


SOPHOMORE CLASS MEETING

Grades and career choice are the focus this year.

What's Important your Sophomore Year?

- ▶ It is your “shopping” year. Trying to decide what is next – KCCC, CCP, 4-year college prep?
 - ▶ Attendance, Grades, Credits are all very important.
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Graduation Credit Requirements

- ▶ English – 4 units (1 / 2 U.S. Literature)
 - ▶ Math – 4 units (includes Alg.2)
 - ▶ Science – 3 units (Biology, Physical, other)
 - ▶ Social Studies – 3 units (U.S., World, Government)
 - ▶ Health – ½ unit
 - ▶ P.E. – ½ unit (two semesters or two waivers)
 - ▶ Fine Art – 1 credit (band, choir, art, trends, etc.)
 - ▶ Electives – 4 units
 - ▶ Total required – 20 credits
- CHECK YOUR TRANSCRIPT!**

Graduation Requirements

It's Your **Future.** Get **Ready.**

Before you know it, you'll be receiving your high school diploma. Ohio is giving you new ways to show the world what you can do with it.

As a student entering ninth grade on or after **July 1, 2019**, Ohio's new high school graduation requirements give you more flexibility to choose a graduation pathway that builds on your strengths and passions – one that ensures you are ready for your next steps and excited about the future.

First, cover the basics

You must earn a minimum total of 20 credits in specified subjects and take your required tests. Then, decide how you will round out your diploma requirements.

English language arts	4 credits
Health	½ credit
Mathematics	4 credits
Physical education	½ credit
Science	3 credits
Social studies	3 credits
Electives	5 credits

Other Requirements

You also must receive instruction in economics and financial literacy and complete at least two semesters of fine arts. Your district may require more than 20 credits to graduate.

Second, show competency

Earn a passing score on Ohio's high school Algebra I and English II tests. Students who do not pass the test will be offered additional support and must retake the test at least once.

Is testing not your strength? After you have taken your tests, there are three additional ways to show competency!

Option 1.

Demonstrate Two Career-Focused Activities: Foundational

Proficient scores on WebXams
A 12-point industry credential
A pre-apprenticeship or acceptance into an approved apprenticeship program

Supporting

Work-based learning
Earn the required score on WorkKeys Earn the OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal

Option 2.

Enlist in the Military

Show evidence that you have signed a contract to enter a branch of the U.S. armed services upon graduation.

Option 3.

Complete College Coursework

Earn credit for one college-level math and/or college-level English course through Ohio's free College Credit Plus program.

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Third, show readiness

Earn two of the following diploma seals, choosing those that line up with your goals and interests. These seals give you the chance to demonstrate academic, technical and professional skills and knowledge that align to your passions, interests and planned next steps after high school.

At least one of the two must be Ohio-designed:

- ☐ OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal (Ohio)
- ☐ Industry-Recognized Credential Seal (Ohio)
- ☐ College-Ready Seal (Ohio)
- ☐ Military Enlistment Seal (Ohio)
- ☐ Citizenship Seal (Ohio)
- ☐ Science Seal (Ohio)
- ☐ Honors Diploma Seal (Ohio)
- ☐ Seal of Biliteracy (Ohio)
- ☐ Technology Seal (Ohio)
- ☐ Community Service Seal (Local)
- ☐ Fine and Performing Arts Seal (Local)
- ☐ Student Engagement Seal (Local)

Want to learn more? Contact your school counselor or visit education.ohio.gov/graduation

Ohio End of Course Exams

▶ Tested Courses:

- English 10
- Algebra 1
- Geometry
- US History
- Government
- Biology

Naviance

Find on Guidance page at:

www.mvcisd.us/High_School/

Email:


24firstinitiallastname@stu.mvcisd.us

Password: changeme then a password reset will go to your student email

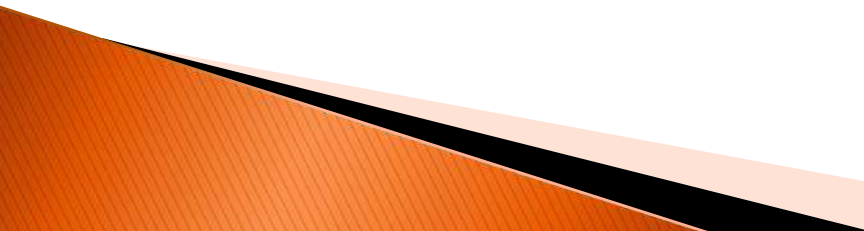
Log in and click on “Careers”



