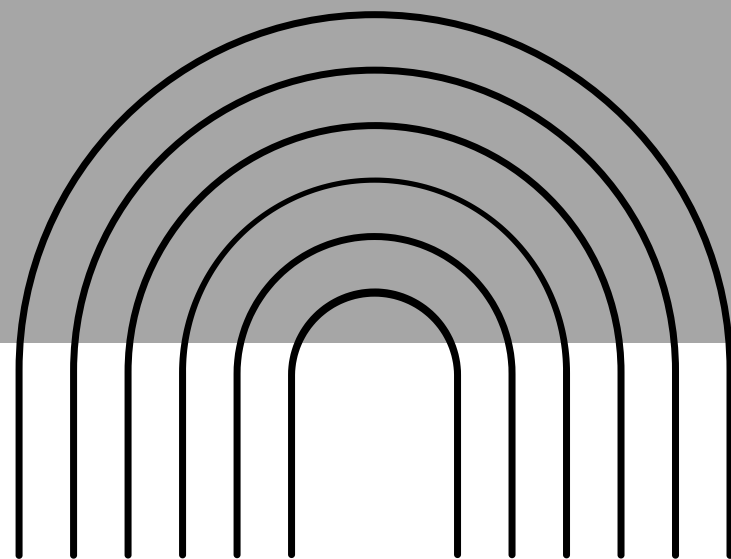
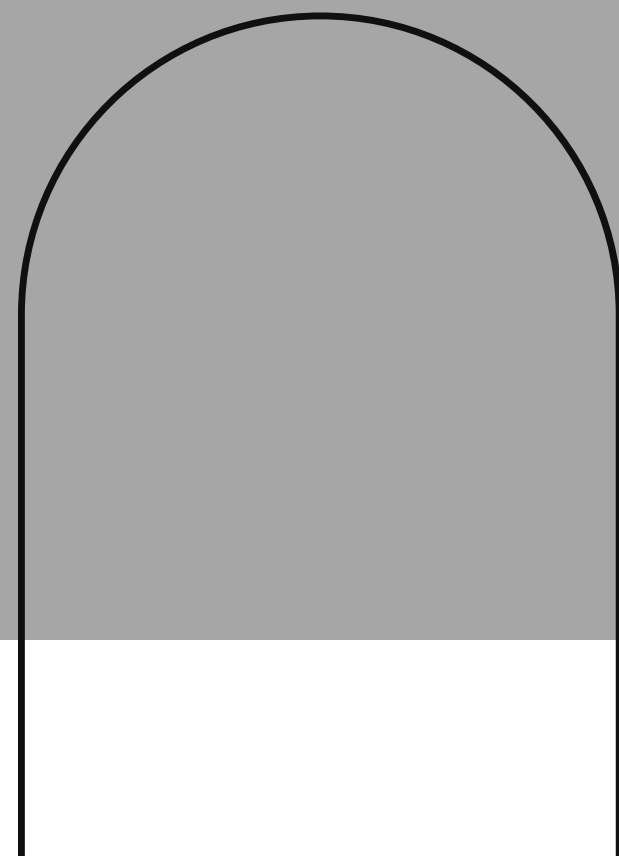
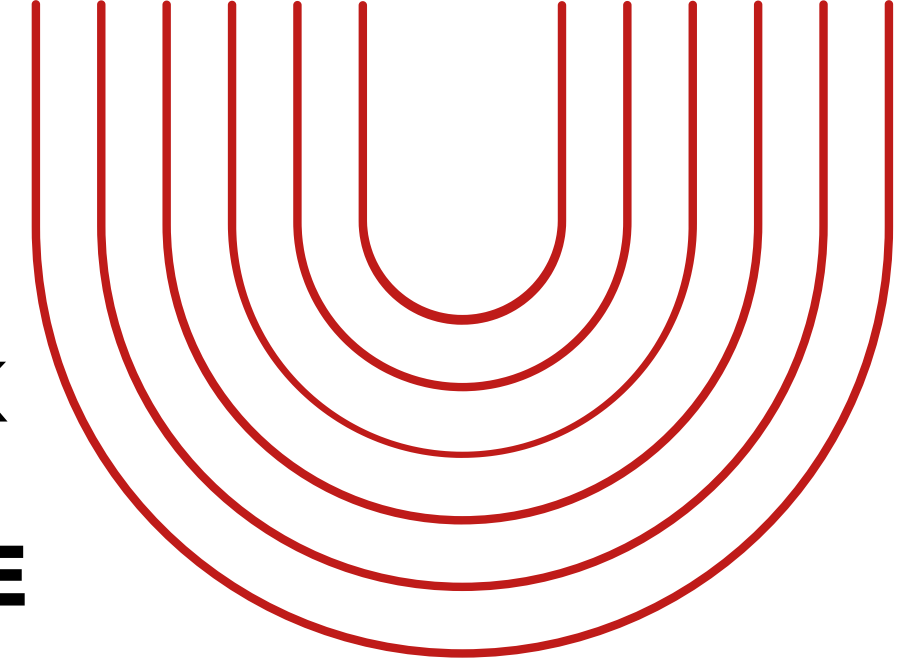


