



# **Manatee High School**

## **9th Grade Information Night**

**February 27, 2025**

# Welcome Future Hurricanes

**Parents - Please take a moment  
to fill out the form**



# WE ARE... MANATEE

Go Canes!



# **MANATEE HURRICANES MISSION**

The mission of Manatee High School is to increase student engagement by providing opportunities to think in every classroom, every period, every day.

# Graduation Requirements

## ✓ Earn 24 credits as follows:

- 4 English
- 4 Math (must include Algebra 1 and Geometry)
- 3 Science (must include Biology)
- 3.5 Social Studies (World History, Personal Finance and Money Management, US History, US Government, and Economics)
- 1 HOPE (Health and PE)
- 1 Fine Art/Practical Art with Artistic Content
- 7.5 Elective Credits

## ✓ Earn an unweighted cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher

## ✓ Pass the required state assessments (Grade 10 FAST ELA & Algebra 1 EOC)



# Fine Art/Practical Art Requirement

- All students must earn a Fine Art/Practical Art credit for graduation
- Courses that satisfy the requirement at MHS include:

Acting	AP Studio Art	Art 2D
Band	Ceramics/Pottery	Chorus
Theatre, Cinema, Film Production	Digital Photography	Culinary Arts 2 or 3
Dance	Digital Design	Music Ensemble
Applied Engineering Tech 1, 2, or 3	Instrumental Ensemble	Instrumental Techniques
Digital Info Tech	Jazz Ensemble	Journalism
JROTC 1 & 2 (Waiver required)	Painting	Television Production
Speech	Orchestra	Portfolio
Theatre	Vocal Ensemble	Advanced Technology Applications
Drawing	Vocal Techniques	
Some FLVS, MTC, and SCF courses may also qualify - see your School Counselor for more information.		



# HOPE Waiver

**A student can waive the HOPE requirement in one of two ways:**

1. Participate in two seasons of an interscholastic sport at the Junior Varsity or Varsity level
- Or -
2. Complete two years of JROTC. This will waive the full credit in HOPE and the full credit in Fine Arts.



# Standardized Assessments

## **Graduation Requirements**

Level 3 or higher on the following assessments

- Grade 10 ELA FAST
- Algebra 1 End of Course (EOC)

