

**2025-2026
Curriculum Info
for Parents**

Moody High School

Diploma Endorsement Options for St. Clair County Schools Students

Students are provided the opportunity to earn one of the following types of diplomas:

- * Alabama High School Diploma
- * Alabama High School Diploma with Advanced Academic Endorsement (St. Clair County Endorsement)
- * Alabama High School Diploma with Advanced Career Tech Endorsement (St. Clair County Endorsement)
- * Alabama High School Diploma with Career Tech Endorsement (St. Clair County Endorsement)

Graduation Requirements

These are the requirements to graduate:

- * 2 pathways to an Alabama High School Diploma
 - * Option A (Traditional - 24 credits)
 - * Option B (Workforce - 24 credits)
- * College and Career Readiness Indicator required for all graduating seniors (beginning with the Class of 2026)

Option B - Workforce Pathway

- * New pathway beginning in 2025-2026.
- * Policies will be developed by St. Clair County Schools regarding Option B. These will be shared when available.
- * Students will be on Option A by default.
- * Option B is NOT for prospective student-athletes or any students planning to attend college.

Alabama High School Diploma (A & B Options)

Option A (Traditional) - 24 Credits

- English - 4 Credits
- Social Studies - 4 Credits
- Science - 4 Credits
- Math - 4 Credits
- Health Education - 1/2 Credit
- Career Preparedness - 1 Credit
- Beginning Kinesiology - 1 Credit
- CTE, World Language, and/or Arts - 3 Credits
- Electives - 2.5

Option B (Workforce Pathway)- 24 Credits

- English - 4 Credits
- Social Studies - 4 Credits
- Science - 2 Credits
- Math - 2 Credits
- Health Education - 1/2 Credit
- Career Preparedness - 1 Credit
- Beginning Kinesiology - 1 Credit
- CTE in Approved Program of Study - 3 Credits
- Additional Core, World Language, Arts Education, and/or Other Electives - 6.5 Credits



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**Alabama College and Career Ready (CCR) Indicator
Required for Graduation for Class of 2026 and Beyond**

1. ACT with Writing Benchmark (11th grade year)
 - . Achieve a benchmark score in ANY of the following ACT sections:
 - . English – 18 or higher
 - . Reading – 22 or higher
 - . Math – 22 or higher
 - . Science – 23 or higher
2. ACT WorkKeys Benchmark (12th grade year)
 - . Score a 4 or higher on all 3 subtests to earn a Silver National Career Readiness Certificate
 - . Applied Mathematics
 - . Workplace Documents
 - . Graphic Literacy
3. Career and Technical Education (CTE) Industry Credential
 - . Complete a CTE class and pass the credential test
4. Career and Technical Education (CTE) Completer
 - . Complete the foundation class for the pathway
 - . Earn 3 credits in a CTE pathway (can include the foundation class)
 - . Earn a grade of 70 “C” or higher in all classes
5. Dual Enrollment Credit
 - . Complete a dual enrollment class with a grade of 70 or higher
6. Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Qualifying Score
 - . Score a 3 or higher on any AP exam
7. Military
 - . Committing to and enlisting for active duty in one of the various military branches

Honors Courses

- Carefully consider your child's academic strengths and interests when choosing these courses. Not every student excels in every subject area and that is okay!
- We want and expect every student to challenge themselves to perform at the highest level possible.
- To be successful, a student should be studying, reviewing notes, writing an essay, or working math problems each night.
- Honors courses are designed to prepare students to take Advanced Placement courses. These courses require students to complete more work at a higher level using more critical thinking skills than a regular course.

DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES

- The Dual Enrollment program allows high school students to enroll in college courses and receive both high school and college credit for the same course.
- Such arrangements allow students to meet the requirements for high school graduation while simultaneously earning college credit.
- It is required that students have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and meet any other requirements for specific courses in order to participate in this program.
- Students should consult their prospective colleges and universities to determine if the credit is accepted by that college or university.
- Students are required to pay college tuition for Dual Enrollment classes. Tuition and books will be \$100 per course in 2025-26 based on scholarship rates for all courses. This is due for the first semester right after school starts in August and for the second semester right after school starts in January.

SCHEDULING OPTIONS FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES

The ALSDE has implemented a one-to-one credit option for dual enrollment courses. As a result, we have some new scheduling options for US History and English.

HISTORY

Option 1 (Recommended for most):

10th Grade
US History I

11th Grade
HIS 201* & 202

*HIS 201 would be for elective credit and will not replace US History I credit/grade earned previously.

Option 2:

HIS 201 & 202

elective course of student's choice

ENGLISH

Option 1 (Recommended for most):

11th Grade
English 11 (AP or general)

12th Grade
ENG 101* & 102

*ENG 101 would be for elective credit and will not replace English 11 credit/grade earned previously.

