

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

I am writing to make you aware about some of the outstanding academic programs we have developed to enable students to earn high school credit by meeting the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in non-traditional settings. Please review the information below with your child and contact the appropriate coordinator or your child's guidance counselor if you qualify and would like to participate in any of the programs listed below during the next school year or as you plan for the following school year.

Detailed information is located on our school website at [Option Two Programs - Mahwah High School](#)

Program Offering List

Early College Admissions Program- Upon completion of grade 11, students at Mahwah High School who have demonstrated ability to pursue advanced academic study, may enroll in full-time college degree courses in lieu of a high school year.

Ramapo College of NJ Grade 12 Option students may enroll in college courses at Ramapo College for both college and high school credit.

Bergen Community College Early College Program- Connect to college while still in high school with Bergen's College-High School Partnership programs. Bergen Community College is proud to partner with area districts to provide students with the opportunity to earn an associate degree while still enrolled in high school.

High School Level 1 Courses taken at Ramapo Ridge Middle School- Middle school students who take high school level courses at Ramapo Ridge Middle School may use those courses to meet prerequisites for advanced courses in particular content areas.

Summer Enrichment Courses for Advancement

Grade 9, 10, 11 students who take high school level courses at an approved school during the summer may use those courses to meet prerequisites for advanced courses in particular content areas.

Co-curricular Activities - Assignment of credit for participation in activities that occur all or some of which occur outside of the regular classroom schedule. Grade 9-12 students receive credit in activities that meet or exceed the NJ Student Learning Standards.

Online Courses - An option for earning course credit via Internet courses from an accredited college/university or approved NJ content area certified teacher. Grade 11- 12 students may receive credit in courses pre-approved by department supervisors in courses **not** offered at the high school.

Virtual Learning Programs - This option may also be used for students in grades 9-12 as a means of providing long-term medically approved home instruction, remedial courses, and enrichment courses.

World Language Program Native Language Assessment - Students participate in a written and oral assessment in a native language on the states approved list for credit. Grade 9-12 native speaking students pass a written and oral proficiency assessment administered by a state approved assessor. For more information contact please contact the Supervisor of World Languages at 201-762-2320

World Language Exchange Programs Study Abroad - Grade 11 and 12 students may earn credits by participating in an approved and accredited exchange program of study. For more information contact please contact the Supervisor of World Languages at 201-762-2320.

Community Service (off-campus) – Students may volunteer (without any monetary compensation) **outside** of their scheduled day. For every 27.5 hours of service, students will earn one credit. A maximum of 10 credits will be applied to graduation requirements. For more information contact Mrs. Stacy Mandel, Program Coordinator at: smandel@mahwah.k12.nj.us or by telephone at 201-762-2317

Physical Education (athletic participation)– Grade 9-12 student-athletes may earn physical education credits by participating on Mahwah High School freshman, junior varsity, and varsity athletic teams during **any or all** athletic seasons. Students must meet the eligibility criteria of the NJSIAA and the district. For more information contact Mr. Roger Pelletier, Athletic Director/ Supervisor of Physical Education at: rpelletier@mahwah.k12.nj.us or by telephone at 201-762-2331

Dance (Performing Arts elective credits)- Grade 9-12 students may earn credits by participating in an approved and accredited dance program of study that fulfills the NJ Student Learning Standards for Dance. Dance is a performing art and is not eligible for physical education credit as per NJDOE statutes. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact the Supervisor of Performing Arts at 201-762-2323.

World Language College Credits through the American Council on Education - Students can earn college credit based on how proficient they are in a world language. To determine language proficiency, students can take an Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) with the American Council of Teachers Foreign Languages (ACTFL) testing office. As a convenience, this examination will be administered at Mahwah High School. If you have any questions regarding proficiency, registration, testing, or this program, please contact the Supervisor of World Languages at 201-762-2320.

I hope you will take advantage of these exciting and meaningful educational experiences so that you may learn more about your future interests and distinguish yourself as you compete for acceptances in higher education, trade school, or employment opportunities.

Sincerely,

John P. Pascale
Principal