Welcome to Mercer County Senior High School

Class of 2030 Registration/Scheduling

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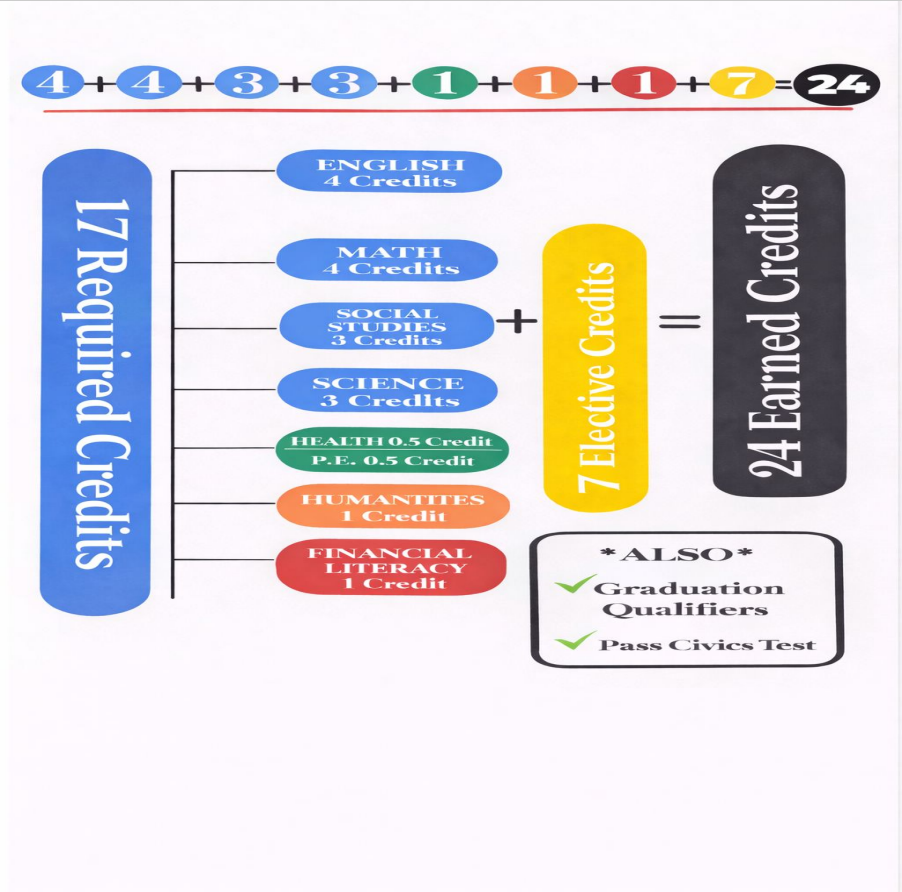






Graduation Requirements

NEW - Financial Literacy Requirement



WHAT'S NEW FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR?

