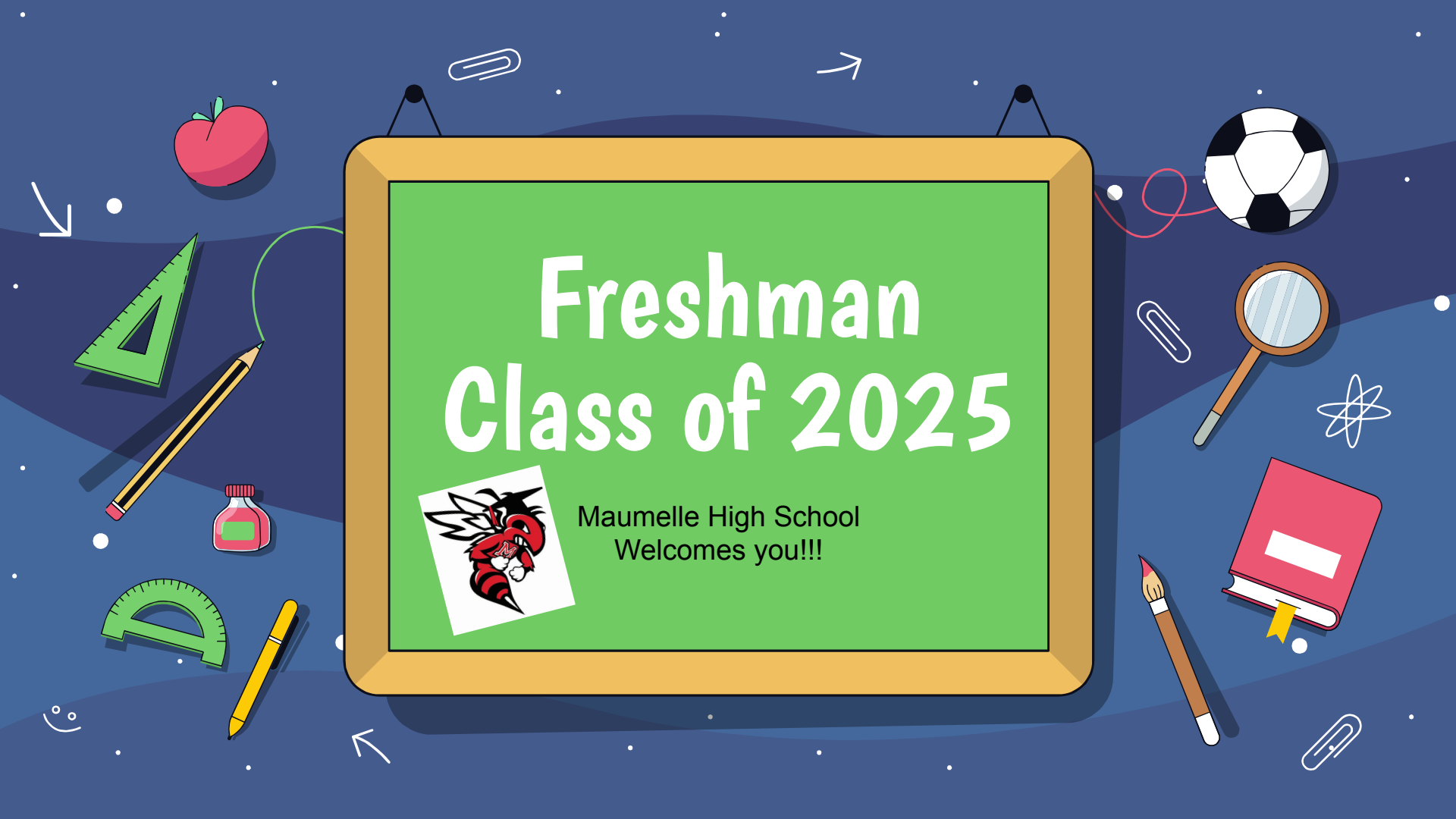


Freshman Class of 2025



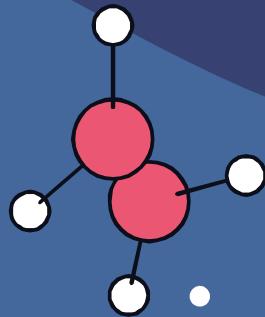
Maumelle High School
Welcomes you!!!



