



# Welcome to Munster High School!

Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Presentation



From 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade:

## Preparing for a successful freshman year!

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# Munster High School – Guidance Department

Assistant Principal: **Robert Snyder**

Guidance Office Secretary: **Maureen Gaither**

Registrar: **Nikki Olson**

School Service Provider: **Kristan Reed**

## School Counselors:

Student Last Names: **A-Co** **Chrisanne Terry**

Student Last Names: **Cp-Hi** **Peter Gregory**

Student Last Names: **Hj-Mn** **Elizabeth Keleher**

Student Last Names: **Mo-Sa** **Cynthia Kielbasa**

Student Last Names: **Sc-Z** **Kristen Salan**





# Parent Communication & Collaboration

Resources for you and your student

# Munster High School – Who to Contact

## Contact the Guidance Office for assistance with any of the following:

- College & Career Information
- Class Scheduling Concerns
- Dual Credit / Honors / AP Classes
- Graduation Questions
- Obtaining a Transcript
- Academic Dilemmas

*\*We always recommend that parents speak with their student's teacher first to resolve any issues within the classroom.*

- Personal Issues
- Scholarships
- Registering / Withdrawing / Transferring

Need	Location	Contact
Administrative Issues	Principal's Office	Morgan Nolan – Principal ( <a href="mailto:monolan@munsterschools.gov">monolan@munsterschools.gov</a> ) Deb DeLooff – Principal's Secretary ( <a href="mailto:dsdelooff@munsterschools.gov">dsdelooff@munsterschools.gov</a> )
Athletics	Athletic Office – across from the Gym	Michael Schultz - Athletic Director ( <a href="mailto:mbschultz@munsterschools.gov">mbschultz@munsterschools.gov</a> ) Beth Raspopovich - Assistant Athletic Director ( <a href="mailto:braspopovich@munsterschools.gov">braspopovich@munsterschools.gov</a> )
Attendance	Main Office	Alexandra Marich – Attendance ( <a href="mailto:aemarich@munsterschools.gov">aemarich@munsterschools.gov</a> )
Concern about unlawful behavior	Student Services	Officer Brad Riemerts - Resource Officer ( <a href="mailto:brriemerts@munsterschools.gov">brriemerts@munsterschools.gov</a> )
Daily Announcements	Main Office	Mary VanLaten ( <a href="mailto:mcvanlaten@munsterschools.gov">mcvanlaten@munsterschools.gov</a> )
Discipline	Student Services	Brian Clark – Assistant Principal ( <a href="mailto:bmclark@munsterschools.gov">bmclark@munsterschools.gov</a> ) Brad Docter – Dean ( <a href="mailto:bjdocter@munsterschools.gov">bjdocter@munsterschools.gov</a> ) Helen Fuller – Dean ( <a href="mailto:hjfuller@munsterschools.gov">hjfuller@munsterschools.gov</a> )
Fees/Tuition Payment	Hallway down from the Nurse's Office	Becky McKeever – Bookkeeper ( <a href="mailto:rsmckeever@munsterschools.gov">rsmckeever@munsterschools.gov</a> )
Free/Reduced Lunch Application	Online at- <a href="http://www.munstercafe.com">www.munstercafe.com</a>	Beverly Taylor-Director of Food Services ( <a href="mailto:btaylor@munsterschools.gov">btaylor@munsterschools.gov</a> )
ID Picture Replacement	Student Services	Tiffani Bell ( <a href="mailto:tlbell@munsterschools.gov">tlbell@munsterschools.gov</a> )
Illness/Medication	Nurse's Office	Minnie Martinez – Nurse ( <a href="mailto:mmartinez@munsterschools.gov">mmartinez@munsterschools.gov</a> )
Laptop Issues	Media Center	Kelly Hladek ( <a href="mailto:kmhladek@munsterschools.gov">kmhladek@munsterschools.gov</a> ) Megan Mann ( <a href="mailto:mlmann@munsterschools.gov">mlmann@munsterschools.gov</a> )
Locker Issues / Lost & Found	Main Office	Mary VanLaten ( <a href="mailto:mcvanlaten@munsterschools.gov">mcvanlaten@munsterschools.gov</a> )
NHS Tutor	Email the NHS Sponsors	Val Pflum ( <a href="mailto:vmpflum@munsterschools.gov">vmpflum@munsterschools.gov</a> ) Cameron Adams ( <a href="mailto:cmadams@munsterschools.gov">cmadams@munsterschools.gov</a> )
Auditorium/ Theatre Program	Auditorium	Ray Palasz ( <a href="mailto:rapalasz@munsterschools.gov">rapalasz@munsterschools.gov</a> ) Peggy Matanic ( <a href="mailto:mjmatanic@munsterschools.gov">mjmatanic@munsterschools.gov</a> )



# Munster High School – Daily Schedule

**Doors open  
at 7:35 a.m.  
every day**

**School starts  
at 8:00 am  
every day  
except  
Thursday  
(8:20 am on  
Thursdays)**

**School ends  
at 2:50 pm  
every day**

**There are 3  
different Bell  
Schedules:**

- **Traditional Day**
- **“A” Block (Wed)**
- **“B” Block (Thurs)**

# Munster High School – Bell Schedules

- **TRADITIONAL DAY (Mon, Tues, Fri)**

1	8:00 AM	8:47 AM
2	8:54 AM	9:41 AM
3	9:48 AM	10:35 AM
4	10:42 AM	11:29 AM
Lunch A	11:29 AM	11:59 AM
Class 5	12:04 PM	1:02 PM
Class (5)	11:36 AM	12:01 PM
Lunch B	12:01 PM	12:31 PM
Class (5)	12:36 PM	1:02 PM
Class 5	11:36 AM	12:32 PM
Lunch C	12:32 PM	1:02 PM
6	1:09 PM	1:56 PM
7	2:03 PM	2:50 PM