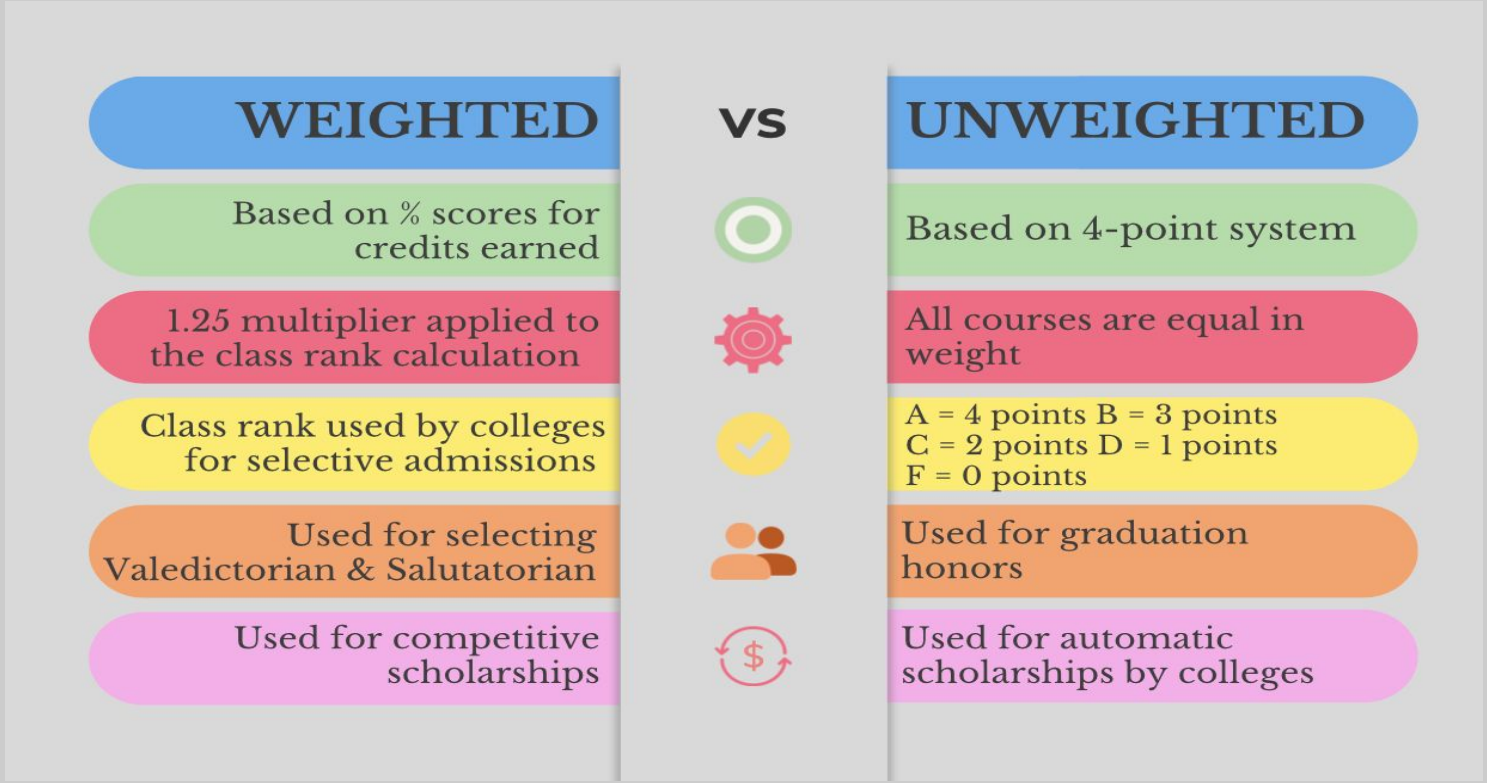
New Financial Literacy Graduation Requirement

- Must be taken your senior year
- 1 credit given
- Can also count as senior math credit
- Either Financial Literacy or Financial Literacy for Mathematics



Academics

Because of the rigorous nature of the curriculum, Honors, AP, and Dual Credit courses are designated as such on the transcript with a "weighted grade." There are several distinctions between courses that are weighted vs. unweighted, including:



Academics--What's a GPA?

- Your GPA is your Grade Point Average
- It is used to measure you against other students
- Colleges will look at your GPA and class rank
- Good grades in weighted classes will give you a higher GPA.
- Weighted classes are on a 5 point scale
- Unweighted classes are on a 4 point scale

5 OTHER FINANCIAL AID

KY Education Excellence (KEES)

- The KEES scholarships are offered to graduating seniors who will attend a **Kentucky** college, university, or technical college.
- Students must set up KHEAA account. Once enrolled in college, the state **automatically** sends money to the college.
- NOTE: KEES is a renewable scholarship that can be awarded each year for four years. **However, a student must keep their grades up in college.** If a student earns a 3.0 or higher, the full scholarship is maintained. If the collegiate GPA falls between 2.5-2.9, the KEES money is reduced by half. The KEES scholarship is lost when the GPA falls below 2.5, but can be regained whenever the GPA reaches a 2.5 again.

ACT Score	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28 or above
Amount	$36	$71	$107	$143	$179	$214	$250	$286	$321	$357	$393	$428	$464	$500

GPA	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.75	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.25	3.3	3.4	3.5
Amount	$125	$150	$175	$187	$200	$225	$250	$275	$300	$312	$325	$350	$375
GPA	3.6	3.7	3.75	3.8	3.9	4.0							
Amount	$400	$425	$437	$450	$475	$500							

NOTE: If students do NOT put their Social Security number on the ACT exam, they will NOT be awarded the ACT bonus. If students take the ACT more than once, the SSN must be provided each time in order for the highest ACT score to be recorded in the KEES database. Simply put, if a SSN is not provided, KEES money will NOT be awarded.

STUDENT GRADE CLASSIFICATION

Student Classification

A student must earn a total of 24 credits to graduate. To be classified at grade level, the student must have earned a certain number of credits. The credits earned at the end of the school year classify you for your grade the following school year.

