



Welcome Families!

10/7/2026

Agenda:

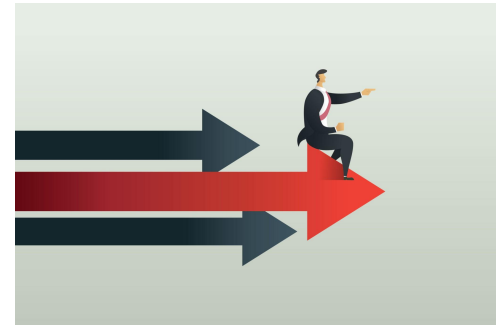
- Welcome
- Information to Note
- Department Introductions
- A Message from Our PTO
- Open Engagement



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Our Greatest Priorities:

- Learning and Growth for All Students
- Attendance
- Character



Achieving success for all students is anchored in our partnership, teamwork, and mutual support.

We look forward to working with you!



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What is NYS Inspires and Portrait of a Graduate?

- NYS is evolving high school requirements to better prepare our kids with skills needed beyond high school. This includes:
 - More practical, hands on learning opportunities
 - Less emphasis on test scores and more emphasis on real-world problem solving, financial literacy, climate awareness, and career readiness
 - Focusing on Portrait of a Graduate attributes



NYS Portrait of a Graduate:



Academically Prepared
Creative Innovators
Critical Thinkers
Effective Communicators
Global Citizens
Reflective and Future Focused

These skills are rated bi-yearly



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NYS Inspires Information to Note:

- This year's seniors will be the last class to have Regents Exams as a mandatory requirement for graduation. This means that this year's juniors will not need to pass Regents Exams to graduate.
- Regents Exams will still be administered and the state will have expectations as they are to serve "a more targeted purpose for measuring state standards." Regents Exams will not go away. However they may not be mandated. There is a recommendation for 3-11 testing. Details yet to be finalized and approved.
- The state is moving away from multiple types of diplomas and is moving to a single diploma and opportunities for students to earn seals and endorsements through state and locally developed seals and endorsements. This also will apply to our current juniors.

NYS Portrait of a Graduate:

- This implies that our local assessments will become critical in assessing and affirming student proficiency. There is also a need for multiple measures of proficiency. Stand alone assessments will be one option, but capstone projects, portfolios, internships, class work, teacher observations and other forms of assessment (or maybe better to say student demonstrations of proficiency) will be developed.
- More detailed information is anticipated later this month and new regs/amendments are to be delivered to the Board of Regents by February of 2027.



How Does This Benefit My Child:

- Practical life skills will be embedded into your child's education, such as financial literacy and climate education.
- There is a focus on tailoring education to student interests.
- Students will not need to rely on a single assessment to determine their proficiency and alternate assessment options will allow students to demonstrate their learning in a way that works best for them.

Please know that there are still many questions and additional information will be shared as it comes. Our team will work collaboratively to plan and we have already begun to purposefully embed elements of this into our practice.

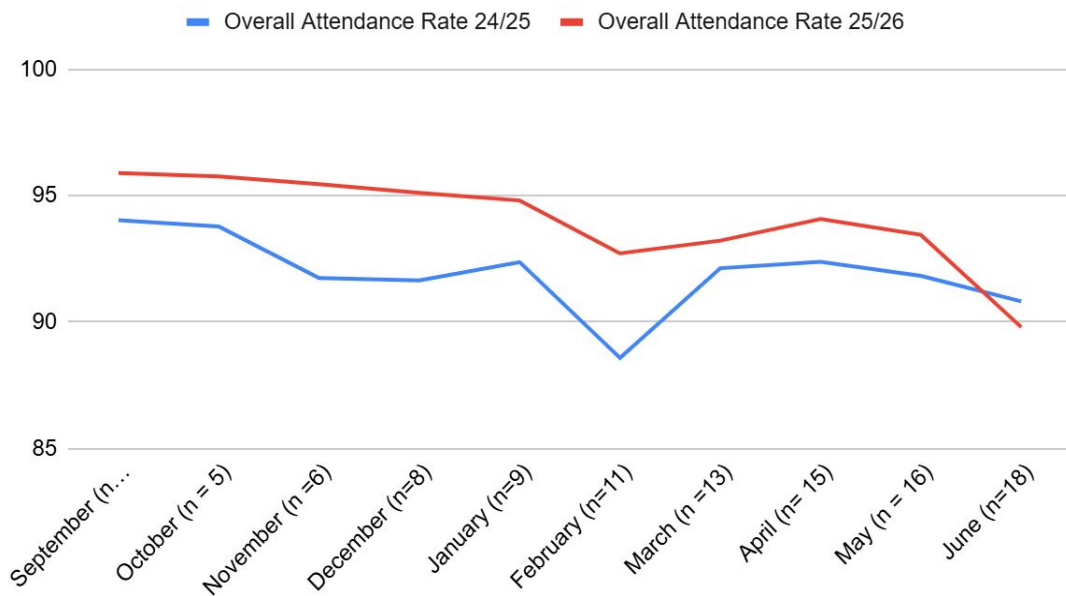
[NYSED PoG Parent Flyer](#)