- **“A” BLOCK - WEDNESDAY**

1	8:00 AM	9:29 AM
3	9:36 AM	11:06 AM
Lunch A	11:13 AM	11:43 AM
Class 5	11:48 AM	1:13 PM
Class (5)	11:13 AM	11:58 AM
Lunch B	11:58 AM	12:28 PM
Class (5)	12:33 PM	1:13 PM
Class 5	11:13 AM	12:39 PM
Lunch C	12:43 PM	1:13 PM
7	1:20 PM	2:50 PM

- **“B” BLOCK - THURSDAY**

2	8:20 AM	9:55 AM
Tutorial	10:02 AM	10:52 AM
Lunch A	10:59 AM	11:29 AM
Class 4	11:34 AM	1:08 PM
Class (4)	10:59 AM	11:46 AM
Lunch B	11:46 AM	12:16 PM
Class (4)	12:21 PM	1:08 PM
Class 4	10:59 AM	12:38 PM
Lunch C	12:38 PM	1:08 PM
6	1:15 PM	2:50 PM



# Munster High School - Lunch Schedules

- **3 lunch times: A, B or C**
- **Lunch is associated with the 5<sup>th</sup> hour class, except on Thursday. Thursday lunch is associated with 4<sup>th</sup> hour!**
- **A Lunch** – Students eat lunch then go to 5<sup>th</sup>
- **B Lunch** – Students go to 5th hour class first, then leave in the middle for lunch, then go back to 5th
- **C Lunch** – Students go to 5th hour class first, then go to lunch **AFTER** 5th hour.



# Munster High School – Attendance Policy

**7** - The number of excused or unexcused absences **per period, per semester** a student may have before they will receive consequences (exceptions include medical absences verified with a doctor's note, funerals, college visits, etc.)

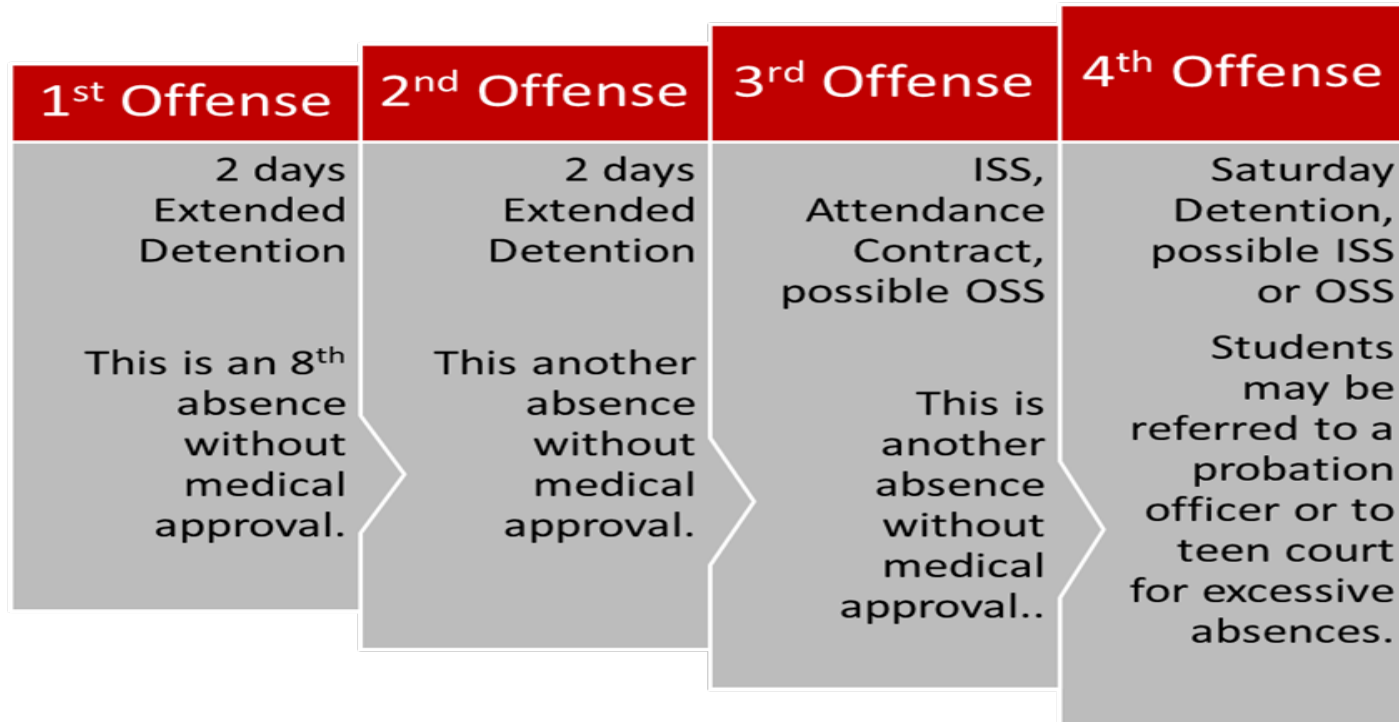
**A student's attendance directly affects their ability to attend school functions such as field trips and dances!**

## **IC 20-33-2-25**

- The Attendance Officer shall report a child who is habitually absent to an intake officer of the juvenile court or department of child services. “Habitually absent” is more than 7 days in one semester.
- After 7 days, each absence is subject to disciplinary action.

# Munster High School- Attendance Policy

## Excessive Absence Consequences



# Munster High School – Tardy Policy

If students are not in their designated area **BEFORE** the bell rings, they are marked **TARDY (TDY)**.

If they arrive more than 5 minutes into the class period, the student is marked **ABSENT (UNX)**.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tardy** = Detention

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tardy** = Detention

**4<sup>th</sup> Tardy** = Extended Detention

**5<sup>th</sup> Tardy** = 1 Day ISS

**6<sup>th</sup> Tardy** = 1 Day ISS

**7<sup>th</sup> Tardy+** = 1 Day OSS





# Extracurricular Activities

**Encourage your student to  
be involved!**

# The importance of being involved at MHS...



“A student’s sense of belonging improves academic outcomes, increases continuing enrollment, and is protective for mental health.”



“Students who feel connected to their school are also more likely to have better academic achievement, including higher grades and test scores, have better school attendance and stay in school longer.”



