THE ULTIMATE GUIDE FOR 9TH GRADE

CLASS OF 2025





COUNSELING & ADVISEMENT

As school counselors, we provide services your student in the areas of:

- Academics
- College and Career Exploration
 Social/Emotional Growth

STATE DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

STUDENT MUST EARN 24 CREDITS AS OUTLINED BELOW

- 4 English Credits
- 4 Math Credits
- 3 Science Credits
- I US History Credit
- I Other Social Studies Credit
- ½ Economics Credit
- ½ Government Credit
- I Modern Language Credit OR I Credit at NCCC
- I Physical Education I or JROTC Credit
- I Computer Science Credit
- 7 additional Elective Credits



GRADE LEVEL PROMOTION POLICY

10TH GRADE

Must earn a minimum of <u>six units</u> including one unit in <u>English</u> and one unit in <u>Math</u>. Students must be enrolled in a science and social studies course.



Maximum number of units you can earn each year: 8 units of credits

MCHS DOES NOT OFFER SUMMER SCHOOL..

HIGH SCHOOL TESTING

• End of Course Exams (EOC) -End of Course Exams-(counts as 20% of the final grade)



- Algebra I
- English 2
- Biology I
- U.S. History



WHAT'S NEW?

South Carolina Graduation Seals

Students enrolled in South Carolina high schools shall have the opportunity to earn graduation *Seals of Distinction* within each high school diploma pathway that identifies a particular area of focus.



- I. Honors Seal
- 2. College-Ready Seal
 - 3. Career Seal
 - 4. Specialization



- All current 9th grade student will take iReady Assessment
- What is iReady? iReady diagnostic is an adaptive assessment designed to provide teachers with actionable insight into student needs. The Diagnostic offers a complete picture of student performance and growth.

DIPLOMA PATHWAYS SEALS OF **DISTINCTION OVERVIEW**



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Students shall meet all requirements for earning a South Carolina high school diploma to be eligible to earn any Seal of Distinction. One or more Seals may be earned, but are not required for graduation. Consult District or School Curriculum Guides for more information regarding curriculum choices and requirements.

Honors Seal of Distinction	College-Ready Seal of Distinction	Career Seal of Distinction	Specialization Seal of Distinction
UGP GPA 3.5 or higher	or ACT 20 or higher or Algebra 2, higher level gebra 2 as site gher level credits gher level credits gher level 3 credits higher level a ges - language for 9th grade 119 Social Studies - 3 credits In the same language Fine Arts - 1 credit	UGP GPA 2.5 or higher	UGP GPA 3.0 or higher
English - 4 credits 2 at honors or higher level Math - Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry, and a 4th higher level math requiring Algebra 2 as a prerequisite		English - 4 credits Math - 4 credits Science - 3 credits Social Studies - 3 credits	(complete one area to qualify) STEM - 4 credits beyond required courses in math, science, technology, and engineering; at least 2 at honors level or higher; may be in 1 area of STEM or across 4 areas World Language - 4 credits in the same language OR minimum ACTFL Exam score of "Intermediate Low" (or an equated score on STAMP or ASL assessment) OR AP exam score of 3 or higher OR IB exam score of 4 or higher before the senior year; English Learners — all criteria above and Level 5 composite ACCESS test score Military - 4 credits in JROTC and an ASVAB score of 31 or higher Arts - 4 credits in single or multiple areas of the Arts; 2 or more at honors or higher level and *mastery on external exam or performance task. *waived for Class of 2022
3 at honors or higher level Lab Science - 3 credits 2 at honors or higher level Social Studies - 3 credits 2 at the honors or higher level World Languages - 2 credits of the same language for students entering 9th grade in 2018–2019 3 credits of the same language for students entering 9th grade in 2019–2020 and beyond Advanced Coursework - 4 additional credits of honors or higher completed during the Junior/Senior years (the last 2 years prior to graduation)		and one of the following: Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA) major OR Career and Technical Education (CTE) Completer and one of the following: One industry recognized credential OR Silver or higher on WIN OR Completion of Career Ready Work-Based Learning (WBL) placement	

WHAT WILL YOUR STUDENT DO AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?

