

Ninth Grade Registration



2024-25 Program of Studies

- The 2024-25 MCSD Program of Studies can be found on the district website (www.mcSDK12.org).
- Hard copies will not be provided to students.
- Use this as a guide when choosing courses.

Graduation Requirements

■ English.....	4.0 Credits
■ Social Studies.....	3.0 Credits
■ Science.....	2.0 Credits
■ Biology.....	1.0 Credit
■ Mathematics.....	4.0 Credits
■ Computer.....	0.5 Credit
■ Health.....	0.5 Credits
■ Fitness.....	1.0 Credits
■ Electives.....	<u>6.5Credits</u>

Total

21.5 Credits

Honors and Advanced Placement Courses

- Students will need teacher approval to take advanced courses. If you override this recommendation with a parent signature, keep in mind that your GPA will be affected if you do not perform well in the class.
- Honors courses are weighted by 1.04
- Advanced Placement courses are weighted by 1.08.

Honor Graduates

- Students must have a cumulative NGA of 93.000% or higher (without rounding the decimals) to become an Honor Graduate.
- Honor graduates will be determined at the end of the third marking period of your senior year.

NCAA Clearinghouse

- Students interested in playing sports at the collegiate level (Div. I or II) will need to qualify with the NCAA Clearinghouse.
- Students must qualify academically in three areas: core courses, test scores, and GPA.
- For additional information, check **www.eligibilitycenter.org** or see your counselor.
- Course Info Night was held on Thursday, Feb 29, 2024 at 6:00 PM MCHS Auditorium open to all MCJH students and parents

What is a Credit?

- A credit is the point value of a course
- A subject that meets every day for the entire school year is worth 1 credit
- A subject that meets every day for half of the school year or meets every other day for the whole year is worth 0.5 credit

How many credits do I need to schedule?

- You need to schedule between 6.5 and 7.0 credits.
- If you schedule 6.5 credits, you will have a study hall.

**Do not make choices today!
Think about your future!**



Let's Look at Course Choices!



Required Courses

- Required courses are courses that are required for graduation
- Everyone will take English, American Cultures, Math, Science, Health and PE

Required Courses- Academy

- If there is ANY chance that you will be going to the Academy in 10th grade, you must take one physical education class and a computer class in ninth grade.
- If you change your mind and decide not to go, this will NOT penalize you.

Required Courses

Required Courses	Credits	Teacher Recommendations
English 9	0.5	915H, 9153, 9154 English 9 Honors, English 9 II, English 9 III
English 9 Literature	0.5	<u>Students must select one of the following:</u> Exp. Young Adult, Murder Mysteries & True Crime Lit, Stephen King Lit
American Cultures	1.0	American Cultures Honors, American Cultures
Math	1.0	Geometry Honors, Geometry, Algebra I, Algebra IA, Adv. Alg II, Math 9
Science	1.0	Biology I Honors, Biology, Chemistry I Honors

Required Courses

Course	Credits
One PE course	
PE or Strength & Conditioning	0.5
Health	0.5
One computer course	
Exploring Computer Applications	0.5
Tech Tools for Life	0.5

Electives

Course	Credits
Concert Band and/or Concert Choir	0.5
Culinary Arts I	0.5
Child Development	0.5
Spanish I	1.0
Spanish II	1.0

Electives continued...

Credits	
Exploring Visual Communications	0.5
Exploring Drafting	0.5
Exploring Technology	0.5
Adulting 101	0.5

You will need to select alternative electives. #1 will be your first choice and #2 will be your second choice.

English 9

0.5 Credit

- Study drama, poetry, novels, short stories, essays
 - Study literary elements
 - Grammar & mechanics
 - Write to inform, persuade, and narrate
 - Research project
- *Teachers will recommend you for a level.



9th Grade Literature Electives

0.5 Credit



○ Exploring Young Adult Lit

Teens face many challenges. This course examines fictional & nonfictional texts that represent many struggles teens face. Students will make connections between themes, characters, and plots of text with the various struggles young people deal with today (hunger, depression, substance abuse, making healthy decisions), discussing real life resources & alternatives to the issues in the texts.

9th Grade Literature Electives

0.5 Credit

○ **Murder Mysteries and True Crime**

Who-done it and true crime stories directly engage readers on an analytical level. Using direct and indirect information from the author, primary, and secondary resources, readers will try to uncover the mysteries surrounding a story. This course allows students to analyze and infer information throughout the text to draw conclusions and solve a mystery.

9th Grade Literature Electives

0.5 Credit

○ **Stephen King Literature**

Stephen King tells a good story. Students who are looking for an alternative to “traditional” texts can immerse themselves in the creative worlds of Stephen King while still exploring the literary elements of theme, character, plot, and setting.