# Extra-curricular activities offered at MHS

<b>Academic Competitions</b>	<b>Christian Culture Club</b>	<b>Film Club</b>	<b>NHS (National Honor Society)</b>	<b>Spanish Club</b>
<b>ASL Club</b>	<b>Civics Club</b>	<b>French Club</b>	<b>Orchestra</b>	<b>Speech &amp; Debate Team</b>
<b>Art Club</b>	<b>CEC</b>	<b>GSA-Genders and Sexualities Alliance</b>	<b>Philosophy Club</b>	<b>Student Advisory Council</b>
<b>Athletic Training</b>	<b>Color Guard</b>	<b>HOSA</b>	<b>Ping Pong Club</b>	<b>Student Government</b>
<b>Balkan Culture Club</b>	<b>Creative Writing Club</b>	<b>Jazz Band</b>	<b>Poetry Club</b>	<b>Thespian Troupe #2861</b>
<b>Band</b>	<b>Culture Cuisine Club</b>	<b>Indian Culture Club</b>	<b>Publications</b>	<b>Ultimate Frisbee Club</b>
<b>Best Buddies</b>	<b>CyberPatriot Team</b>	<b>Jewish Culture Club</b>	<b>Quill and Scroll (HS)</b>	<b>Winter Percussion</b>
<b>Black Culture Club</b>	<b>DARE Role Model</b>	<b>Link Crew</b>	<b>Raspberry Pi Club</b>	
<b>Bowling Club</b>	<b>DECA</b>	<b>Mental Health Club</b>	<b>Read &amp; White Book Club</b>	
<b>Chess Club</b>	<b>Environmental Club</b>	<b>Munster Volunteer Project</b>	<b>Robotics</b>	
<b>Chinese Culture Club</b>	<b>E-Sports</b>	<b>Muslim Culture Club</b>	<b>S.A.D.D.</b>	
<b>CHOIR (Sing/Song)</b>	<b>Fashion Club</b>			<b>*PLUS over 20 different MHS Athletic teams- check the course selection guide for more information!</b>

# School Physicals vs. IHSAA Physicals

## You might need BOTH for your student!

### SCHOOL PHYSICAL

- **Required for ALL 9<sup>th</sup> grade students.**
- *Physical Exam* forms and *Medication* forms are in the scheduling packet, available online, or in the MHS main office. Make copies of the physical for your own records.
- Schedule your student's physical exam **after** May 1<sup>st</sup>. These are due by registration in August.
- Student cannot participate in PE/Weights without a physical on file; could result in removal from class.
- Immunization records **MUST** be up-to-date; submit copy with physical exam. Indiana residents-remind your physician to update CHIRP.
- Call school nurse, Mrs. Martinez, with questions at 219-836-3200 ext. 3219 or email at [mmartinez@munsterschools.gov](mailto:mmartinez@munsterschools.gov)

### ATHLETICS (IHSAA) PHYSICAL

- **Required for all student athletes.**
- Entirely ***different*** form than school physical exam form.
- IHSAA physical exam- must be dated **after** April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Available in the Athletics Office or the MHS website.
- All athletes must also complete **Final Forms** online (see flyer in packet.)
- 9<sup>th</sup> graders **MUST** have an IHSAA physical on file before attending any high school practices or conditioning - **includes summer!**
- Questions? Call the high school Athletics Office: 219-836-3200 x 3222



# School & IHSAA (Athletics) Physicals

## Guidance Tip:

- Do BOTH physicals after May 1<sup>st</sup>!

Students often decide to join a sport once they start attending MHS. Having both done at the beginning of the year will save time and money later!

- Set a reminder in your phone TODAY





# Academic & Graduation Requirements

Preparing your student for  
graduation and beyond

# Scheduling Overview & Packet of Information

School Counselors will meet twice with your students:

## #1 – Classroom presentation

Students have already heard about the scheduling process and have had an opportunity to work on their **9<sup>th</sup> Grade Scheduling Form**.

## #2 – Individual meetings during school

School counselors will meet individually with each student to ensure their schedule meets their needs. Counselors collaborate with the School Counselors and Administration at all sending schools, Special Education Departments and parents to help choose classes that will help the student succeed.

\*MHS also uses testing data to inform class selection for all student scheduling.

- Electronic **YELLOW** Form is due to the High School Counselor by:

**Monday,  
2/16/26**

- **Set a reminder in your phone to review the schedule with your student to make sure they have submitted it on time!**

# Grade Replacement Policy

Munster High School supports the importance of students challenging themselves with rigorous academic courses, however, sometimes students may overextend themselves. Students may request a **grade replacement for high school courses taken in middle school** only if they complete the following steps:

- Initially, the grade will be stored to the academic transcript.
- The student must meet with their counselor to schedule a retake of the course. A comparable course may be substituted (i.e. regular Algebra instead of Pre-AP Algebra).
- Students must repeat the **full-length** version of the course in a classroom setting. Summer school courses and/or online recovery options are not eligible for grade replacement.
- Upon the successful completion of the retake, the previous grade(s) will be removed from the transcript **AND** the GPA calculation.
- The **SECOND ATTEMPT** will be stored on the transcript. Students **may not** select the higher of the two attempts.

# Graduation Requirements – Class of 2029 and Onward

- **NEW Indiana Diploma** still incorporates the **Indiana Graduation Pathways** requirements:
- **Box 1** – Earn Credits
- **Box 2** - Learn & Demonstrate Employability Skills
- **Box 3** – Demonstrate a Post-secondary Ready Competency
- **Students MUST complete Box 1, 2, and 3**



# Box 1: Required Credits for the Indiana Diploma (Class of 2029 and Onward)

Students must earn a minimum of **42 credits** to graduate with the NEW Indiana Diploma, along with completing Box 2 and Box 3 of the Indiana Graduation Pathways requirements.

- **English** (8 credits)
- **Mathematics** (7 credits)
- **Science, Technology & Engineering** (7 credits)
- **Social Studies** (5 credits)
- **PE / Health** (2 credits)
- **College & Careers** (1 credit)
- **Personalized Electives** (12 credits)



# Box 2: Learn & Demonstrate Employability Skills

- Students must earn **8 total points** in clubs, sports, activities or **75+ hours** of part-time employment to fulfill this requirement.
- Points are based on how much time is typically involved in the activity. **1 point** = approximately **10 hours** of participation.