# 2025-2026 JUNIOR OPEN HOUSE



# MEET THE TEAM



**11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE COUNSELOR: RACHEL MINZYK**

**11TH GRADE ASST. PRINCIPAL: BRAD WHITE**

**SENIOR COUNSELOR: JENNIFER ABERNATHY**

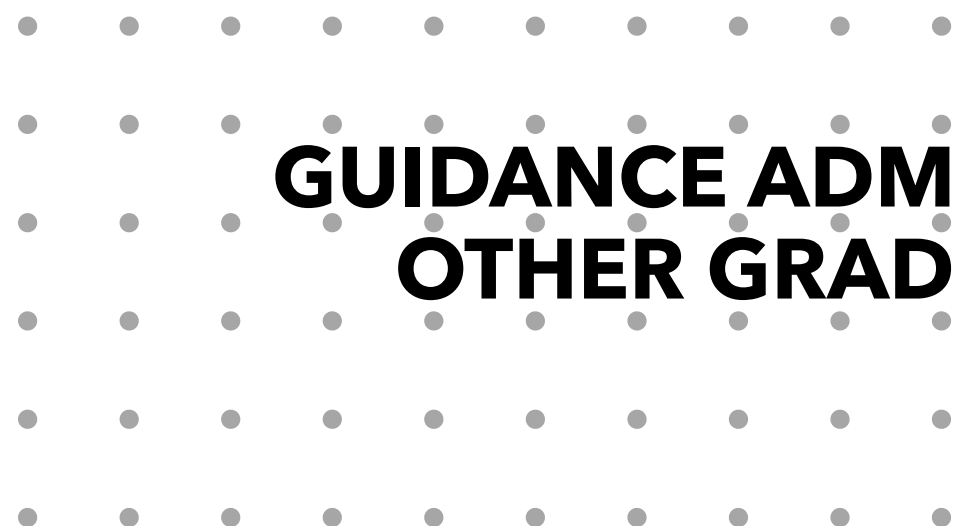
**READY GRAD COORDINATOR: WES LAMBERT**

**BEHAVIORAL LIASION: KEN DUGGER**

**ACADEMIC SUCCESS: KENNY COBBLE**

**SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING COUNSELOR (SEL): KRISTEN KESSLER,  
LMSW, LAUREN PACK (MCNABB)**

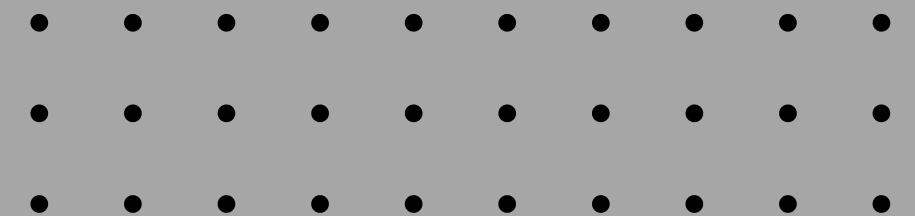
**GUIDANCE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS: RHONDA ELKINS AND SARA COON  
OTHER GRADE LEVEL COUNSELORS: N. LONGDON (10), A. MURPHY (12)**





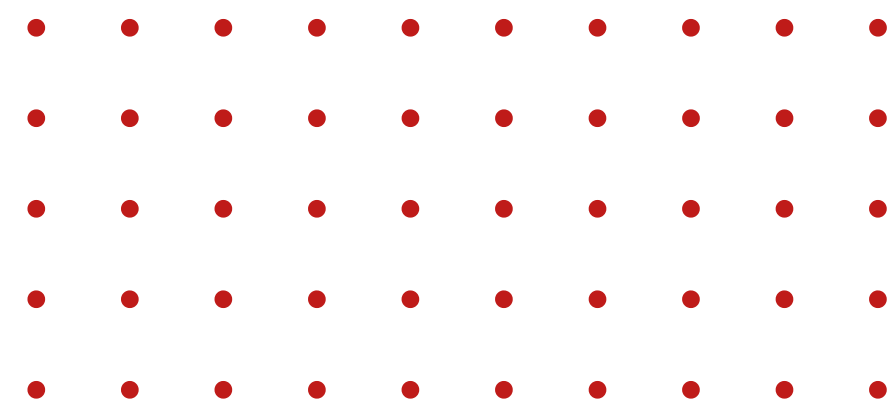
# ROLE OF THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR

