




WELCOME


MHS Counselors

- Mr. Athanas
 - Ms. Brown
 - Mr. Kusch
 - Ms. Brendemuehl
 - **Ms. Pellegrino**
 - Ms. Smith
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Freshman Experience

- Social aspect of high school
 - Transition - different for everyone
 - Social Media – Monitor!! Know what your child is posting and texting! Remember Private versus Public accounts!
 - Your child needs you! Even though they will tell you they don't!
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Trees Supporting Student Success House Structure

- Red Maple vs White Spruce House
 - 3 School Counselors, 1 Social Worker, 1 School Psychologist and 1 Dean per house
 - Nurse, Special Education Coordinator
 - Weekly Collaboration Meetings
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Attendance

Attendance line by house:

White Spruce - 608-829-9924

Red Maple - 608-829-9925

Teacher Error?? Contact the teacher directly to correct the error. Your child should contact the teacher.

ASR? Ask your child if they signed up in Flexisched - they should know how to do that by now.



School Counseling Website

- Go to MHS Website: Find “School Counseling Department”
- Counselor News
- Timeline for Planning
- Grading Scale and GPAs
- Graduation Requirements
- ASPIRE and ACT
- School Profile
- Scholarship Information
- Local Scholarship Application
- AP Testing Schedule
- ACT and SAT Information and Test Dates
- Finding a college
- College Visits
- Parchment.com for electronic transcripts
- Resources

**MHS GRADUATION
REQUIREMENTS
vs.
COLLEGE ADMISSION
REQUIREMENTS**





MHS GRADUATION **REQUIREMENTS:**

- English – 4 credits
- Social Studies – 3 credits
- Science – 3 credits
- Math – 3 credits
- Physical Education – 1.5 credits
- Health - 0.5 credits
- Financial Literacy – 0.5 credit
- Additional Credit Requirement – 2-4 credits (Option A or B)
- Option A –
Fine Arts - 1 credit ; CTE – 1 credit
- Option B –
Foreign Lang. – 3 credits or Level 3 Prof; Fine Arts - 0.5 credit; CTE - 0.5 credit.
- ELECTIVES – 6.25-8.25 credits

MHS vs. College Admissions

- English – 4 credits
 - Math – 3 credits
 - Science – 3 credits
 - Social Studies – 3 credits
 - Physical Education – 1.5 credits
 - Health - .5 credits
 - Financial Literacy - .5 credits
 - Additional Credit Requirement – 2-4 credits (Option A or B)
 - Option A – Fine Arts - 1 Credit ; CTE Education – 1 Credit
 - Option B – Foreign Lang. – 3 credits; Fine Arts - .5 Credit; CTE Education - .5 Credit.
 - ELECTIVES – 6-8.5 Credits
 - Total Credit Requirements – 23.75
- English – 4 or more
 - Math – 3 or more (Algebra II and higher)
 - Science – 3 or more
 - Social Science- 3 or more
 - Electives - 4 or more (Chosen from the above areas, foreign language, fine arts, computer arts, computer science and other academic areas.)
 - Total Credits – 17 (minimum)

STANDARDIZED TESTS :


What are they and should my child take them?



- Standardized tests are designed to give a common measure of students' performance. Large numbers of students throughout the country take the same test, giving educators a common yardstick or “standard” of measure. Educators use these standardized tests to tell how well school programs are succeeding or to give themselves a picture of the skills and abilities of today's students.



Why Do Schools Use Standardized Tests?