Students will select his/her first choice for a Lit elective and also select an “alternate” Lit elective during course registration.

American Cultures



- American Cultures Honors
- American Cultures

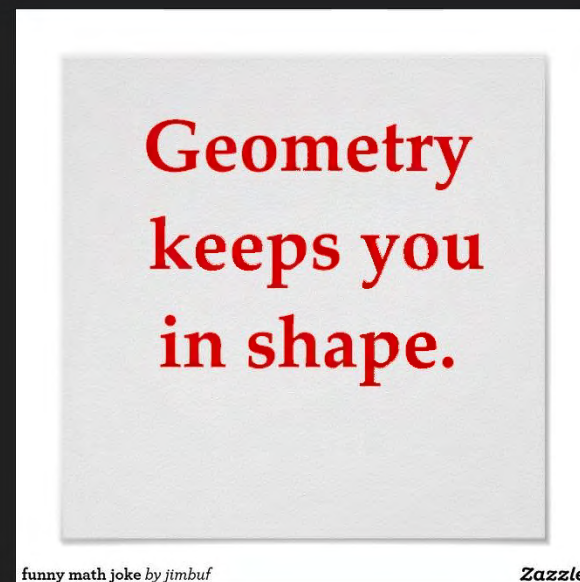
(Your teachers will recommend you for a level)

Study forces that shaped history & character of U.S. from 1890 to present.

Immigration, industrialization, urbanization, reform-democracy, and foreign policy

Mathematics

- Geometry Honors.....1.0 Credit
- Geometry.....1.0 Credit
- Algebra I.....1.0 Credit
- Algebra IA.....1.0 Credit
- Advanced Algebra II.....1.0 Credit
- Math 9.....1.0 Credit



(Your teachers will recommend you for a level)

Math 9 (New Course 24-25)

- **Math 9** is a textbook free course designed to focus on increasing foundational math skills, increase math fluency, and further develop math skills. This course was developed to help prepare students for more complex and abstract math courses and increase their confidence in their math skills. In addition to those skills, they will begin exploring careers/fields of interest and complete projects relating to their anticipated field of study, with a connection of math skills covered throughout the course.

This course is teacher recommended, must be taken prior to

Algebra I or Algebra IA

Science Choices

- Biology I Honors.....1.0 credit
- Biology I1.0 credit
- Chemistry Honors.....1.0 credit



Physical Education

- Maintaining Fitness.....0.5 credit
- Strength and Conditioning.....0.5 credit



Health

0.5 Credit



Computer Requirement

- Tech Tools for Life.....0.5 Credit
- Exploring Computer Applications.....0.5 Credit
- Intro to Programming.....0.5 Credit



Tech Tools for Life

- **Tech Tools for Life** will focus on basic computer skills that are necessary to function in the real world. This class will be centered around typing skills that will improve speed and accuracy, folder/file management and organization, and simple processing skills to aid in research papers and basic communications.

(0.5 Credit)

Exploring Computer Applications

- In **Exploring Computer Applications**, students will dive deeper into the basic understanding of Microsoft programs as well as focus on other multimedia applications and digital tools. Students will use various programs to construct knowledge, produce creative presentations, communicate thoughts and ideas, and make meaningful learning experiences.

(0.5 Credits)

Intro to Programming

- **Intro to Programming** will introduce students to basic computer programming skills. This hands-on course will focus on aspects of project development including analysis, design, coding, and testing. Students will develop problem solving and computational thinking skills while gaining a basic knowledge of programming languages.

Electives

- Electives are courses that are not required for graduation; however, you will need to complete elective courses in order to graduate
- Choose courses that will help you along your career path
- Choose courses that are of personal interest to you
- You may choose between 1.5 and 2.0 credits

The Mifflin County Academy of Science & Technology Electives

- If there is a chance that you will attend the Academy in 10th grade, you will need to keep in mind that you will have to take the **computer, health, and P.E. credits in 9th grade**; therefore, your choices for electives will be limited.