- Professional school counselors follow the National Model designed by the American School Counseling Association (ASCA).
- All school counselors hold master's degrees in School Counseling, and their role encompasses three domains: academic, college/career, and social/ emotional.
- In this presentation, we will focus primarily on the academic and career areas.
- If you have concerns about your child's social/ emotional health, please do not hesitate to contact us.



# READY GRADUATE

- MCS District focus on developing ready graduates: college and career ready students
- MHS focus: One of our goals is to produce respectful and resilient students who are critical thinkers, problem solvers, and clear communicators.
- In conjunction with grade level counselors, our Ready Graduate Coordinator offers targeted supports for college and career awareness --job applications, resume workshops, mock interviews, college application help, scholarship applications, financial aid workshops, and ASVAB test administration.





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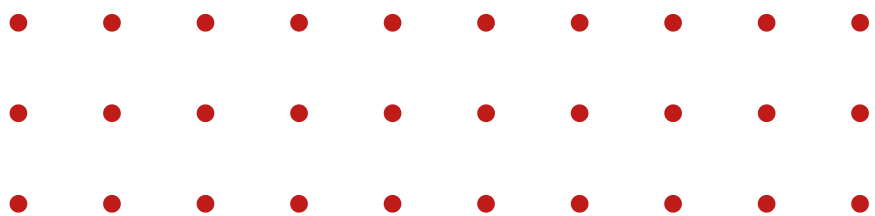


## **MHS RESOURCES**

- MRS. HILTON'S "THIS WEEK AT MHS" NEWSLETTER  
(SUNDAY AFTERNOON)**
- POWERSCHOOL PORTAL FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS -  
VERIFY GRADES AND ATTENDANCE ONLINE**
- MHS SCHOOL COUNSELING CANVAS PAGE**
- SCHOOLINKS- COLLEGE AND CAREER PLANNING PLATFORM**
- YOUSCIENCE - APTITUDE-BASED CAREER EXPLORATION  
TOOL**

# MHS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED COURSES	GRADE TAKEN	27 Required Credits <sup>8</sup>
English 1, 2, 3, 4	9, 10, 11, 12	4 Credits
Math <sup>1</sup>	9, 10, 11, 12	4 Credits
Science <sup>2</sup>	9, 10, 11, 12	3 Credits (+1)
Lifetime Wellness	9	1 Credit
World Geography/History	9	1 Credit
World Language <sup>3</sup>	9-12	2 Credits
Fine Arts <sup>3</sup>	9-12	1 Credit
Physical Education <sup>4</sup>	9-12	½ Credit
Elective Focus <sup>5</sup>	9-12	3 Credits
U.S. History	11	1 Credit
U.S. Government <sup>6</sup>	12	½ Credit
Economics	12	½ Credit
Personal Finance <sup>7</sup>	12	½ Credit
Electives	9, 10, 11, 12	4 Credits