Option 2:

ENG 101 & 102

elective course of student's choice

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES

- AP Courses are approved by the College Board and are designed to provide college level studies for high school students using college level materials and strategies.
- Amount and depth of material requires students to read and write extensively in and out of class.
- Rigor of material requires students to develop advanced reasoning and problem-solving skills.
- Students enrolled in AP courses are **required** to take the associated AP exam at a cost TBA (tentatively less than \$100 per course).
- Students should consult their prospective universities to determine individual course exam qualifying score.

AP courses offered at Moody High School:

AP Seminar (10th)

AP English Language (11th)

AP English Literature (12th)

AP Biology

AP Chemistry

AP Precalculus

AP Calculus

AP World History

AP Computer Science Principles

*New in 2025-2026 for 11th or 12th graders

* A+ College Ready Partnership



COLLEGE
READY

- * A+ College Ready Program School
- * Entered Cohort 16 as an A+ partnership school.
- * Great benefits to our students and teachers.
- * Three year agreement beginning in 2023-2024

* Rigor

Not harder: more in depth

- * Rigor does not mean more homework
- * Rigor means thinking deeply and critically
- * Challenges are necessary for growth

* It's not always about the grade; it's about what is learned.



COLLEGE
READY

Think

- * Details
- * Understanding why
- * Application
- * Engagement
- * Discovery

Athletics

Students may enroll in athletics ONLY if they have already made the team for the 2025-2026 school year. Coaches will verify rosters before the start of school.

The following sports have an athletics period:

*football

*boys' basketball

*baseball

*cheerleading

*girls' basketball

*softball

*volleyball

NCAA INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE COLLEGE STUDENT-ATHLETES

All prospective student-athletes intending to enroll in an NCAA Division I or II institution must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse at the end of their junior year.

Please visit www.eligibilitycenter.org for detailed information and instructions.

All courses approved by the NCAA as core courses are designated with the following symbol.



MHS Career Technical Programs

- **Agriscience**
 - Fundamentals of Agriscience followed by Agribiology and Aquaculture Science (in alternating years; 2025-26 will be Aquaculture Science)
- **Business**
 - 411 Network
 - Classes: Business Software Applications I followed by Sports and Entertainment Marketing (new for 2025-26); another course expected to come in this sequence in 2026-27
- Family and Consumer Science followed by Event Planning and Food & Nutrition
- All programs above have 3 courses in the sequence, and students may earn a career technical credential or certification in each program.
- **Non-sequenced CTE Electives:**
 - Applications of Engineering and Technology

Eden Career Technical Center

- Mostly for juniors and seniors
 - Students ride the bus to Ashville and are there for half of the school day.
 - Cost is between \$70 and \$100 per year (based on program).
 - Applications and an interview are required.
 - Time is limited to submit a late app.
- **Programs:**
 - Animal Science
 - Army JROTC
 - Automotive Services
 - Business Information Technology
 - Carpentry
 - Collision Repair
 - Co-op/Work-Based Learning
 - Culinary
 - Drafting/Additive Manufacturing
 - Early Childhood Development
 - Health Science
 - HVAC
 - Information Technology
 - Modern Manufacturing
 - Public Safety (EMS/Fire/Law)
 - Welding

Weighted Credits

- Honors courses will be awarded 0.5 extra quality point. (Example: A grade of 90 A will earn a student 4.5 quality points instead of 4.0.)
 - Will be awarded 5 numerical points on the numerical GPA if all requirements are met (including taking exam if required).
 - Current MHS courses in this category:
 - Honors English 9
 - Honors Geometry with Data Analysis and Honors Algebra II with Statistics
 - Honors Biology, Honors Chemistry, and Honors Physics
- AP (Advanced Placement) or Dual Enrollment courses will be awarded one (1) additional quality point. (Example: A grade of 90 A will earn a student 5.0 quality points instead of 4.0.)
 - Will be awarded 10 numerical points on the numerical GPA if all requirements are met (including taking the AP exam).
 - Current MHS courses in this category:
 - AP Seminar, AP English Language, AP English Literature, and Dual Enrollment English 101/102
 - AP Precalculus and AP Calculus
 - AP Biology and AP Chemistry
 - AP World History
 - Dual Enrollment History 201/202
 - Dual Enrollment Psychology 200
 - Dual Enrollment Speech 106

Moody High School Summer 2025 Summer Assignments

- Most Honors and AP Classes will have a summer assignment to help prepare for the start of the school year.
- The biggest way to avoid academic loss to have students read over the summer.
- A list of summer reading as well as required class assignments will be posted to the school website.
 - <https://www.sccboe.org/domain/1686>

Course Scheduling Process:

- The school's master schedule is built based on the course requests of almost 700 students.
- Before selecting courses, check the prerequisites and academic instruction levels in the curriculum guide found at mhs.sccboe.org.
- Return the signed course request by Thursday, April 10, 2025.

