

A background image of a graduation ceremony. Graduates in black gowns and caps are visible, with many caps being tossed into the air. The scene is filled with excitement and celebration.

Dual Degree Program Orientation

**December 2, 2024
7:00 pm - WHS LRC
December 4, 2024
7:00 pm - WNHS D146**

Welcome and Introductions



Dr. Justin Smith
D200 Assistant
Superintendent for
Middle School & High
School Education



Ms. Shannon Landwehr
Director of School
Counseling



Ms. Cara Schultz
MCC Director of
College & Career
Readiness

Agenda

- Dual Degree Program at a Glance
- Dual Degree Program
 - Courses, Expectations, Benefits
- Four-Year Plan Meetings
- Summer Classes
- Differences between HS and College
- Program Cost
- Placement Exams
- Transferability
- Access & Disability



The Dual Degree Program at a Glance

**Current Dual Degree Enrollment -
157 Students**

Class of 2025 - 31 Students

Class of 2026 - 39 Students

Class of 2027 - 47 Students

Class of 2028 - 40 Students



Dual Degree Program

Students take courses that count toward a D200 HS Diploma and MCC Associate Degree.

Requirements for D200 HS Diploma

40 credits = English

30 credits = Math

20 credits = Science

30 credits = Social Science/Fin. Literacy

40 credits = PE/Health/Dr. Ed.

62 credits = Electives

222 credits = D200 HS Diploma

Requirements for the Associate in Arts (AA) Degree Requirements

9 credits = English/Communications

9 credits = Humanities & Fine Arts

9 credits = Social & Behavioral Sciences

7 credits = Physical & Life Sciences




3 credits = Mathematics

23 credits = Electives

60 credits = Associate in Arts Degree*

* 2 courses Diversity/Multicultural Studies

College Credit Opportunities

	<u>College Credit</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Location</u>
Advanced Placement (AP) 	Exam Score of 3, 4, or 5 (AP Exams - May) AP Credit Policy Search	\$99 AP exam \$147 AP Seminar	D200 High School
Dual Credit Course 	Final grade of “C/D” or higher D200 Curriculum Guide	\$25 per course	D200 High School
MCC Course 	Final grade of “C/D” or higher MCC Course Catalog	$\frac{1}{3}$ the cost of tuition/fees + the cost of textbooks	Virtual or MCC

Dual Degree Program vs. Dual Credit/AP Courses

	Dual Degree Program	Dual Credit/AP Courses
Increased Academic Time Commitment	X	No
4-Year Planning Meetings	X	No
12 in 200 Recognition	X	Possible
Summer School Courses (required)	X	No
Optional MCC Courses based on Career Plans	X	No
Prorated Cost for MCC Courses	X	No
Associate Degree	X	No

Dual Degree Program Expectations

- **Commitment to Academics** - you are completing a college Associate Degree and high school simultaneously.
 - Summer class taken yearly
 - Academic Excellence
 - Failing a course (students will be required to pay the full amount for the course)
- **Communication with Ms. Landwehr** -
 - Minimum once per semester
 - 1:1 meetings, group meetings, email, YouCanBook.Me
- **Plan Ahead** -
 - Individual MCC classes - need to enroll 3 months before
- **Program Costs** -
 - Wait for District 200 to bill you for tuition for MCC classes
 - Pay out of pocket for MCC books
 - Pay MCC \$25 per Dual Credit class



Next Steps - 4 Year Planning Meetings

- You and your parent(s) will develop a 4-year Plan of Study with Ms. Landwehr.
- 50 minute meetings occurring in December and January
- Sign up after today's meeting
- After the Planning Meeting, decide if it's the right program for you.



What do I need to prepare for my 4-year planning meeting?

Complete the questions on this Google Form:

- Career goals
- Educational goals
- Any colleges or programs you plan to apply to
- What extracurricular activities do you participate in



Review the [Associate in Arts Degree requirements](#) before the meeting

Summer Courses

Cohort 2028 (Current 9th Grade Students)

During the 2025 Summer, Cohort 2028 will be taking

MCC 101 THE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE and PDV 110 CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Dates: 6/2/25 - 6/27/25

Days: Monday - Thursday

Time: 8:00 - 10:00 am

Type of Instruction: First two weeks synchronous remote via Zoom, second two weeks asynchronous via Canvas.

Cost: TBA (Families will be billed for the cost of the classes in the summer.) approx. \$100

Credits: 1.0 per course

How do I sign up for summer classes?

Student names will be submitted by Ms. Landwehr to MCC for summer classes. In early May, Ms. Landwehr and Ms. Schultz will schedule a time to work together with the cohort to provide students everything they need to be ready for their summer classes.

How do I support my student during their summer courses?

- A student has access to their MCC course grades in MCC Canvas.
- Parents **do not have** access to their student's MCC grades as they are officially college students.
- College professors will not contact parents to provide updates on students' progress. It is the student's responsibility to talk with their professors and advocate for themselves if they need extra help.



Differences Between High School and College

- Grading
 - You are starting your official college transcript
 - Your dual credit grades will follow you
 - College professors will not accept late work
 - YOU MUST STAY IN GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING!
 - 2.0 GPA is required for graduation from MCC
 - 2.0 GPA is required for Federal financial aid in your future
 - MCC does not use “+” and “-”; only letter grades



Will I have to take placement exams for MCC courses?

Possibly. Students need to earn a 'C' or better in both semesters of high school algebra in order to enroll in DC Chemistry. If a student does not pass algebra then they will need to take a math placement test at MCC.

Note:

If a placement test is required, it is the responsibility of the student to schedule and take the placement exam at MCC.

Testing Center (815) 455-8984



MCC Advising Support



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Dual Credit Advising and Transfer Specialist

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What can we help with?

- Provide guided academic coaching for dual credit students
- Assist students with course selection and transferability questions
- Help students interpret placement scores
- Inform and refer students to available campus resources
- Provide outreach and support to high school counselors regarding college advising and dual credit course selection
- Ensure counselors are informed about MCC dual credit curriculum, pathways, and policies

Transferability

- Where can the Associates of Arts transfer?
- How will I know if my credits will transfer?
- [McHenry County College Transfer Website](#)
- [Transferology](#)



Access & Disability Services (ADS)

Access and Disability Services assists with:

- Accommodations for disabilities
- Assistive technology
- Sign language interpreters
- Academic support coaching
- Subject tutoring

See us when you:

- Have a history of educational support (such as an IEP or 504 plan)
- Have a mental/physical disability, chronic condition, or health challenge
- Need additional support to have access to campus and classes

To access accommodations at MCC:

- Students complete the intake form: <https://www.mchenry.edu/access/register.html>
- Questions? Ph: 815-455-8766 or email: disabilityservices@mchenry.edu



Sign Up for a 50 Minute Counselor Meeting

Please make an appointment before you leave tonight,
or contact Ms. Landwehr to find an agreed upon time.

Shannon Landwehr

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Woodstock HS 815-206-2256

Woodstock North HS 815-334-2453

Question and Answer Time

