Course Selection Process

(current 9, 10, & 11 grade students)

2026-2027

Graduation Requirements - 24 credits

4.0 English

English 9, English 10, English 11 or AP English Language and 1.0 credit of English senior year

3.0 Math

3.0 Science

Biology, Chemistry, and Physics or AP Physics I

3.0 Social Studies

World Affairs, World History, and United States History or AP US History

0.5 Government (senior year)

American Government or AP U.S. Government and Politics

1.5 PE

Must be taken over 3 years in grades 9, 10, and 11

0.5 Health (sophomore year)

0.5 Personal Finance (senior year)

8.0 Electives



How many courses do I select?

- All students in grades 9, 10, and 11 must take a minimum of seven courses per semester (3.5 credits per semester).

- Seniors can choose to take two study halls per semester if their schedule allows and they still meet graduation and admissions requirements for college.

- It is recommended that all students take a study hall as their eighth class.
  - Students do not earn credit for study hall.
  - If you elect to have a study hall for only one semester, you cannot choose which semester it will fall, nor can you choose what block your will have study hall

Course Selection Reminders

Remember:

- Semester-long courses are 0.5 credits and this will be noted in the course handbook.
- Semester-long courses will be placed randomly, not necessarily in the semester you indicate on your course selection sheet (including study hall if only signing up for one).
- Year-long courses are 1.0 credit and this will be noted in the course handbook. On your course selection sheet, you will write it in both semesters.

Course Selection Reminders - Prerequisites

What is a prerequisite?

- A course that must be completed prior to being allowed to enroll in another course. These are stated in the Course Handbook (i.e. Healthcare Career Exploration must be taken prior to Sports Medicine or Drawing and Painting 1 must be taken prior to Airbrushing).

Other requirements:

- Be sure to note the grade level required to enroll in the course (i.e. Living on Your Own, Grades 11-12).

New Courses for 2026-2027

- **New Courses:**
  - **Modern Band, 0.5 credit**
  - **Sports Officiating & Team Sports, 0.5 credit**
  - **Statistics and Data Science, 0.5 credit**
  - **Change: Math Reasoning, 0.5 credit**

Course Changes for 2026-2027

- **Family and Consumer Sciences Changes**
  - **Culinary 1 is only open to Grade 9**
  - **Culinary 2 and Baking & Pastries are only open to Grades 11 & 12**
    - **If a student did not previously take Culinary 1, they are still eligible for these classes**
  - **No cooking classes are available to students in Grade 10**

Course selections for current ninth grade students

	Does the course have a prerequisite?	Semester 1 Course Name		Does the course have a prerequisite?	Semester 2 Course Name
1	English 9	English 10	1	English 9	English 10
2	Previous math	Math*	2	Previous math	Math*
3	Biology	Chemistry	3	Biology	Chemistry
4	World Affairs	World History	4	World Affairs	World History
5	PE Level 1	Physical Education (pick one)	5	No	Health & Wellness
6		Elective:	6		Elective
7		Elective	7		Elective
8		St Hall or Elective:	8		St Hall or Elective

Alternate Elective:	Alternate Elective:

Course selections for current tenth grade students

	Does the course have a prerequisite?	Semester 1 Course Name		Does the course have a prerequisite?	Semester 2 Course Name
1	English 10	English 11 OR AP Language & Composition	1	English 10	English 11 OR AP Language & Composition
2	Previous math	Math*	2	Previous math	Math*
3	Chemistry	Physics or AP Physics I	3	Chemistry	Physics or AP Physics I
4	World History	US History OR AP US History	4	World History	US History OR AP US History
5	PE Level 1	Physical Education (pick one)	5		Elective:
6		Elective:	6		Elective:
7		Elective:	7		Elective:
8		St Hall or Elective:	8		St Hall or Elective:

Alternate Elective:	Alternate Elective:

Course selections for current eleventh grade students

	Does the course have a prerequisite?	Semester 1 Course Name		Does the course have a prerequisite?	Semester 2 Course Name
1	No	Elective English:	1	No	Elective English:
2	No	Math or Elective:	2	No	Math or Elective:
3	No	Science or Elective:	3	No	Science or Elective:
4	No	American Government or AP US Government and Politics	4	No	Personal Finance
5		Elective:	5		Elective:
6		Elective:	6		Elective:
7		St Hall or Elective:	7		St Hall or Elective:
8		St Hall or Elective:	8		St Hall or Elective:

Alternate Elective:	Alternate Elective:

All Students - Alternate Electives

Alternate Elective:	Alternate Elective:

