

# Maynard H. Jackson High School

**Our Mission Continues:  
To Pursue Excellence and Equity  
Every Day in Every Way!**



# Maynard H. Jackson High School

## Agenda

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- Introduction of Team
- Overview of MJHS
- Counseling Team: Grad Requirements, Typical 9th Schedule, Pathways
- International Baccalaureate: An Overview
- Special Programs: Dual Enrollment & ACCA
- Student Support Team
- Getting Involved
- Upcoming Dates & Next Steps
- Staying Informed
- Q & A

# Maynard H. Jackson High School

## Your 9th Grade Team

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# Jackson HS: Fast Facts



○ Serve the **entire** Jackson Cluster

○ ~**1600+** Students

*77% Black 12% White 7% Hispanic 3% Multi-racial 1% Asian [15% Students with Disabilities]*

○ Authorized **IB Middle Years, Diploma** and **Career-related** Programs

○ **Early College Dual Enrollment**

- AMSC, GSU, and Atlanta Technical College

○ Offer **18 Advanced Placement Courses**

○ **Robust Student Support/Services Staff**

○ **Elective Pathways include:** Engineering, Audio-Video Tech, Graphic Design, Web & Digital Design, JROTC, Band, Orchestra, Chorus, Theater, Dance, & Visual Arts

○ **World Languages** = Spanish, French, & Mandarin Chinese

○ Participate in **18 GHSA Sports**

***School Motto: MJJ ALL DAY!!***

Follow us on Twitter @MHJHSJaguars

# Jackson HS: **Our FOCUS**



(Guided by OUR Strategic Plan)

1. Continued Growth in **ALL** Academic Areas, with focus on **PROFICIENCY**
  - GA Milestone, with eye on Subgroup Performance
  - IB/AP
  - PSAT/ACT/SAT
2. Improve daily student **ENGAGEMENT** through inquiry-based, student-centered instruction.
3. Nurturing a **POSITIVE, CIVIL, RESPECTFUL, SAFE, and FUN** Environment for ALL of our School Family through effective communication.

# Maynard H. Jackson High School

## Accountability



### Academic Performance

Georgia Milestones

Biology

Algebra

United States History

American Literature

PSAT/SAT/ACT

APS Benchmark Exams

AP Exams

IB Exams

MYP Personal Project (Year 5, aka 10th Grade)

### Other Key Factors

Engagement

Attendance

Pathway Completion

Enrollment in AP/IB Classes

Graduation

College Acceptance &

Retention

Safety and Security

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## Accountability



### Book Bags

- Students are permitted to carry either a **CLEAR or SEE-THROUGH MESH BOOK BAG** during the day.
- Athletes should leave athletics bags/gear in a designated locker near the gym area during the day.
- Females are permitted a small purse for personal items.

**Cell Phones:** Students are required to put phones in their Yondr pouch, which should remain in locker during the school day. Personal IPADS are not permitted; personal laptops are ok.

**Lockers:** lockers are available for \$6 for the year. Students can purchase in the main office.

# MEET YOUR MJHS COUNSELING TEAM!



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# Maynard H. Jackson High School

## APS Graduation Requirements

Area of Study	Number of Credits Required
English/Language Arts	4
Mathematics	4
Science	4
Social Studies	3
Foreign Language	2
P.E./Health	1 ½
Electives	5 3 years related to the same state-defined thematic <b>pathway</b> is recommended.
Community Service (75 hours)	½
<b>Total</b>	<b>24 Credits Required</b>


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## 9th Grade Course of Study

1	<b>Lit/Comp I</b> (On-Level or Honors)	
2	<b>Algebra I</b> (On-Level or Honors) <b>or</b> <b>Geom H/Alg II H</b>	
3	<b>Biology</b> (On-Level or Honors)	
4	<b>Amer Govt/Civics</b> (On-Level or Honors)	<b>H.S. Transitions</b> or <b>P.E. Elective</b>
5	<b>Health</b>	<b>Personal Fitness</b>
6	<b>Foreign Language</b> (French, Spanish, Mandarin Chinese)	
7	<b>JROTC, CTAE or Fine Arts Pathway</b>	
8	Math/Reading Support, AP course, or add'l elective	

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## Our Pathways

<b>Graphic Design</b>	<b>Engineering &amp; Technology</b>	<b>Audio/Video Technology &amp; Film</b>
<b>Business Technology</b>		<b>JROTC - Army</b>
<b>Chorus</b>	<b>Band</b>	<b>Visual Arts</b>
<b>Theatre Arts</b>	<b>Dance</b>	<b>Orchestra</b>

# The IB Middle Years Programme (MYP)

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Focuses on Approaches to Teaching and Learning in grades 6-10

- Communication Skills
- Social Skills
- Self-Management Skills
- Research Skills
- Thinking Skills

MYP in high school requires the completion of the **MYP Personal Project**

- A Year-long project: students work independently for at least 25 hours
- Students receive an official IB MYP Certificate and a cord at graduation.
- Required for the IB DP and CP Programmes
- Please feel free to contact Ms. Galloway at [ekgalloway@apsk12.org](mailto:ekgalloway@apsk12.org) if you have any questions.



