



parent education program

Featuring- *Learning Platforms & Course Options*

*** What's
available?**

*** Lingo**

*** Benefits**

*** Considerations**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2016: 6:00 - 7:00
MARCUS HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

Overview:

- ✓ Career Centers
- ✓ Flipped Classroom
- ✓ Blended Classroom
- ✓ Virtual Learning Academy
- ✓ Pre-AP & AP courses
- ✓ G/T courses
- ✓ Dual Credit Classes
- ✓ AVID elective

Career Center Classes:

- ✓ Great course options that tie in w/college majors
- ✓ Innovative electives not offered at home campus
- ✓ 4th Science/Math classes available
- ✓ Numerous certification programs available
- ✓ Scheduled for two periods/two credits per semester
- ✓ Practicums available; busses available
- ✓ Students eat lunch at their home campus
- ✓ Career Center East: www.cce.lisd.net
- ✓ Dale Jackson Career Center: www.djcc.lisd.net

Grades 9 - 12

Flipped Classroom:

- ✓ A growing format for teachers
- ✓ Instruction completed at home
- ✓ Can pause & watch lessons again
- ✓ Class time used to practice & reteach
- ✓ Allows for immediate feedback from teacher
- ✓ More class time spent “hands on”
- ✓ Allows for more one on one time with students
- ✓ Allows students who are absent to stay on schedule

Grades 9 - 12

Blended Classroom:

- ✓ Available in a growing number of courses & grade levels (NEW for '16-'17: Eng1 & Geom P/AP for Gr.9)
- ✓ Students work from home three days a week & attend class two days a week
- ✓ Offers flexible mobility for non-class days
- ✓ Students complete lessons & watch instructional videos online; can watch & re-watch
- ✓ Fosters ongoing communication w/teacher & promotes time management

Grades 9, 11, 12

Virtual Learning Academy:

- ✓ Tuition based, online learning
- ✓ Need to be self-motivated & able to study daily
- ✓ Good summer option to open up schedule during the academic year
- ✓ Counts in student GPA & impacts UIL eligibility
- ✓ Available year round
- ✓ Requires pre-approval by counselor
- ✓ See www.vla.lisd.net for course listing

Grades 9 - 12

Pre-AP & AP courses:

- ✓ advanced courses: Pre-Advanced Placement & Advanced Placement
- ✓ creates a climate of academically motivated students
- ✓ goes deeper into the TEKS but has same curriculum as regular class
- ✓ frequently uses higher order thinking to demonstrate knowledge
- ✓ can expect more study time outside of class
- ✓ carries a weighted multiplier towards GPA:

AP- 1.3

P/AP- 1.2

regular- 1.1 multiplier

- ✓ students should weigh overall schedule/activities & determine specifically in which core classes they are well-suited for P/AP or AP courses
- ✓ has a Level-Down Policy if needed (after 3 weeks or 9 weeks)
- ✓ AP courses offer an AP test at the end of the course for approx \$100 for college credit depending on student's score

Grades 9 - 12

G/T course options:

- ✓ for students identified as gifted learners in LISD
- ✓ access to core classes designated solely for GT students
- ✓ taught by teachers who are highly trained to best meet the unique needs of GT learners
- ✓ allows GT students to effectively communicate & collaborate
- ✓ offers atmosphere that promotes creativity & innovation
- ✓ promotes self-awareness & social consciousness
- ✓ encourages scholarly behaviors that discover, develop, & leverage capacity
- ✓ weighted same as their respective P/AP or AP course.

Grades 9 - 12

Dual Credit Classes:

- ✓ Jrs & Srs can earn credit at MHS & NCTC
- ✓ Recommended 3.0 GPA to enroll
- ✓ Summer courses available
- ✓ Must still take three courses at Marcus (Fall/Spring)
- ✓ Grades post to transcript
- ✓ Full and half credits awarded
- ✓ Weighted same as P/AP courses
- ✓ Courses taught at NCTC, Parker Square
- ✓ See counselor for approved list of courses

Grades 11 & 12

AVID elective:

- ✓ a college preparation elective class for grades 9 - 12
- ✓ teaches study skills & organization to optimize success
- ✓ infuses college knowledge throughout the course
- ✓ provides a sense of community- AVID “family”
- ✓ designed for the academic middle, first generation college student, first time PAP student
- ✓ Requires application & interview
- ✓ See www.avid.org for national website

Grades 9 - 11

Upcoming Registration Dates:

Feb 8 - 10: 8th to 9th gr packets go home

Feb 10:

- 9th to 10th gr packets go home
- 8th grade, Marcus At-a-Glance electives fair & parent meeting- Marcus Arena

Feb 11:

- 9th to 10th gr parent/counselor meeting- MHS Auditorium

other dates to be determined