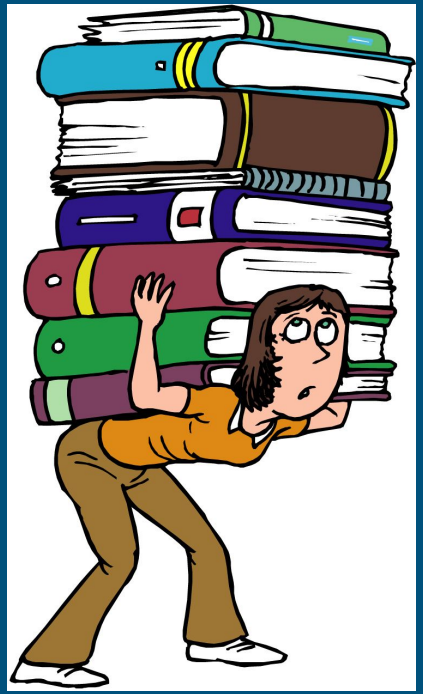
- All students must select at least two, semester-long alternate electives or one, year-long alternate elective.
  - If you have an unresolvable conflict, or if a course that you selected does not run, we will replace the course with one of your alternates.
  - Be thoughtful in selecting your alternates as **they may be placed into your schedule. We will not meet with you before adding these alternates into your schedule and they will be in you.**

Rigor of Schedule - Special Considerations

- Create a balance in your schedule - challenge yourself but also consider your commitments outside of school - sports, performing arts, extracurriculars, employment, etc.
- Consider the time you spend on your current homework. Will you be able to balance spending more time on homework each night?
- Will you have enough time get a healthy amount of sleep each night?
- Remember, a rigorous course schedule is required for college admission. It may or may not include AP courses, and will be dependent upon you and the college(s) to which you are applying.

AP Courses- What are they?

- AP courses are college-level, rigorous courses that involve considerable reading and independent work outside of class. Summer work may be required.
- You earn high school credit.
- You may elect to take the AP exam in spring which, depending on your score, college and major, may allow you to earn college credit. AP exam scores are typically not part of the admissions process.



AP Courses - Course Specific Considerations

- AP Statistics may or may not be recognized as a college math credit. For clarification, please check directly with the admissions office at the colleges that you are considering. While it may not be considered a math credit, it is always recognized as a rigorous elective credit.

- AP courses are yearlong, with the exception of:
  - AP Macroeconomics - offered first semester only
  - AP Government - offered first semester only

Other Credit Options

- Project Lead The Way (PLTW)
  - Digital Electronics
  - Intro to Engineering Design
  - Principles of Engineering
- Dual Credit (DC)
  - Advanced Marketing
  - Biotechnology
  - Entrepreneurship & Innovation
  - Mathematical Reasoning
  - Principles of Promotion
- Early College Credit Program (ECCP)
  - Universities of Wisconsin (including UW-Madison)
  - Wisconsin Private Colleges & Tribal Colleges
- Start College Now (SCN)
  - Madison College

For questions related to ECCP/SCN contact:
Greg Benz (greg.benz@mgschools.net)

Youth Apprenticeship Program

- Register for a full schedule of courses (3.5 credits per semester) plus your alternate selections. We will make adjustments to your course selections once you are admitted to the program. This also includes second year YA.
- If you have not done so already, you must schedule a meeting with Mr. Benz to get this process started.
  - Book a meeting with me
  - YA Interest Form
- YA Area-specific Videos
- Information Night Flyers

Final Reminders

- Plan Ahead - complete the four-year plan in Xello, and share it with your parent/guardian.
- Read the course descriptions - you are responsible for your course selections.
- Classes are built and teachers are hired based upon students' course selections. Once sections are determined, we are not able to add additional sections or make course changes.

Final Reminders (continued)

- Find a good balance - the complexity of homework increases as rigor of courses increases; consider your extracurriculars, sports, work, and/or family commitments.

- Your courses are an opportunity to explore your interests, pursue your goals, and strengthen your skills.

- Talk with current teachers - they can offer you feedback and ideas based upon their experiences with you in class.

Final Reminders (continued)

- Each person has a unique experience. A good fit for one person may not be for another.
- Choose for yourself - there are multiple sections of courses, and you will most likely not be in the same section as your friend.
- **No course changes will be made after you enter your course selections into Infinite Campus.**





Course Selections

Ninth grade students will register for their 2026-2027 courses during their English 9 class on February 5 & February 6.

Tenth grade students will register individually with their respective counselor in pre-assigned appointments between January 7 - 15 and eleventh grade students between January 27 - February 4. You must come to these meetings with you course registration form completed thoughtfully. This is not the time for lengthy questions.

Please see the MGHS registration website to access the grade-specific Course Selection Sheets.