For example:

- Participation in 1 full season of a sport or 1 full year of Band/Orchestra/Chorale is equal to 8 points.
- Participation in clubs such as Ping Pong Club or French Club are worth 1 point per year.
- If you use part-time employment, you must work **75 hours TOTAL** to meet the requirements.
- Volunteer hours **DO NOT COUNT** for this requirement
- Requires signed form and 2-page typed **reflection** submitted to School Counselor to be considered complete. This is due at the beginning of Senior year, but students may complete it at any time during high school.

# Box 3: Demonstrate a Post-secondary Ready Competency

Students must complete **ONE** of the following options:

- ✓ Earn an Honors or Honors PLUS Diploma Seal
- ✓ Meet the benchmark scores on the SAT (currently 480 ERW, 530 MATH)
- ✓ Meet the benchmark scores on the ACT (English 18 **OR** Reading 22 **AND** Math 22 **OR** Science 23)
- ✓ ASVAB - Student must earn a minimum AFQT score of 31, and complete the “Intent to Enlist” form, which is kept on file with the School Counselor.
- ✓ Earn a State- and Industry-recognized Credential or Certification **OR** complete a Federally-recognized Apprenticeship
- ✓ Career-Technical Education Concentrator or Locally-Created Pathway – must earn a “C” average in the chosen Pathway of courses.
- ✓ AP/Dual Credit Courses – complete at least 3 courses with a “C” average.

# ENGLISH – 8 credits

## Indiana Requirements

**English 9:** 2 Credits

**Additional English Credits:** 5 Credits

**Communications-Focused Course:** 1 Credit

## Courses MHS currently offers

English 9 or Pre-AP English 9

English 10 or AP Seminar: English 10

English 11 or AP English Language / Comp.

Composition

World Literature

AP English Literature and Composition

\*Creative Writing

Advanced Speech

Journalism

\*Student Media: Newspaper

\*Student Media: Yearbook

## Credits

2

2

2

1

1

2

1

1

1

1 credit per semester

1 credit per semester

*\*indicates course has prerequisites*



# MATH – 7 credits

## Indiana Requirements

**Algebra I:** 2 Credits

**Additional Math Credits:** 4 Credits

**Personal Finance:** 1 Credit

## Courses MHS currently offers

Algebra I or Pre-AP Algebra I

\*Geometry or Pre-AP Geometry

\*Algebra II or Pre-AP Algebra II

\*Pre-Calculus: Algebra & Trigonometry or

\*Pre-Calculus: Algebra & Trigonometry H

AP Calculus AB

AP Calculus BC

AP Statistics

\*Trigonometry

\*Probability & Statistics

Personal Financial Responsibility\*\*

## Credits

2

2

2

2

2

2

2

2

1

1

1

\*\*Personal Financial Responsibility will be combined with Economics to be offered as a one-semester course worth 2 credits. More information will be shared at a later date.

Note about seals: Students need 2 additional advanced math credits for the Honors Enrollment/Honors Enrollment PLUS seals. Eligible math courses for these credits include Pre-Calculus, AP Calc AB/BC, AP Statistics, Trigonometry, and Probability & Statistics.

*\*indicates course has prerequisites*



# COLLEGE & CAREERS – 1 credit

## PE / HEALTH – 1 credit each

<u>Indiana Requirements</u>	<u>Courses MHS currently offers</u>	<u>Credits</u>
<b>College &amp; Careers:</b> 1 Credit	Preparing for College & Careers (PCC)	1

<u>Indiana Requirements</u>	<u>Courses MHS currently offers</u>	<u>Credits</u>
<b>Physical Education:</b> 1 Credit	PE I / II	1 credit per semester
	PE I / II: Weights I / II	1 credit per semester
<b>Health &amp; Wellness:</b> 1 Credit	Health & Wellness	1



# SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING – 7 credits

## Indiana Requirements

**Biology:** 2 Credits

**Computer Science:** 1 Credit

## Courses MHS currently offers

Biology or Pre-AP Biology

### Option 1:

Computing Foundations for a Digital Age (1 sem.)

### Option 2:

AP Computer Science Principles

AND

AP Computer Science A

**or**

Topics in Computer Science

## Credits

2

1

2

2

2



# SCIENCE, TECH & ENGINEERING *(continued)*

## Indiana Requirements

**Additional Science Credits:** 2 Credits  
(L) = Lab Science

## Courses MHS currently offers

## Credits

*Chemistry or Pre-AP Chemistry (L)	2
*ICP - Integrated Chemistry / Physics (L)	2
*Physics I or Honors Physics (L)	2
Earth & Space Science (L)	2
*Biology II - Human Genetics (L)	1
*Biology II - Botany (L)	1
*Biology II - Zoology (L)	1
*Biology II - Advanced Microbiology (L)	1
AP Biology (L)	2
AP Chemistry (L)	2
AP Physics C: Mechanics (L)	1
AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism (L)	1
*Environmental Science: Project BIO (L)	2
AP Environmental Science (L)	2
*Anatomy & Physiology (L)	2
*Human Body Systems (L)	2
*Medical Interventions (L)	2
*Kinesiology	2

*\*indicates course has prerequisites*



# SCIENCE, TECH & ENGINEERING *(continued)*

## Indiana Requirements

**STEM-FOCUSED credits:** 2 credits

## Courses MHS currently offers

\*Principles of Engineering

\*Digital Electronics

\*Civil Engineering & Architecture

\*Human Performance

## Credits

2

2

2

2

**Students may also use "any additional approved science or math courses listed under science, technology, engineering, math, or AP in the 2026-2027 New Indiana Diploma Course Eligibility Updates" for the 2 STEM-FOCUSED credits.**

**Note: Students may not use one class for two requirements. For example: Pre-Calculus for a student's 4<sup>th</sup> year of math may not also be used as their STEM-focused requirement.**