Agenda

Things you need to know your Freshman year:

- **INTRO**
- **GENERAL INFO**
- **Guidance Department**
- **Common Issues and Point of Contact (Important Names)**
- **Grading Information**
- **Promotion & Graduation Requirements (Smart Core)**
- **Attendance**
- **Communication**
- **NCAA**
- **Useful Information (Checklist)**



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Freshman

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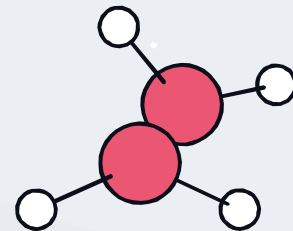
Sophomore

11

Junior

12

Senior



Who's my counselor?

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H-Q

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jmcclain0829@pcssd.org



Last names
A-G

Mrs. A. Owens-Horton
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Last names
R-Z

Ms. K. Williams
kwilliams9605@pcssd.org



MHS Guidance Department

What we offer:

- Individual/Group Counseling
- Post-graduate and College Planning
- Career Exploration and Evaluation
- Crisis Intervention
- Academic Advising
- Social/Emotional Support
- Parent Information
- Student Scheduling & Course Selections

~Please check your email daily~

Mrs. Osborne-Counselor Secretary

Phone: 234-2515

Email: dosborne@pcssd.org

Who should I contact for...

Grades or Attendance: The teacher for that class.

Chromebooks: The librarian, Mr. Davis cdavis7175@pcssd.org

Transcripts & other official records: The registrar, Mrs. Howard
jhoward@pcssd.org

Attendance: The attendance clerk, Mrs. Simpson
vsimpson9552@pcssd.org

Testing: The testing coordinator, Mrs. Deneke
sdeneke7459@pcssd.org

Concerns with a teacher: 1st point of contact: Teacher
Administrative Team

Mr. Young-Principal jyoung@pcssd.org

Mr. Hopson-Asst. Principal thopson@pcssd.org

Mr. Ingram-Asst. Principal tingram4998@pcssd.org

Mrs. Isaac-Asst. Principal lisaac1304@pcssd.org



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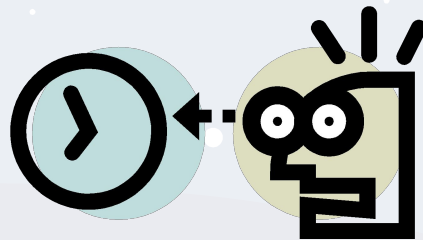
What To Expect



Things you need to know about Freshman Year

WHAT TO EXPECT ACADEMICALLY

- 7 classes per day
- More homework
 - Daily-expect it every day!
 - Get into a routine and stick with it!
- More tests
 - Show that you know it
 - Bigger part of your grade
- More accountability
 - Monitor your grades/progress using Schoology and HAC
 - Communicate with teachers regarding missed classes, makeup work, and grade checks
 - REMEMBER: Final grades go on you transcript. **The only way to get rid of a failing grade is to retake the class.**
- Stress of academic pressures
 - Failing or doing poorly can limit future opportunities



Things you need to know about Freshman Year

WHAT TO EXPECT SOCIALLY



- Bigger building
- More Students
- Influence of friends
 - Peer pressure
 - Academically and socially
- More choices:
 - Activities, clubs, sports
 - Friends
 - How to spend your time outside of school
- Adolescent issues:
 - Peer conflict
 - More freedom
 - Feeling “lost” or unsure of who you are, what you are doing or where you are going
- Social Media: **BIG** academic distractions
 - Be responsible!!! Be careful of what you post!

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Grading Information



Grading and Report Card Information

- 60 (D) is a passing grade.
- Students can earn 7 (3.5) per semester credits in one year
- 2 semesters per year
- Most colleges require at least a 2.5 GPA for admission
- Most scholarships require at least a 3.0 GPA
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 to be an Honor Graduate
- Semester grades are permanent (unless you retake) and will remain on your student transcript.
- Report Card dates:
 - 1st 9 weeks..... Friday, October 22, 2021
 - *2nd 9 weeks.....Friday, January 14, 2022
 - 3rd 9 weeks..... Friday, March 31, 2022
 - *4th 9 weeks..... Friday, June 3, 2022 (report cards will be mailed, along with summer school information).