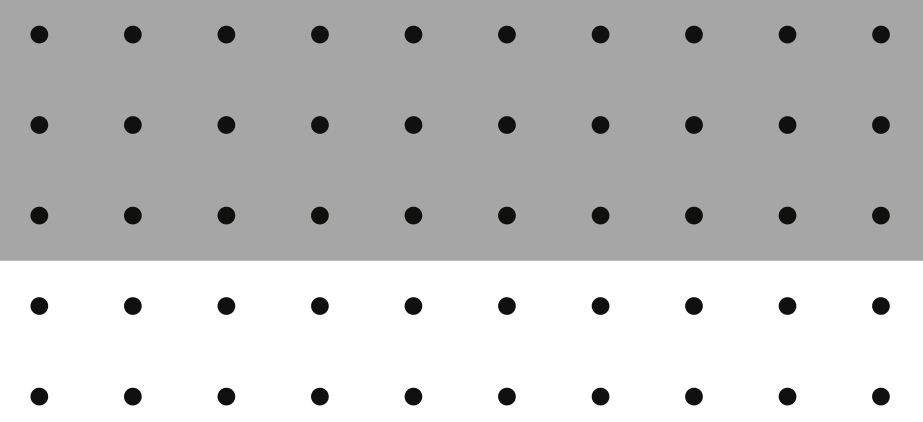
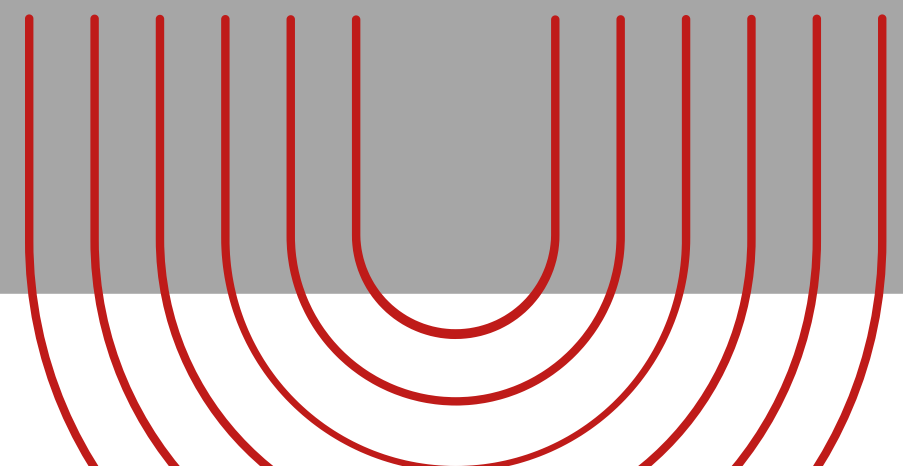
**THREE ELECTIVES IN ONE FOCUSED AREA OF STUDY:**

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**FINE ARTS  
HUMANITIES  
SCIENCE AND MATH**

**(ABOVE THE REQUIRED GRADUATION COURSES)**

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT/DUAL ENROLLMENT  
CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION -  
14 DIFFERENT OPTIONS**





# MHS CTE FOCUS AREAS

- **ADVANCED MANUFACTURING/MECHATRONICS**
- **ARCHITECTURE & CONSTRUCTION**
- **ARTS, AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNOLOGY, & COMMUNICATIONS**
- **HEALTH SCIENCE**
- **HOSPITALITY & TOURISM**
- **INFORMATIONAL TECHNOLOGY: WEB DESIGN**



- **INFORMATIONAL TECHNOLOGY: NETWORKING SERVICES**
- **LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES**
- **BUSINESS: MARKETING**
- **STEM: ENGINEERING**
- **STEM: TECHNOLOGY**
- **TEACHING AS A PROFESSION**



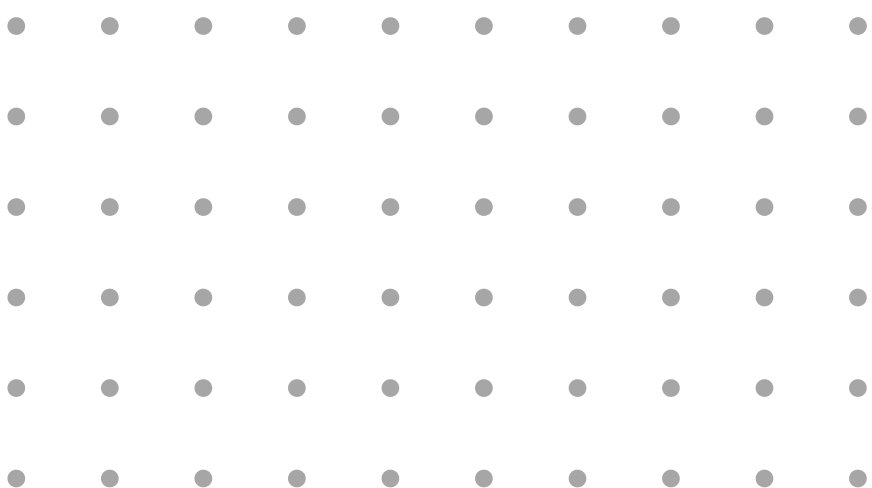


# UNIFORM GRADING POLICY

## GRADING SYSTEM FOR GRADES 8-12

Maryville Junior High School and Maryville High School use the uniform grading system established by the State Board of Education designed for the purposes of application for post-secondary financial assistance administered by the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation. Subject area grades shall be expressed by the following letters with the corresponding percentage range.