# SOCIAL STUDIES – 5 credits

## Indiana Requirements

**World Perspectives:** 2 Credits

**US History:** 2 Credits  
*(Taken during 11th grade)*

**US Government:** 1 Credit  
*(Taken during 12th grade)*

## Courses MHS currently offers

Ancient World History 1  
Modern World History 1  
Pre-AP World History & Civilization 2  
\*Any World Language - Level III or IV 2

US History or AP US History 2

US Government or AP Government 1

**Note about seals: Students need a 6th social studies credit for the Honors Enrollment/Honors Enrollment PLUS Seal. Eligible social studies courses for this 6th credit include Economics, AP Economics, AP Human Geography, Psychology, Advanced Sociology, and AP Psychology.**

*\*indicates course has prerequisites*



# PERSONALIZED ELECTIVES – 12 credits

## Indiana Requirements

### **Personalized Electives:** 12 credits

Students are encouraged to utilize the new Readiness Seals to align these personalized electives with their unique goals and chosen diploma option. Personalized electives can include a variety of courses, such as **Career and Technical Education (CTE), Performing or Fine Arts, World Languages**, etc.

\*Students will work closely with their school counselor to determine the diploma option that best helps them to meet their college and career goals. All students will develop a 4-year graduation plan by the beginning of freshman year to help map out the courses/requirements for their elected diploma, as well as plan for any additional requirements that are necessary.





# **Elective Choices at Munster High School**

**Choosing the best pathway  
to graduation**

# Planning Personalized Electives...

Some questions to consider when your student is choosing their electives:

- Is your student interested in pursuing **Enrollment, Employment, or Enlistment** after high school?
- Will they be earning the **Indiana College Core (ICC)**?
- Do they need to complete a **Pathway of classes** to meet the Box 3 Graduation Pathway requirement?
- Does attending the **Area Career Center (ACC)** sound interesting to your student?
- Will your student be focusing in a **specific area of interest**, such as Fine Arts, Athletics, etc?
- Would earning a seal help your student?



# DIPLOMA SEALS – GENERAL INFORMATION

Students can elect to earn a **SEAL** to enhance their high school learning experience. These seals correspond to a student's post-secondary goals.



- Honors Enrollment
- Honors Enrollment PLUS

MHS Stats – Class of 2025:

79% - attended 4-year college/university

12.5% - attended 2-year college/trade school



- Honors Employment
- Honors Employment PLUS

MHS Stats – Class of 2025:

5.4% - indicated employment as their first step after high school.



- Honors Enlistment & Service
- Honors Enlistment & Service PLUS

MHS Stats - Class of 2025:

2.0 % - indicated interest in Military Enlistment immediately after high school.



# Honors ENROLLMENT Seal

- Complete at least 4 credits in the **same** World Language
- Complete 6 Social Studies credits
- Complete at least 8 math credits:
  - Algebra I
  - Geometry
  - Algebra II
  - Pre-Calculus, or any advanced math credits aligned to their course of study
- Complete at least 6 Science credits:
  - Biology
  - Chemistry
  - Physics, or any advanced **Lab Science** credits aligned to their course of study
- Earn a “C” or higher in all courses and earn a Cumulative “B” average (3.0)
- Complete **ONE** of the following:
  - Earn 4 credits in AP courses and take corresponding exams
  - Earn 6 college credits
  - Score a 1250 on the SAT or a 26 on the ACT
  - Earn **both** of the following:
    - At least 3 college credits
    - 2 credits in AP courses and take corresponding exams

This Diploma Seal closely mirrors the previous Academic Honors Diploma which 53% of our seniors earned last year.



# Honors ENROLLMENT Seal: ADDITIONAL Math, Science and Social Studies Requirements

## Additional Credits - Math

The following **ADVANCED MATH** courses must be used to fulfill the **additional 2 credits** required for the Honors Enrollment Seal:

*PreCalculus: Algebra & Trigonometry	2
AP Calculus AB	2
AP Calculus BC	2
AP Statistics	2
*Trigonometry	1
*Probability & Statistics	1

## Science Credits

Students earning the Honors Enrollment Seal must meet the Biology, Computer Science, and STEM Requirements provided above. They also must take Chemistry then EITHER Physics OR 2 credits of a Lab Science course from the options designated with an (L) in the above Additional Science Credits section.

## Additional Credit - Social Studies

The following **SOCIAL STUDIES** courses may be used to fulfill the **additional credit** required for the Honors Enrollment Seal:

Economics or AP Economics	1
AP Human Geography	2
Psychology	1
Sociology	1
AP Psychology	2



# College Admission Requirements

All information was obtained from the college websites on 1/30/2026

	Purdue West Lafayette	Indiana University Bloomington	Ball State University	IUN	PNW	Butler University
<b>English</b>	8 credits	8 credits	8 credits	8 credits	8 credits	8 credits
<b>Math</b>	8 credits	7 credits	6 credits	6 credits	6 credits	6 credits
<b>Science</b>	6 credits (Lab Science) (Engineering: Chem is expected; Nursing, pharmacy & veterinary nursing: 1-year Bio and 1-year Chem req.)	6 credits (at least 4 should be Lab Science: Bio, Chem or Physics)	6 credits (at least 4 should be Lab Sciences)	6 credits (Lab Science)	6 credits (Lab Science)	6 credits (Lab Science)
<b>Social Studies</b>	6 credits	6 credits (2 US History, 2 World History/Civ, 2 additional Gov, Econ etc.)	6 credits	6 credits	6 credits	6 credits
<b>World Language</b>	4 credits (can be different languages)	4 credits	Recommended but not required.	n/a	n/a	4 credits (of the same language)
<b>Additional Notes:</b>	"Work and career exploration opportunities, including internships, cooperative programs or Project Lead the Way courses can help you explore your career interests. However, they should not replace academic courses. Visit the high school course requirements page for more specific information." <a href="https://admissions.purdue.edu/become-student/course-requirements/">https://admissions.purdue.edu/become-student/course-requirements/</a>	"3 or more credits (semesters) of additional college-preparatory courses; additional mathematics credits are recommended for students intending to pursue a science degree and additional world language credits are recommended for all students"	"Ball State requires the Core 40, Enrollment Seal, or out-of-state equivalent diploma for admission consideration. Academic Honors, Enrollment Honors/Plus Seal, or out-of-state equivalent is recommended."	"The Indiana Core 40 Diploma is a minimum requirement for admission. Students not achieving a Core 40 should apply to Ivy Tech Community College and complete 12 general education credit hours (100 level or higher) then apply to transfer to IU Northwest. Freshman applicants should have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale."	PNW Requirements: Core 40 Diploma / 2.3 GPA	"Students planning to major in the Natural Sciences, Pre-Pharmacy, Health Sciences, Healthcare and Business, Computer Science, or Mathematics, should take additional units of science and math."



