

# **2024-2025 Curriculum Info for Parents**

**Moody High School**

# Diploma Endorsement Options for St. Clair County Schools Students

Students who entered 9<sup>th</sup> grade in or after 2013-2014 are provided the opportunity to earn one of the following types of diplomas:

- \* Alabama High School Diploma
- \* Alabama High School Diploma with Advanced Academic Endorsement (St. Clair County Endorsement)
- \* Alabama High School Diploma with Advanced Career Tech Endorsement (St. Clair County Endorsement)
- \* Alabama High School Diploma with Career Tech Endorsement (St. Clair County Endorsement)

# Graduation Requirements

These are the requirements to graduate:

\* **4 credits each in English, math, science, and social studies**

\* Math must include Geometry with Data Analysis, Algebra I with Probability, and Algebra II with Statistics. Student who complete Accelerated Math in both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades may replace the Algebra I with Probability credit with an upper-level math.

\* Science credits must include Biology and either Physical Science or Chemistry.

\* **1 credit Beginning Kinesiology (P.E.)**

\* Can substitute Athletics, Marching Band, or JROTC

\* **1 credit Career Preparedness (9<sup>th</sup> grade)**

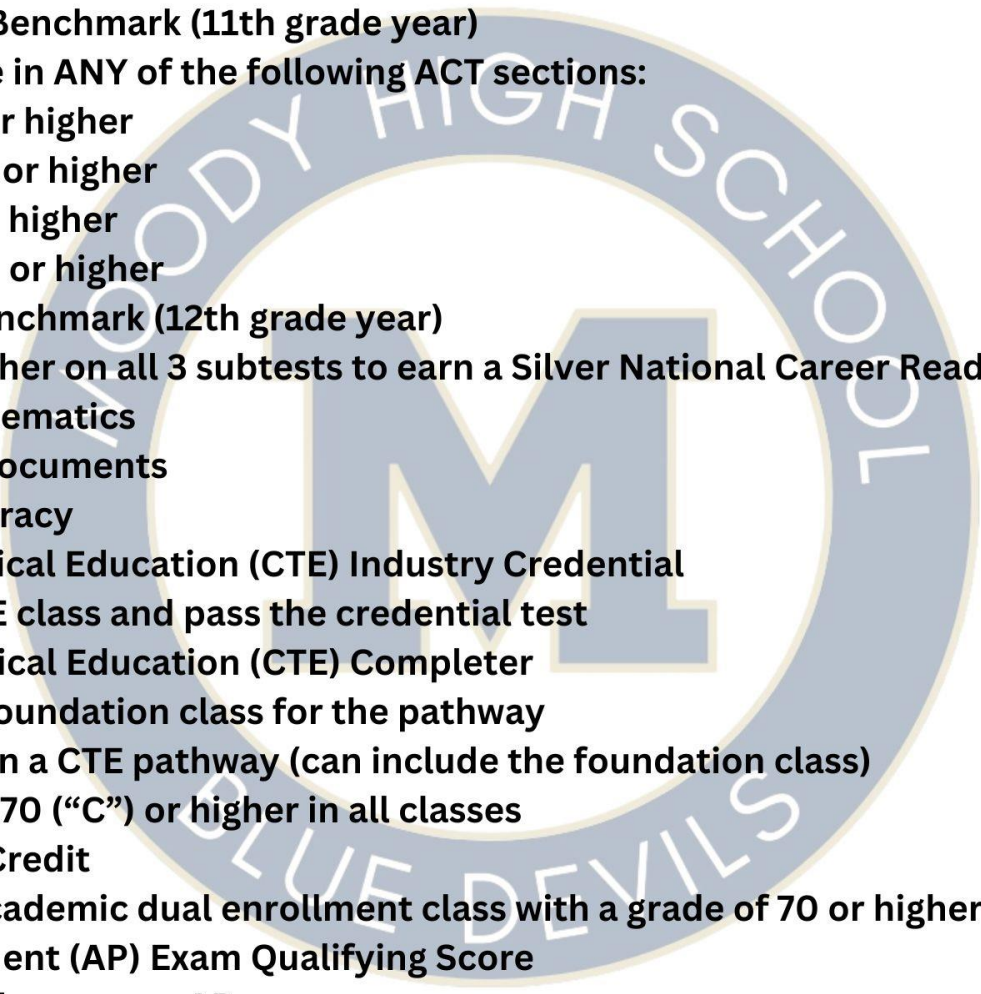
\* **0.5 credit Health (10<sup>th</sup> grade)**

\* **3 credits in any combination of career technical, foreign language, and/or fine art**

