reasoning)  
+  
3 years - 6 credits of  
**Science**  
(Biology, Chemistry, ICP or  
Physics + 1 additional class)  
+  
3 years - 6 credits of  
**Social Studies**  
(Geography or World History, US  
History, Government, Economics)  
+  
1 year - 2 credits of  
**Physical Education**  
+  
1 semester - 1 credit of  
**Health**  
+  
1 semester - 1 credit of  
**Preparing for College &  
Careers**  
+  
**Electives**

## Core 40 with Technical Honors

47  
Credits

4 years - 8 credits of  
**English**  
+  
1 semester - 1 credit of  
**Speech**  
+  
3 years - 6 credits of  
**Math**  
(Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2,  
Quantitative Reasoning)  
+  
3 years - 6 credits of  
**Science**  
(Biology, Chemistry, ICP or  
Physics + 1 additional class)  
+  
3 years - 6 credits of  
**Social Studies**  
(Geography or World History, US  
History, Government, Economics)  
+  
1 year - 2 credits of  
**Physical Education**  
+  
1 semester - 1 credit of  
**Health**  
+  
1 semester - 1 credit of  
**Preparing for College &  
Careers**  
+  
**Electives**  
+  
6 credits in a  
**CTE Program**  
+  
**Complete ONE:**  
6 Dual Credits  
2 AP courses/exams  
3 Dual Credits + 1 AP  
course/exam  
Specific SAT/ACT scores  
Specific WorkKeys/  
Compass/Accuplacer  
scores

\*Must earn C or above in courses that count  
toward diploma and have at least a 3.0 GPA