**UNIFORM GRADING SCALE: A = 90-100    B = 80-89            C = 70-79            D = 60-69            F = 59 and Below**

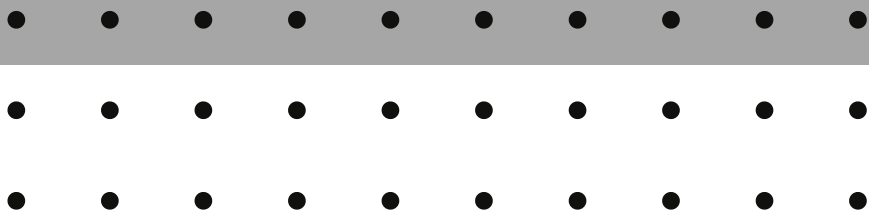


# GPA:QUALITY POINT & TRANSCRIPT CALCULATION

## MHS GPA QUALITY POINT TRANSCRIPT CALCULATION FOR COURSES

Assigned quality points above 4.0 are not allowed for determining eligibility for the lottery scholarships. Quality Points will be awarded based on successful completion of the course.

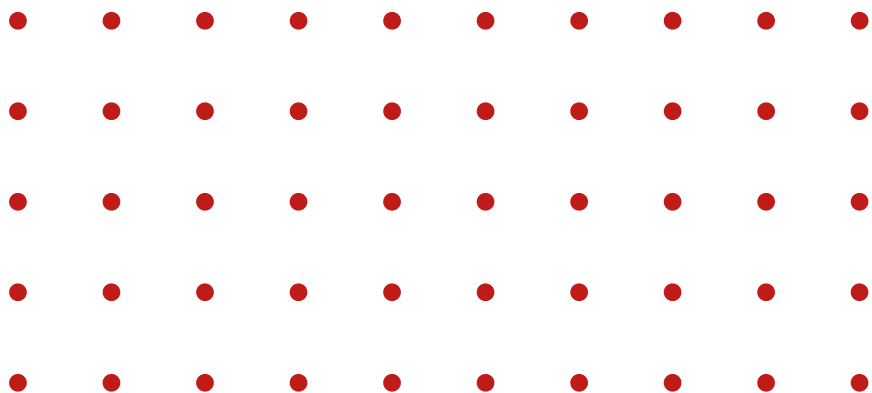
<u>GRADE</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>REGULAR</u>	<u>HONORS/LOCALDUAL CREDIT/INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION</u>	<u>STATEWIDE DUAL CREDIT/DUAL ENROLLMENT</u>	<u>AP/IB</u>
A	90-100	4	4.5	4.75	5
B	80-89	3	3.5	3.75	4
C	70-79	2	2.5	2.75	3
D	60-69	1	1.5	1.75	2
F	0-59	0	0	0	0



# Early Post Secondary Opportunities at MHS

## BONUS POINT COURSE OPPORTUNITIES

- AP- ADVANCED PLACEMENT
- DE- DUAL ENROLLMENT
- LDC- LOCAL DUAL CREDIT
- SDC- STATEWIDE DUAL CREDIT
- CLEP- COLLEGE LEVEL EXAM PROGRAM



## IC- INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS

- EMR- EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDER
- CNA- CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT
- OSHA 10 HEALTHCARE
- NCCER- NATIONAL CENTER FOR CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION & RESEARCH CORE CURRICULUM
- NCCER- NATIONAL CENTER FOR CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION & RESEARCH ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY
- SERVESAFE FOOD MANAGER
- MOS- MICROSOFT OFFICE SPECIALIST
- IT- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, COMP TIA FUNDAMENTALS AND A+ CERTIFICATION
- CIW WEB DESIGN SPECIALIST- CERTIFIED INTERNET WEBMASTER



## Dual Enrollment Grant (DEG) Overview

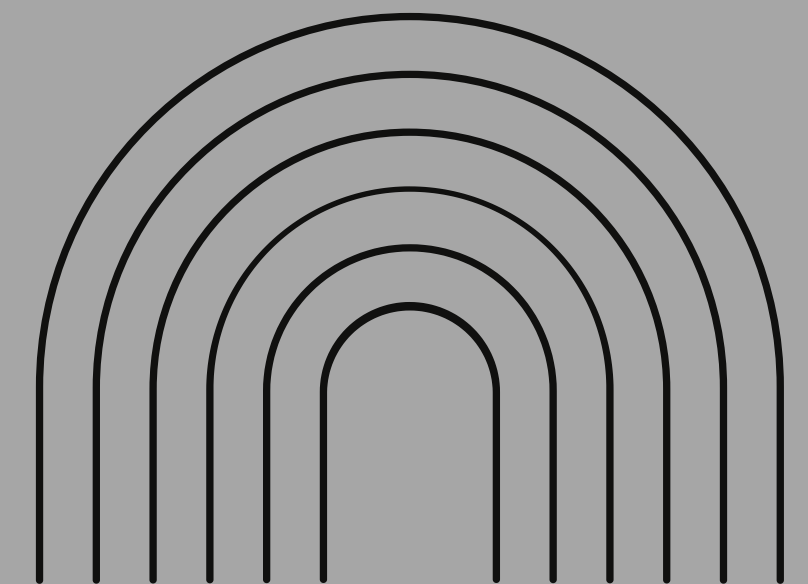
AWARD AMOUNTS*	
Course	2-yr/4-yr DEG
1	Up to \$538.65
2	Up to \$538.65
3	Up to \$538.65
4	Up to \$538.65
5	Up to \$538.65
6 – 10	Up to \$100/credit hour

