



8th to 9th Grade MNHS Registration Guide

Dear Future Mustangs!

Welcome to the Millard North family! We are excited to have you join the highest-ranked high school in the state of Nebraska! It is important that you and your parents set aside time to review all the information we've provided to ensure you make well-informed decisions regarding your future classes. This process may seem overwhelming initially, but your counselors, teachers, and the Millard North High School administrators are here to help you.

If you are already attending a Millard School, please join the Class of 2030 Google Classroom by going to <https://tinyurl.com/MNHS2030> (the join code is p7xtalpi). We will provide you with the latest information and resources about the registration process.

8th Grade Orientation night will be held at Millard North High School. During the orientation process, you will be given a tour of the building, learn about activities and athletics, and receive more specific registration information from the counselors. After orientation, you and your parents will need to decide which classes you would like to take during your freshman year. To do this, you will use your Curriculum Handbook provided by your middle school (<https://tinyurl.com/26-27MPSHandbook>) as well as the Course Planning Worksheet enclosed in this packet.

In early February, high school counselors will visit each Millard Middle School to enroll students into the courses on their Course Planning Worksheet. After the high school counselors visit the middle schools, if parents choose to meet with a counselor to review the selected courses, an appointment can be made by calling 402-715-1408. Appointments will be scheduled for March 9th or 10th at MNHS between 4:00-7:30. **Please note that if you decide to become a member of the IB Middle Years Program (9-10) or IB Diploma Program (11-12) there are different registration events you must attend. Please refer to the enclosed schedule for those events and dates.**

As you begin your high school registration discussions, be sure to visit your middle school teachers during parent-teacher conferences for their recommendations. Here are just a few questions you might ask:

Do I have the skills to pursue honors courses?

All students are given a study hall during their fifth-hour class. Would I benefit from having a second study hall during the day?

Is a 0 or 8th-hour class appropriate for me?

Are there graduation requirements I can complete during my ninth-grade year?

Are there courses that would help me explore my career interests/talents?

I cannot emphasize the importance of giving serious thought to your course selections enough. Accuracy during the registration process is vital for several reasons. First and foremost, we want the students in all the classes they desire and find an interest in taking. We also use the student requests to help determine which courses to offer and how many teachers we will need to teach the requested courses. Due to the importance of these staffing decisions, once student requests are finalized, we cannot make schedule changes, so it is imperative that you talk seriously with your parents about your course selections. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the MNHS counseling office at 402-715-1408.

Sincerely,

Amber Ripa
Assistant Principal – Registrar
Millard North High School

Important MNHS 8th Grade Registration Dates

Students are asked to take their registration materials home and discuss their course selections with their parents. Please bring your questions to the 8th Grade Orientation.

January 19th – MNHS Orientation 5:30pm @ MNHS

Families from **Kiewit Middle School** and students attending any other middle school besides North Middle should plan to attend. The evening will start with an Activity/Athletic Fair and end with a tour of the school and a presentation from your assigned high school counselor.

January 22nd – MNHS Orientation 5:30pm @ MNHS

Families from **North Middle School** and students attending any other middle school besides Kiewit should plan to attend. The evening will start with an Activity/Athletic Fair and end with a tour of the school and a presentation from your assigned high school counselor.

January 27th – IB-MYP & IB-DP Application Night 6:00pm @ MNHS

Parents and students must attend this meeting if they would like to participate in IB at MNHS. If you have a school-related conflict with this meeting time, please contact the Counseling Office at 402-715-1408.

February 6th – MNHS counselors visit **Kiewit MS** to register students using StudentVUE Registration.

February 11th – MNHS counselors visit **North MS** to register students using StudentVUE Registration.

February 17th OR 19th – IB Planning Night at 5:30 pm @ MNHS

All students planning to join either IB Program at MNHS and their parents must attend.

Students with the last name A-L should attend on February 17th.

Students with the last name M-Z should attend on February 19th.

March 9th or 10th – Optional MNHS Registration Night @ MNHS

Families of 8th-grade students **NOT planning to participate in the IB MYP and/or DP at MNHS** can choose to attend. If you would like to discuss your student's courses with a high school counselor, you may call 402-715-1408 to schedule an appointment in the MNHS Counseling Center between 4:00-7:30.

