Welcome MCHS Class of 2025



Rising Freshmen Student & Parent Information Session





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MIDDLE SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL

- *Year-long* English & Math, *Semester* Science & Social Studies
- Promotion policy
- Grade level classes

- 4x4 Block Schedule
- Credits must be *earned* for promotion
- Mixed-grade classes
- Homework
- YOU are responsible for your own behavior & learning!





Standard

- 4 English
- 3 Math
- 3 Science
- 3 Social Studies
- 2 H/PE
- 1 Econ & Personal Fin.
- 2 Foreign Lang. OR Fine Arts OR CTE
- 4 Electives
- 22 Total Credits5 Verified Credits

Advanced Studies

- 4 English
- 4 Math
- 4 Science
- 4 Social Studies
- 2 H/PE
- 1 Econ & Personal Fin.
- 3 Foreign Language
- 1 Fine Arts OR CTE
- 3 Electives

26 Total Credits 5 Verified Credits

What is a Credit?

A **CREDIT** is earned upon the successful completion of a course with a final semester grade of 65% (D-) or higher.

A **VERIFIED CREDIT** is earned when the course is passed with a minimum of 65% **AND** the End-of-Course SOL test is taken and a score of 400 or higher is achieved.

Grading



9 weeks grading unit (Quarter)
Quarter progress reporting (Interims)
Final Semester Grade is determined by:

Q1: 45% Q2: 45% Exam: <u>10%</u> Final Semester Grade





 Homework Participation Daily classwork Quizzes & Tests Projects Presentations Long-term assignments



Algebra I Geometry Algebra II Spanish I Earth Science







Semester 1

English 9
 Math (SOL)
 Elective
 Elective

World History I (SOL)
 Science (SOL)
 Health/P.E. I
 Elective

Semester 2



MATH: Algebra I, Geometry & Algebra II

SCJENCE: Earth Science, Biology & Chemistry

SOCIAL STUDIES:

World History I, World History II & VA./U.S. History

ENGLISH:

Reading & Writing (Taken during English 11)





At MCHS, student promotions are made in January and June after final grades are stored.

MCHS Promotion Policy:

- **9th to 10th grade**: 6 credits, including 1 for English 9, and 1 verified credit.
- **10th to 11th grade**: 13 credits, including 1 for English 10, and 3 verified credits.
- **11th to 12th grade**: at LEAST 16 credits with 3 English credits and 4 verified credits.



Honors Courses Available:

- English
- World History I
- Biology



Math

Electives (CTE - Fine Arts - Foreign Language)





SPORTS Fall:

Football, Golf, Cross Country, Volleyball & Cheerleading

())inter: Wrestling, Basketball, Swim & Dive & Cheerleading

> **Spring:** Baseball, Softball, Soccer, Track & Field

OTHER ACTIVITIES: Band, Forensics & MAHI Yearbook



Hard work Perseverance Optimism Self-control Strong character Respect (For Self & Others) Jntegrity (Doing the Right Thing)

More Important Than IQ, GPA or Test Scores!



To register at a community college, university, or trade school To join one of the six branches of the U.S. military

To become a part of the workforce.



Mrs. Michelle Beverage Career Coach





Career Exploration: What career is best for me? Take assessments to evaluate my skills & interests.

Education/Training: Should I attend a trade/vocational school? Would a 2 year associate's degree work for me? How about an apprenticeship or certificate program?

Job Skills: I need help filling out an application. I need a resume! What do I wear to my interview next week? What are the soft skills employers are looking for?

Meet one-on-one with Mrs. Beverage to make a plan! Contact Mrs. Beverage at <u>mbeverage@madisonschools.k12.va.us</u>

Preparing for Life After High School



 Graduate with CHOICES! • Either diploma makes a student eligible for community college, career/trade school, or military enlistment. Advanced Studies diploma prepares students for a 4-year college/university Begin planning & talking with your families now about what you want to be doing five years from now!

Support for Families



Parents of High Schoolers Have Worries Too!

- Puberty/Adolescence
 - Peer Pressure
- Less Communication
 - Being Disconnected
 - Feeling Irrelevant

Ways to Support Your Student



- Encourage *self-confidence* and *patience* as new relationships are built.
- Help your child find an extracurricular group/activity at MCHS or in the community.
- Help with *the balancing act* between academics, activities and social life.
- Monitor social media and screen time!
- If you discover that your child is *struggling* academically, socially, emotionally, or with other serious concerns, get help from a trusted adult, teacher, school counselor or administrator.

"If a child can do ADVANCED MATH, speak 3 LANGUAGES, or receive TOP GRADES, but con't manage their emotions. practice conflict resolution, or handle stress, none of this other stuff is really going to matter."





 Do we have different lunch periods? Can we choose our own lunch period? Where do we sit at lunch? What if I don't have lunch with my friends?



Valuable Advice that I wish I had received EARLIER:

"Stop trying to please everyone around you. High school is your time to grow, learn & evolve. Do what makes you happy & don't let people drag you down!"

"Try to enjoy every day of high school - time flies!"



If I could tell a Freshman ONE THING it would be:

"Never be afraid to ask questions." "Enjoy every moment!" "Choose your friends wisely." "Don't worry about what others think."





 THINK before you POST! Stay Informed! • Check your school email EVERY DAY! Yes, every day! Get INVOLVED! Check in with your School Counselor with any questions or concerns – we're here to help!



- Review the MCHS 21-22 Course of Studies
- Talk to your teachers and/or school counselor about courses you are interested in.
- Log into Student Portal in PowerSchool and submit your course requests for next year.

()nline Scheduling ())indow: 4/12 - 4/16

Online Course Registration



Students will complete their 2021-2022 Course Requests online through PowerSchool.

- Log into Student Portal.
- On the left, select Class Registration.
- Follow the instructions to make course selections for core academic courses and elective choices.

<u>PowerSchool Online Student Course</u> <u>Registration Tutorial</u>