## ALL STUDENTS



The Primary Years Programme (PYP) is comprised of three key components that outline how students learn, how teachers teach, and how progress is assessed. It provides the foundation for students to become active, caring, lifelong learners.

## OPTIONAL FOR 11TH & 12TH GRADERS



The IB Career Programme provides rigorous IB coursework with concentrated study on a specific career path for 11th and 12th grades.



All students in 6-10 grade will participate in the Middle Years Programme (MYP). The eight subject framework prepares students to pursue DP or CP in eleventh grade.



The IB Diploma Programme (DP) is a course of study that includes six subject groups as well as the DP core and culminates with the award of an internationally recognized diploma.



# APPROACHES TO TEACHING



BASED ON INQUIRY



FOCUSED ON CONCEPTUAL UNDERSTANDING



DEVELOPED IN LOCAL AND GLOBAL CONTEXTS



FOCUSED ON EFFECTIVE TEAMWORK AND COLLABORATION



DIFFERENTIATED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ALL LEARNERS



INFORMED BY FORMATIVE AND SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT

# APPROACHES TO LEARNING

## SOCIAL SKILLS



- Developing positive interpersonal relationships and collaboration skills
- Developing social-emotional intelligence

## RESEARCH SKILLS



- Information-literacy skills
- Media-literacy skills
- Ethical use of media/information

## THINKING SKILLS



- Critical-thinking skills
- Creative-thinking skills
- Transfer skills
- Reflection/metacognitive skills

## COMMUNICATION SKILLS



- Exchanging-information skills
- Literacy skills
- ICT skills

## SELF-MANAGEMENT SKILLS



- Organization skills
- States of mind

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## Academic Pathways/Programs

- **International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP):** courses taken in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade to complete Diploma Program. Most comprehensive academic path.
- **International Baccalaureate Career-Related Program (IBCP):** combines two or more IB Diploma Program courses with a complete career-related pathway of study.
- **Advanced Placement (AP)/Honors/On-Level:** students can pursue any mix of these courses. AP are college-level courses available to *all* students beginning in 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
- **Dual Enrollment:** attend a public college to earn high school and college credit simultaneously; course fees, books, etc. are paid by program. Student must apply and be accepted to college.

## IB and AP course comparison

### International Baccalaureate (IB)

- College level course taught by trained IB teacher.
- Most courses must be taken junior and senior year.
- Students receive a 10-point weight on each year of every IB course.
- Most IB exams are at the end of senior year.
- Students can earn college credit for qualifying scores.
- Focuses on a wholistic program.

### Advanced Placement (AP)

- College level course taught by trained AP teacher.
- Courses are one year long. Can be taken in any grade.
- Students receive a 10-point weight on each year of every AP course.
- AP exams are at the end of each school year.
- Students can earn college credit for qualifying scores.
- Focuses on individual classes.

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## Advanced Placement

AP Courses are college-level courses taught in high school by a trained AP teacher using a College Board approved syllabus and curriculum. Students earn an additional 10 rigor points on final grade (if passing), and have the potential to earn college credit with a qualifying AP exam score.

- AP 2D Art Design (11-12)
- AP 3D Art & Design (11-12)
- AP African American Studies (11-12)
- [AP Biology \(10-11\)](#)
- AP Calculus AB (11-12)
- [AP Computer Science Principles \(9-11\)](#)
- [AP Computer Science A \(10-12\)](#)
- [AP English Language \(10-11\)](#)
- AP English Literature (11-12)
- AP Environmental Science (12)
- [AP Human Geography \(9\)](#)
- AP Physics (11)
- AP Precalculus (10-12)
- AP Psychology (11-12)
- AP Statistics (10-12)
- [AP US Government & Politics \(10\)](#)
- AP US History (11)
- [AP World History \(10\)](#)

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## Academic Electives: AP Options in 9th Grade

### Academic Elective: AP Human Geography

AP Human Geography is a college-level course that introduces students to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of Earth's surface. Students employ spatial concepts and landscape analysis to examine socio-economic development and its environmental consequences. They also analyze the methods and tools geographers use in their research and applications.

