

Welcome to 8th Grade Parent Night

January 12, 2023



**Class
of
2027**



Welcome - Ryan MacNaughton, Principal

Overview - Stan Abromavage, Supervisor of School Counseling

Meeting Locations



A to Gross - Freshmen Cafeteria

Grullon to Percell - Gym

Perera to Zuravnsky - Auditorium

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School Counselors:



Michele DePascale
Elissa Merle
Victoria Resnick
Rebecca Rock
Chris Roman
Shari Russo
Ryan Shaffer

Danielle Van Der Veken, SAC



Stan Abromavage, Supervisor of School Counseling

Online Registration via Aspen



- You should have received a letter in the mail introducing you to our registration process and platform
- If new to the district, please go to <https://www.mhrd.org/Page/1575> to get started. If you already have a child in the school, go directly to the Aspen website to “Start a New Online Registration using current ID and password.
- Prior to enrolling, all new students will have their addresses verified with the street address map and/or tax records
- Must be completed as soon as possible, but no later than **February 1, 2023**
- Must submit acceptable proofs of residency (online or schedule a meeting with the registrar)

Delays in registration may impact the availability of elective courses and the scheduling of transportation!

In-District School Choice Lottery

- Up to 15 seats are available district-wide for incoming freshmen residing in one of the four sending districts who wish to transfer to **Hills** or **Knolls**
- ONLY incoming freshmen can apply for one of these “choice” seats
- [In-District Lottery Application](#) is available online **January 1st**
- Must be completed by **February 1st**
- Students who accept a school choice offer will not be able to return to the high school designated by their residence

The 2 Important Booklets

- Program of Studies Booklet
 - **Online** at www.mhrd.org under Curriculum tab
 - Contains course descriptions, suggested academic sequences and prerequisites
- Student and Parent Handbook – will be **Online** at www.mhrd.org/mkhs under Quick Links and Student Forms and Info
 - Contains all policies and procedures
 - Attendance
 - Honor Roll
 - Grade Level Promotion
 - Graduation Requirements
 - School Calendar
 - Dress Code
 - Cell Phone Policy
 - Random Alcohol and Drug Testing



Graduation Requirements

In order to earn a diploma, every student must earn a **minimum of 140 credits** in addition to meeting specific testing competencies.

Required CORE subjects	Credits Needed	State Testing
English	20 Credits	<i>NJSLA (New Jersey Student Learning Assessment) in May</i> - <i>students will be tested in Math (Alg. 1, Geom., or Algebra 2) and English Language Arts in Grade 9</i> - <i>computer-based</i> - <i>students <u>must</u> take the assessments</i>
World History	5 Credits	
US History I & II	10 Credits	
Mathematics	15 Credits	
Science	15 Credits	
World Language	5 Credits	
Visual/Performing Arts	5 Credits	
21 st Century Life & Careers	5 Credits	
Physical Education & Health	20 Credits	
Financial Literacy	2.5 Credits	
Additional Electives	37.5 Credits	
Total Credits	140 Credits	

Your Child's Schedule

The ultimate goal is to create a realistic and appropriate schedule for the student.

- **Process**

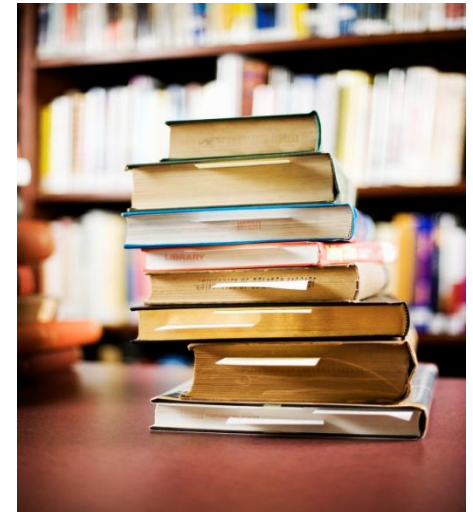
- Eighth grade teachers will make recommendations for high school course placement (English, math, science, social studies and world language)
- Parent will sign off on finalized course recommendations
- If unhappy with original recommendation, reach out to 8th grade teacher in June for reconsideration (**deadline is June 30**)
- Middle schools will submit amended recommendations to MK in June

- **Grade 9 Course Selection Sheet**

- A SAMPLE copy was available on your way in

Course Levels

- Pick appropriate course levels:
- H – Honors
Looking to prepare for AP/IB/Magnet course work
- CPA – College Prep A
- CPB – College Prep B
- CP - College Prep (Env. Sci)
- Passing Grade in High School is a 70



Electives:

Students should try to fulfill graduation requirements when choosing their elective choices:

- Visual and Performing Arts
- 21st Century Life and Careers
- Financial Literacy

*Place in rank order from 1-5 on course selection sheet

Graduation Testing Requirement

NJGPA (March of Junior Year) - Graduation Requirement?

New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment - aligned to the NJ Student Learning Standards for Grade 10 ELA and Algebra 1 and Geometry



Block Scheduling

- A Day/B Day
- 4 Blocks in each day
 - 1,2,3,4 on A Day
 - 5,6,7,8 on B Day
- Each block is approximately 88 minutes long
- Lunch blocks (3/7) are divided into 3 sections that are 44 minutes long



Adjustments to High School

It's a balancing act!



- Friends
- Clubs/Activities
 - There will be a club fair in September
 - Full list of clubs/sports on MK Website under [Activities](#)
- Sports
 - All freshmen are eligible for fall and winter sports. In the spring of their freshman year, they will need to be passing at least 30 credits (which is 6 classes)

Important Dates:

Chromebooks - District's 1:1 Initiative

- Will be distributed a few weeks before freshmen orientation
- You must pay an annual **\$27.50** maintenance/insurance fee using MySchoolBucks account before school starts in September
- Students own the Chromebook upon graduation

Freshman Orientation -

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

The Role of the School Counselor

- Highly trained to support students in many ways including, but not limited to:
 - emotional support
 - family intervention
 - social development
 - academic guidance
 - career planning

Grade 9 Focus - helping students adjust to high school



MK Student Panel

**Question
and
Answer
Period**