



Preparing for Senior Year

Class of 2026 ...Are you ready?

ACP meetings & Registration

ACP: Academic Career Plan

Your counselor will meet with you individually to go over:

- Current grades
- Graduation progress & final requirements
 - Credits, SOLs
- Update your Academic & Career Plan (ACP) including:
 - Plan for after High School (work, military, 2 year college, 4 year college, etc...)
 - plan of course selections for your last year of high school

Registration: March 6th-21st

- Register for classes for Parent/Student Portal at home during the window
- Course of Studies (List of all classes and class descriptions) available online on MCHS web page

Graduation Requirements Standard Diploma

Discipline Area	Standard Credits	Verified Credits
English	4	2
Math	3	1
	Pt 1 & Pt 2 count as 1 math credit	
Science	3	1
History	3	1
PE	2	
EPF	1	
Fine Arts/CTE/Foreign Lang.	2	
Electives	4	
TOTAL	22	5

*Plus sequential electives

*Plus CTE credential or H/DE/AP class

Graduation Requirements

Advanced Diploma

Discipline Area	Standard Credits	Verified Credits
English	4	2
Math	4 Need Algebra 2 or above	1
Science	4 Need either Chemistry or Physics	1
History	4	1
PE	2	
Foreign Language	3	
Economics and Personal Finance	1	
Fine Arts/CTE	1	
Electives	3	
TOTAL	26	5

*Plus sequential electives

*Plus CTE credential or H/DE/AP class

Credits

- To move from 11th grade to 12th grade a student must have earned enough credits to enable him or her to complete any remaining courses in time to graduate by May of the upcoming school year.
- Athletic eligibility
 - You must pass 3 out of 4 classes the semester prior to be eligible to play
 - Winter sports: January semester change is crucial
 - You must be enrolled in at least 3 classes** (*in case you're considering release blocks)

Your ACP will help guide you
with registration in March!

Courses you register for



Next years' schedule

Here's just some of the 12th grade electives:

Intro to Plant Systems

Foundations of Agriculture

Ag Fabrication

Greenhouse*

Landscaping I

Small Engine Repair

Carpentry I, II

Art I/II/III/IV

Creative Writing

Drama

Nutrition & Wellness

Intro to Early Childhood

Psychology

Teachers for Tomorrow I & II (DE
option also available)

Computer Info. Systems

Principles of Business/Marketing

Adv CIS*

Adv Design Multimedia*

Programming*

Programming Adv*

Adv PE: Lifetime Activities*

Adv PE: Personal Fitness*

Unified PE*

Intro to Health/Medical
Sciences*

Nursing I & II

Patient Care Tech

Marching Band

Choir

Adv Band

Sports Medicine I*

Dual Enrollment Classes

- Dually enrolled at MCHS and Germanna Community College
- College credit is through Germanna
 - Transferrable to other community colleges and 4 year schools
- Full weight for GPA calculation
- Qualifying GPA, Virginia Placement Test or qualifying SAT/ACT scores
- Student/parent pays out of pocket, however, at a discounted rate (this year's tuition = \$57.13/credit)
- 11th /12th grade DE options: English (11 & 12), US History, Pre Calculus, Calculus, Statistics, Chemistry, Teacher for Tomorrow (Note: TFT is through Shenandoah, not GCC)

Advanced Placement Classes

- Colleges want to see you challenge yourself with higher level classes
- Once you sign up, COMMIT!
 - Summer Assignment (required for some)
 - College Level Work
 - AP Exam
- This year, MCPS is covering the cost of AP exams (students must take the AP exam to get the weighted credit for gpa calculation)
- AP courses offered: 12th grade AP Government, AP Biology & other AP opportunities via Virtual Virginia and for BRVGS students

March course registration is very important!!! Class changes after this point will be at a minimum!

What is the plan?

Full time employment?

4 year University?

2 year Community College?

Military?

2 Year Community College

- Earn an Associate Degree
- Transfer to a 4 year college or university
 - Freshmen and Sophomore year at a 2 year college
 - Junior and Senior year at a 4 year college
 - Guaranteed Admissions Program**

4 Year University

- Earn a Bachelor's Degree
- 15 public colleges in VA
 - cheaper cost due to state funding
- 32 private colleges in VA
 - More expensive, but have scholarship opportunities if you have good grades and SAT/ACT scores

Financial Aid

Grants, scholarships and loans!

Did you know 87% of undergraduate students receive financial aid?



What do colleges evaluate when making decisions about admitting students?

GPA

SATs/ACTs

Difficulty Level of Classes

Extracurricular Activities

Volunteer Work

Visits

- College rep. Visits (sign up through Naviance)
- College campus field trips (Ms. Rhodes)
- Military Recruiters (during lunches and sign ups through Naviance)
- Business and Industry visits (sign up through Naviance)

SAT

- Sign up at www.collegeboard.org
 - March 8th (register by Feb. 21st)
 - May 3rd (register by April 18th)
 - June 7th (register by May 22nd)
- Most test once spring of junior year and then retest fall of senior year
- Send your scores to the colleges you are interested in applying to
- See your school counselor for a fee waiver if you qualify
- Study on collegeboard.org website, Naviance Student, and through the MCHS library database
- SAT is now digital (started March 2024) see your counselor if you need a MCPS chromebook for testing (with specific software for testing)

ACT

- Sign up at www.actstudent.org
 - April 5th (register by February 28th)
 - June 14th (register by May 9th)
 - July 12th (register by June 6th)
- ACT has a science section

ASVAB

- There is typically a fall and a spring administration
 - Spring administration is April 15th
- Helpful in exploring career options
- Necessary if considering enlistment
- (Can also take the ASVAB with a recruiter, separate from school)
- See Ms. Temple (Testing Coordinator) if you have questions regarding signing up to take the ASVAB

Naviance Student

Find the link on the MCHS website under “Students”

(username: MCPS email, password: previously created by you-
email Mrs. Frye or your counselor if you need it reset)

Naviance HW

- Make sure you can log in to Naviance, see Mrs. Frye in the Counseling office for help with your password if needed
- Once logged in here are a few things you should do:
 - Add colleges that you are interested in to the “Colleges I’m Thinking About” list
 - Sign up for an upcoming college visit
 - Watch a video in Roadtrip Nation that interests you
 - Research a career that interests you
 - Work on your Brag Sheet

Staying Connected!

- www2.madisonschools.k12.va.us/mchs
- Madison County Public Schools Facebook
- Madison Athletics Facebook
- mchs_info (Instagram)
- Mountaineernexsteps (Instagram)
- sports_mchs (Instagram)
- MCHS Athletics (Twitter)
- **CHECK YOUR SCHOOL EMAIL REGULARLY**
- Weekly calls and emails from Ms. Taylor

Important Resources

- Your Principal/Assistant Principal
 - Your School Counselor
- Mrs. Frye – Counseling Secretary/Registrar
 - Ms. Rhodes – College Adviser
 - Mrs. Shifflett - Career Advisor
 - Your Parents
 - Your Teachers

Thank you for joining us today!