## **End of Course Exams**

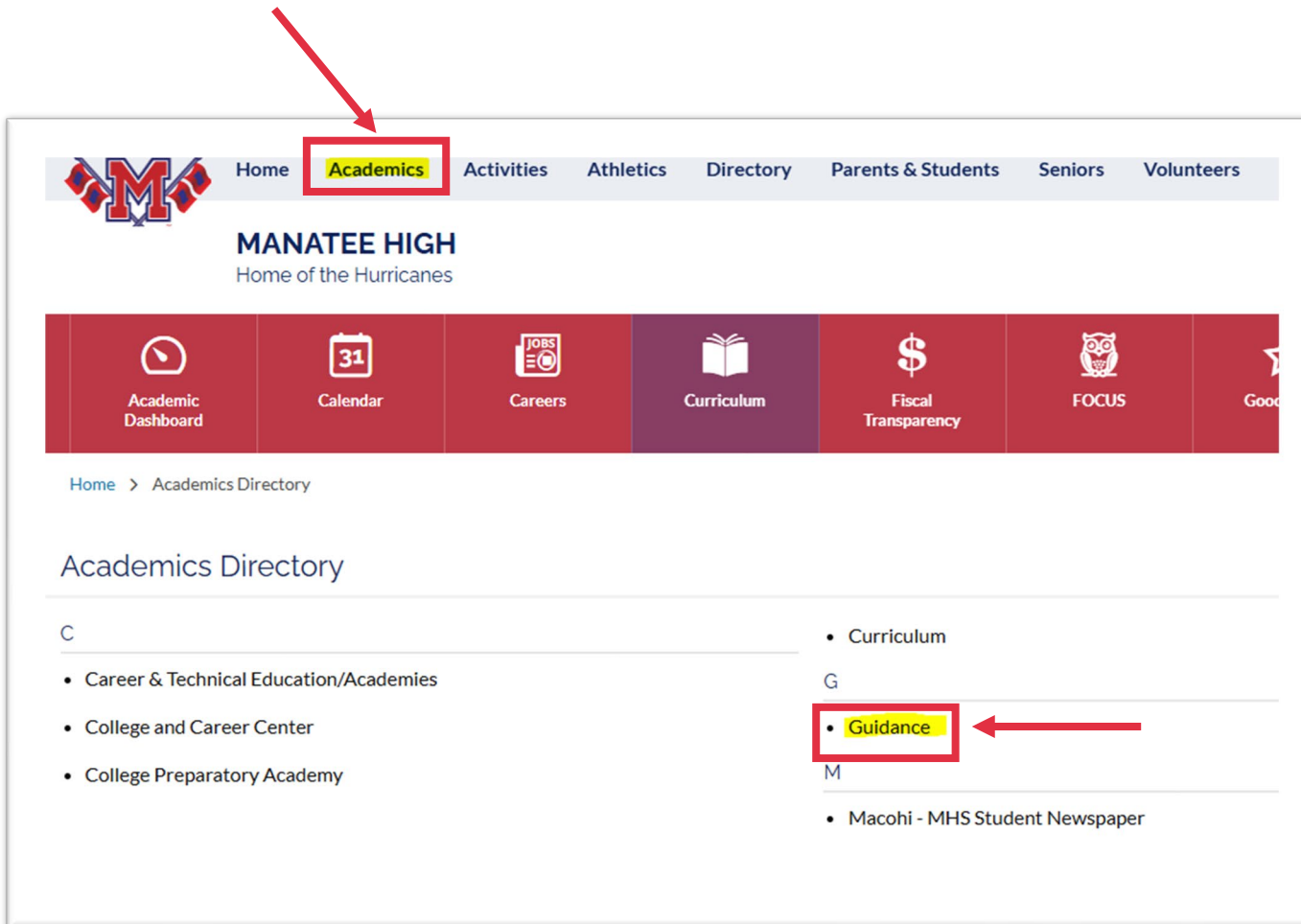
30% of the final grade for the following courses

- Algebra 1 (Graduation Requirement)
- Biology
- Geometry
- US History





# MHS Website Registration Resources



The screenshot shows the Manatee High School website. A red arrow points to the 'Academics' link in the top navigation bar. Below the navigation bar, there is a row of icons for various services: Academic Dashboard, Calendar, Careers, Curriculum, Fiscal Transparency, FOCUS, and Good. The 'Academics Directory' section is visible, listing links for Career & Technical Education/Academies, College and Career Center, and College Preparatory Academy. A red arrow points to the 'Guidance' link under the 'G' section.

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- College Preparatory Academy

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## Course Selection for 2025-2026 School Year

### Registration for the 2025-2026 school year

Counselors will be meeting with students individually to review course request forms, graduation re

Grade 11 - February 3 through US History classes

Grade 10 - February 10 through Personal Financial Money Management or Economics classes

Grade 9 - February 18 through English classes

Students should work closely with parents and teachers to complete their Course Request forms. Ea  
requirements, Florida Bright Futures requirements and discuss course selections for next year.

[2025-2026 Curriculum Guide](#) 

[Grade 12 Course Selection Form](#) 

[Grade 11 Course Selection Form](#) 

[Grade 10 Course Selection Form](#) 

[Grade 9 Course Selection Form](#) 

[MHS Course Override Form](#) 

[Office Aide Application](#) 