\* **Remaining credits required may be electives of the student's choice**

\* **College and Career Readiness Indicator (beginning with the Class of 2026)**

# **Alabama College and Career Readiness (CCR) Indicator Required for Graduation for Class of 2026 and Beyond**

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- 1. ACT with Writing Benchmark (11th grade year)**
    - a. Achieve a score in ANY of the following ACT sections:**
      - i. English – 18 or higher**
      - ii. Reading – 22 or higher**
      - iii. Math – 22 or higher**
      - iv. Science – 23 or higher**
  - 2. ACT WorkKeys Benchmark (12th grade year)**
    - a. Score a 4 or higher on all 3 subtests to earn a Silver National Career Readiness Indicator**
      - i. Applied Mathematics**
      - ii. Workplace Documents**
      - iii. Graphic Literacy**
  - 3. Career and Technical Education (CTE) Industry Credential**
    - a. Complete a CTE class and pass the credential test**
  - 4. Career and Technical Education (CTE) Completer**
    - a. Complete the foundation class for the pathway**
    - b. Earn 3 Credits in a CTE pathway (can include the foundation class)**
    - c. Earn a grade of 70 (“C”) or higher in all classes**
  - 5. Dual Enrollment Credit**
    - a. Complete an academic dual enrollment class with a grade of 70 or higher**
  - 6. Advanced Placement (AP) Exam Qualifying Score**
    - a. Score a 3 or higher on any AP exam**
  - 7. Military**
    - a. Committing to and enlisting for active duty in one of the various military branches**

# Honors Courses

- Carefully consider your child's academic strengths and interests when choosing these courses. Not every student excels in every subject area and that is okay!
- We want and expect every student to challenge themselves to perform at the highest level possible.
- To be successful, a student should be studying, reviewing notes, writing an essay, or working math problems each night.
- Honors courses are designed to prepare students to take Advanced Placement courses. These courses require students to complete more work at a higher level using more critical thinking skills than a regular course.



# DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES

- The Dual Enrollment program allows high school students to enroll in college courses and receive both high school and college credit for the same course.
- Such arrangements allow students to meet the requirements for high school graduation while simultaneously earning college credit.
- It is strongly suggested that students have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and meet any other requirements for specific courses in order to participate in this program. Students with at least a 2.5 GPA may register with the approval of the counselor and the principal.
- Students should consult their prospective colleges and universities to determine if the credit is accepted by that college or university.
- Students are required to pay college tuition for Dual Enrollment classes. Tuition (approx. \$500) is due for the first semester before the school year begins. Tuition (approx. \$500) for the second semester is due on the first school day in January.

# SCHEDULING OPTIONS FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES

The ALSDE has implemented a one-to-one credit option for dual enrollment courses. As a result, we have some new scheduling options for US History and English.

## HISTORY

	<u>10<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>11<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>
Option 1 (Recommended for most):	US History I	HIS 201* & 202
Option 2:	HIS 201 & 202	elective course of student's choice

\*HIS 201 would be for elective credit and will not replace US History I credit/grade earned previously.

## ENGLISH

	<u>11<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>	<u>12<sup>th</sup> Grade</u>
Option 1 (Recommended for most):	English 11 (AP or general)	ENG 101* & 102
Option 2:	ENG 101 & 102	elective course of student's choice

\*ENG 101 would be for elective credit and will not replace English 11 credit/grade earned previously.

# ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES

- AP Courses are approved by the College Board and are designed to provide college level studies for high school students using college level materials and strategies.
- Amount and depth of material requires students to read and write extensively in and out of class.
- Rigor of material requires students to develop advanced reasoning and problem-solving skills.
- Students enrolled in AP courses are **required** to take the associated AP exam at a cost of \$97 (subject to change). Students should consult their prospective universities to determine individual course exam qualifying score.



# AP courses offered at Moody High School:

AP Seminar (10<sup>th</sup>) *\*was new in 2023-2024*

AP English Language (11<sup>th</sup>)

AP English Literature (12<sup>th</sup>)

AP Biology

AP Chemistry

AP Precalculus *\*was new in 2023-2024*

AP Calculus

AP World History

AP Government *\*new in 2024-2025*

# \* A+ College Ready Partnership



COLLEGE  
READY

- \* A+ College Ready Program School
- \* Entered Cohort 16 as an A+ partnership school.
- \* Great benefits to our students and teachers.
- \* Three year agreement beginning in 2023-2024

# \*Advantages to AP



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Students who take at least ONE AP course are more likely to succeed at the college level.

AP scores are recognized across the country.

While scores of 3,4, or 5 are considered “qualifying” scores, studies show that student who earn a score of 2 are ready for college work.

# \*Rigor

Not harder: more in depth

- \* Rigor does not mean more homework
- \* Rigor means thinking deeply and critically
- \* Challenges are necessary for growth

\* It's not always about the grade; it's about what is learned.



COLLEGE  
READY

Think

- \* Details
- \* Understanding why
- \* Application
- \* Engagement
- \* Discovery



### Teacher Training

Teachers in grades 9-12 will attend four days of training each summer for three years. Fall and spring training is also expected.



