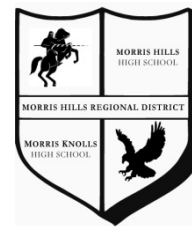


**Morris Hills Regional District
Summer Acceleration 2024
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**



1. What is Summer Acceleration?

The Summer Acceleration Program is an opportunity for motivated, independent students to take a full-length course for credit over the summer. This summer, we are offering Algebra I CPA, Geometry Honors, Personal Finance, and SAT Prep (Math & English).

2. Why would anyone take a course over the summer?

There are several reasons why you might choose to take a course over the summer. Many students are preparing themselves for college and want to make sure they are able to reach the highest level of courses available by senior year. Taking Algebra I or Geometry over the summer can help ensure that you are eligible to take the highest level possible as a senior in high school. (Taking higher level math a little earlier than usual may also help improve SAT scores.) Other students are interested in taking Personal Finance to fill a graduation requirement over the summer to “make room” for an additional elective during the school year. SAT Prep is offered to help students prepare for college entrance exams.

3. Who can participate in Summer Acceleration?

These courses are open to any independent, motivated student who will be in Grades 9-12 during the 2024-2025 school year and who meets any pre-requisites. These are not make-up or remedial courses, so only students who have never taken the course before may enroll. All courses are open to in-district, choice, and out-of-district students. Preference for enrollment will be given to in-district and choice students. Out-of-district high school students will be considered on a space-available basis only.

These courses are fast-paced and require students to keep up with the work on a daily basis. Students should not sign up for the course if they have difficulty turning work in on time or are not motivated to do the work. Because of the fast-paced nature of the course, extra help and tutoring outside of class time are not available. There will be opportunities for teachers to work with students individually and answer questions during class. Teachers can be reached outside of class via email only.

4. Are the courses for credit?

Yes. Algebra I and Geometry Honors are worth 5 credits each. Personal Finance and all SAT Prep courses are worth 2.5 credits each. The Morris Hills Regional District will issue transcripts for the courses that will include a numerical grade and credits earned.

5. I just want to preview courses before I take them for credit during the school year. Should I sign up for Summer Acceleration?

No. These are intensive courses and are not designed to be preview courses. These are full-credit, accelerated courses **for credit**. If you are interested in preview courses, there are other high schools in the area that offer courses that will meet this need.

6. Are there any prerequisites for the courses?

Yes. Please see the course descriptions for a listing of prerequisites. You will be required to submit a copy of your most recent report card when you apply and send in a final report card for 2023-2024 when it is available.

7. Who is teaching the courses?

All courses will be taught by certified Morris Hills Regional District teachers who typically teach the course during the year. You will be able to contact your teacher outside of class hours via email.

8. How will the course be graded?

Course grades will be based on student performance on tests, quizzes, assignments, homework, and a final exam or a series of benchmark assessments, depending on the course. We use a numerical grading scale as follows: 90-100 = A; 80-89=B; 70-79=C; below 70= F. Anything below a 70 is a failing grade. **If you are a Morris Hills Regional District student, the course grade will appear on your high school transcript and will be counted towards your rank and GPA (this includes incoming freshmen).**

9. Are any absences allowed?

Because each course is covering a full year's worth of material in a short amount of time, attendance is absolutely critical. You are allowed **2 absences (regardless of the reason)** for Algebra and Geometry. **Only 1 absence** is allowed for Personal Finance or the SAT Prep class. If you miss a class, you are responsible for all work missed. The teacher will not be available to re-teach a lesson you missed. Exceptions due to illness will be made on a case-by-case basis. If you are attending a course in-person but have symptoms of illness, please notify your teacher immediately for further instructions. Do not come to school.

10. What is the schedule? Are the courses in person or online?

All courses will be taught in person this summer. There is no virtual option for instruction. Transportation is not provided.

Algebra and Geometry will meet on the following days from 8 AM to 1 PM:
June 24-July 29 (No class on July 4-5).

Students who are taking Personal Finance or the SAT Prep class will have the option of 2 schedules as follows (classes meet 8 AM to 1PM):

Session 1: June 24– July 11 (no class on July 4-5)

Session 2: July 15-July 30

Students may take both Personal Finance and SAT Prep (one during Session 1 and one during Session 2).

11. Is there transportation?

There is no transportation available. Transportation is the sole responsibility of the parent/guardian. All students must be dropped off by 8 AM and picked up promptly at 1 PM each day.

12. How much does it cost?

Algebra or Geometry: \$475 for in-district students*; \$580 for out of district students

Personal Finance or SAT Prep: \$240 for in-district students*; \$290 for out of district students

*in-district students are students who attend or will attend Morris Hills or Morris Knolls High School, including MSE, APA, and MHRD Choice students.

Morris Hills Regional District students (including APA and MSE) who qualify for free/reduced lunch will receive a fee waiver.

Families can pay for courses online through the MySchoolBucks Portal [link](#).

13. If I decide not to participate after I send in my tuition fee, can I get a refund?

We make staffing decisions and purchase materials based on enrollment, so there are no refunds if you decide not to participate. If we cancel a class due to low enrollment, or a student does not meet a prerequisite by the end of the year, your full tuition will be refunded. If a student needs to cancel due to a documented emergency, a refund (minus a \$20 processing fee) may be issued.

14. For Academy, Morris Hills, or Morris Knolls students, does the course count in GPA and rank?

Yes, the course will be on your transcript, and it will be included in your GPA (all MHRD students) and rank (MH and MK only, as Academy students are not ranked).

15. If I attend an out-of-district high school, will my high school grant me credit on my transcript?

It is up to your school if it will grant credit for courses taken in our program. We will provide you with an official transcript. We recommend that you talk to your school counselor before you sign up to find out if the course will earn credit and be counted towards graduation at your school.

16. Are the rooms air-conditioned?

Yes, the courses will be taught at Morris Knolls High School in air-conditioned rooms. Make sure you dress in layers so you can adjust to the temperature.

17. Is there a dress code or other rules I have to follow?

Yes. You must follow the dress code and all other rules outlined in the Code of Conduct. Students who do not arrive to class dressed appropriately will be sent home. Students who do not abide by the rules in the Code of Conduct may be removed from the program with no refund given. Students must follow any health/safety protocols in place at the time of the course. Students participating virtually must have their cameras on and must show their faces on camera. Students cannot participate in a Zoom call while driving. All students must complete a self-screening at home for COVID-19 symptoms/exposure prior to entering the building. Students with symptoms should not report to school.

18. Can I eat in the building?

Yes, students may eat in the building (health conditions permitting) or outside. The class runs from 8 AM to 1 PM, so bring a snack and/or lunch and drink with you. There are no microwaves or refrigerators, so plan appropriately. Your teacher will have scheduled breaks for you. Please make sure any food you bring is nut free.