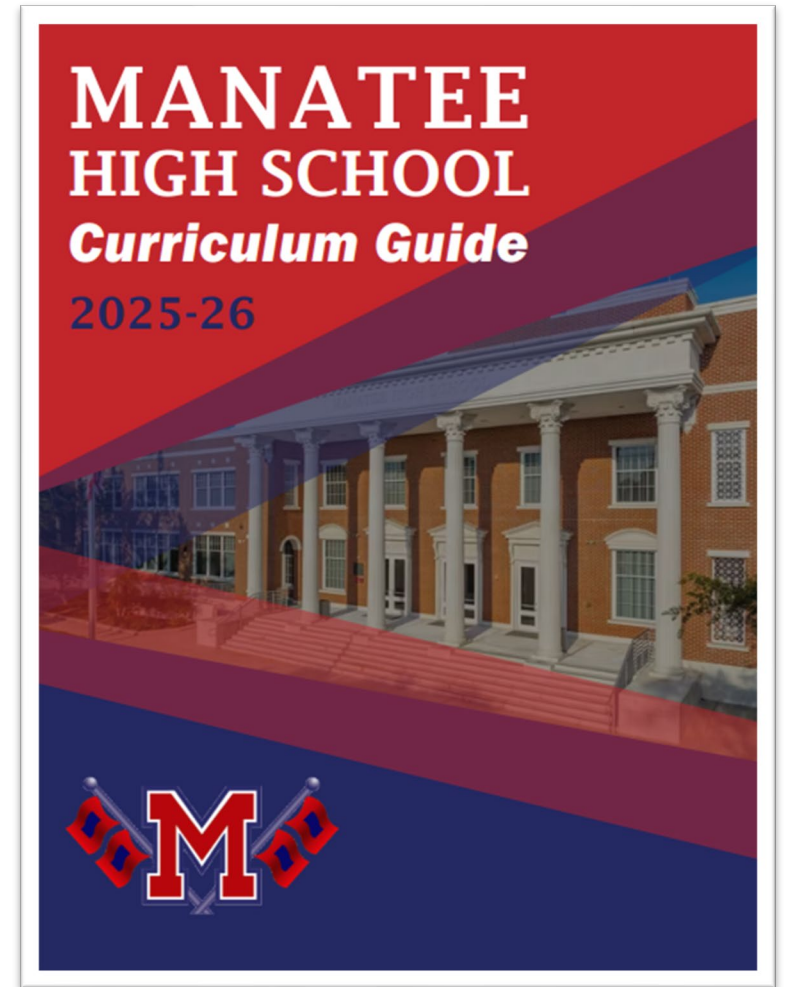
[OJT Application](#) 

[Link to Medical Academy information and application](#)

[Link to College Preparatory Academy information and application](#)



# Course Request Guidelines

- Review the courses in the Curriculum Guide and discuss options with parents/guardians
- Core subject area teachers (English, Math, Science, Social Studies) will recommend the next level course you should take
- Choose and rank five (5) electives
- Parents/Guardians and students must sign the Course Request Form



# Course Request Forms

- Course Request forms are available on the MHS website and will be provided to middle schools
- Complete the top portion, **please print**
- Parents/Guardians and students must sign the Course Request Form



2025 – 2026  
Manatee High School  
Grade 9  
Course Requests

**MANATEE**  
*Hurricanes*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last Name, First Name)  
MIDDLE SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/GUARDIAN PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 1** REQUIRED SUBJECT AREA COURSES  
You will be placed in core courses based on your 8<sup>th</sup> grade test scores and grades. See the Curriculum Guide on the MHS website (Guidance Page) for course descriptions and placement information. You may also refer to the back of this page for course placement guidelines.

ENGLISH	MATHEMATICS	SCIENCE	OFFICE USE ONLY
ENGLISH I	ALGEBRA 1-A	ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE	_____ INTENSIVE READING
ENGLISH I HONORS	ALGEBRA 1	BIOLOGY HONORS	_____ FAST READING
ENGLISH I ESOL	GEOMETRY	<u>SOCIAL SCIENCE ELECTIVE</u>	_____ FAST MATH
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	ALGEBRA 2 HON	WORLD HISTORY HONORS	

**HOPE** – Health Opportunities through Physical Education – This is a graduation requirement. All 9<sup>th</sup> graders are automatically placed in this class. Alternatively, students may take HOPE online via Florida Virtual School/Manatee Virtual School or students may apply for a HOPE Waiver after participating for two years on an athletic team and/or two years of JROTC.  
\_\_\_\_ Check here if you intend to take HOPE online through Florida Virtual School/Manatee Virtual School  
\_\_\_\_ Check here if you plan to participate in athletics and/or JROTC for two years and will apply for the HOPE Waiver

COLLEGE PREP ACADEMY ONLY (Acceptance is Required)	MEDICAL ACADEMY ONLY (Acceptance is Required)
____ AP Human Geography	____ Biology
____ Biology	____ Biology Honors
____ Biology Honors	____ Medical Skills and/or
Applications available on MHS Website	____ First Aid Safety/Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries
	Applications available on MHS Website