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Attendance:

Overall Attendance Rate Comparison Chart

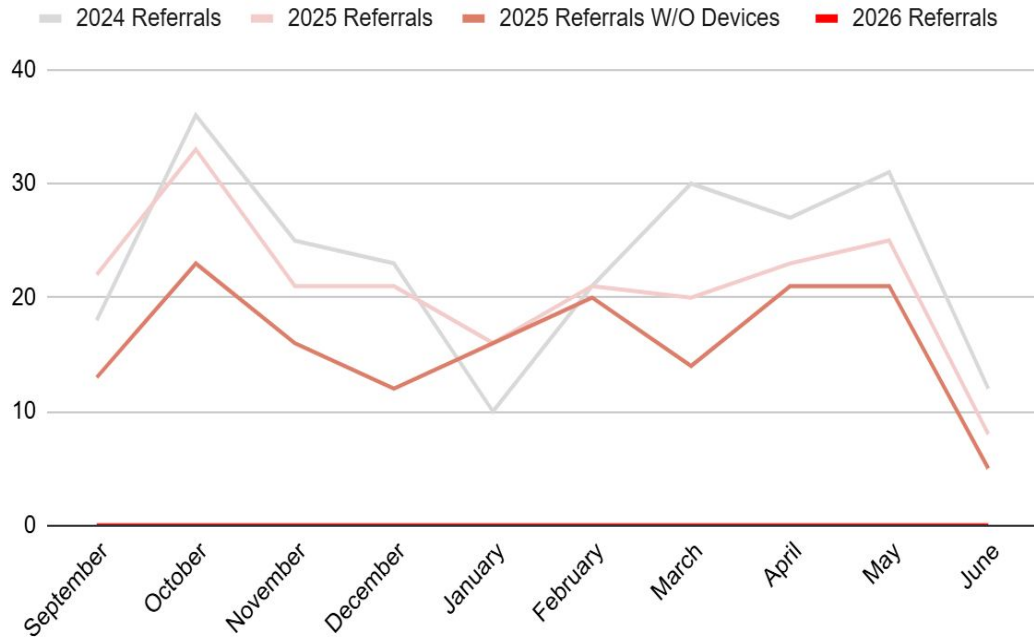


	Overall Attendance Rate 24/25	Overall Attendance Rate 25/26
September (n = 3)	94.03	95.9
October (n = 5)	93.78	95.76
November (n =6)	91.74	95.46
December (n=8)	91.65	95.11
January (n=9)	92.37	94.81
February (n=11)	88.58	92.72
March (n =13)	92.13	93.22
April (n= 15)	92.38	94.08
May (n = 16)	91.83	93.45
June (n=18)	90.82	89.8



Discipline Rate:

Discipline Referral Tracking 2026-2027



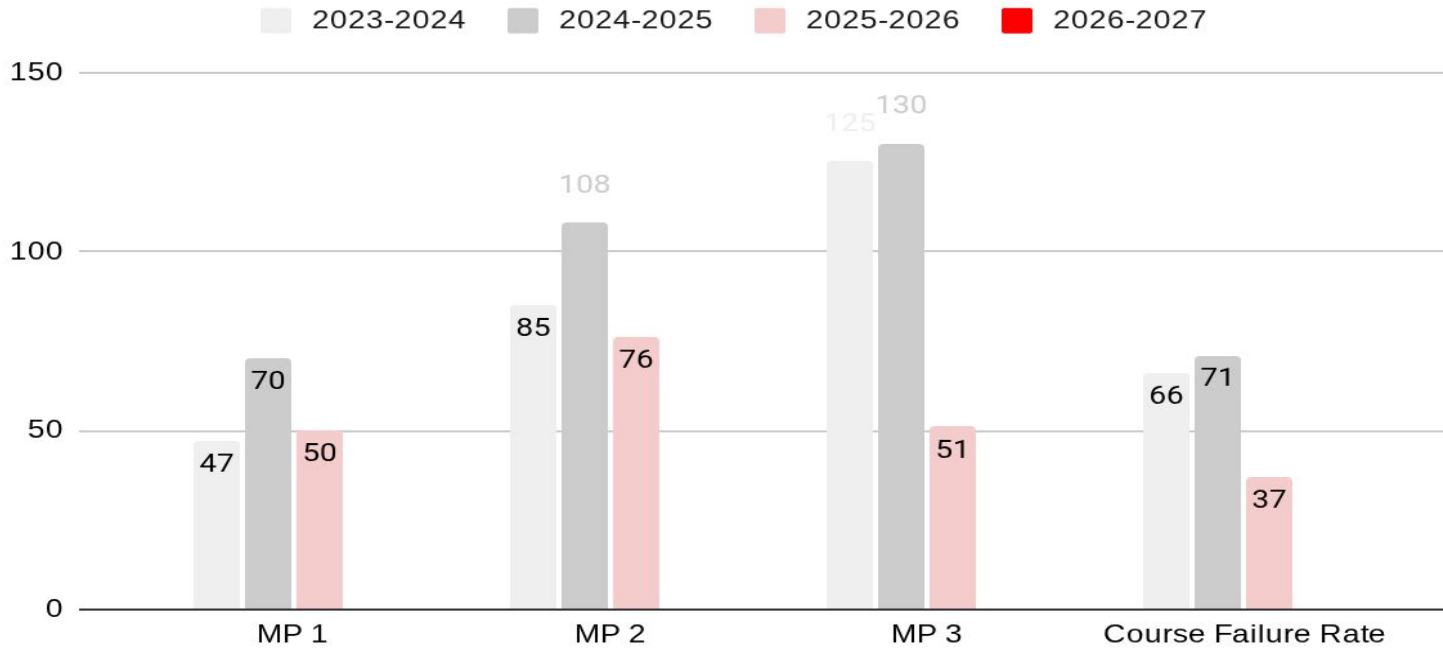
	2024 Referrals	2025 Referrals	2025 Referrals	2026 Referrals
September	18	22	13	0
October	36	33	23	0
November	25	21	16	0
December	23	21	12	0
January	10	16	16	0
February	21	21	20	0
March	30	20	14	0
April	27	23	21	0
May	31	25	21	0
June	12	8	5	0



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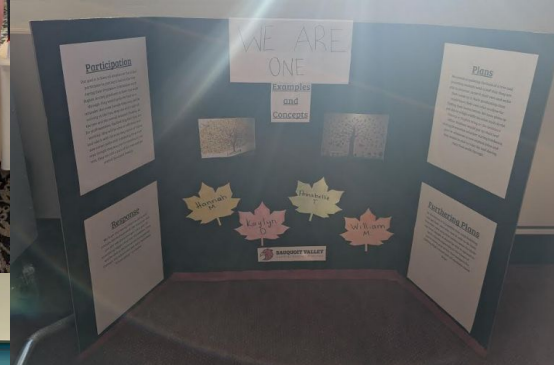
Academic Progress:

Course Failure Rate Over Time



SEL Opportunities:

- The NEST
- Red Hawk Readers
- Stress Less Day
- Red Hawk Renaissance
- Positive Awards
- Perseverance Awards
- Chobani Partnership
- Social Skills Groups
- Sidewalk Project
- Community Wall Initiative
- SVHS SEL Team Initiatives
- Career Fair
- Elevating Student Voices



Extracurricular Offerings:

- Athletics
- Art Club
- Chamber Choir
- Class organizations (4)
- Drama Club
- Dungeons and Dragons
- Handshakes
- Jazz Ensemble
- National Honor S
- Sauquoit Star
- Soar to Fitness
- Student Council
- Yearbook Club



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Department Introductions:

ELA

Math

Social Studies

Science

World Languages

Music

PE/ Health

Technology

FACS/ Business

Special Education

Media Literacy/ LMC

Art



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ELA

Department:



What to Know:

- Seal of Biliteracy option
- Grade 12:
 - Dual Credit 101-102 (6 cr)
 - AP Literature (exam)
 - Eng 12 (if no Boces)
- Grade 11: Eng 11, AP Lang (exam)
- Grade 10: Eng 10, Pre-AP
- Grade 9: Eng 9, 9 Honors



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Math Department:



What to Know:

- Requirement of passing a minimum of one NYS Regents
- Requirement of passing a minimum of 3 Math courses
- Courses Offered:
 - PC Algebra (Ballard)
 - Pre Algebra (Ballard)
 - Algebra I (Weaver and Houck)
 - Geometry (Moore)
 - Applied Math (Moore)
 - Algebra II (Clive)
 - Consumer Math (Ballard)
 - Pre Calculus (Houck)
 - AP and Dual Credit Calc (Clive)
 - Dual Credit Statistics (Moore)
 - Dual Credit Intermediate Algebra (Moore)
 - Math AIS (Williams)



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Social Studies Department:



What to Know:

- NYS Requires four years of High School Social Studies
 - 9th Grade: Global history I/Pre-AP Global
 - 10th Grade: Global History II/AP European History
 - 11th Grade: US History and Government/AP US History
 - 12th Grade: Participation in Government and Economics
- The Social Studies Department offers a variety of college level and AP Courses, including:
 - AP European History (MVCC 103 & 104)
 - AP US History (MVCC 111 & 112)
 - “50’s, 60’s, 70’s” (MVCC HI 113)
 - Sociology (MVCC SO 101)
 - DC Government (MVCC PS 101)
- 4-H Government Program
- Seal of Civic Readiness



Science Department:



What to Know:

- College Expectation- 4 Course Sequence
- State Requirements
 - 1) Biology
 - 2) Earth & Space
 - 3) Chemistry
 - 4) Physics
 - 5) College Chemistry, AP Biology, AP Physics
- Lab Time Requirements



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World Languages Department:



Benefits:

Career & Global Opportunities

- **Workforce Advantage:** Multilingualism strong competitive edge across international business, government, healthcare, and technology

College Admissions Impact

- **Requirements:** Selective universities typically recommend or require 3–4 years of high school foreign language study.

Academic & Cognitive Benefits

- **Higher Test Scores:** Higher SAT/ACT Scores (verbal, reading, and math).
- **Enhanced Literacy:** Increased knowledge in English grammar, vocabulary, and reading mechanics.
- **Cognitive Agility:** Increased multitasking, focus, and memory retention.



New York State Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB)

ROTARY EXCHANGE |



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Music Department:



What to Know:

- Students are required to earn a **minimum** of 1 unit to graduate
- Performance ensembles
 - Concert Choir
 - Concert Band
 - Chamber Choir
 - Jazz Band
- Academic Music
 - MVCC HU183 Dual Credit Music Theory
 - MVCC HU186 Dual Credit Music Appreciation
 - MVCC TH193 Introduction to Theater
- NYSSMA New York State School Music Association and OCMEA Oneida County Music Educators Association
 - Solo and Ensemble Festivals
 - SHAAS, JHAAS, JHAC



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PE/ Health Department:



What to Know:

Course Objectives

Students will develop personal fitness by participating in various sports and exercise activities while gaining the knowledge needed to carry on a healthy lifestyle beyond graduation.

What You Need to be Successful:

1. Sneakers.
2. Shorts and a PE uniform shirt to change into.
3. A good attitude and an open mind!

Expectations:

- Wear proper footwear at all times (SNEAKERS ONLY).
- Jewelry - at the discretion of the teacher. Any type of earring/body jewelry that is dangling must be removed.
- No hats (beanies, baseball caps, etc.).
- No food, drink, or gum in the gymnasium.
- Use of respectful & proper language at all times.
- Responsibility for locker room etiquette.
- NO drugs/tobacco/vapor products.
- NO CELL PHONES PER DISTRICT POLICY.
- Dressed appropriately for the weather.



Grading Policy:

Each student can earn up to 10 points per class.

- 1 point for being on time.
- 2 points for **changing** into PE uniform with shorts.

****As a reminder, there are private changing areas available for all students.****

- 7 points for effort, sportsmanship, personal/social responsibility, skill & safety (**all must be present to earn all 7 points**).

****Failure to participate = ZERO that CANNOT be made up.****

Lockers:

****Loss of lock will result in a \$5 replacement fee****

- All students are issued a school Master Lock and PE locker.
- All belongings should be locked in their PE locker before & after class.
- Students will **not** share lockers or lock codes with anyone.
- The school is **not** liable for the cost or replacement of any books or personal articles lost or damaged through theft, negligence, or vandalism.