# Honors ENROLLMENT PLUS Seal



- Earn the **Honors Enrollment Seal** **AS WELL AS**:
- Earn a credential of value\* that may include, for example:
  - Associate Degree
  - Technical Certificate
  - **Indiana College Core**
  - **AP Scholar with Distinction**
    - “Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction award” means the award issued by the College Board to students that receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all Advanced Placement (AP) Exams taken **AND** scores of 3 or higher on five (5) or more AP Exams.
- Complete at least **75 hours** of work-based learning (may include multiple experiences that are paid, unpaid, on-site, or simulated, and can be in-school, outside of school and during summer break.)
- Demonstrate skill development in the following areas: Communication, Collaboration, and Work Ethic

*\*Note: the credential of value levels are currently being determined by business and industry.*



# Indiana College Core (ICC)

- Block of **30 credit hours** of general education, college-level coursework guaranteed to transfer to all Indiana public colleges and universities.
- Planning for rigorous classes can help students be better prepared for the rigors of college academics, as well as save them money down the road.
- Knowing early if a student is interested in pursuing the **ICC** can help with mapping out their 4-year graduation plan successfully. Dual credit courses that count towards the ICC include:
  - English 11
  - AP Language & Comp.
  - AP Literature & Comp.
  - Composition
  - World Literature
  - Creative Writing
  - Advanced Speech
  - Pre-Calculus
  - Trigonometry
  - AP Calculus AB / BC
  - AP Statistics
  - AP Psychology
  - AP US History
  - AP Economics
  - AP US Government
  - AP Biology
  - AP Chemistry (*test only*)
  - AP Physics (*test only*)
  - Spanish III
  - Spanish V (*test only*)



# ICC — MHS Courses

*(Need 30 Credits Total)*



## Written Communication

### Minimum of 3 Credits

- English 11
- Composition
- AP English Lang (PNW) (11th)

## Quantitative Reasoning

### Minimum of 3 Credits

- Trigonometry
- Pre-Calc/Trig (honors/general)
- AP Calculus AB or BC
- AP Statistics (AP Exam 3+)

## Social Ways of Knowing

### Minimum of 3 Credits

- AP Psychology
- AP Economics
- AP Government
- AP US History

## Speaking & Listening

### Minimum of 3 Credits

- Advanced Speech
- Ivy Tech Online Communications Course

## Scientific Ways of Knowing

### Minimum of 3 Credits

- AP Biology
- AP Science Scores in Bio, Chem, Physics (3+)
- Ivy Tech Online Science Course

## Humanistic Ways of Knowing

### Minimum of 3 Credits

- Spanish III
- World Literature
- Creative Writing
- AP English Lit (PNW) (12<sup>th</sup>)
- AP Spanish V (AP Exam)



# INTERNSHIPS: CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

Students must complete a 75-hour internship to earn the Honors Enrollment PLUS Seal and a 150-hour internship to earn the Honors Employment Seal.

**Current MHS options** (students must complete the corresponding pathway of classes)

- **Hospital Internship** -
  - PLTW: Biomedical Sciences Pathway
- **STEM Internship** -
  - PLTW: Engineering Pathway
- **Technology Internship** -
  - Computer Science Pathway
- **Business Internship** -
  - Entrepreneurship Pathway



# INTERNSHIPS: NEW OPPORTUNITIES - 26/27

## **Career Exploration Internship (During the school day)**

- Paid or unpaid internship experience in the public or private sector that provides for workplace learning in an area of a career interest. Career Exploration Internships are worked into a student's high school schedule based on the internship agreement. Internships can be assigned for up to 3 periods per semester.

## **Work-Based Learning: Employability Skills Development Internship (Summer and after school)**

- Designed so that students can engage in meaningful opportunities to develop their skills, knowledge and readiness for work in an area of career interest, and who elect to complete their hours over the summer months or with after-school hours. Students will complete a Training Plan with MHS staff and be required to submit a portfolio.

**MHS Internship Supervisor** - Mrs. Ashley Taylor-Ebert ([actaylorebert@munsterschools.gov](mailto:actaylorebert@munsterschools.gov))

# INDIANA RESIDENT ADMISSIONS: HONORS ENROLLMENT PLUS SEAL

- **Indiana Resident Admissions** - new program in Indiana that guarantees acceptance at a specific campus location such as the Purdue West Lafayette campus or IU Bloomington campus.
- Students must earn the Honors Enrollment PLUS Seal (which includes earning ICC and completing an internship).
- Indiana Resident Admissions **DOES NOT** guarantee admission to particular programs (i.e. Kelley School of Business, Purdue Engineering, etc.), **only to that particular campus.**
- For more information and a full list of participating Indiana colleges visit:

<https://learnmoreindiana.org/preadmit/>

# Honors Employment Seal



HONORS  
SEAL

- Complete **ONE** of the following:
  - A market-driven credential of value\* aligned to a specific occupation
  - **3 courses in a Career and Technology Education (CTE) pathway**
  - An approved career preparation experience aligned to Indiana's CSA program, or
  - **An approved, locally-created pathway**
- Complete **150 hours** of work-based learning (may include multiple experiences that are paid, unpaid, on-site, or simulated)
- Demonstrate skill development in Communication, Collaboration, and Work Ethic
- Meet attendance goal by completing one (1) of the following:
  - (i) at least one (1) school year with no more than three (3) days of unexcused absences; or
  - (ii) at least one hundred fifty (150) hours of work based learning experience with no more than three (3) unexcused absences.