GRADE LEVEL	MINIMUM NUMBER OF CREDITS REQUIRED
10	5
11	11
12	17

CREDITS REQUIRED TO GRADUATE = 24

High School Schedule
(6 period day)



Core Classes (All year long)

- English A/English B
- Algebra I A/Algebra IB or Geometry IA/Geometry IB
- Survey of Social Studies A/Survey of Social Studies B
- Integrated Science A/Integrated Science B

***Honor classes are offered in English, Math, Social Studies, and Science**

Electives (half a year/semester)

- Health/PE (graduation requirement)
- Humanities (graduation requirement)
- Financial Literacy(graduation requirement)
- Band, Choir, Agriculture, Business, Family and Consumer Science, Art, Drama, Trailblazer

	1st TERM (8/9/2024 - 10/6/2024)	**2nd TERM** (10/7/2024 - 1/1/2025)	**3rd TERM** (1/2/2025 - 3/9/2025)	**4th TERM** (3/10/2025 - 5/24/2025)
	Fall		Spring	
1st	Geometry A	Geometry A	Geometry B	Geometry B
2nd	English IA	English IA	English IB	English IB
3rd	Int Science IA	Int Science IA	Int Science IB	Int Science IB
Titan Time	Johnson	Johnson	Johnson	Johnson
4th	Survey of S.S A	Survey of S.S A	Survey of S.S B	Survey of S.S B
5th	ELECTIVE	ELECTIVE	ELECTIVE	ELECTIVE
6th	P.E/Health	P.E/Health	ELECTIVE	ELECTIVE

Career Pathways

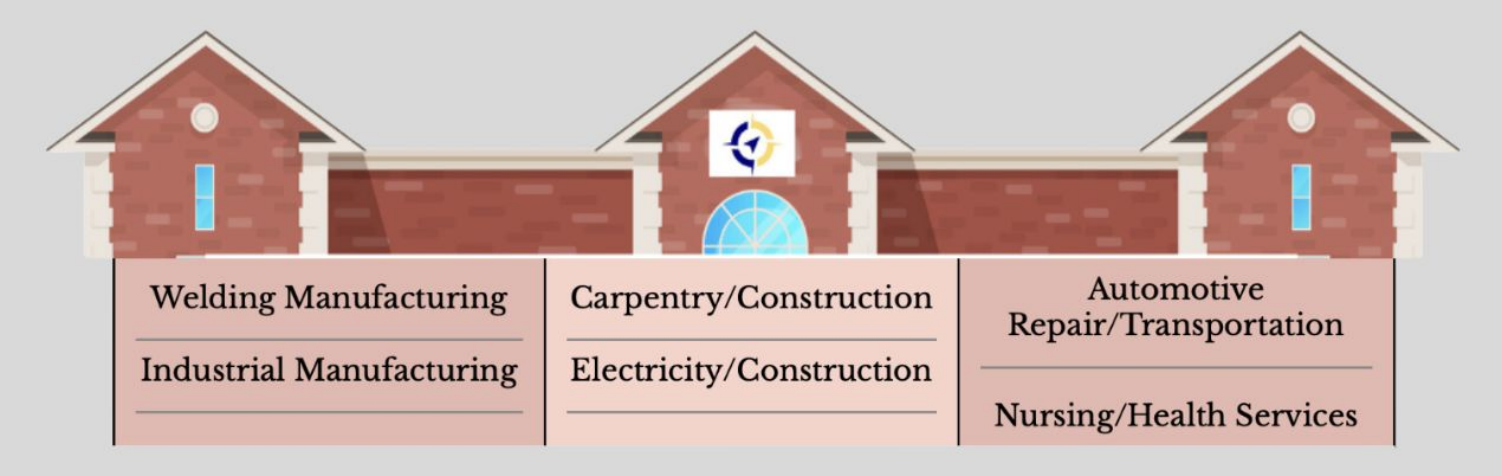
- Choosing a Career Pathway for high school provides a focused set of courses that prepares a student for post-secondary career plans and helps students explore possible career areas.
- Career Pathways are not meant to limit choices but to expand possibilities and experiences; we recommend choosing at least 3 courses per pathway.
- Following a Career Pathway provides a focus and a road map for students as they select their courses and explore their chosen career area.
- We encourage all students, along with guidance from their parents and counselors, to select and declare a pathway when scheduling their freshman year courses.