Career Planning

- ▶ Go to Naviance, click on Self-Discovery
 - ▶ Click on Personality
 - ▶ Complete survey
 - ▶ Consider strength areas for future career planning
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Choices for your education

- ▶ What are your plans for after high school?
 - ▶ MVHS prepares you for college
 - ▶ The Knox County Career Center prepares you to get a good paying job right after high school and also prepares you for college. About one-third of the KCCC graduates go on to college.
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Knox County Career Center

- ▶ Presentation in our theater October 19, 20, 21
 - The presentation will occur during your HIVE one of the days
- ▶ November 18, 2021
 - 1st Chance Online Application Night
 - 6pm – Midnight
- ▶ December 6, 2021
 - Application reopens at 8 am

Information about the KCCC

▶ How do you apply?

- online due by January 31st for first round picks.

▶ What is dual school?

- Student takes lab at KCCC and academic courses at MVHS IF we can get it to work out.

▶ Can you still participate in activities?

- Band/ Orchestra may conflict with academic schedules. See your counselor for more details.
- Sometimes this works out for your Junior year but conflicts with COOP your senior year.

▶ All credits earned at KCCC count toward graduation. You are still a MVHS student.

Recommendations for the KCCC

- English – 2 credits
- Math – 2 credits
- Science – 2 credits
- Social Studies – 2 credits
- Health – $\frac{1}{2}$ credit
- PE – $\frac{1}{2}$ credit (or 2 seasons w/ waiver submitted)
- Elective – 1 credit

Total = 10 credits



Part time College Credit Plus Opportunities

- ▶ College Credit Plus Program
 - Have to fill out an Intent to Participate Form by March 31
 - Meet Pre-req's for the college class (ACT or SAT)
 - Attend an informational session in January
 - Students can choose to take 1 or more classes at a college campus and still take courses at the high school (maximum 30 semester hours)

Full Time College Credit Plus Opportunities for Juniors

▶ The Knox Initiative


- Full time at COTC 11th and 12th grade and graduate with an Associates of Science Degree at the same time you graduate high school

▶ College U – Business


- Full time at KCCC during 11th grade and Full time at COTC during 12th grade and graduate with an Associates Degree in Business
- Students in these programs can not take any additional courses at the high school without a fee as they are full time and fall under CCP guidelines

◦ **MAKE SURE YOU ARE READY!**

What Do Colleges Look For?

- ▶ Quality of courses taken
 - ▶ Grade point average (should be 3.0 or above)
 - ▶ ACT and SAT test scores
 - ▶ School and Community activities
 - ▶ Volunteerism
 - ▶ Letters of Recommendation
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Ohio Board of Regents College Prep Recommendations


- ▶ English – 4 credits
 - ▶ Social Studies – 3 credits
 - ▶ Foreign Language – 3 credits or 2+2
 - ▶ Science – 3 credits
 - ▶ Math – 4 credits (including Alg. 2)
 - ▶ Fine/Performing Art – 1 credit
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PSAT


Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test

- ▶ **Test Date:** Wednesday, October 17, 2021 and
Time: 1st – 4th periods
- ▶ **Where:** Mount Vernon High School
- ▶ **Cost:** \$18.00 (checks payable to Mount Vernon High School) Pay in the Guidance office.
- ▶ **Deadline:** September 24, 2021
- ▶ Only a few spots left...


National Honor Society

- ▶ Need a 3.5 or above GPA
 - ▶ Involvement in activities
 - ▶ Leadership
 - ▶ Character
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Join Guidance Remind

- ▶ Text to: 81010
 - ▶ Type the message: @2024mtv
 - ▶ Great way to get updates, deadline for applications, and other guidance information
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I need help? What do I do?

- ▶ Set up a time to meet with your teacher.
 - ▶ Utilize HIVE period for additional help
 - ▶ Make an appointment with your counselor!
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Enjoy your year!

- ▶ Get involved by joining a club, organization or sport.
 - ▶ Keep working on your grades.
 - ▶ Make wise choices.
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Counselor Information

- ▶ Mrs. Kennerly A–G ext. 5710
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