Art Electives



- Foundations of Art1.0 Credit
- Ceramics I.....0.5 Credit
- Drawing & Painting I.....0.5 Credit

Foundations of Art

- Is a lively, inviting, comprehensive course written for beginning level artists. This course includes interactive activities & multicultural studio projects representing a wide variety of cultures, artistic & art media. This course is designed to enrich the lives of its participants through discovery & creative problem solving. It provides students with a broader perception of their environment and cultural perspectives. This course was designed around the following key concepts:

(1.0 credit)

Foundations of Art

- Meaningful, hands-on learning experiences that allow for personal growth & creative expression
- Integration of aesthetics, art criticism, art history, & studio production
- Sequentially planned experiences that build on concepts & provide learning opportunities that incorporate a variety of media, artistic styles & historical periods

Students will learn traditional & contemporary techniques in drawing, painting, clay, collage, and sculpture. In addition, students will self-examine completed works in an effort to foster a sense of accomplishment & commitment to high standards of art production. **This course is designed for the student who is a beginner in art or who wants to learn multiple media relating to the visual arts including drawing, paint, clay, sculpture, glass, etc.**

Ceramics I

- In this introduction to ceramic materials and processes, students will design & create works using hand-building processes & throwing at the potter's wheel. Students will also complete the glazing process on a ceramic form.

This course is designed for those for are interested in ceramics and pottery, learning the wheel-thrown & hand-built pottery process from start to finish.

(0.5 credit)

Drawing and Painting I

- This class is an introductory class in drawing & painting. The focus is to develop the confidence to draw, paint, and understand design according to their own tastes and preferences. Students will use a variety of media from graphite & charcoal, acrylic paint and pastel to drawing on digital tablets. **This course is good for any student interested in art & design, illustration, cartooning, animation, fashion, fine art painting, industrial design as well as digital design in multiple fields.**

(0.5 credit)

Good attendance is needed to be successful in Art class. The majority of projects are completed at school & cannot be sent home or done outside of normal class time.

For more information regarding MCJH Art classes, please visit "Staff" on the MCSD District web page select "Faculty Websites" MCJH Heather Confer

Business Electives



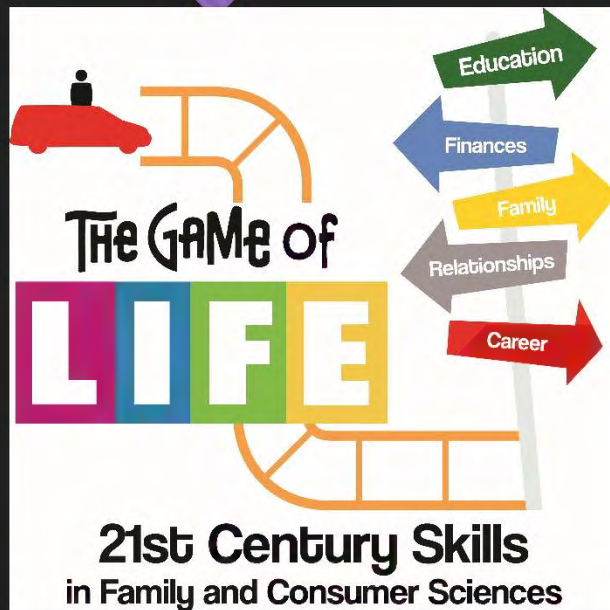
- Adulting 1010.5 Credit

Adulting 101

- Adulting 101 will focus on two topics of study: Career Preparation and Personal Finance Management. This course will focus on the techniques, skills, and work ethic necessary to become a Total Quality Worker. Students will also develop personal finance skills such as budgeting, calculating taxes, and discuss credit.

(0.5 credit)

Family & Consumer Science Electives



Child Development I.....0.5 Credit

Culinary Arts I.....0.5 Credit

Child Development I

- Child Development I is a course designed to explore the basic principles of development for understanding infants, toddlers, and pre-school age children. This course includes the five areas of development within the various stages, health and safety issues, guidance and positive discipline, and evaluating the impact of parenting on individuals, families and society. This course is recommended for any student interested in children who may seek a career working with children or become a future parent.

(0.5 credits)

This course is only offered at the Junior High.

Culinary Arts I

- Culinary Arts I is a basic food preparation course. This semester course emphasizes the skills necessary for basic meal planning and food selection. Students are expected to taste and evaluate the foods prepared in class.

(0.5 Credit)