On Campus Pathways



Agricultural Power & Technical	Retail Services	English, Law, & Journalism
Environmental Science & Natural Resource Systems	Marketing	Science, Technology, & Mathematics
Agribusiness	Consumer & Family Services	Social Studies
Animal Science Systems	Early Childhood Education	Fine Arts & Humanities
Horticulture & Plant Systems	Food Sciences & Dietetics	

Off Campus Career Pathways



Trailblazer Early College and Career Academy

Some pathways open to 9th graders
Definitely want to decide by 10th grade

Trailblazer Academy

Academy students benefit from:

- ➔ Small, personalized learning environments
- ➔ Partnerships with businesses that provide real-world, authentic learning opportunities
- ➔ Focus on 21st-century skills students need to succeed in college and life
- ➔ A culture of critical thinking, collaboration, communication and creativity
- ➔ Rigorous interdisciplinary curriculum

Trailblazer Early College and Career Academy students graduate with:

- ➔ Direct career and industry exposure
- ➔ Ability to earn college credits and industry credentials
- ➔ Networking opportunities with local industry professionals

Interested in Trailblazer Academy?

- **9th Grade Options**
  - Industrial Manufacturing
    - Intro to 3D Printing, Engineering
  - Carpentry

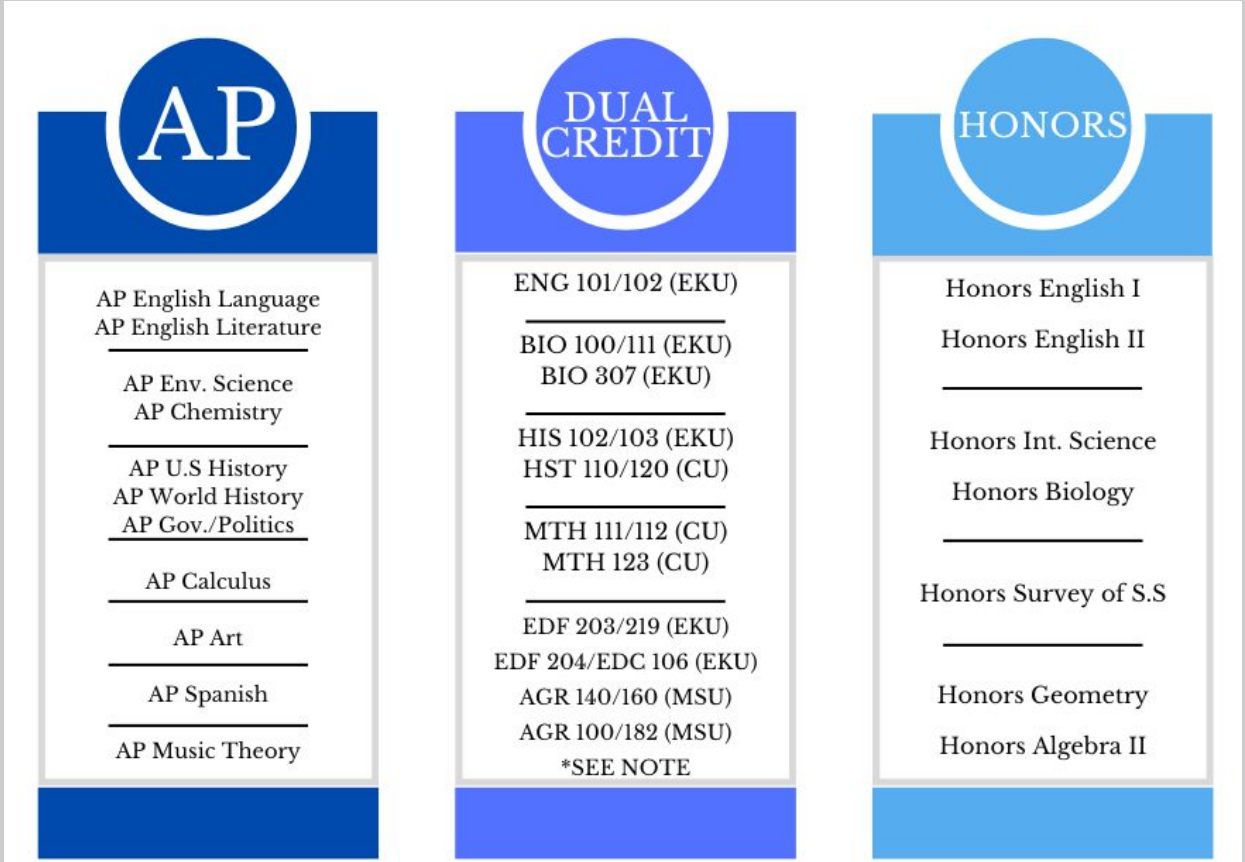
- **10th Grade Options**
  - Nursing
    - Principles of Health
  - Welding
    - Blueprint Reading, Oxy Fuel
  - Electrical
    - Industrial Safety, Basic Blueprint Reading
  - Carpentry
    - Industrial Safety, Cabinet Construction
  - Automotive
    - Industrial Safety, Basic Auto Electricity

