

Learning Platforms & Course Options



parent education program

**WED. JANUARY 10; 6:00 - 7:00pm,
MARCUS 9 CAFETERIA**

- Career Center options
- BlendEd classes
- P/AP & A/P options
- Virtual Learning Academy
- G/T options
- Dual Credit courses
- AVID elective
- Q & A session

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: <http://lisd.net/cce>
- ✓ Dale Jackson Career Center: <http://lisd.net/djcc>

Grades 9 - 12

BlendEd Classes:

- ✓ A “blend” of face to face & online learning
- ✓ Students can work from home on “flex days” & attend class on face to face days
- ✓ Options for flex day study locations
- ✓ Improve study habits & student/teacher communication
- ✓ Offers personalized learning & support
- ✓ Available in a variety of subjects

Grades 9 - 12

Virtual Learning Academy:

- ✓ Online learning for core & electives
- ✓ Promotes time management & being a self-directed student
- ✓ Good summer option to open up schedule during the academic year
- ✓ Available year round
- ✓ See vla.lisd.net for course listing or call 972-350-1870
- ✓ Register via Skyward by 6/8 for the 2018 summer session
- ✓ Requires pre-approval by counselor

Grades 9 - 12

Pre-AP & AP courses:

- ✓ creates a climate of academically motivated students
- ✓ goes deeper into the TEKS but has same curriculum as regular class
- ✓ can expect more study time outside of class
- ✓ carries a weighted multiplier towards GPA:

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| AP- Level 3 | P/AP- Level 2 | Regular- Level 1 |
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- ✓ 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
- ✓ same GPA weights as their respective P/AP or AP course.

Grades 9 - 12

Dual Credit Classes:

- ✓ earn MHS credit & NCTC college hours simultaneously
- ✓ some courses taught on MHS campus
- ✓ Recommended 3.0 GPA to enroll
- ✓ Courses available during school year and/or summer
- ✓ Excellent value!
- ✓ Grades post to NCTC transcript
- ✓ Counts as additional multiplier in GPA
- ✓ Full and half credits courses available
- ✓ See counselor to apply & 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”
- ✓ ideal for the academic middle, first generation college student, or first time P/AP student
- ✓ Requires application & interview
- ✓ partners with an advanced core class
- ✓ See www.avid.org for national website

Grades 9 - 12

Classes of 2019 & 2020 Registration Dates:

Feb 7: MHS students receive reg packets via Marauder Time

Feb 15: MHS registration due in Skyward

Feb. 16 - 21: Paperwork turned in via 1st period class

current Juniors & Sophomores

Class of 2021 Registration Dates:

Feb 7: M9 students receive registration packets via Marauder Time

Feb. 19: MHS Registration Help Sessions (student holiday)

Feb. 20: M9 registration due in Skyward

Feb. 21: M9 students turn in reg paperwork via Marauder Time

current Freshmen

Class of 2022 Registration Dates:

Feb 2 - 6: 8th to 9th gr registration packets go home

Feb 7: 6 - 8pm; 8th grade, Marcus At-a-Glance
electives fair & parent meeting, in the M.A.C.

Feb. 19: M9 Registration Help Sessions (student holiday)

Feb. 21: 8th graders turn in registration paperwork to
designated MS teacher

current 8th graders