If you have questions about your child's within-district transfer or option enrollment status, please contact the district office at 402-715-8300.

2026-2027 - 0-Hour and 8th-Hour Offerings

Students at Millard North have the opportunity to register for a Zero Hour or 8th-hour class. Zero-hour classes begin at 7:00 AM and finish at 7:54 AM Tuesday through Friday. Students will have the option of being dismissed at the conclusion of 6th period if they enroll in a zero-hour course. 8th-hour courses meet from 3:21 PM until 3:57 PM on Monday and 3:21 until 4:07 PM Tuesday through Friday. With an 8th-hour class, students have the option of starting school 2nd period. Students choosing to arrive later or leave earlier must not be in the building when they are not in class.

0 and 8th-hour course offerings are listed below. **Please be advised that sufficient enrollment is necessary for these classes to be offered.** Should a class not be offered due to insufficient enrollment, the student will automatically be placed in the equivalent course which meets during the regular school day. Students may put an alternate 0 or 8th hour selection but again the course offering depends on the number of total requests.

0 Hour: (7:00-7:54) Tuesday through Friday

Students have the option of being dismissed at the conclusion of 6th period

Course #	Course
1456 A/B	AP Human Geography
1MA10	Geometry 1
1MA14	Algebra 1
1MA26	Honors Geometry 2

8th Hour: (3:21-3:57) Monday (3:21-4:07) Tuesday through Friday

Students have the option of starting school 2nd period.

Crs. #	Course
9021 A/B	Forensics

Counselors

Laurie Stackhouse	A-Ca	402-715-1375
Sarah Zimmerman	Ce-Gal	402-715-1374
Ryandean Birge	Gam-Jo	402-715-1160
Loel Schettler	Ju-Mei	402-715-1248
Abbie Sivinski	Mej-Ral	402-715-1239
Jodi Therkelsen	Ram-Ste	402-715-1378
Andy Hahn	Sti-Z	402-715-1377

English 9 or Honors English 9?

A Guide to Choosing the Right English Class

Dear eighth-grade students and parents:

As we begin the 2026-2027 registration process, some 8th-grade students will be deciding whether to take Honors English 9 or English 9. Honors English 9 is designed for all self-motivated learners who wish to challenge their abilities as readers of literature and writers of academic papers.

Students who intend to register for the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme may enroll in either English 9 or Honors English 9; however, Honors English 9 and Honors English 10 are required courses for those students who plan to enroll in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (junior and senior year) and are suggested courses for those students who plan to take Advanced Placement® English Language and/or Literature as juniors and/or seniors.

To help facilitate your decision, we have included an Honors English 9 checklist at the bottom of this letter. The checklist is designed to help you and your child make an informed decision about Honors English 9. If you decide Honors English 9 is for you, please keep in mind as outlined in the curriculum handbook, students who take Honors English 9 and want to switch to English 9 during the middle of the semester must wait until the end of the semester to move to another class. In addition, your move to English 9 would be contingent on seats available in the English 9 classes.

If you have any questions about the English curriculum, please feel free to call Mrs. Leslie Irwin, the Language Arts Department Chair, at 402-715-1365, or you may also reach her by email at lsirwin@mpsomaha.org.

Honors English Checklist

If you are interested in taking Honors English 9, carefully consider the following items. If you can answer YES to ten or more, you may be a good candidate. Share this checklist with your parents to see if they see you in the same way that you see yourself. Remember that while this will be a challenging class and will require your commitment to studying English, your efforts will be rewarded by the opportunity to learn a great deal about language and literature.

- _____ I am interested in WHAT I learn, not the grade I earn.
- _____ I have mastered the fundamentals of correct grammar and usage.
- _____ I like working with challenging material in English.
- _____ I am good at working independently (i.e. Managing time on long projects without daily due dates) and I am self-directed.
- _____ I perceive myself as having an above-average reading ability.
- _____ I consistently get my work in on time.
- _____ I seek help from the teacher when needed, including outside of class time.
- _____ I do the best quality work of which I am capable.
- _____ I know and use effective study skills.
- _____ I enjoy thinking and talking about different abstract concepts.
- _____ I take responsibility for my own learning.
- _____ I have good time management skills.