- **11th Grade Options**
  - It's very difficult to get into one of these programs. If you are interested in any of these programs - especially welding and automotive - it is best you start as a sophomore.
- The ***goal*** of these programs are to earn an industry certificate. If you start too late, this will not happen!

MCSHS Honors Program

- There will be an opportunity to take an Honors Class in each of your core subjects
- Honors classes are weighted and will increase your GPA standings and class rank.
- Honors classes will better prepare you for AP (Advanced Placement) and Dual Credit course.
- Honors courses will be more challenging than regular classes - fast paced, possibly more homework, reading, etc . . .
- Must have teacher signature to take Honors classes

AP vs. Dual Credit vs. Honors



Clubs/Activities

- Pep Club
- FCA (Fellowship Christian Athletes)
- FFA (Future Farmers of America)
- Spanish Club
- Chess Club
- Drama Club
- Book Club
- Beta Club
- Student Council
- DECA club
- Game Club
- Educators Rising
- Y Club
- Boardom Club (Board game club)
- Art Club



Course Plan 2026-27

MCSHS 9th Grade Course Plan

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English (Need 4 credits)			
Mathematics (Need 4 credits)			
Science (Need 3 credits)			
Social Studies (Need 3 credits)			
Health/PE (Need 1 credit)			
Humanities (Need 1 credit)			
Electives (Need 8 credits while in HS) - Up to 4 electives can be chosen each year (2 - Fall, 2 - Spring)			
Alternates - Choose alternates for your electives			

Student Signature:

Parent Signature:

Four Year Plan

Benefits of a 4 year plan:

- Helps student to plan out course work (ex. Honors path, dual credit courses)
- Helps with pathway completion
- Involves parent/student input - parent is knowledgeable about student's coursework
- Keeps student focused on academic progress and completion of all requirements
- Saves parent/student money for dual credit courses (ex. Student takes only courses that are needed for specific and planned major)



Freshmen Elective Options

Foreign Language
Spanish I
Spanish II

Wellness
PE/Health
Weightlifting
Weightlifting for Females

Agriculture
Principles of Agriculture
AgriScience

Family and Consumer Science
Foods and Nutrition
FACS
Relationships
Parenting

Business
Marketing Applications
Sports and Event Marketing
Principles of Marketing
Business Essentials

Trailblazer Academy
Intro to 3D Printing
Engineering
Intro to Construction Tech.

Humanities
Humanities
World Cultures
Drawing
Painting
Cartooning
Art History
Sculpture
Piano/Keyboarding
Adv. Piano/Keyboarding
Music Theory
AP Music Theory
Titan Singers
Musical Theater
Marching Band
Jazz Band
Individual Technique
Instrumental Music
Spanish for Healthcare Professionals
Conversational Spanish

Do I need a Foreign Language?

- Spanish I and II are not a graduation requirement.
- Spanish I and II are not a Humanities requirement.
- A foreign language is part of the pre-college curriculum; therefore, colleges highly recommend 2 classes of a foreign language.
- If you plan to go to college, some majors will require you have 2 foreign language credits.
- Good to get out of the way in HS, instead of taking in college where it will be more difficult.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Where can I find more information about classes, the advising process, and information presented to students?
  - Scan the QR code below and you will find the course description book
- When will I know my schedule?
  - We try to have schedules completed by the end of June and available in the IC student portal.
- What if I don't like my schedule once I get it in June?
  - We always provide a schedule change day a few weeks before school starts where students are able an appointment with a counselor for a schedule change.
- How do I reach out to a counselor if I have questions?
  - Stacy Davis - stacy.davis@mercer.kyschools.us
  - Kristal Irvin - kristal.irvin@mercer.kyschools.us

COMING UP!



- ➔ **Look over** the course description book
- ➔ **Plan out** your 2026-27 schedule



- ➔ Scheduling Night at MCSHS (5:30-8:00)



- ➔ Plan your schedule in IC with **Academic Planner**



- ➔ **Return Course Plan to your Teacher**

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