\*The award amount is based on a 3-credit hour course. The amount will differ depending on the number of credit hours.

APPLICATION DEADLINES		
Term	2-yr/4-yr Deadline	TCAT Deadline
Fall	September 15	November 1
Spring	February 1	March 1
Summer	May 15	

Apply at [www.tn.gov/tsacstudentportal](http://www.tn.gov/tsacstudentportal). Application is for an academic year. For example, the 2022-2023 application is used to apply for fall 2022, spring 2023, and summer 2023 semesters.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT DUAL ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITIES, PLEASE CONTACT OUR DE LIASION, J. ABERNATHY. PLEASE NOTE THAT POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS HAVE SPECIFIC ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS.**



# STUDENT CLASS RANK

WEIGHTED GPA WILL BE CALCULATED ON ALL  
COURSE WORK AS OUTLINED IN THE MARYVILLE  
HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARS PREP GUIDE.

MARYVILLE CITY SCHOOLS SHALL NOT RANK  
STUDENTS NUMERICALLY, AND A VALEDICTORIAN  
AND SALUTATORIAN WILL NOT BE NAMED.

INSTEAD, MHS WILL USE THE FOLLOWING LATIN  
SYSTEM FOR HONORS RECOGNITION:

**SUMMA CUM LAUDE : 4.45 AND ABOVE**

**MAGNA CUM LAUDE: 4.25 – 4.44**

**CUM LAUDE: 3.95 – 4.24**

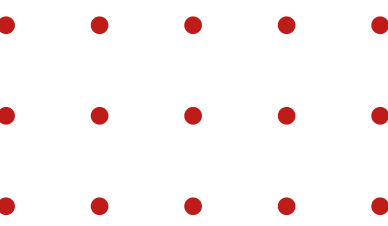
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# RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GPA & FINANCIAL AID

- A STUDENT'S CLASSWORK, HOMEWORK, AND TEST GRADES POSITIVELY OR ADVERSELY IMPACT HIS/HER GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA).
- A STUDENT'S GPA IS ONE OF THE FACTORS THAT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES CONSIDER IN DETERMINING HIS/HER FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY IN THE STUDENT'S SENIOR YEAR!
- UTK FRESHMAN CLASS 2025- (ACT MIDDLE 50% 27-32; GPA 4.07-4.5)

# Post-High School Planning Timeline

## 11<sup>th</sup> Grade: The Exploratory year



- Discover career/college “matches” through job and/or campus visits
- Engage in the Blount County fair at Maryville College (9/24 5:30pm-7:00 pm)
- Interact with college/career reps or military personnel who visit MHS either in person or virtually
- Take the PSAT (Top 5% of junior class students; only year that qualifies a student for National Merit Scholar eligibility)
- Take the ACT - and then take it again
- Consider the ASVAB assessment
- Complete YouScience brain games to spur career exploration
- Use your TWO free college visit days!!!
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# TESTING INFORMATION

## ACT & SAT



**COMPONENTS: ENGLISH, MATH,  
READING, AND  
SCIENCE (OPTIONAL ESSAY)  
LENGTH: 3 HRS (~4HRS W/ ESSAY)  
SCORING: 1-36  
COLLEGE "READY": 21  
REQUIRED FOR HIGH SCHOOL  
GRADUATION IN  
TENNESSEE**