Technology Department:



What to Know:

- **Comprehensive Curriculum:** Hands-on project based coursework across electronics, coding, woodworking, framing, and CAD.
- **Dual Credit Opportunities:** College credit available through Digital Electronics and Principles of Engineering.
- **Industry-Standard Tools:** Direct experience with 3D printing, microcontrollers, power tool, and CAD software.
- **College & Career Ready:** Strong preparation for engineering, architecture, computer science, and skilled trades.



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FACS/ Business Department:



What to Know:

Department Goal: To provide students with meaningful skills that can be used to create future success.

- Business Academics
 - ❑ MVCC BM 108 Dual Credit Personal Finance
 - ❑ MVCC BM 150 Dual Credit Principles of Entrepreneurship
 - ❑ MVCC BM 120 Dual Credit Principles of Marketing

- Family & Consumer Science Courses:
 - Foods & Nutrition
 - Food Science
 - Advanced Foods
 - Child Psychology



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Special Education Department:



What to Know:

- Help students make progress toward academic goals in the Least Restrictive Environment
- Currently providing Resource, Consultant Teaching, and Self-Contained services
- We will be in room 227 after this presentation if you would like to chat!



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Media Lit./ Library Department:



What to Know:

We prepare our students for success by...

Teaching...

- Through core classes & Digital Media Literacy: we teach how to be **effective, efficient, ethical and critical consumers and creators of information and digital media.**

Welcoming...

- **Over 100 students** join us in the library **every day** to decompress, study, work with classmates, get homework help & technology assistance.

Connecting...

- Whether for school, home, fun, or information, **we go above and beyond to connect our students** to the books, information, audiobooks, technology or other **resources they need.**



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Art Department:



Mrs. Hartnett & Mr. Kennedy

Arts & Production Specialist & Fine Arts Illustrator

Creative Innovator

Iterative design process, risk-taking, original problem solving.

Critical Thinker

Material analysis, spatial reasoning, visual critique evaluation.

Effective Communicator

Visual storytelling, art statements, presenting concepts clearly.

Reflective Learner

Self-assessment, portfolio reviews, continuous refinement.

Reimagining the Art Experience



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Building a vibrant foundation in visual arts, hands-on craft, and forward-looking design.

Middle School Leader: Driving early creative development and studio practice.

Foundation Courses: Studio Art

Upper Electives: Drawing & Painting, and Ceramics/Pottery.

New Innovation: Launching Crafting for Production in Spring.

Advanced Level: College Dual Credit Art course instructor.

A Message from our wonderful PTO



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Academic Program:

Department:	Positions:	Key Courses:
ELA	3.0	ELA 9, ELA 10, ELA 11, ELA 12, ELA 9H, ELA 10 Pre-AP, AP Language, DC ELA 12, AP Literature, Media Literacy
Social Studies	3.5	Global History & Geography 9, Global History & Geography 10, U.S. History & Government, Government / Economics, Global History & Geography 9 Pre-AP, AP European History, AP/ DC U.S. History, Dual Credit Sociology, & Government
Math	3.0	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Algebra, Applied Mathematics, Consumer Mathematics, DC Statistics/ DC Intermediate Math, DC Pre-Calculus, & AP/ DC Calculus AB



Academic Program:

Department:	Positions:	Key Courses:
Science	3.25	Biology, Earth and Space Science, Chemistry, DC Physics, Applied Science, DC Chemistry, AP/DC Biology, & AP Physics
World Language	2.0	Spanish I, Spanish II, Spanish III, Spanish IV, French II, French III, French IV, & DC French V
Technology	1.0	Design & Drawing for Production (DDP), DC Principles of Engineering, DC Digital Electronics, Construction Systems, Tech Workshop



Academic Program:

Department:	Positions:	Key Courses:
Music	1.25	Choir, Band, DC Music Theory, DC Music Appreciation, DC Intro to Theater, Lessons
Art	0.83	Studio Art, DC Advanced Studio Art, Drawing & Painting, Ceramics, & Craftwork
Family & Consumer Science	1.0	Foods & Nutrition, Advanced Food Preparation, Child Psychology, & Food Science
Business	0.33	DC Personal Finance/ DC Marketing Principles, & DC Entrepreneurship



Academic Program:

Department:	Positions:	Key Courses:
PE	2.0	Physical Education, Personal Fitness, & Health
Special Education	2.5	Resource, PC ELA, PC Algebra, PC US History, PC Global 10, & Consultant Teacher and Integrated Co-Teaching support
Additional Courses	-	Freshman Seminar, Senior Seminar, English as a New Language (ENL), & Academic Intervention Service (AIS) (2.0 teaching assistant positions) <u>BOCES Career & Technology Programs</u>