- Standardized tests can help teachers and administrators make decisions regarding the instructional program. Using the results from these tests, teachers and administrators can evaluate the school system, a school program, or a particular student. Students benefit from the individual score reports, learning more about their academic strengths, weaknesses and career interests.
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COMMON STANDARDIZED TESTS IN WISCONSIN

- ASPIRE (9th & 10th grade)
- Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam (10th grade)
- ACT (11th grade)
- PSAT (10th & 11th grade – qualifying exam for National Merit Competition)
- ACT (Plus writing) (11th & 12th grade)
- SAT Reasoning and SAT Subject
- ASVAB




ASPIRE test for Freshman

- **ASPIRE taken in 9th grade**
 - Helps MHS and counselors support students with their strengths and weaknesses.
 - Prep for the ACT – students will have completed four tests in the EPAS sequence prior to taking the formal ACT during their junior year.
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Career Cruising/Xello

- Wisconsin's career exploration and planning website. Available to you anytime, anywhere.
 - Designed to provide career development with a WI focus!
 - Available to all MHS students. Now, in addition to career and education search opportunities, the website has a link to the Thompson-Peterson academic test prep site. Free online ACT, SAT, PSAT, and other full length practice tests.
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Is freshman year important?

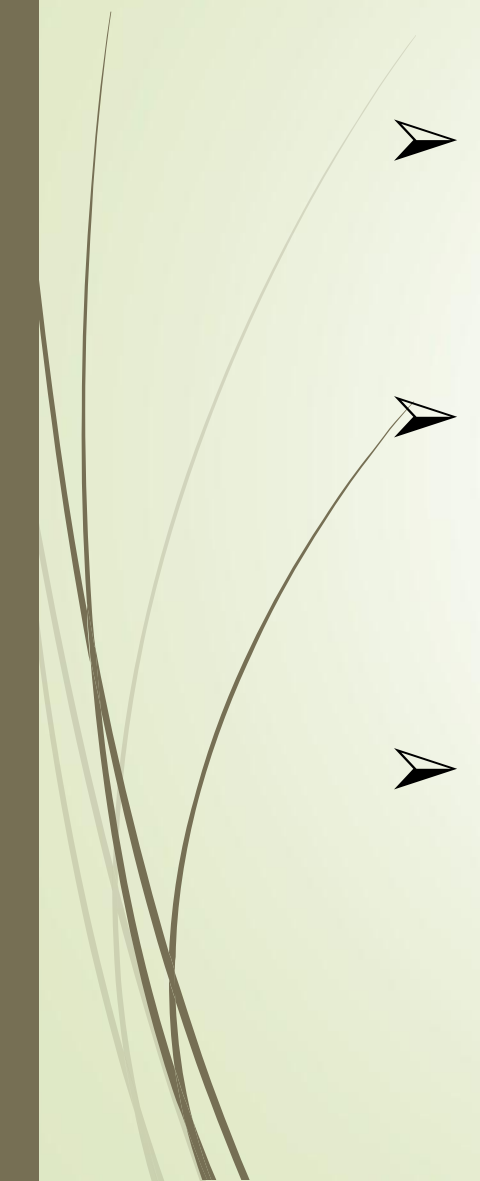
- Absolutely! Freshman year is one of three years that colleges review when making their admissions decisions.
 - Jump in with both feet!
 - Take rigorous courses!
 - Get help if needed – don't wait!
 - Get involved in extracurricular activities!
 - Leadership roles are coming!
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Freshman Advisory *Meetings*

- Freshman Advisory meetings in November and December.
- Begin discussion on postsecondary goals (college, tech school, military, work).
- Map out what classes you may want to take the next four years. Colleges recommend students take challenging courses.



FRESHMAN YEAR

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- Join clubs and activities in your area of interest.
 - Start building relationships with teachers. This will help you with letters of recommendation.
 - Build your resume – do something productive during the summer such as a job, camp(s), volunteer, etc.



Freshman Advisory

- Required! Credit earned.
- Link Crew. Upperclassmen as mentors and support.
- Build Community and personalize the high school experience.
- Meet 30 minutes everyday.
- Curriculum that will help all freshman acclimate to high school.



ASR: All School Resource

- 2:17-2:58 / 3:03-3:44 on “B” days!
- Mandatory for Freshman-Juniors to attend
- Complete teacher staff access for help
- Tutors in many of the resource rooms
- Opportunity to get help and complete work



QUESTIONS???