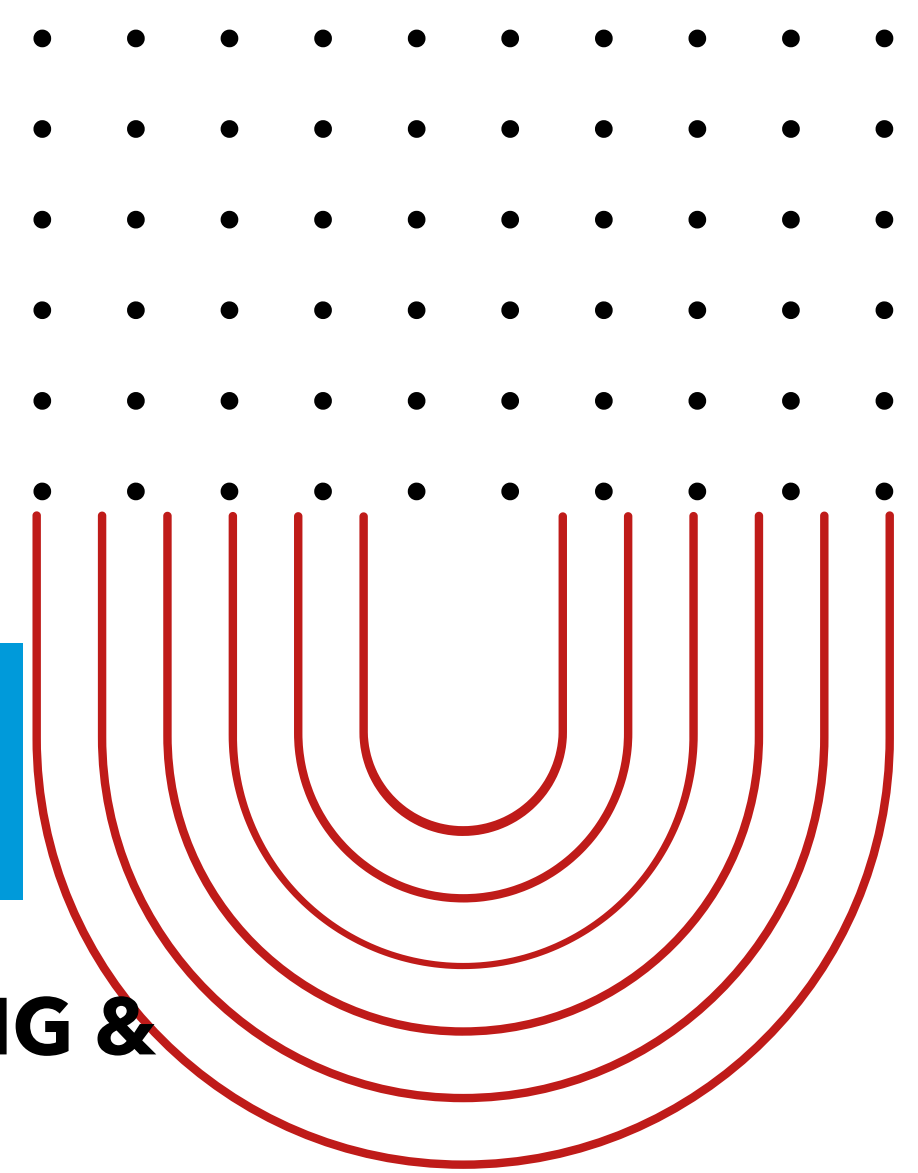
**\*11th graders will take the ACT+Science  
at MHS on March 31, 2026.**



**COMPONENTS: READING, WRITING &  
LANGUAGE,  
MATH (OPTIONAL ESSAY)  
LENGTH: ~3HRS (~4HRS W/ ESSAY)  
SCORING: 400-1600  
COLLEGE READY: 1080**

**\*11th graders can register for and take a practice SAT, called the PSAT at MHS  
Test Date: 10/14/2025 (this is NOT a school day!). Register by 9/19/25.**

**TAKEN DURING 11TH GRADE, THE PSAT QUALIFIES STUDENTS FOR  
THE NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM RECOGNITION.**





**MHS provides all students access to YouScience, which is an aptitude-based career exploration tool.**

**Students complete 9 to 11 brain games, and the system produces a robust portfolio of information based on visual comparison speed, numerical reasoning abilities, spatial visualization, inductive reasoning, sequential reasoning, idea generation, work approach, timeframe orientation, vocabulary, interpersonal skills, and an interest profiler.**



# SchoolLinks

## College and Career Platform

**Schoolinks is our college exploration system that will also be used to send documents to post-secondary institutions.**

**Students can access this by clicking the SchoolLinks icon in their Classlink. A student's username is his/her MHS school email, and the password is their school password. Please verify that your child has access to SchoolLinks.**



**All juniors will take the  
ASVAB at MHS on 10/21.**

**Students can take the ASVAB for career exploration  
even if they do not plan to enter the military by  
electing not to have their scores reported.**