- 4 YEAR COLLEGE
- 2 YEAR COLLEGE/TECHNICAL SCHOOL
- **JOB**
- MILITARY



SOUTH CAROLINA UNIFORM GRADING SCALE CONVERSIONS

Different levels of courses offered at MCHS... (handout)

- College Prep
- Honors
- AP/Dual Credit





What is a GPA/What is a transcript?

 Colleges use this number to measure your overall performance in school and compare you to other prospective students.

10 POINT GRADING SCALE

Numerical Average	Letter Grade	College Prep Weighting	Honors Weighting	AP/IB/Dual Credit Weighting
100	A	5.000	5.500	6.000
99	A	4.900	5.400	5.900
98	A	4.800	5.300	5.800
97	A	4.700	5.200	5.700
96	A	4.600	5.100	5.600
95	A	4.500	5.000	5.500
94	Â	4.400	4.900	5.400
93	A	4.300	4.800	5.300
92	A	4.200	4.700	5.200
91	A	4.100	4.600	5.100
90	A	4.000	4.500	5.000
89	В	3.900	4.400	
88	В	3.800	4.300	4.900
87	В	3.700	4.200	4.800 4.700
86	В	3.600	4.100	4.600
85	В	3.500		
84	В	3.400	4.000 3.900	4.500
83	В	3.300	3.800	4.400
82	В	3.200		4.300
81	В	3.100	3.700	4.200
80	В	3.000	3.600	4.100
79	C	2.900	3.500 3.400	4.000
78	č	2.800	3.300	3.900
77	Č	2.700	3.200	3.800
76	Č	2.600	3.100	3.700
75	Č	2.500		3.600
74	Č	2.400	3.000	3.500
73	C		2.900	3.400
72	C	2.300	2.800	3.300
71	C		2.700	3.200
70	Č	2.100	2.600	3.100
69	D	2.000 1.900	2.500	3.000
68	D	1.800	2.400	2.900
67	D		2.300	2.800
66	D	1.700	2.200	2.700
65	D	1.600	2.100	2.600
64	D	1.500	2.000	2.500
63	D	1.400	1.900	2.400
62	D	1.300	1.800	2.300
61	D	1.200	1.700	2.200
60	D	1.100	1.600	2.100
		1.000	1.500	2.000
59 58	F	0.900	1.400	1.900
		0.800	1.300	1.800
57	F	0.700	1.200	1.700
56 55	F	0.600	1.100	1.600

INDIVIDUAL GRADUATION PLANS

10TH GRADE COURSE REGISTRATION

- STUDENT, PARENT AND COUNSELOR CONFERENCES START IN <u>EARLY OCTOBER</u>
- DEADLINE FOR ALL IGP'S IS MARCH 2022



PARENTS:

- Communicate with teachers
- Go to school website for direct link to all
- Check out the guidance section on the MCHS website!
- Email addresses and teacher websites.

www.MID-CAROLINAHIGHSCHOOL.ORG

 PowerSchool Parent Portal http://ps.newberry.k12.sc.us/public/



• The best approach is a team approach. Communication is the key. Make school aware of concerns or issues.

Schoology

We have a guide for parents to read concerning Schoology. Here are some basic tips for parents:

Be sure you are using the School District of Newberry County's URL: https://sdnc.schoology.com/ How to put in parent codes:

- 1. Go to www.schoology.com.
- 2. Click Sign Up at the top of the page and and choose Parent.
- 3. Enter your Parent Access Code. This is a 12-digit code in xxxx-xxxx format that you receive from one of your child's instructors.
- 4. Fill out the form with your information.
- 5. Click Register to complete.

If you have other children in the district, you will need their codes as well to link the accounts into the parent log in.

If you already have a parent account in Schoology for one child, you can add additional children to your account:

- 1. Log in to your Schoology account using your username or email address and password.
- 2. Click the arrow next to your name in the top-right corner.
- 3. Click the Add Child button.
- 4. Enter the Child Code for the child you're adding. This is the same as your Parent Access Code, the 12-digit code in xxxx-xxxx format that you receive from one of your child's instructors.
- 5. If your code does not look like this code, contact your child's instructor or school.
- 6. Click the "Use Code" button to complete.

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