**PART 2** ELECTIVE COURSES  
From the list below select FIVE (5) elective courses and rank them in order of preference, using "1" as most important, "2" as second most and so on. Every effort is made to give you your top choice, however, you **MUST** be prepared to be placed in **ANY** of your elective choices. If you do not make selections, counselors will make the choice, and classes will not be changed at a later date. Please choose wisely - our elective courses are **YEAR-LONG**, and you will be expected to remain in a class for the entire school year. **Choices may be altered due to State Assessment scores and/or availability of enrollment.**


Art 2/D Comp	Journalism 1	TV Production 1
Culinary 1	Digital Information Tech	Spanish 1
Dance Techniques 1	Applied Engineering Tech 1	Spanish 2
JROTC Leadership Education	Advanced Manufacturing Tech 1	Spanish 3 Honors
First Aid and Safety/Care and Prev of Athletic Injuries	Vocal Ensemble (Director Recommendation req'd)	
Chorus 1	Orchestra – students with prior experience	
Band 1 – students with prior experience	Instrumental Techniques – students with less than 2 yr	
Music Ensemble – students with little or no experience	Instrumental Ensemble (Fiddlers – Director Rec req'd)	
Jazz Ensemble 1 (Director Recommendation req'd)	Team Sports 1/2	
Theatre 1		

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** I have carefully chosen my courses based on graduation requirements, college entrance, and Bright Futures Scholarship requirements. I understand that final course placement is based on qualifying grades, test scores, and availability. I understand that once school begins my schedule will **NOT** be changed.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# Course Request Forms

- Placement guidelines for:
  - ELA
  - Math
  - Science
  - World Language
- Scan for Quick Reference



**NINTH GRADE PLACEMENT GUIDES**

Course Placement	ELA Achievement Level	Completed English 1
English 1	Levels 1-2	
English 1 Honors	Levels 3-5	
English 2 Honors	Levels 3-5	Must have English 1 credit

\*GPAs may be considered in placing student in an honors course if they test at a high level 3 with a GPA above 3.5

Course Placement	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math State Assessment	Algebra EOC	Algebra 1 course Grade	Geometry Course Grade
Algebra 1-A	Levels 1-2			
Algebra 1	Levels 2-5			
Geometry		Levels 1-3		
Geometry Honors		*Levels 4-5	Algebra 1 - A Algebra 1 Hon - A or B	
Algebra II		Levels 3-5	Algebra 1 credit earned	Geometry A or B and passed the Geometry EOC
Algebra II Honors		Levels 4-5	Algebra 1 - A Algebra 1 Honors- A or B	Geometry Honors- A or B and passed the Geo EOC

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Course Placement	Qualifications
Environmental Science	State ELA Assessment Level 1-2 (unless in the Medical Academy)
Biology	ELA Assessment Level 3 & Medical Academy students
Biology Honors	State ELA Assessment Level 4-5


**SPANISH**

**Spanish I** For students enrolled in a world language (or Spanish) class for the first time.  
**Prerequisite:** B+ in Math and English; Proficient Score on ELA State Assessment

**Spanish II** For students who have completed Spanish I or heritage learners who have demonstrated mastery of Spanish I writing and reading skills.  
**Prerequisite:** C+ in Spanish I

**Spanish III Honors** For students who have completed Spanish II or heritage learners who have demonstrated mastery of Spanish II writing and reading skills.  
**Prerequisite:** C+ in Spanish II

MANATEE HS HOMEPAGE	MHS GUIDANCE DEPT
	



# MHS Academies and Programs

- **College Preparatory Academy (CPA)\***
- **Medical Academy\***
- **STEM Program for Design & Engineering**

**\*Applications are on the MHS website.**





# Choosing Electives

- Rank your elective choices from 1-5.
  - If you choosing a program/academy, your #1 elective choice must fall within those elective choices.
  - Your #2-5 choices should be clearly ranked and can be any elective course.
- Carefully select elective courses. It is possible to get your 5<sup>th</sup> choice elective. Please make sure you will be happy with any course you choose on your request form.
- Certain elective courses require acceptance or recommendation.