**Students who want to test should register with their  
guidance counselor or sign up using the link posted  
on the MHS Webpage.**

**The ASVAB is a free assessment.  
For more information, contact Mr. Wes Lambert.**



**MHS offers 25+ AP courses.**

**AP Exams: May 4-15**

**Cost for Exams: \$99 (\$147 for AP Capstone courses)**

**Fall and yearlong AP exam order deadline: October**

**Spring AP exam order deadline: February**





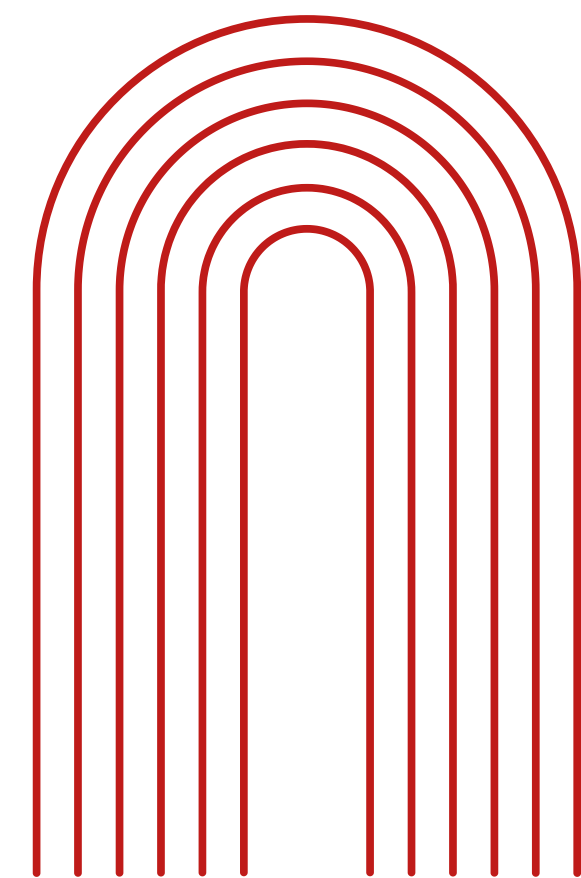
### **Requirements:**

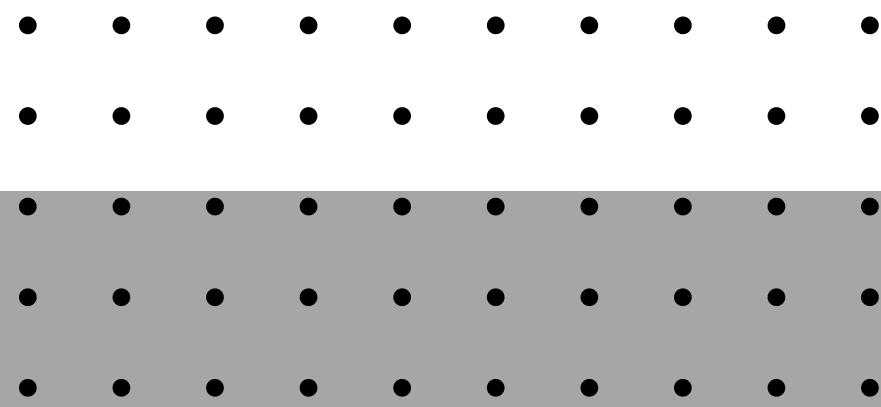
**16 CORE COURSES REQUIRED FOR DIVISION I AND  
DIVISION II (SPG FOR ELIGIBLE COURSES)**

**10 OF THESE COURSES MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO  
THE SEVENTH SEMESTER OF HIGH SCHOOL, SEVEN OF  
WHICH MUST BE IN A COMBINATION OF ENGLISH, MATH,  
AND/OR SCIENCE.**

**NCAA Website: Guide for the College Bound Athlete  
2025-26.**

**For more information, please contact Mrs. Jennifer  
Abernathy.**





# THANK YOU

**Still Have Questions?**

**11th Grade Counselor: Rachel Minzyk-[rachel.minzyk@maryville-schools.org](mailto:rachel.minzyk@maryville-schools.org)**

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade Administrator: Brad White-[brad.white@maryville-schools.org](mailto:brad.white@maryville-schools.org)**

**Ready Graduate Coordinator: Wes Lambert-[wes.lambert@maryville-schools.org](mailto:wes.lambert@maryville-schools.org)**

**College and Career Readiness: Jennifer Abernathy-[jennifer.abernathy@maryville-schools.org](mailto:jennifer.abernathy@maryville-schools.org)**