Course Scheduling Process

- General information and instructions regarding the course scheduling process are provided to all students during large group sessions with counselors.
- Students make selections and return signed Course Selection Sheets to their **designated** teacher (see bottom of sheet) by Thursday, April 10, 2025.
 - 8th grade to the MJHS Office
- **Parents approve students' choices** by signing the Course Selection Sheet.
- Any student not returning a course selection sheet by Thursday, April 10, 2025, forfeits the right to choose his or her classes.
 - **Those students not meeting the deadline for turning in their Course Selection Sheets will not receive priority status in the scheduling process.**

- The MHS counselors will check course selection sheets to be sure that the necessary courses are being requested and will discuss issues with students as necessary.
- Counselors are:
 - Current 8th and 10th Grades - April West
(*8th graders will speak with Mr. Bowman at MJHS.)
 - Current 9th and 11th Grades - Maria Vincent

NOTE: NO COURSE CHANGES WILL BE MADE AFTER May 2, 2025. This includes during the summer, at registration, and after the school year has started. Because of this, careful consideration should be used in the selection of courses.

(Every summer, we get phone calls from parents whose children decided they did not want to do the Honors or AP English summer reading and want to be in regular English instead. This is too late to make a schedule change.)

- Registration will take place during summer. Students will be sent schedules digitally for the 2025-2026 school year at a designated date in July.
- There will be several registration dates throughout the summer similar to the last school year. At this time, students also will return the necessary registration information and purchase parking permits, yearbooks, etc.
- Please remember that the student's schedule reflects the choices made by the student and approved by the parent during the course selection process in the spring. The master schedule will have been constructed and teachers will have been assigned based on these choices. *Therefore, requests to change schedules will not be honored.*

Other Information

- In order to meet the requirements for Carnegie Units (credits), students must be in school. You have a limited number of parent excuses for the year. If you know your child is going on a mission trip, family trip, or any other trip, save your parent excuses.
- After 18 total absences, a student is considered to have chronic absenteeism. A student can fail for missing this many days.
- Your child cannot make up any work or tests occurring during an unexcused absence.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses **2** days a month..

They will miss 20 DAYS a year.

They will miss 30 HOURS of math over the school year.

They will miss 60 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over 1 YEAR of school by graduation.

When a student misses **4** days a month..

They will miss 40 DAYS a year.

They will miss 60 HOURS of math over the school year.

They will miss 120 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over 2 YEARS of school by graduation.

1st and 3rd 9 weeks Exams and Semester Exams

Please be aware that the school calendar for this coming year, which was approved by the SCC Board of Education, is posted on the county website and on the MHS website.

Family vacations are not excused absences. If your student misses a midterm or final exam because of a vacation, he/she receives a zero. Please plan your vacations/cruises accordingly.

Next year's calendar is already posted, so you can plan in advance.

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DECEMBER 2025						
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LEGEND	
	Student Attendance Day
	Holiday - School/Offices Closed
	9 Month Employee Work Day
	Employee SWAP Day

2025	
AUG 7	First Day Students last name A-K
AUG 8	First Day Students last name L-Z
SEP 1	Labor Day - School Closed
OCT 13-15	Fall Break - School Closed
NOV 10-11	Veteran's Day Observed - School Closed
NOV 24-28	Thanksgiving - School Closed
Dec 15-19	Semester Exams
DEC 19	End 1st Semester
DEC 22-JAN 5	Christmas Break - School Closed

2026	
JAN 6	First Day of Second Semester
JAN 19	MLK Holiday - School Closed
FEB 16	President's Day - School Closed
MAR 23-27	Spring Break - School Closed
May 18-21	Semester Exams
MAY 21	Last Day of School

Grade Reporting Periods			
9 Week Grading	Total	Progress Reports	Report Cards
Aug 7-Oct 7	43	Sept 9	Oct 16
Oct 8-Dec 19	43	Nov 13	Jan 8
Jan 6-Mar11	45	Feb 10	Mar 17
Mar12-May 21	46	Apr 21	May 21

STUDENT DAYS	9-MONTH EMPLOYEE DAYS
177	187

Employee Work Days	
August 1	Employee Work Day/PD
August 4	Employee Work Day/PD
August 5	Employee Work Day/PD
August 6	Employee Work Day/PD
October 14	SWAP DAY
October 15	Employee Work Day/PD
November 10	SWAP DAY
January 5	Employee Work Day/PD
February 16	Employee Work Day/PD
May 22	Employee Work Day/PD

STATE REPORTS	DUE DATES
20 Day Report	Sep 4
20 Day After Labor Day	Sep 29
40 Day Report	Oct 2
60 Day Report	Nov 4
80 Day Report	Dec 11
100 Day Report	Jan 26
120 Day Report	Feb 24
140 Day Report	Mar 31
160 Day Report	Apr 28
177 Day Report	May 21

Communication

MHS puts out a ton of texts, emails, and app updates. Please make sure your phone number and email are updated in PowerSchool.

This starts in the summer with parking spots, lockers, and summer assignments.

Summer Registration

Summer Registration will begin in late May/early June online.

There will be multiple dates in the summer for registration similar to last summer.