

LIGHTING THE PATH TO 8TH GRADE

CAMPFIRE CONNECTIONS



PREPARING FOR 8TH GRADE!

As we begin this exciting journey toward 8th grade, we are committed to lighting the path for your child's success and growth. Together, we will navigate the challenges and celebrate the milestones that will make this year truly memorable.



LIGHTING THE PATH: 5 KEY STEPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

1. Develop Strong Study Habits
2. Promote Independence & Responsibility
3. Explore Course Options & High School Credits
4. Support Social & Emotional Readiness
5. Get Involved & Stay Connected



BE PREPARED

- Learn About Core Offerings – Overview of various courses and their levels of rigor.
- Explore High School Credit Opportunities – Understand how students can earn high school credits in 8th grade.
- Discover Special Events – Get insights into events for rising 8th grade students.



ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

Core Class	On-level	Advanced Studies
English Language Arts	ELA 8	Honors ELA 8 or Enhanced Literature and Composition I
Mathematics	Math 8	Honors Math 8 or Enhanced Algebra Concepts and Connections or Honors Algebra Concepts and Connections
Science	Science 8	Honors Science 8 or Advanced Physical Science
Social Studies	GA Studies 8	Honors GA Studies 8
World Language or Reading	Spanish 8, French 8, or Reading	Honors Spanish/French I or Honors Spanish/French II



HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

Honors World Geography*

Honors French I and II

Honors Spanish I and II

Enhanced Literature and Composition I**

Advanced Physical Science

Enhanced Algebra Concepts and Connections

Honors Algebra Concepts and Connections

Native Speaker Spanish I

Carnegie Visual Arts/Comprehensive I

Carnegie Theatre Arts/Acting I

*Open to Qualifying 7th Grade Students

**New Course for 2025-2026 School Year



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CARNEGIE UNITS

- Students Can Earn Carnegie Credits When Enrolled in High School Courses
- High School Credits Earned in Middle School Count Toward Graduation
- The Grade Will Appear on the Student's High School Transcript But Will Not Affect the GPA
- Students Cannot Decline Credit For High School Courses
- Students Cannot Retake the Course Once Credit is Earned

CONSIDERATIONS

- Academic Readiness
- Emotional and Social Readiness
- Time Commitment
- Impact on High School Transcript
- Long-Term Academic Goals
- Teacher Recommendations
- Talk with Your Child

Marietta City Schools
Course Progressions



RISING 8TH GRADE REGISTRATION

- March 9–20: Elective Course Selections
- March 23–April 3: Teacher Course Recommendations
- April 20–May 1: Parent Review of Student Requests and Waive-Up Requests Due



8TH GRADE EVENTS

- 8th Grade visit to MHS
- Opportunity to practice PSAT
- 8th Grade Overnight Trip
- 8th Grade Dance
- 8th Grade Walk to MHS
- Other fun school events





PROMOTION CRITERIA

8th Grade Students Must Meet the following Criteria in Order to Be Promoted to 9th Grade:

- Pass all core subjects
- Performance on Assessments



HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATION

- MHS Information Night-Fall 2026
- Teacher Recommendations-Dec 2026
- Student Elective Registration-Jan 2027
- Individual Registration Meetings with Counselors-Feb and Mar 2027
- Parent Review and Waive-Up-Spring 2027



A stylized illustration of a yellow tent with a brown sign that says "CAMP" and a basket of fruit. The tent is set up on a green field with a blue sky in the background. A brown sign with the word "CAMP" in white capital letters is attached to the tent. In front of the tent is a woven basket filled with various fruits, including grapes, apples, and a pineapple. The entire illustration is framed by a large orange circle.

IMPORTANT DATES

- July 31: Meet and Greet 9:00–11:30 a.m.
 - Last Names A–M (9:00–10:00 a.m.)
 - Last Names N–Z (10:30–11:30 a.m.)
- August 4: First Day of School



WHAT'S NEXT

Attend the following optional sessions to learn more about course offerings:

- ELA-Media Center
- Math-Room 246
- Science-Room 253

Q & A

Stop by the tables outside the
auditorium to learn more about MHS IB
Program or speak with MMS
Administration.