### Student Support

Students can participate in "additional time on task" activities through Student Study Sessions and mock exams.



### Incentives

AP students can earn \$100 VISA gift card per qualifying AP exam score.

\$40 for non free or reduced lunch students per exam

\$0 for free or reduced lunch students per exam



# Athletics

Students may enroll in athletics ONLY if they have already made the team for the 2024-2025 school year. Coaches will verify rosters before the start of school.

The following sports have an athletics period:

\*football

\*cheerleading

\*boys' basketball

\*girls' basketball

\*baseball

\*softball

# **NCAA INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE COLLEGE STUDENT-ATHLETES**

**All prospective student-athletes intending to enroll in an NCAA Division I or II institution must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse at the end of their junior year.**

**Please visit [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) for detailed information and instructions.**

**All courses approved by the NCAA as core courses are designated with the following symbol.**



# MHS Career Technical Programs

- Agriscience
  - Agribiology (replacing Advanced Agriscience)
- Business
  - Digital Media Design and 411 Network
    - Updated for 2024-2025
- Family and Consumer Science
- All programs above have 3 courses in the sequence, and students may earn a career technical credential or certification in each program.
- New pathway introduced in 2023-2024:
  - Applications of Engineering and Technology
  - Environmental Engineering
    - New in 2024-2025

# \* Academy of Craft Training



- \* New Program for MHS Students in 2024-2025
  - \* See the attached flyer for construction training and employment opportunities for students who will graduate this year or have graduated recently. This is a new program that is overseen by the academy and sponsored by our partners at Associated Builders & Contractors.
  - \* [ACT Bham Summer Quick Train 2023.pdf](#)
- \* Want to know more for courses in 2024-2025?
  - \* Facebook search: "Academy of Craft Training - Birmingham"
  - \* Instagram search: "acadcrafttrain"
  - \* Twitter search: "acadcrafttrain"
  - \* TikTok search: "academyofcrafttraining1"
  - \* Youtube Videos
    - \* [www.youtube.com/watch?v=3aH4cE9QkFU&t=3s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3aH4cE9QkFU&t=3s)
    - \* [www.youtube.com/watch?v=5O7wStqEiic](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5O7wStqEiic)



# Eden Career Technical Center

- Mostly for juniors and seniors
  - Students ride the bus to Ashville and are there for half of the school day.
  - Cost is between \$70 and \$100 per year (based on program).
  - Applications and an interview are required.
    - Time is limited to submit a late app.
- **Programs:**
    - Army JROTC
    - Automotive Service
    - Business
    - Carpentry
    - Collision Repair
    - Co-op/Work-Based Learning
    - Culinary
    - Drafting and Design
    - Early Childhood Education
    - Emergency Medical Services
    - Health Science
    - HVAC
    - Information Technology
    - Modern Manufacturing
    - Plant Systems
    - Welding



# Weighted Credits

- Honors courses will be awarded 0.5 extra quality point. (Example: A grade of 90 A will earn a student 4.5 quality points instead of 4.0.)
  - Will be awarded 5 numerical points on the numerical GPA if all requirements are met (including taking exam if required).
  - Current MHS courses in this category:
    - Honors English 9 and Honors English 10
    - Honors Geometry with Data Analysis and Honors Algebra II with Statistics
    - Honors Biology, Honors Chemistry, and Honors Physics
- AP (Advanced Placement) or Dual Enrollment courses will be awarded one (1) additional quality point. (Example: A grade of 90 A will earn a student 5.0 quality points instead of 4.0.)
  - Will be awarded 10 numerical points on the numerical GPA if all requirements are met (including taking the AP exam).
  - Current MHS courses in this category:
    - AP Seminar, AP English Language, AP English Literature, and Dual Enrollment English 101/102
    - AP Precalculus and AP Calculus
    - AP Biology and AP Chemistry
    - AP World History and and AP Government
    - Dual Enrollment History 201/202
    - Dual Enrollment Psychology 200
    - Dual Enrollment Speech 106

# Moody High School Summer 2025 Summer Assignments

- Most Honors and AP Classes will have a summer assignment to help prepare for the start of the school year.
- The biggest way to avoid academic loss to have students read over the summer.
- A list of summer reading as well as required class assignments will be posted to the school website.
  - <https://www.sccboe.org/domain/1686>

# Course Scheduling Process:

- The school's master schedule is built based on the course requests of almost 700 students.
- Before selecting courses, check the prerequisites and academic instruction levels in the curriculum guide found at [mhs.sccboe.org](https://mhs.sccboe.org).
- Return the signed course request by Thursday, March 21, 2024.