# What is a Prerequisite?

- If a course has a prerequisite, that means you must complete a specific course or have earned a minimum grade in previous coursework prior to being permitted to enroll in the class.
- Prerequisites for MHS courses are listed with the course description in the curriculum guide (on the MHS website).
- Example:

## **Spanish I**

**0708340**

**Grades 9 - 11**

### ***Prerequisite: Proficient Score on ELA State Assessment***

Students are introduced to the language and culture of the Spanish-speaking world. Listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills are practiced daily. Essentials of grammar and sentence structure are stressed.



# Schedule Changes

- Requests for schedule changes will **ONLY** be considered for the following reasons:
  - The student has already earned credit for the course
  - The student has failed to meet the prerequisite for the course
  - The student is scheduled for too many or not enough courses
  - If there was a clerical error



# Course Failure Policy

- If a student has been unsuccessful in a course, they will not be scheduled back into that course at MHS.
- Grade forgiveness is available only for earning a C, D, or F in middle school or a D or F in high school



# State Universities of Florida

Admission into Florida's public universities is **competitive**.

Minimum Admissions Requirements:

- ✓ Standard High School Diploma and ACT/SAT Scores
- ✓ 18 credits in college preparatory courses:
  - ✓ 4 English Credits
  - ✓ 4 Math Credits (Algebra 2 or higher level)
  - ✓ 3 Credits Science (2 with substantial labs)
  - ✓ 3 Credits Social Studies
  - ✓ 2 Credits Foreign Language (sequential in same language)
  - ✓ 2 Credits Academic Electives



# Acceleration Options

## Advanced Placement

- AP courses are college-level courses taught at the high school culminating in a national AP exam taking in May.
- Students interested in AP courses must have teacher approval
- AP summer assignments must be completed and submitted on the first day of school. Check school website for summer assignments (Schoology)
- Required to take the end of the year AP Exam
- Freshmen are permitted to take AP Human Geography if accepted into CPA



## Dual Enrollment

- Dual enrollment is a program that allows eligible students to enroll in State College of Florida (SCF) courses or University of South Florida (USF) courses
- Credits earned are included in both the high school and college GPA
- Grades earned in dual enrollment courses become a permanent record on the college transcript
- DE courses are typically completed in grades 10-12



# MHS Website



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Club	Sponsor	Description	Who Can Join	When Club Meets
Academic Team	Stephen Murray	We compete with the other county schools four times each year. Our competitions are formatted in a lockout buzzer, question and answer public quiz. Often compared to Jeopardy or Quiz Bowl, we need students who excel across all academic disciplines.	Anyone who attends practices	Tuesday – after school in room 8-213 Friday – after school in room 8-213
Art Club	Melissa Link	The purpose of this club is to enrich the lives of students through cultural awareness of art and serving the community through art related projects.	Anyone interested with at least a 2.0 GPA	Tuesdays after school in Room 922
Book Club	Eric Silenzi	Do you want to learn something new? Do you want to catch up with friends, meet new people, or even a mix of these. During our book club meetings, students meet in small groups to discuss books they have read or listened to.	Any student	Thursdays 2:30 – 3:15 in the Media Center
Cane TV	Chris Peters	Broadcast group that films all home football games, other on campus sports, concerts, and performances for use on the video board and/or YouTube.	Any student with an interest in broadcast production.	Varies, depends on the time and date of scheduled events.
Ceramics Club	Elizabeth Azcarraga	Students will learn clay hand building techniques such as animal pinch pots as well as how to make pottery on the wheel.	Anyone	Tuesdays, 2:30-3:30
Chess Club	Eric Silenzi Jeffrey Wandel	Our chess club brings students together who share a common interest in playing and learning about the game of chess. The club meets regularly offering its members an opportunity to learn and play the game of chess in a fun and relaxed setting.	Any student: beginners to advanced	Wednesday 2:25-3:30 in the Media Center
Drama Club	Heather Catell	Actor? Techie? Dancer? Drama club is a home for all interested in the performing arts on and off the stage. We meet every week to help plan, support, and run theatre productions in our very own Davis theatre. Stop by also for improvisation games, acting exercises, friends, and fun!	Anyone with a passion or curiosity for the performing arts!	Tuesdays from 2:30-3:15 in the drama room.
Dungeons and Dragons Club	Mark Rice	The Dungeons and Dragons Club is a club that meets to play Dungeons and Dragons weekly. We have a few different games going on where each Dungeon Master runs the game. All levels of players are welcome.	Anyone can join. We welcome everybody.	Mondays after school from 2:45 – 4:15
Environmental & Ocean Awareness Club	Melanie Watts	The mission of the MHS Environmental & Ocean Awareness Club is to raise awareness about environmental issues, ocean conservation, and to reducing environmental impact as individuals, a school community, and as citizens of the world.	Open to all MHS students who care about protecting, conserving and restoring our beautiful community	Wednesdays 2:30- 3:30
FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America)	Terrace Dunbar	FBLA inspires and prepares students to become community-minded business leaders in a global society through relevant career preparation and leadership experiences. Through leadership driven initiatives and contributing to the betterment of our school, local	Any Student interested in Business With the following qualifications:	Every 3rd Wednesday of the Month in Room 210 at 2:30 pm.

