

Welcome Incoming 9th Graders



Today's Objectives

- Understand graduation requirements and number of credits needed
- Learn about required 9th grade classes
- Submit your course requests for Freshman year online
- Turn in a completed course request worksheet

THE BIG GOAL ...

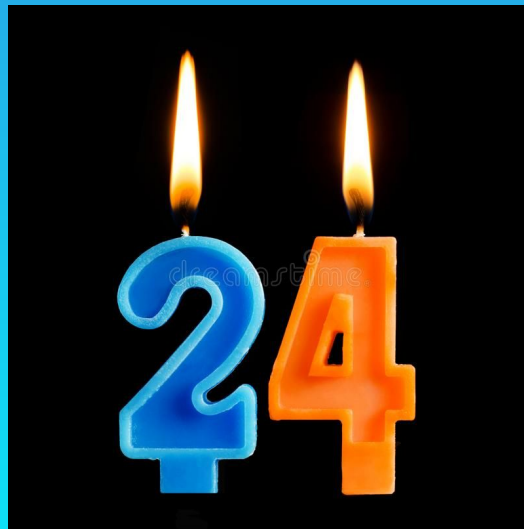
Learn, grow, challenge
yourself along the way.

A strong finish to your
8th grade year will
catapult you to a great
start your freshman
year!

GRADUATION

HOW TO MAKE IT HAPPEN!

Complete required classes and earn



Credits

MCPS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4 credits
Math	3 credits
Science	2 credits
Social Studies	2.5 credits
Health Enhancement	2 credits
Career Tech Ed	1 credit
Fine Arts	1 credit
Electives	8.5 credits

How to count credits?

Semester =



.5

Year =



1.0

Example: A student earns .5 credit for passing each semester of a yearlong English course (1 credit total)

WHAT IT MEANS TO SUCCESSFULLY PASS A CLASS

A passing grade:

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DOING THE MATH

Each student has the opportunity to take 7 credit bearing classes.

7 class periods x 4 years = The potential of 28 credits!

Remember you need at least 24 credits to graduate!

9th GRADE CLASSES

English 1	1 credit
Math	1 credit
BSHS Int Science 1	1 credit
SHS/HHS Earth & Sp	1 credit
Health Enhancement	.5 credit
PE class	.5 credit
Electives	3 credits

DISTRICT PROGRAMS

- **Agriculture Center**
- **Auto Mechanics Program**

*** You can sign up for these programs regardless of what high school you attend and transportation is provided.**

TIPS TO ENSURE SUCCESS

- Come to school!
- Turn in work and participate in class
- Monitor your Student Profile and Google Classroom
- Communicate with your teachers

OVERWHELMED BY HAVING TO CHOOSE 24 CLASSES.....

Don't worry, each year there are required courses you must take. Your school counselor will work with you to ensure you have the right classes.

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN REQUESTING COURSES....

Please check the Course Guide specific to your high school for prerequisites.

Be aware that classes listed may change or be offered the same period as a core class you need. Therefore, have alternates selected on your course request worksheet.

Course requests do not guarantee enrollment in the course.

Be mindful of rigorous core/college prep/IB/NCAA requirements as you plan for the next four years.

It's recommended that underclassmen take classes required for their post secondary goals earlier so they have more flexibility as upperclassmen. Big Tip: request Social Studies, Fine Art, Career & Technology Ed, and World Language credits now.

NEXT STEPS

1. Check with your 8th grade teachers about recommended classes (English and Math placements)
2. Make sure your requests add up to 7 credits
3. Add your course requests on to Q (not your alternates)
4. Make sure you have three alternates on your course request worksheet
5. Submit your completed Course Request Worksheet to your middle school Counselor