Students should be able to read college-level texts and write using the conventions of Standard Written English.

### Academic Elective: AP Computer Science Principles

AP CSP is designed to be equivalent to a first-semester introductory college computing course, and offers a multidisciplinary approach to teaching the underlying principles of computation. The course will introduce students to the creative aspects of coding & programming, abstractions, algorithms, large data sets, the Internet, cybersecurity concerns, and computing impacts.

Requires strong math skills and a love of creative problem-solving.

While not officially a pathway, AP CSP is in a progressive series of Computer Science courses offered through our partnership with Georgia Tech.



- Please note that while considered an academic course, taking an AP class will take an elective spot in a student's schedule.
- Students scoring Proficient or Distinguished on 8th grade Milestones are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to take one of the AP offerings in 9th grade.

## MJHS IB Courses - taken in both 11th and 12 grade

<b>Group 1: Language A</b>	<b>IB Literature HL</b>
<b>Group 2: Language B</b>	IB French SL IB Spanish SL IB Mandarin Chinese SL
<b>Group 3: Individuals &amp; Societies</b>	<b>IB History HL</b> <i>IB Business Management SL*</i> <i>IB Economics SL*</i>
<b>Group 4: Science</b>	IB Biology SL/HL*
<b>Group 5: Mathematics</b>	IB Math: Analysis & Approaches SL
<b>Group 6: The Arts</b>	<b>IB Visual Art HL</b> <b>IB Film HL</b> <b>IB Dance HL</b> <b>IB Theatre HL</b> <i>IB Business Management SL* (in Y1)</i> <i>IB Economics SL* (in Y2)</i>

## Every School in the Jackson Cluster is an Authorized IB World School!

- Benteen Elementary (PYP)
- Burgess-Peterson Academy (PYP)
- Barack & Michelle Obama Academy (PYP)
- Fred A. Toomer Elementary (PYP)
- Paul Laurence Dunbar Elementary\* (PYP)
- Parkside Elementary (PYP)
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School (MYP)
- Wesley International Academy (PYP/MYP)
- Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School - Middle Campus (MYP)
- Maynard Holbrook Jackson High School (MYP/DP/CP)



# Maynard H. Jackson High School

## Special Programs: Dual Enrollment

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**WHO:** responsible & motivated high school students seeking to accelerate their education, reduce college costs, and experience rigorous, college-level coursework early.

**WHAT:** allows high school students to earn college credit while working on their high school diploma.

**WHEN:** 11th & 12th grades (CTAE classes may be available in 10th)

**WHERE:** formal partner schools: AMSC, ATC, GSU (Tech, KSU, UWG, . . . )

**HOW:** speak with counselor and complete all requirements by March 15

### DE Informational Session:

**Tuesday, Feb 10, 5:30, MJHS Auditorium**

**DE Point of Contact: Sakari Balam: [sakari.balam@atlanta.k12.ga.us](mailto:sakari.balam@atlanta.k12.ga.us)**



# Atlanta College & Career Academy

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- Culinary Arts
- Dental Science
- Criminal Investigation
- Graphic Design
- Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism
- Patient Care
- Teaching as a Profession

## ***ELIGIBILITY:***

- rising 10th, 11th, or 12th grade student
- on track for graduation
- completed 2 years of world language
- minimum 2.0 GPA

## ***DUAL ENROLLMENT PATHWAYS:***

- Automotive Technology
- Aviation Maintenance (12th only)
- Carpentry
- Cybersecurity
- Diesel Technology
- Early College Essentials TCC
- Emergency Medical Responder
- HVAC/Refrigeration
- Infant Childcare Specialist TCC
- Natural Gaslight Technician
- Programming
- Welding

# Maynard H. Jackson High School

## Let's Make a Plan



*Feeling overwhelmed?  
Uncertain about one's academic future?  
Lacking motivation?  
In need of extra support?*



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# Maynard H. Jackson High School

## Department of Exceptional Education

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### Questions concerning:

- Case Managers
- Accommodations and Modifications
- Academic Supports

# Maynard H. Jackson High School

## Parent Liaison

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### How can I help?