# Course Scheduling Process

- General information and instructions regarding the course scheduling process are provided to all students during large group sessions with counselors.
- Students make selections and return signed Course Selection Sheets to their **ENGLISH** teacher by Thursday, March 21, 2024.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade to the MJHS Office
- **Parents approve students' choices** by signing the Course Selection Sheet.
- Any student not returning a course selection sheet by Thursday, March 21, 2024, forfeits the right to choose his or her classes.
  - Those students not meeting the deadline for turning in their Course Selection Sheets will not receive priority status in the scheduling process.

- The MHS counselors will check course selection sheets to be sure that the necessary courses are being requested and will discuss issues with students as necessary.
- Counselors are:
  - Current 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grades - Maria Vincent  
(\*8<sup>th</sup> graders will speak with Mr. Bowman at MJHS.)
  - Current 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Grades - April West

**NOTE: NO COURSE CHANGES WILL BE MADE AFTER APRIL 30, 2024.** This includes during the summer, at registration, and after the school year has started. Because of this, careful consideration should be used in the selection of courses.

(Every summer, we get phone calls from parents whose children decided they did not want to do the Honors or AP English summer reading and want to be in regular English instead. This is too late to make a schedule change.)



- Registration will take place during summer. Students will pick up schedules for the 2024-2025 school year at a designated date in July. At this time, students also will return the necessary registration information and purchase parking permits, yearbooks, etc.
- Please remember that the student's schedule reflects the choices made by the student and approved by the parent during the course selection process in the spring. The master schedule will have been constructed and teachers will have been assigned based on these choices. *Therefore, requests to change schedules will not be honored.*

## Other Information

- In order to meet the requirements for Carnegie Units (credits), students must be in school. You have a limited number of parent excuses for the year. If you know your child is going on a mission trip, family trip, or any other trip, save your parent excuses.
- After 18 total absences, a student is considered to have chronic absenteeism. A student can fail for missing this many days.
- Your child cannot make up any work or tests occurring during an unexcused absence.

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

**When a student misses 2 days a month..**

They will miss **20 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **30 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **1 YEAR** of school by graduation.

**When a student misses 4 days a month..**

They will miss **40 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **120 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **2 YEARS** of school by graduation.

# **1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 weeks Exams**

## **Semester Exams**

Please be aware that the school calendar for this year, which was approved by the SCC Board of Education, is posted on the county website and on the MHS website.

Family vacations are not excused absences. If your student misses a midterm or final exam because of a vacation, he/she receives a zero. Please plan your vacations/cruises accordingly.

Next year's calendar is already posted, so you can plan in advance.



## ST. CLAIR COUNTY SCHOOLS

## 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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JANUARY 2025						
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SEPTEMBER 2024						
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FEBRUARY 2025						
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OCTOBER 2024						
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MARCH 2025						
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NOVEMBER 2024						
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APRIL 2025						
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DECEMBER 2024						
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MAY 2025						
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LEGEND	
	Student Attendance Day
	Holiday - School Closed
	9 Month Employee Extra Work Day

2024	
AUG 8	First Day Students last name A-K
AUG 9	First Day Students last name L-Z
SEP 2	Labor Day - School Closed
OCT 14	Fall Break - School Closed
NOV 11	Veteran's Day Observed - School Closed
Nov 25	Employee Swap Day 1
NOV 25-29	Thanksgiving - School Closed
DEC 16-20	Semester Exams
DEC 20	End 1st Semester
DEC 23 to JAN 3	Christmas Break - School Closed for Students

2025	
JAN 6	Employee Swap Day 2
JAN 7	First Day of Second Semester
JAN 20	MLK Holiday - School Closed
FEB 17	President's Day - School Closed
MAR 24-28	Spring Break - School Closed
APR 18	Weather Day
MAY 19-23	Semester Exams
MAY 23	Last Day of School

Grade Reporting Periods			
9 Week Grading Periods	Total Days	Progress Reports Available	Report Cards Go Home
Aug 8-Oct 10	45	Sept 10	Oct 17
Oct 15-Dec 20	44	Nov 14	Jan 9
Jan 7- Mar 12	45	Feb 6	Mar 18
Mar 13-May 23	46	Apr 22	May 23

STUDENT DAYS	9-MONTH EMPLOYEE DAYS
180	187

STATE REPORTS	DUE DATES
20 Day Report	Sep 5
20 Day After Labor Day	Sep 30
40 Day Report	Oct 3
60 Day Report	Nov 1
80 Day Report	Dec 9
100 Day Report	Jan 22
120 Day Report	Feb 20
140 Day Report	Mar 20
160 Day Report	Apr 25
180 Day Report	May 23



# Communication

MHS puts out a ton of texts, emails, and app updates. Please make sure your phone number and email are updated in PowerSchool.

This starts in the summer with parking spots, lockers, and summer assignments.

# Summer Registration

Summer Registration will begin in late May/early June online.

More information will be coming soon as we are waiting to make decisions based on construction.