*Note: the credential of value levels are currently being determined by business and industry.*



# Career & Technical Education (CTE) Pathways- **ELECTIVES**

- Biomedical Science
- Engineering
- Computer Science
- Human Services
- Entrepreneurship
- Exercise Science



# Area Career Center (ACC)

Munster High School partners with the **ACC in Hammond**, Indiana to offer **16** different **CTE programs** to junior and senior students. Most programs are one year long, and offer certifications that the student can use to help them start a career!

- Automotive Services
- Construction Trades
- Cosmetology/Barbering
- Criminal Justice
- Culinary Arts
- Dental Careers
- Digital Design
- Early Childhood Ed
- Engineering- Civil/Architecture
- Electrical Engineering Maintenance Tech
- Health Sciences- CNA
- Health Sciences- EMT
- Software Development
- Radio/TV Production
- Underground Utility Technician
- Welding



# Honors Employment **PLUS** Seal



- Earn the **Honors Employment Seal AS WELL AS:**
- Earn a market-driven credential of value\* that may include, for example:
  - Associate Degree
  - Technical Certificate
  - Indiana College Core
  - Advanced industry certificate
- Complete additional work-based learning (total of **650 hours** in one or more experiences) that may include, for example:
  - Pre-Apprenticeship
  - Modern Youth Apprenticeship
- Demonstrate skill development in Communication, Collaboration, Work Ethic, and any additional skills determined locally.

*Note: the credential of value levels are currently being determined by business and industry.*



# Honors Enlistment & Service Readiness Seals

## Honors Enlistment & Service Seal

- Complete **ONE** of the following:
  - Introduction to Public Service course or approved locally-created equivalent
    - Emphasis on developing an awareness of the physical standards and character required for service
  - One year of JROTC
- Achieve a score of **31** on the ASVAB and complete all three components of the Career Exploration Program
- Meet attendance goal
- Demonstrate skill development in Communication, Collaboration, and Work Ethic
  - Externally verified through a mentorship experience with current military personnel, veterans, or other public safety professionals

## Honors Enlistment & Service PLUS Seal

Earn the **Honors Enlistment Seal, PLUS:**

- Achieve a score of **50** or higher on the ASVAB
- Demonstrate excellence in leadership through **ONE** of the following:
  - Completion of at least 100 hours of public service;
  - Holding a leadership role in a co/extracurricular activity;
  - Completion of two seasons of a team-based physical sport or activity

*\*Note: the credential of value levels are currently being determined by business and industry.*

# Fine Arts - ELECTIVES

**Band**

**Orchestra**

**Choir**

**Intro to 2D Art**

**Drawing**

**Ceramics I**

**Ceramics II**

**Theater Arts**

**Tech Theater**

**Piano & Keyboard**

**Music Theory &  
Composition**

**Photography**

**Student Media:  
News / Yearbook**





# Sample Schedules

A guide for choosing classes  
based on your student's goals

# Indiana Diploma

## High School Diploma Options

Check the diploma type that you would like to pursue (check only one):

Honors Enrollment     
  Indiana Diploma Only     
  Honors Employment     
  Honors Enlistment  
 Honors Enrollment PLUS     
  Honors Employment PLUS     
  Honors Enlistment PLUS

## Course Requests

English 9 (specify): English 9	English 9 (specify): English 9
Math (specify): Algebra I	Math (specify): Algebra I
Science (specify): Biology	Science (specify): Biology
PE I or PE I Weights I: PE I	Weights II <u>OR</u> Computing Found <u>OR</u> PCC <u>OR</u> Health (circle one)
Computing Foundations	Another class from directly above
Ancient World History	Modern World History
First Pathway Class	First Pathway Class

# Honors Enrollment Seal with Directed Electives (Band, Choir, Orchestra, Pathway, etc.)

## High School Diploma Options

Check the diploma type that you would like to pursue (check only one):

Honors Enrollment  
 Honors Enrollment PLUS  
 Indiana Diploma Only  
 Honors Employment  
 Honors Employment PLUS  
 Honors Enlistment  
 Honors Enlistment PLUS

## Course Requests

English 9 (specify): Pre-AP or General	English 9 (specify): Pre-AP or General
Math (specify): Alg I/Pre-AP Alg I/Geometry/Pre-AP Geom	Math (specify): Alg I/Pre-AP Alg I/Geometry/Pre-AP Geom
Science (specify): Biology (Pre-AP or general)	Science (specify): Biology (Pre-AP or general)
PE I or PE I Weights I: PE II	Weights II <u>OR</u> Computing Found <u>OR</u> PCC <u>OR</u> Health (circle one)
Computing Foundations	Advanced Speech or one of the above
World Language	World Language
Band/Choir/Orchestra/First Pathway Class	Band/Choir/Orchestra/First Pathway Class

# Honors Enrollment Seal (Student Athletes)

## High School Diploma Options

Check the diploma type that you would like to pursue (check only one):

Honors Enrollment  
 Honors Enrollment PLUS  
 Indiana Diploma Only  
 Honors Employment  
 Honors Employment PLUS  
 Honors Enlistment  
 Honors Enlistment PLUS

## Course Requests

English 9 (specify): Pre-AP or General	English 9 (specify): Pre-AP or General
Math (specify): Alg I/Pre-AP Alg I/Geometry/Pre-AP Geom	Math (specify): Alg I/Pre-AP Alg I/Geometry/Pre-AP Geom
Science (specify): Biology (Pre-AP or general)	Science (specify): Biology (Pre-AP or general)
PE I or PE I Weights I: PE I: Weights I	Weights I OR Computing Found OR PCC OR Health (circle one)
Computing Foundations	One of the classes directly above
World Language	World Language
Ancient World History or Pre-AP World History	Modern World History or Pre-AP World History

# Honors Enrollment PLUS Seal

## High School Diploma Options

Check the diploma type that you would like to pursue (check only one):

