

SENIOR COURSE SELECTION SUMMARY

NOTE: This is an abbreviated version of the official MSHS Course Selection Guide. For further details on these topics and full course descriptions, visit www.MSHScounselors.com

COUNSELOR/STUDENT ASSIGNMENTS

Students with last names A-G: Mr. Lybarger / H-O: Mr. Floress / P-Z: Mrs. Mills

ACADEMIC CREDIT

- One-half academic credit is issued for each semester of an academic course when the semester grade is 'D-' or higher.
- Driver Education, Physical Education (PE) and Action Education are not considered academic courses.
- Students must take at least four academic courses and Physical Education each semester. Students are encouraged to take no more than 1 study hall per semester.
- Students are not required to take PE during the semester they are initially enrolled in Health.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Twenty (20) academic credits are required for graduation from MSHS including the course requirements listed below:

- Four years of English, which must include:
 - English 1, 2 and 3
 - Two semesters of English electives
- Three years of Math
- Two years of Science, including Biology
- Two years of Social Studies, which must include:
 - One year of US History or AP US History
 - Civics (or equivalent) and successful completion of the US and Illinois Constitution tests
 - One semester of Social Studies electives
- Consumer Education – can be met by one of the following classes:
 - Consumer Education (11 or 12)
 - Economics (12)
 - Agribusiness Management (11 or 12)
 - For graduation purposes, Consumer Education and Economics will be considered Social Studies electives.
- One semester of Health
- One year of Career Education (Agriculture, Business, Family and Consumer Science, Technology), or World Language, or Fine Arts (Art, Drama, Music).
- Physical Education, PE is required each semester except:
 - The semester a student takes Health
 - During the 11th and 12th grade for ongoing participation in an interscholastic athletic program or marching band
 - The following rules apply to PE waivers:
 - Students will be exempted at the time their activity starts and remain exempt for the entire semester
 - Failure to return to PE if the sport or band is dropped will result in an 'F' grade for each day missed, and the student could fail PE for the quarter and the semester
 - Juniors and seniors may NOT waive PE if the waiver would give the student a third study hall
 - Students who waive PE do not receive ¼ credit and need to be aware of the graduation credit requirement

EARLY GRADUATION

Early graduates must:

- meet all state and local graduation requirements.
- have the written permission of a parent or guardian to graduate early.
- complete the early graduation form and turn it into the counseling office.

STUDY HALL WAIVER POLICY

Juniors and seniors may be excused from 1st and/or 7th period study hall.

- The student and parent/guardian must sign the Study Hall Waiver Form and agree to each of the conditions on the form.
- Study hall waivers are a privilege and can be revoked.

WORK/MILITARY SERVICE/CAREER/TECHNICAL PLANNING

A student who plans to work, enter an apprenticeship program or military service, or attend a career/technical school after graduation should meet with his counselor to discuss opportunities in each of these areas.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

The majority of four-year colleges and universities in the United States require at least the following high school courses for admission:

- Four years of English
- Three years of social studies
- Three years of mathematics, including Algebra 1 or Algebra 1A and 1B, Algebra 2, and Geometry or Trigonometry
- Three years of laboratory science
- Two years of electives in world language

College admission requirements may change and all programs within a university may not have the same admission standards (required high school courses, class rank, ACT or SAT score).

COLLEGE-BOUND SENIORS: It is your responsibility to notify the college you plan to attend and the NCAA Clearinghouse of schedule change(s) during your senior year.

NCAA ELIGIBILITY

To participate in Division I or Division II sports:

- Students must meet eligibility standards (core courses, GPA, ACT/SAT scores).
- Students must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center (fall of Senior year). Students register online.
- Students must have ACT or SAT test results sent directly to the Eligibility Center by marking code 9999 in the section on college and scholarship code choices in their ACT or SAT registration folder.
- Students who have tested more than once should have all of their ACT or SAT I test scores sent to the Eligibility Center. NCAA regulations permit the Eligibility Center to take the highest score a student has earned on each part of a test to produce an ACT composite or SAT I combined score, which may be higher than the score he or she has earned on any single test date.
- Visit the NCAA website for information concerning core courses, required GPA and ACT/SAT scores for eligibility www.ncaa.org

HONORS/ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

Honors and Advanced Placement courses are designed for high-ability, high-achieving students who want to be challenged and to enhance their critical thinking and critical analysis skills. Students will read and write more, analyze materials, synthesize ideas, solve problems and evaluate. The level of performance in these courses will be demanding and much above that of students in a regular course.

