



MHS 10th Grade Students, Parents, and Guardians,

Each year the 10th grade class runs into the most issues with scheduling all the courses that they would like to take at MHS. The 10th grade year brings options for numerous electives, but the required semester course combination of Health and Driver's Education is the major issue. Health is a requirement to graduate; while Driver's Education is not required, it certainly helps with insurance premium costs.

To help the 10th grade class, we would like to offer Health and Driver's Education this summer at MHS. Each course will be \$50.00 to help pay for the instructors and equipment (gas, etc.) for a total of \$100.00 for both courses. Summer school typically costs \$250.00 per course.

Please note that successful completion of Health is a requirement to graduate, but Driver's Education is NOT a graduation requirement. Health will be offered completely online during the month of June. Students who wish to complete both classes must take these courses together either during the summer or the school year because there are no other semester courses to match with during the school year. **Students can choose to take Health only during the summer, but they must understand that they will not be able to take Drivers Education during the school year.**

The school will be open Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00am – 3:00 pm throughout the month of June if a student needs to use the Wi-Fi. (Exceptions to this will be announced through social media). **Important: Students who do not complete and pass the Health course will not be allowed to earn credit for Driver's Education.** They will be scheduled for both classes in the 2025-2026 school year and one of their chosen electives will be removed from their schedule.

Students aged 15 years and up as of April 30th, 2025, are eligible to take Driver's Education and if they pass the road test with the instructor, they will receive a code that is good for up to one year that can be used in lieu of the driving test at the courthouse. **Driver's Education will be a combination of virtual (mornings only) and in-person learning (Tuesday, May 27th – Friday, May 30th from 12:30-3:30). Monday, May 26th will be a virtual only day.** Mr. Anderson will work through the state required 30 hours of coursework both virtually and during the in-person learning. Upon completion of the coursework, both boating and driving, students will be given written tests for certification and will sign up for driving times at the discretion of the instructor. These times will be offered throughout the entire month of June. **STUDENTS MUST HAVE A VALID ALABAMA LEARNER'S PERMIT AND COMPLETED 50 HOURS OF DRIVING (from documented log) PRIOR TO THE START OF COURSE!**

There are 100 spots available for the Health course but only 60 spots available for Driver's Education. To reserve your spot, you must PAY your \$50 REGISTRATION FEE PER COURSE! You will have until April 4th (or when capacity is reached) to reserve your spot. Students can bring a check or cash only to Mrs. Gilliland, the MHS bookkeeper, and pay prior to the April 4th deadline. Students will be provided with additional information upon registration. If you have any questions, please feel free to email christopher.walters@sccboe.org or becky.seymour@sccboe.org.

Thanks,

A blue ink signature of Christopher Walters, consisting of stylized initials 'CW' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

Christopher Walters, Ph.D.

Principal