Check out the clubs and athletics on our MHS website for ways to get involved!

# MHS Athletics Open House

## Fall Sports

- Cross County (Girls and Boys)
- Football
- Golf (Girls and Boys)
- Sideline Cheerleading
- Swimming and Diving (Girls and Boys)
- Volleyball

## Winter Sports

- Basketball (Girls and Boys)
- Competitive Cheerleading
- Girls Weightlifting
- Soccer (Girls and Boys)
- Wrestling

## Spring Sports

- Baseball
- Beach Volleyball
- Boys Weightlifting
- Flag Football
- Lacrosse (Girls and Boys)
- Softball
- Tennis (Girls and Boys)
- Track and Field (Girls and Boys)

**MHS Athletic Open House will be held in June – details TBA**





# Athletics Requirements

- Must have a cumulative unweighted GPA of 2.0 to participate
- Compliance with FHSAA paperwork
  - EL-2 and EL-3 paperwork is located on our school website and at [www.fhsaa.com](http://www.fhsaa.com)
- Participating in athletics and activities is a privilege. In order to represent MHS, student conduct must be outstanding.
- Any student that owes money, textbooks, or school property may NOT participate in extracurricular activities until the debt is paid or the property is returned to the school. This includes clubs, sports, graduation, etc.





# Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When will the counselors come to my middle school?

A: Counselors have either presented, will be presenting, or dropping of registration materials during the following dates.

- 2/21 Mona Jain
- 2/24 Sugg and King
- 2/26 Johnson
- 2/28 Braden River MS and Rowlett

Return Forms to Middle Schools



# Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I don't attend one of your feeder middle schools, how do I register and select courses?

A: Visit the MHS website to obtain appropriate forms. Once you have completed the forms, send them to the appropriate counselor (by last name) or drop them off at the front desk.



# Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I pick up my schedule before school starts?

A: Official schedules are given out on the first day of school.



# Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I change a class at the end of the first semester?

A: No, your schedule will remain the same for the entire year.



# Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What if there is an error on my schedule?

A: Students can speak with their counselor after the first day of school. We will communicate the process in the fall.



# Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I take a foreign language as a 9<sup>th</sup> grader?

A: The course may be requested but, due to limited space the course may not be available until 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

Please note: If you successfully completed foreign language credit(s) in middle school and you select the next level, you will be guaranteed this elective.



# Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How many community service hours do I need for graduation?

A: Although hours may be required for scholarships or college admission, there is no community service requirement for graduation.

Please note: Hours completed in the summer after 8<sup>th</sup> grade can count.  
Community Service forms are available on our website.





# Questions & Answers

Opportunity to ask our MHS Student Government Association (SGA) students  
questions about MHS





# Contacts

## **Administration**

- Principal – Shannon Fleming
- Assistant Principal – Shane Hall
- Assistant Principal – Jason Spahn
- Assistant Principal – Denise Brigg
- Athletic Director – Matt Bowling

## **Guidance**

- A-D: Mrs. Johnson
- E-Li: Mrs. Chmielewski (Mrs. C)
- LJ-RE: Ms. Mitchell
- RF-Z: Mrs. Rivera
- College and Career: Mrs. Norris

**Thank you, Go Canes!**