*Please note: These report card will have semester grades along with credits earned.



Semester Grade Calculation

1st 9 weeks Grades	2nd 9 weeks Grade	Semester Exam	Semester Grade
$60 \times 2 = 120$	$80 \times 2 = 160$	65	$345/5 = 69$ (D)

A = 4 points

B = 3 points

C = 2 points

D = 1 point

F = 0

GPA Calculation

1. Convert every letter grade to its respective points (A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0)
2. Add up all the grade points
3. Divide the added grade points (step 2) by the number of class credits taken.

*AP classes are WEIGHTED. An additional point is added to every A,B,C,D as long as the student takes the AP Exam at the end of the course.



Promotion Requirements

- 5.5 Credits..... 10th Grade
- 11 Credits..... 11th Grade
- 16.5 Credits....12th Grade

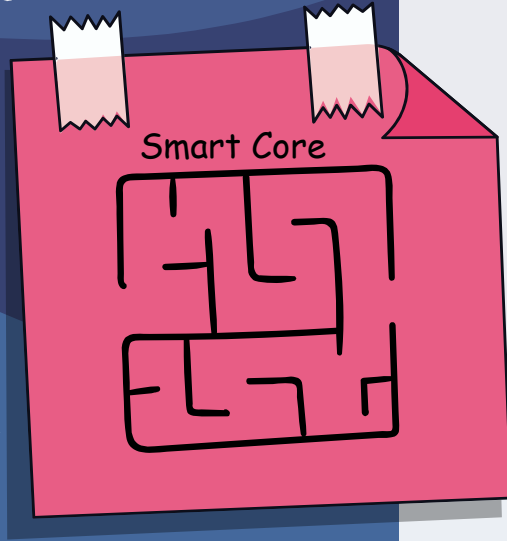
~Please note that a student is classified based on the number of credits earned as of the 1st day of the new school year.

Graduation Requirements

22 Total Credits needed

- 4 years of English
- 4 years of Math
- 3 years of Science
- 3 years of Social Studies
- .5 P.E.
- .5 Oral Com
- .5 Health
- .5 Fine Arts
- 6 Career Focus (Elective classes)
- Additional Requirements:
 - Digital Learning
 - [Arkansas Civics Exam](#)-must pass
 - Personal Finance- Econ or Personal Finance

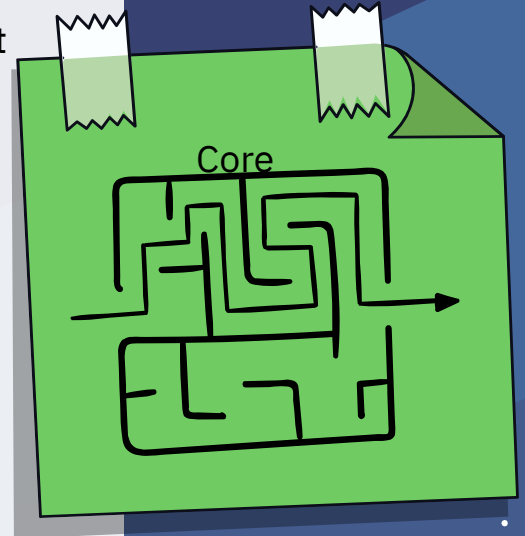
Smart Core Vs. Core



- The main differences in the smart core and core
 - Algebra A & B can be taken instead of Algebra I
 - Bridge to Algebra II (2021-2022 will be the last year schools may use Bridge to Algebra 2.)