Advanced Placement courses follow the course content as outlined by the College Board. These courses provide the most ambitious students the challenging opportunity to study college level courses while in high school.

Satisfactory performance on the optional College Board Advanced Placement exam in May could potentially allow students to gain advanced standing and/or credit in college. College credit may vary by college and by college major. Students are encouraged to investigate the Advanced Placement policy of the college of their choice.

HONOR POINTS

Points are used in calculation of GPA and class rank.

- Honor points are given for Honors or AP classes where a grade of 'C-' or higher is earned.
- Numerical values are assigned to grades (including pluses and minuses).
- The regular GPA and the honor points are combined using a multiplier based on the number of semesters completed.
- Visit the GPA section of the guidance website for more detailed information.
- Transfer students will receive honor points only in classes that are similarly offered at MSHS.

ACADEMIC LETTERS

Mahomet-Seymour Schools Foundation for Educational Excellence and the MSHS PTO sponsor the academic letters to promote, encourage and honor academic excellence. Academic letters are awarded on a yearly basis to students who meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled in a minimum of five academic courses each semester (does NOT include summer school) (does not include PE, Driver Ed or Junior SAT Prep Class in the five courses)
- GPA: 3.6 (4.0 scale) for freshmen/sophomores 3.8 (4.0 scale) for juniors/seniors for the entire academic school year
- No D's or F's for the entire academic school year (includes PE, Action Ed, Driver Ed and Junior SAT Prep Class)
- Seniors who graduate at the end of first semester are not eligible.
- Transfer students must complete one semester at MSHS and meet all other criteria.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Juniors and Seniors are eligible for the National Honor Society if they meet the following criteria:

- GPA: 3.6 (4.0 scale) cumulative for entire high school years
- Completed application
- Attendance at the induction ceremony

ATHLETIC/EXTRA-CURRICULAR ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible to participate in any high school sponsored or high school supported athletic sport or extra-curricular activity, students must satisfy the Mahomet-Seymour School District's scholastic standing requirements. PE counts as an academic class for IHSA and eligibility purposes. The standards are:

- Students must have passed 5 academic classes the previous semester.
- Students must be passing 5 academic classes.
- Students receiving two D's and an 'F' in another class will be ineligible.
- Students receiving two F's will be ineligible.
- Grades, for eligibility purposes, are cumulative for a semester.

Any student participant failing to meet these academic criteria shall be ineligible to participate for seven calendar days or until the specific academic criteria are met, whichever is longer.

PE WAIVERS

Students may waive their PE class when:

- They have a medical waiver:
 - Students will be exempt from PE who have a signed doctor's note on file in the guidance office stating the reason for a medical exemption.
 - The doctor's note determines the length of time a student is exempt.
 - Failure to return to PE when a medical waiver ends will result in an "F" grade for each day missed, and the student could fail PE for the semester.
 - Students out of PE for more than two weeks will be placed in a study hall.
- They are a Junior or Senior involved in ongoing participation in an interscholastic athletic program, dance team, or marching band.
 - Juniors and Seniors waived out of PE for sports, dance team, or band will stay out of PE for the remainder of that semester.
 - Students may not waive PE if the waiver would give them a third study hall.

Students have the responsibility of informing their counselor when dropping a sport, band, or the medical waiver and must return to PE immediately. Failure to return to PE when the sport or band is dropped or a medical waiver ends will result in an 'F' grade for each day missed, and the student could fail PE for the semester.

FOUR-YEAR PLAN

FRESHMAN (9)

| | SEM 1 | SEM 2 |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| 1 | English 1 | English 1 |
| 2 | Math: _____ | Math: _____ |
| 3 | Biology | Biology |
| 4 | Health or PE | Health or PE |
| 5 | _____ | _____ |
| 6 | _____ | _____ |
| 7 | _____ | _____ |

SOPHOMORE (10)

| | SEM 1 | SEM 2 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| 1 | English 2 | English 2 |
| 2 | Math: _____ | Math: _____ |
| 3 | PE | PE |
| 4 | _____ | _____ |
| 5 | _____ | _____ |
| 6 | _____ | _____ |
| 7 | _____ | _____ |

JUNIOR (11)

| | SEM 1 | SEM 2 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| 1 | English 3 | English 3 |
| 2 | US History | US History |
| 3 | Math: _____ | Math: _____ |
| 4 | PE | PE |
| 5 | _____ | _____ |
| 6 | _____ | _____ |
| 7 | _____ | _____ |