- Parent workshops
- Helping w/concerns about child's grades, progress, etc
- Potential family tours
- Parent Portal access for Infinite Campus
- community service hours

# Maynard H. Jackson High School

## Get Involved: Athletics

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**Baseball** (JV & Varsity)

**Basketball** —Boys (9th, JV & Varsity)

**Basketball** —Girls (JV & Varsity)

**Cheerleading** (JV & Varsity)

**Cross Country** (Boys & Girls)

**Football** (JV & Varsity)

**Flag Football** (Girls)

**Golf** (Boys & Girls)

**Lacrosse** (Boys & Girls)

**Rifle Team**

**Soccer** (Boys & Girls)

**Softball**

**Swimming & Diving**

**Tennis** (Boys & Girls)

**Track & Field** (Boys & Girls)

**Ultimate Frisbee**

**Volleyball** (Varsity Girls)

**Wrestling**

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## Fall Athletics

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Fall Sport	HEAD COACH	WORK #	CELL #	EMAIL ADDRESS
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VOLLEYBALL	Shakinah Alexander	404-802-5212	(678) 933-9161	<a href="mailto:smosley@atlanta.k12.ga.us">smosley@atlanta.k12.ga.us</a>
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# Maynard H. Jackson High School

## Get Involved: Clubs & Extra-Curriculars

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Academic Decathlon Team

Anime & Gaming Club

Beta Club • Bicycle Club

Black Student Union

Chess Club • Chorus

Cooking Club

Creative Writing Club

Debate Team

Drama Club • e-Sports

Engineering & Robotics

FBLA • FCA

French Club

Gay Straight Alliance

Girls Who Code

Green Warriors Environmental Club

Honor Society for French

International Thespian Society

Key Club • Knitting Club

Jazz Band • Jaguar Ambassadors

Jaguar Book Club

Journalism/ Yearbook

LatinX Student Union

Literary Magazine Club

Marching Band

Mathematics Honor Society

MJHS Service Club • Mock Trial

Model UN

National Art Honor Society

National Honor Society

Honors Orchestra

PALS

Peer Mediation Program

Poetry Out Loud

Quiz Bowl

SEED Program

Science Olympiad

Skills USA

Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica

Spanish Club

Student Council / SGA

Technology Student Association

Yoga Club

# Maynard H. Jackson High School

## Mark Your Calendars!

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- ❖ **FEB 3 & 4:** 8th Grade Tours: students from feeder middle schools visit MJHS.
- ❖ **FEB 9 & MAR 9:** Parent Tours (sign up [HERE](#))
- ❖ **MARCH:** Counselors visit 8th grade feeder school students re: SY 26-27 course selection
- ❖ **FEB-APRIL: Course Selection Continues:** families can access the online course selection form for 26-27(opens mid-Feb): [www.tinyurl.com/mjhsrising9thcourses](http://www.tinyurl.com/mjhsrising9thcourses)
- ❖ **MARCH:** Registration/Enrollment opens (dates TBD by district)
- ❖ **APRIL:** Registration opens for **Summer Bridge** program for incoming 9th graders

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## Summer Bridge 2026:

Get a jumpstart on your Freshman Year!

**Rising 9th Grade**

# Summer Bridge

July 23-24  
9am-3pm  
2025

MJHS presents

**GET A JUMPSTART ON YOUR 9TH GRADE YEAR!**

- 1 High School 101**  
learn the basics and expectations
- 2 Scavenger Hunt**  
find your classes and learn your way around the building
- 3 Middle School Mix-Up**  
Meet future classmates from other schools
- 4 Navigating High School**  
tips & tricks from current MJHS Jaguars
- 5 Parent University Sessions**  
learn ways to support your 9th grade student

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REGISTER: → 

[www.tinyurl.com/mjhsbridge25](http://www.tinyurl.com/mjhsbridge25)

- 2-day program at end of summer
- Introduction to MJHS for incoming 9th graders
- what to expect in high school
- meet staff & other students
- food games, prizes & more
- PARENT UNIVERSITY sessions

Registration opens in April

[www.tinyaps.com/?mjhsrising9th](http://www.tinyaps.com/?mjhsrising9th)

# Maynard H. Jackson High School

## Communication

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Join the Class of 2030

REMIND:

Text **@mjhs30** to 81010

or

[www.remind.com/join/mjhs30](http://www.remind.com/join/mjhs30)

# Maynard H. Jackson High School

## Stay Informed!

- **Join the Class of 2030 REMIND:** text to 81010 @mjhs30
- Our school website: <https://mhjackson.atlantapublicschools.us/>
- **All things RISING 9th:** [www.tinyaps.com/?MJHSrising9th](http://www.tinyaps.com/?MJHSrising9th)
- Check **Parent Portal** regularly to monitor student attendance and grades. <https://ic.apsk12.org/campus/portal/atlanta.jsp>
- Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/mhjhs>
- Follow on IG: @mjjptsa @apsmjhs @mjhssga
- MJHS IB website: <https://maynardjacksonib.weebly.com>

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## Q&A

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**Please put all questions  
in the chat!**



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## **Thank You!**

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