- [Smart Core Information Sheet](#)
- [Smart core waiver](#)





Smart Core

**Smart Core students must take a math
greater than Algebra II.**

[Smart Core Information](#)

[Smart Core Waiver](#)

Computer Science

**Computer Science classes count as flex credit
for a 3rd Science or 4th Math credit.**

[Computer Science](#)

[Flex Credit](#)

Attendance



Attendance Clerk: Mrs. Simpson Phone: 234-2520 Email: vsimpson9552@pcssd.org

- Parents can notify Mrs. Simpson for absences. A written document needs to be sent or emailed to Mrs. Simpson within 3 days of the absence.
- Absences will be coded as unexcused until written documentation is received.
- Examples of Excused absences (Per District Policy)
 - Medical documentation of illness, appointments, etc. from doctor's office
 - Court documents
 - Funeral
 - School sponsored activities
 - Religious holiday
 - College visits
- A parent/guardian is allowed to send six (6) parent notes per semester
- Steps in attendance process:
 - Step 1: 5 unexcused absences in any one class: Letter from school notifying parents
 - Step 2: 10 unexcused absences in 4 or more classes: Reported for truancy and DHS, along with possible loss of credit in those classes

Communication

Best resource-your student's teacher.
Please email your teachers with concerns regarding grades, and assignments.

MHS Staff page

Home Access Center (HAC)-great way to monitor your student's attendance. You can view report cards and transcripts as well. If you need your access code, please email jhoward@pcssd.org

Schoology-great way to monitor you student's academic progress. If you need your parent code, please contact your student advisory teacher.

Maumelle High School Website

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DRIVEN

Driven is...

- a rigorous program of study
- a blended learning program that combines in-person and online learning to prepare students for college and career.
- a school within a school, with all Driven classes situated in one hallway. Driven classes include the 4 core subjects (Math, Social Studies, Science, and English).

Driven Students will...

- complete coursework at their own pace with the assistance of a teacher.
- be assigned a mentor teacher for guidance and support.
- be expected to display strong self-discipline to meet course completion requirements.
- have the opportunity to gain multiple credits in a school year.



DRIVEN

NCAA

- It's the responsibility of the parents and/or students to register through the [NCAA eligibility center](#) to ensure they meet all requirements. Students should register before your 10th grade year.
- Please let your counselor know if you plan to participate in athletics at the college level so they can help advise course selection and graduation track.
- Send your transcript to the NCAA eligibility center at the end of your 10th grade year.
- For DI and DII schools
 - 16 core courses by the end of their senior year. Students will typically take 14 core courses to meet graduation requirements. Most students will make up the 2 remaining by taking 2 years of foreign language or taking more science or social studies credits.
 - Students will need to have a CORE GPA of 2.3 or higher with a qualifying ACT or SAT score.
 - Student will need to be registered through the NCAA portal.



Freshman Recommendations

- Develop strong study habits/routines
- Don't be afraid or embarrassed to ask for help
- Attendance- Make sure you come to school and go to every class
- Try your best to make Cs or higher in all your classes
- Pick your social group wisely
- Make school your first priority
- Stay out of any and all drama in person and through social media
- Talk to your counselor if you're having trouble



03

Confidential



Confidentiality

What you say stays in here

UNLESS

Someone is hurting you

You want to hurt someone else

You want to hurt yourself

You give me permission to share

FYI: Useful links for the future

[ACT](#)

[SAT](#)

[AWC](#)

[Scholarship](#)

[AR Academic Challenge
Scholarship](#)

[AR Governor's
Scholars](#)

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[Full list and requirements Link](#)

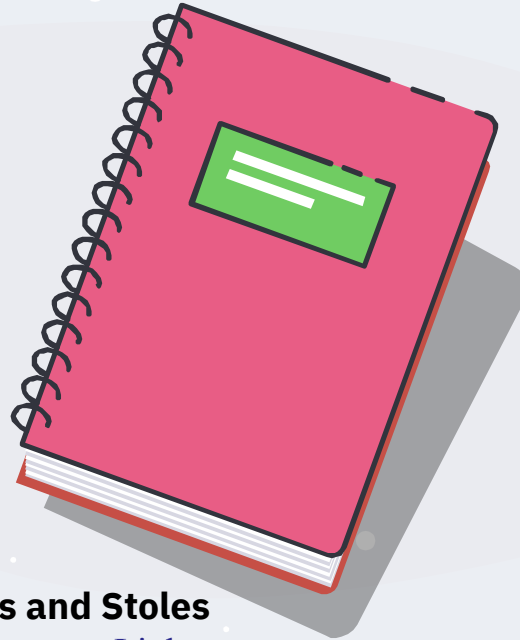
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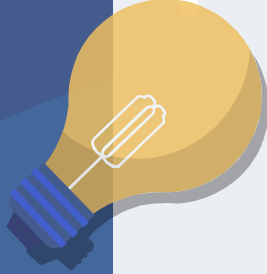