Language Elective



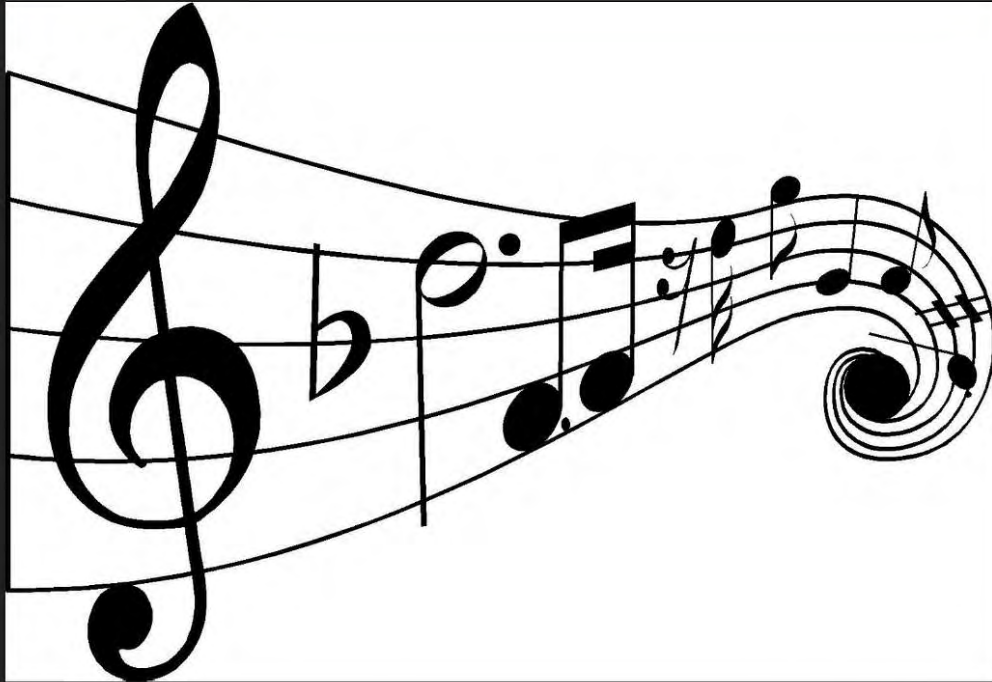
- Spanish I.....1.0 Credit
- Spanish II.....1.0 Credit

Spanish I

- Experience another culture through new sounds, new sights, and new tastes. Use basic Spanish to talk about yourself, your family and friends, your surroundings, and your activities. In addition, to listening and speaking, you will begin to read and write in your new language.
- **Commitment to daily homework and a command of grammar is essential to success.**

(1.0 credit)

Music Electives



○ Concert Band..... 0.5 Credit

○ Concert Choir.....0.5 Credit

Concert Band

- All styles of concert band music are studied and publicly performed with emphasis on form and style, as it is related to classic and modern wind band literature. Members participate in group lessons, sectionals, and full ensemble rehearsal. Many special ensembles are available.
Prerequisite: Must have 2-3 years of instrumental lessons.

(0.5 credit)

Concert Choir

- Choir is available to any student who expresses the desire and certain level of musical ability to create vocal music. Special emphasis is stressed upon each section to be able to sing independently of the other voices, and to insure proper balance throughout the entire choir. Members participate in small group lessons and full ensemble rehearsal. Special ensembles are also available.

(0.5 credits)

Technology Education Electives



- Exploring Drafting.....0.5 Credit
- Exploring Technology0.5 Credit
- Exploring Visual Communications ...0.5 Credit

Exploring Drafting

- This is an introductory course to acquaint students to the fundamentals and drafting techniques of modern drafting. The major skills taught will be in measurement, geometric construction, multi-view drawings, dimensioning, sectional and auxiliary view drawings. Students will utilize manual, freehand and CAD techniques.

(0.5 credit)

Exploring Technology

- This is an introductory course which introduces students to a wide variety of materials, basic shop skills and techniques necessary for all the technology courses offered. It is the recommended course to be taken first by new tech ed students. Areas of study include: structural engineering, plastics, sheet metal, sketching and project planning. All students will be making required projects and will be responsible for expenses.

(0.5 credit)

Exploring Visual Communications

- This introductory course will give students an opportunity to explore some of the means by which man communicates through the sense of sight. Areas of study include history and fundamentals of graphic arts, layout and design, basic printing processes, process photography and darkroom procedures, platemaking, binding and finishing.

(0.5 credit)

Take what you want, not what
your friends are taking!!!!

**“YOUR TIME IS
LIMITED
SO DON'T WASTE IT
LIVING SOMEONE
ELSE'S LIFE”**

- STEVE JOBS -



Talk to Your Parents!



