



Dear MHS Families,

Your student has shown academic talent through high test scores, successful grades, a remarkable cumulative GPA, and teacher recommendations. We encourage your student to enroll in an Advanced Placement (AP), honors, or dual credit course for next school year. We want to ensure our students are reaching their highest potential. We believe these courses would be a good fit for your student. For your consideration, we have included an overview of the benefits of pursuing higher level coursework as you determine your student's course selections for the upcoming school year

Reasons to Enroll in an Advanced Placement Course

- Students develop college-level academic skills and are better prepared for college level work.
- Students who receive a passing score of 3, 4, or 5 on an AP exam can possibly receive college credit, saving families thousands of dollars in college tuition. Public colleges and universities in Illinois are now required to provide college credit for exam scores of 3 or above.
- Eighty-five percent of selective colleges and universities report that they consider student AP course enrollment when making their admission decisions (www.collegeboard.org).
- Taking AP courses in high school also helps students obtain scholarships and be very competitive in the admissions process at highly selective colleges and universities.
- Students who complete three or more AP courses and earn a 3 out of 5 or better on each exam become AP Scholars -- a title that sets them apart when applying to colleges and universities.
- Students who take an AP course at MHS will receive an additional point on their GPA.

Reasons to Enroll in a Dual Credit Course

Dual credit courses allow students to earn college credit for courses taken **while they are in high school**. Dual credit courses at Mundelein High School follow the curriculum of courses at the College of Lake County, but are taught by MHS teachers in MHS classrooms.

- Students who pass dual credit courses earn both high school and college-level credit for the same course.
- College credit is earned without paying any tuition.
- Most dual credit course credits may be transferred to any college in the state or across the country.
- Students gain college-level academic experience and will have a more successful transition to college.

Reasons to Enroll in an Honors Class

- Students who take an honors course receive an additional .5 on their GPA.
- Challenging coursework in honors courses better prepares students for Advanced Placement or dual credit courses.
- Students who take honors courses are more competitive in the college admissions process and other educational and training programs after high school graduation.
- Students are more likely to earn scholarships when honors classes are on their transcripts.

As your high school students continue to challenge themselves in advanced courses, they will have access to a wide range of academic supports to help them achieve success. Our Literacy Center and Math Lab are open to students before and after school, as well as throughout the school day. Additionally, we have implemented peer tutoring and study groups specifically designed to support students enrolled in AP (Advanced Placement), dual credit, and honors courses. To learn more about our peer tutoring program, visit the following link: <https://www.d120.org/activities/peer-tutor/> or go to www.d120.org - academics - academic resources - Advanced Placement (AP).

Core Departments

Department	Honors	Advanced Placement	Dual Credit through College of Lake County
English	English 1(earned honors) Honors English 2, 3, 4	AP Language AP Literature	English Composition
Math	Geometry, Geometry and Construction, Algebra 2/Trig, Pre-Calculus	Statistics, Calculus AB, Calculus BC	
Science	Earned Honors Biology, Nanotechnology, STEM Research, Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy	Chemistry, Physics C, Physics 2, Environmental Science, Biology	
Social Studies	Earned Honors World Studies	Human Geography, Psychology, European History, Economics, U.S. Government, Comparative Government, U.S. History	

Electives

Honors	Advanced Placement	Dual Credit
Honors Art Classes (3rd level) Principles of Engineering Honors Spanish 3, 4, 5 Heritage Learner 3 and 4 Business Incubator French 3 and 4 Honors Band and Choir courses (audition only)	Art Music Theory Computer Science A Computer Science Principles Spanish	Introduction to Engineering Computer Integrated Manufacturing Foundations of Education Student Internship Media ASPIRE Educational Program: Foundations of Development, Introduction to Teaching Methods, Technology in the Classroom

Counselors can provide more information at the course selection appointment. All individual course descriptions can be found at this link on the D120 website: [Course Guide Link](#)

Sincerely,



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