Community Service Learning

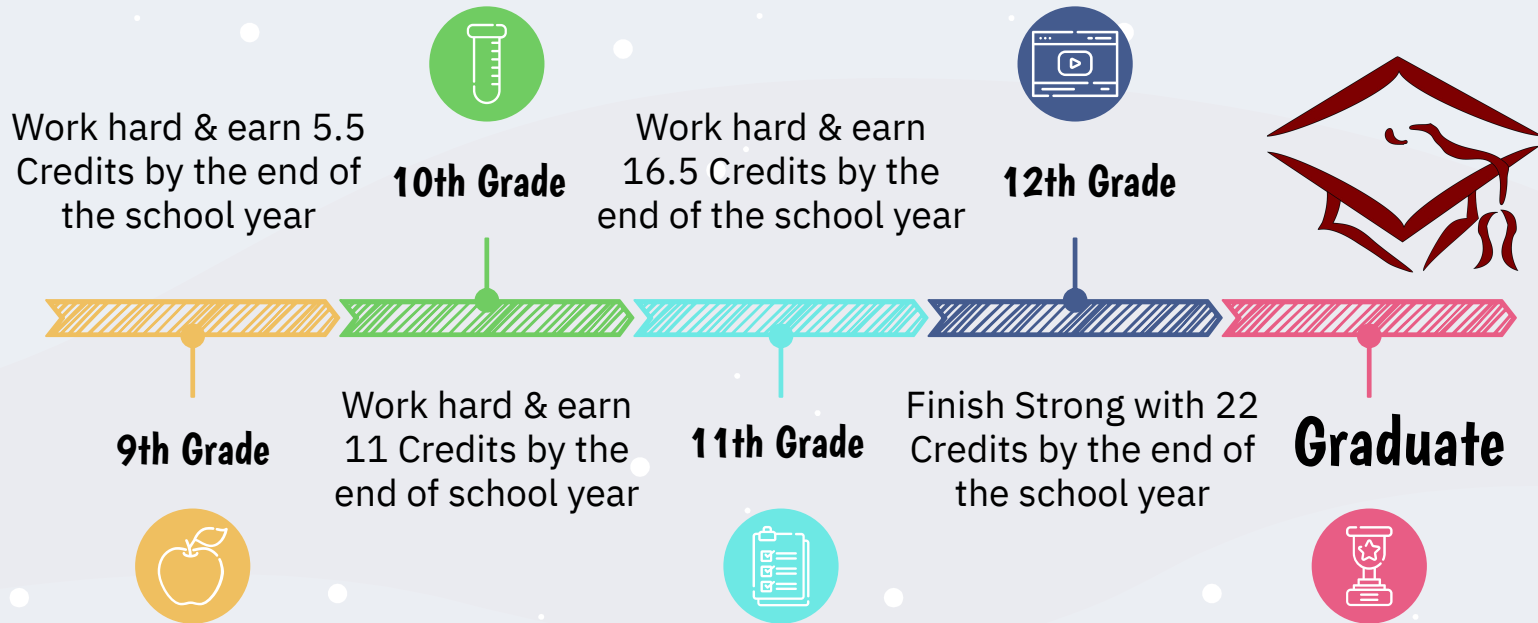
- 75 hours total 9th-12th Grade
- 1 Credit will be placed on your transcript

[Service Log](#)

[Reflective Piece](#)



Process to Graduate on time...



Dates to Remember

- October 13: End of 1st Quarter
- October 18: No School, Professional Development
- November 22-26: Fall Break
- December 20: End of 2nd Quarter
- December 21- January 3: Winter Break
- January 4: No School, Professional Development
- January 17: No School, Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday
- February 9: No School, Parent Conferences
- March 14: End of 3rd Quarter
- March 21-25: Spring Break
- April 15: No School, Good Friday

PCSSD School Calendar

Questions?

Email your counselor...

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aowens6003@pcssd.org

Last names H-Q

jmcclain0829@pcssd.org

Last names R-Z

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Mrs. Osborne-Counselor Secretary

dosborne@pcssd.org

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