SENIOR (12)

| | SEM 1 | SEM 2 |
|---|----------------|-------|
| 1 | English: _____ | _____ |
| 2 | PE | PE |
| 3 | _____ | _____ |
| 4 | _____ | _____ |
| 5 | _____ | _____ |
| 6 | _____ | _____ |
| 7 | _____ | _____ |

ENGLISH

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| ½ | Speech Communication |
| ½ | Modern Literature |
| ½ | Creative Writing |
| ½ | Media Persuasion |
| ½ | College Preparatory Writing (Honors) |
| ½ | British Literature (Honors) |
| 1 | Dual Credit English 101/102 |
| 1 | AP English Literature & Composition |

MATHEMATICS

| | |
|---|----------------------------------|
| 1 | Geometry |
| 2 | Geometry in Construction |
| 1 | Geometry (Honors) |
| 1 | Algebra 2 |
| 1 | Algebra 2 (Honors) |
| 1 | Discrete Mathematics |
| ½ | General Ed Math (DC Math 107) |
| ½ | Applied Statistics (DC Math 108) |
| ½ | Trigonometry (Honors) |
| 1 | Pre-Calculus (Honors) |
| 1 | AP Statistics |
| 1 | AP Calculus BC |

SCIENCE

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|---|----------------------------|
| 1 | Earth Science |
| 1 | BSAA |
| 1 | Chemistry |
| ½ | Anatomy & Physiology |
| 1 | Physics 1 (w. Dual Credit) |
| 1 | Dual Credit Physics |
| 1 | AP Biology |
| 1 | AP Chemistry |
| 1 | AP Physics |

SOCIAL STUDIES

| | |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| ½ | Current History |
| ½ | Government & Law 2 (Honors) |
| ½ | World History To 1500 |
| ½ | World History Since 1500 |
| ½ | Sociology (Honors) |
| ½ | Economics (Honors) |
| ½ | American National Government (DC) |
| ½ | State & Local Government (DC) |
| 1 | AP Economics |

WORLD LANGUAGES

| | |
|---|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Spanish 1, 2, 3 (H), or 4 (H) |
| 1 | French 1, 2, 3 (H), or 4 (H) |
| 1 | AP Spanish |
| 1 | AP French |

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE

| | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| ½ | Child Development |
| ½ | Adult Living |
| ½ | Foods & Nutrition |
| ½ | Hospitality & Culinary Arts |
| ½ | FACS Skills |
| 1 | Early Childhood Practicum |
| ½ | Lifelong Wellness |

BUSINESS

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|---|-------------------------------|
| ½ | Word Processing 1 |
| ½ | Word Processing 2 |
| ½ | Computer Applications |
| ½ | Sports Marketing & Management |
| 1 | Accounting |
| 1 | Web Design |

AGRICULTURE

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|---|----------------------------------|
| ½ | Agricultural Leadership |
| 1 | Mechanization |
| 1 | BSAA |
| 1 | Horticulture (DC) |
| 1 | Agribusiness Management |
| 2 | Automotive Technology (Parkland) |

TECHNOLOGY

| | |
|---|--|
| 1 | Introduction to Industrial Engineering |
| 1 | Digital Media |
| 1 | Digital Media 2 |
| 1 | Construction |
| 1 | Manufacturing |
| 1 | 3D Animation |
| 1 | Technical/Architectural Design |

FINE ARTS

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|---|------------------------|
| ½ | Basic Design |
| ½ | Sculpture |
| ½ | Drawing & Painting 1 |
| ½ | Drawing & Painting 2 |
| ½ | Sculpture 2 |
| ½ | Graphic Design |
| ½ | History of Rock & Roll |

PERFORMANCE ARTS

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|---|--|
| 1 | Symphonic Band |
| 1 | Wind Ensemble (Regular or Honors) |
| 1 | Concert Choir |
| 1 | Chamber Choir (Regular or Honors) |
| 1 | Treble Choir |
| 1 | Concert Band/Concert Choir |
| 1 | Wind Ensemble/Chamber Choir (Reg. or Hon.) |
| ½ | Drama 1 |
| ½ | Drama 2 |

ADDITIONAL COURSES

| | |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| ½ | Consumer Education |
| 1 | Medical Careers (DC) |
| 1 | Yearbook |
| ¼ | Physical Education |
| ¼ | Physical Education (Conditioning) |
| 2 | ECCA |
| ½ | Lifelong Wellness |
| 1 | AP Computer Science Principles |
| 1 | AP Computer Science A |
| 3 | Workplace Experience |

****DC = Dual Credit**