**Course Registration will
be open
online from
March 8- March 22**

Use your Skyward account to
Register

**Registration will be
completed
Online at Home or School!!**



Registration in Social Studies Classes from March 8-13

Guidance will have make-up registration
March 18-22 periods 1 & 7

Student Access Course Requests

Family Access
All Students

Home
Annals
Scheduling
Calendar
Gradebook
Attendance
Student Info
Food Service
Schedule
Test Scores
Fee Management
Graduation Requirements
Endorsements
Academic History
Report Cards
SkyAlert
Health Info
Login History

Course Requests **now open**

Request Courses for 2015-2016 in YOUR SCHOOL
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The current term is highlighted

Term 3 (01/26/15 - 03/26/15)	Term 4 (03/30/15 - 05/05/15)
PSYCHOLOGY 2 A Room SS209	PSYCHOLOGY 2 A Room SS209
BIOLOGY A Room S108	BIOLOGY A Room S108
DRIVERS EDUCATION A Room C109	CAREERS (NON CTE) A Room 294
GERMAN 1 A Room E229	GERMAN 1 A Room E229
LANGUAGE ARTS 10 B Room 297	LANGUAGE ARTS 10 B Room 297
ENTREPRENEURSHIP Mktg B Room B200	ENTREPRENEURSHIP Mktg B Room B200
SECONDARY MATH 2 B Room M103	SECONDARY MATH 2 B Room M103
RELEASE TIME B Room SEMN	RELEASE TIME B Room SEMN

Add\Remove Course Requests for Future Scheduling

- To SEARCH for Courses use the scroll bar or Search box(at the bottom).
- To ADD a course from the Available Course area, click the course then click the ADD COURSE button.
- To REMOVE a course from your Selected Course area, click the course then click the Remove Course button.

View Requests for 2015-2016 in YOUR SCHOOL

JANE (YOUR SCHOOL) Request Courses | Request Alternates

Total Requests/Scheduled: 5 Total Credits: 4.000

Available Courses for 2015-2016	Selected Courses
41000 FRENCH 1 1.000 Credits, Required	13330 CHOIR 1 SOPRA/ALT 1.000 Credits, Required
41010 FRENCH 2 1.000 Credits, Required	46110 LANGUAGE ARTS 11 1.000 Credits, Required
41030 FRENCH 3H 1.000 Credits, Required	61110 US HISTORY 1.000 Credits, Required
41040 FRENCH LANG AP 1.000 Credits, Required	71101 TEAM SPORTS 0.500 Credits, Required
41060 FRENCH 4H 1.000 Credits, Required	83561 ENTREPRENEURSHIP MKTG 0.500 Credits, Required
41250 GERMAN 4H 1.000 Credits, Required	
41701 AMER SIGN LANG 1 1.000 Credits, Required	
41712 AMER SIGN LANG 2 1.000 Credits, Required	
41800 SPANISH 1 1.000 Credits, Required	

Search Clear

Alternate Requests are used if the requested courses cannot be scheduled

- Click the “Request Alternate” tab
- To ADD a course from the Available Alternate Course area, click the course then click the ADD COURSE button.
- To REMOVE a course from your Selected Alternate Course area, click the course then click the Remove Course button.
- To Prioritize Alternate Courses, use the arrow buttons.

View Requests for 2015-2016 in YOUR SCHOOL

JANE (YOUR SCHOOL) Request Courses | Request Alternates

Total Requests/Scheduled: 5 Total Alternates: 3 Total Credits: 4.000

Available Alternate Courses for 2015-2016

00050	AIDE TEACHER	1.000 Credits, Required
00143	AIDE TEACHER	1.000 Credits, Required
01535	LIBRARY SCIENCE	1.000 Credits, Required
01548	TECHNOLOGY INTERNSHIP	1.000 Credits, Required
01549	ADMINISTRATIVE INTERN	1.000 Credits, Required
02001	ADV STUDIES/RSRCH	0.500 Credits, Required
02002	ADVANCED STUDIES/RESEARCH	0.500 Credits, Required
0202	SUMMER AGRICULTURE	0.250 Credits, Required
02040	ED RELEASE	0.000 Credits, Required

Add Course
Remove Course

Selected Alternate Courses

	2131	ACT PREP	0.250 Credits, Required
2	↑ ↓	10291	CERAMICS 1 0.500 Credits, Required
3	↑	41000	FRENCH 1 1.000 Credits, Required
R		13330	CHOIR 1 SOPRA/ALT 1.000 Credits, Required
R		46110	LANGUAGE ARTS 11 1.000 Credits, Required
R		61110	US HISTORY 1.000 Credits, Required
R		71101	TEAM SPORTS 0.500 Credits, Required
R		83561	ENTREPRENEURSHIP MKTG 0.500 Credits, Required

A maximum of 10 Alternate Courses can be assigned.

Search Clear

Click to Print

Registration Steps

1. Register online using your Skyward account
2. Print your completed form
3. Have your parent sign the form
4. Return completed form to your Social Studies teacher by Tuesday, March 26.

Course Selections papers are due back by March 26, 2024!!! Forms will be returned to your Social Studies teacher.



Or we pick
your courses
for you!!!