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NATIONAL
SCHOOL
COUNSELING
WEEK



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National Merit Semifinalists

Elizabeth Hirschfeld

Leon Xie

Steven Yelpo



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The Coca-Cola Scholars Program

Jason Ding, Semifinalist



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Mountain Lakes High School
Program of Studies
2021-2022

State Assessments



The State has not yet provided guidelines beyond the Class of 2022. We expect the Second Pathway (PSAT, SAT, ACT) to continue to be an option for students.

ONLINE FORMS

Historically we have provided paper copies of our most-used forms. However, in this virtual world, we have shifted to the use of Google Forms to collect our data and links are included in the Program of Studies.

[Course Placement Application](#)

[Option 2 Physical Education](#)

[Option 2 Non-PE \(Summer\)](#)

SUMMER ACADEMY GPA

Beginning in the Summer of 2021, final grades earned in credit-bearing courses offered through the Mountain Lakes Summer Academy will **no longer** be calculated into the student's cumulative GPA.

Reminders:

- Applicable Summer Academy Credit-Bearing Courses:
 - Algebra 1, Geometry, Computer Programming 1, 2
- Students must earn a final grade of at least 90% to earn credit.
- All students must complete an Option 2 application to enroll in a summer credit-bearing course.

CHANGES TO COURSES BY DEPARTMENT

FINE ARTS

In an effort to diversify the opportunity our students have to explore the Fine Arts, we have shifted the prerequisites for some courses.

- ❑ **2D Art: Drawing and Painting II**
Prerequisite: 2D Art: Drawing and Painting I **OR Foundations of Art**
- ❑ **3D Design and Ceramics II**
Prerequisite: 3D Design and Ceramics I **OR Foundations of Art**

MUSIC/PERFORMING ARTS

- ❑ Chamber Orchestra will run as a Zero (0) Period elective.
- ❑ Freshmen will be eligible to enroll in this course.
- ❑ Participating Freshmen will need to schedule a Study Hall during the day to ensure equity in course selection.

MATHEMATICS

- ❑ “College Prep” verbiage eliminated from titles of courses.
Ex. College Prep Geometry Honors —→ Geometry Honors
- ❑ Precalculus now has the same Enriched, Advanced and Honors designations that were introduced in Geometry and Algebra 2 last year.
- ❑ Data Science is a course name change from Probability/Statistics. This class will add introductory statistical coding to the existing curriculum.
- ❑ Reminder: The new course sequence for Mathematics will be Geometry, followed by Algebra 1, followed by Algebra 2

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH

With the anticipated change to Block Scheduling, Physical Education and Health courses will see an increase in credits awarded. Historically, the intent has been to have science labs pull out one day per week from these courses. Block Scheduling allows science labs to pull from the Lunch block, so Physical Education and Health meet as often as any other course.

- ❑ Physical Education/Health Courses 1 credit \longrightarrow 1.25 credits per quarter

SCIENCE

Human Anatomy & Physiology
is now getting **Honors** designation

WORLD LANGUAGE

- ❑ **Latin 2 Honors** (Latin not offered in Middle School Programs, so this aligns with sophomores taking other Honors Level 3 Languages)
- ❑ A two-year rotation of **Honors Latin Prose** and **Honors Latin Poetry** replaces Honors Latin 3 / 4

GPA

MLHS GPA Calculation Reminder

Elimination of Quarterly GPA - Relieving stress for students who constantly monitor GPA. MLHS will now post GPA at the end of the year based on student's final grades - **Adopted February 3, 2020**

MLHS GPA Calculation Change (cont'd)

- ❑ Historical perspective of GPA's
- ❑ How are GPA's calculated
- ❑ Where can students find their GPA's



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QUESTIONS?