Welcome To MC Harris High School
Home of the Stars
Campus Administration

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Agenda

• New Graduation Plan
• Credits and Grade Classification
• State Testing Required for Graduation
• New Graduation Plan – Foundation Plan
  o All students must choose an Endorsement area, in writing, upon entering 9th grade
  o Students may graduate with more than one Endorsement
  o Students have the option to graduate at the Distinguished Level – Highly Recommended
  o All students must complete a Personal Graduation Plan (PGP) which includes their 4-year plan
• **Foundation Plan + Endorsement**
  
  o English (4 credits – English I, II, III, Addl. English)
  
  o Math (\(F3\)4 credits – Algebra I, Geometry, 2 Addl. Math credits)
  
  o Science (\(F3\)4 credits – Biology, 3 Addl. Science credits)
  
• **Foundation Plan + Endorsement cont.**
  
  o Physical Education (1 credit)
  o Languages Other Than English (2 credits)
  o Fine Arts (1 credit)
  o Speech (.5 credit)
  o Electives (6.5 credits)
• **Endorsement Areas** *(3rd sheet in Handout)*
  - STEM
  - Business & Industry
  - Public Service
  - Arts & Humanities
  - Multidisciplinary Studies

• *Districts are only required to offer Multidisciplinary Studies Area*

• *We will be offering All Areas but not All Options under each Area*
• (BHS / RHS)

• STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

  o Requires Algebra II, Chemistry, and Physics

  o Sequence of Courses in:

    a. STEM CTE or
    b. Computer Science or
    c. Science or
    d. Math
• Business & Industry (BHS / RHS)
  o Coherent sequence of 4 credits in one of the following career clusters
    a. Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources
    b. Architecture & Construction
    c. Arts, Audio/Video Technology, & Communications
    d. Business Management & Administration
    e. Transportation, Distribution, & Logistics
    f. Marketing
    g. Information Technology
    h. Manufacturing
    i. Hospitality & Tourism
    j. Finance

  o Sequence of 4 English elective credits (3 levels in 1 area)
• Public Service (BHS / RHS)
  
  o Coherent sequence of 4 credits in one of the following career clusters
    a. Education & Training
    b. Government & Public Administration
    c. Health Science
    d. Human Services
    e. Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security
  
  o Sequence of 4 courses in Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC)
• Arts & Humanities (MCHS)
  o 5 Social Studies CREDITS
  o 4 credits of the same Language other than English (or ASL)
  o 2 credits in 2 different Languages other than English
  o Coherent sequence of 4 credits from 1 or 2 disciplines of Fine Arts
  o 4 English elective credits (specific list)
• **Multidisciplinary Studies (MCHS)**
  
  o 4 advanced courses that prepare a student to enter the workforce successfully or post secondary education without remediation
  
  o 4 X 4 which includes English IV and chemistry and/or physics
  
  o 4 credits in AP, IB, or Dual credit in the areas of English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Economics, LOTE or Fine Arts
• Distinguished Level of Achievement (MCHS)
  
  o Foundation + Endorsement + Algebra II
  
  (A student must earn distinguished level of achievement to be eligible for top 10% automatic admission.)
• Performance Acknowledgements
  o For outstanding performance
    a. Dual credit courses  c. AP or IB exam score
    b. Bilingualism and Biliteracy  d. PSAT, PLAN, SAT or ACT score
  o Earn a national or international recognized business or industry certificate or license
• Grade Level Classification
  
  o Required: 26 Credits to Graduate
    
    9th (Freshman) 0 to 5.5 credits
    10th (Sophomore) 6 to 11.5 credits & 2nd year
    11th (Junior) 12 to 17.5 credits & 3rd year
    12th (Senior) 18 + credits & 4th year
  
  o Students graduating one or more years early must complete an endorsement and have a “Parental Declaration to Graduate Early” on file.
• STAAR End of Course Testing (EOC)
  o Must meet Standard on ALL exams to meet graduation requirements
  o Exams are linked to specific course enrollment
  o 5 Exams:
    English I, II (combined Reading & Writing)
    Algebra I
    Biology
    US History