Honors Enrollment Only  
 Honors Enrollment PLUS  
 Indiana Diploma Only  
 Honors Employment  
 Honors Employment PLUS  
 Honors Enlistment  
 Honors Enlistment PLUS

## Course Requests

English 9 (specify): Pre-AP or General	English 9 (specify): Pre-AP or General
Math (specify): Alg I/Pre-AP Alg I/Geometry/Pre-AP Geom	Math (specify): Alg I/Pre-AP Alg I/Geometry/Pre-AP Geom
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PE I or PE I Weights I: <b>PE I</b>	Weights II <u>OR</u> Computing Found <u>OR</u> PCC <u>OR</u> Health <b>(circle one)</b>
Computing Foundations	Advanced Speech or one of the above
Spanish I or Spanish II	Spanish I or Spanish II
Ancient World History or Pre-AP World History	Modern World History or Pre-AP World History

# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars

- **NEW:** Students enrolled in the free/reduced lunch program will be automatically enrolled- started with the Class of 2029.
- Eligibility determined by family income.
- Scholarship covers up to four years of college tuition at any public college/university in Indiana. Scholarship covers a portion of tuition at private institutions.
- Parents will receive a letter regarding enrollment status.
- Students not enrolled in the free/reduced lunch program may still qualify for the 21st Century Scholars program. Families may submit a paper application or apply online by the end of 8th grade.
- Contact your Middle School Counselor if you need help with your application.

# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation

9th Grade Orientation is a great kickoff to the start of high school for all incoming freshmen students! 85% of the Class of 2029 attended last year, and we highly encourage the Class of 2030 to participate. During this time, students are able to:

- Interact with LINK Crew ambassadors and ask questions pertaining to high school
- Tour the school
- Play fun games
- Meet new people

## **Sunday, August 9th at 4:00 pm**

- End time TBD, will run 2.5-3 hours
- Check-in will begin at 3:30
- Students will begin orientation in the MHS Fieldhouse
- More information will be advertised closer to the beginning of the 2026/2027 school year

## **Questions? Contact:**

**Kristen Szafasz:** [kmszafasz@munsterschools.gov](mailto:kmszafasz@munsterschools.gov)

**Dillon Thompson:** [dethompson@munsterschools.gov](mailto:dethompson@munsterschools.gov)

# Timeline & Dates to Remember

**Scheduling  
Sheets due  
to High  
School  
Counselor**  
**2/16/26**

**Individual  
Meetings  
with  
students**

**WWMS  
2/19-2/20**

**Parochial  
Schools  
2/17**

**Athletics  
Parent  
Meeting  
Incoming  
Freshmen**

**2/23/26  
6-7 pm  
MHS  
Fieldhouse**

**4-Year  
Graduation  
Plan  
Meetings  
WWMS**  
**3/19-3/20**

**Parochial  
Schools  
2/17**

**Athletics &  
School  
Physicals**  
**Dated  
AFTER  
May 1st**

**Link Crew  
Freshman  
Orientation**  
**8/9/26  
4 pm  
MHS  
Fieldhouse**

**First Day  
of High  
School**  
**Class of  
2030**  
**8/12/26**



# New to District Students: Enrollment Process



## Who Needs to Enroll:

- **All new students** to the School Town of Munster, whether Munster residents or out-of-district.
- **Note:** Students who live **out of state cannot** be enrolled (per Indiana public school regulations).
- **Out-of-district families** will have additional forms to complete.



## Timeline & Paperwork:

- Submit all enrollment paperwork **as soon as possible**.
- Students **cannot** view or receive their **high school schedule** until enrollment is **fully complete**.
- Late summer submissions may result in **scheduling delays**.



## Questions? Contact:

- **Melissa Cuadra**, District Registrar  
Email: [mlcuadra@munsterschools.gov](mailto:mlcuadra@munsterschools.gov)

# New to District Students: Enrollment Process

**Step 1:** Complete the **Out-of-District Family Application** (INDIANA NON-MUNSTER RESIDENTS ONLY)

- Located in your scheduling email and available here tonight
- Email completed application to Mrs. Cuadra at [mlcuadra@munsterschools.gov](mailto:mlcuadra@munsterschools.gov)
- **Current Munster residents**- skip to Step 2

**Step 2:** Review Enrollment and Residency Requirements: [www.munster.us](http://www.munster.us), **Registration Details**

**Step 3:** Submit course requests to student's high school counselor via email by **2/16/2026**

- **Counselors cannot enter course requests until student is fully enrolled with the district**

**Step 4:** Go to [munster.us](http://munster.us) **AFTER** April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, and navigate to **Registration Details-New to District**

**Step 5:** Complete and submit the **Pre-Registration Form**

**Step 6:** Mrs. Cuadra will contact you for an enrollment appointment

# To the parents of the Class of 2030.....

The Munster High School Guidance Department is fully-invested in helping your student graduate and pursue their post-secondary goals with confidence.

As the State of Indiana releases more clarification regarding the Indiana Diplomas for the Class of 2029 and beyond, we will forward that information as it is received.

Never hesitate to reach out to your student's counselor with questions.

Looking forward to a great year!

***Your MHS Guidance Team***



# High School Counselor Contact Information

Guidance Office Phone Number: (219) 836-3209

<u>Counselor Name</u>	<u>Student Last Names</u>	<u>Email address</u>	<u>Phone Extension</u>
• Ms. Terry	A-Co	<a href="mailto:cnterry@munsterschools.gov">cnterry@munsterschools.gov</a>	3210
• Mr. Gregory	<u>Cp-Hi</u>	<a href="mailto:pkgregory@munsterschools.gov">pkgregory@munsterschools.gov</a>	3409
• Mrs. Keleher	Hj-Mn	<a href="mailto:epkeleher@munsterschools.gov">epkeleher@munsterschools.gov</a>	3434
• Ms. Kielbasa	Mo-Sa	<a href="mailto:ckielbasa@munsterschools.gov">ckielbasa@munsterschools.gov</a>	3212
• Mrs. Salan	Sc-Z	<a href="mailto:kmsalan@munsterschools.gov">kmsalan@munsterschools.gov</a>	3365

