



Frequently Asked Questions for New Families

Registration and Course Selection

When and how can I register my student?

- Online registration will begin **February 1st**. Please visit bit.ly/4iDsZGo for more information.
- All registration is done online. If you need assistance with online registration, check the website for in-person registration dates.

What fees will I need to pay for registration? Is there a reduced fee program at MHS?

- Information regarding student fees and financial support is listed on the Student Registration webpage as well. Please visit the registration page (link above) to view current school fees.

When will my student choose their courses for 9th grade?

- Our MHS School Counselors will visit our sender schools to go through the course selection process with all current 8th graders in person. Please see the schedule for these meetings below.
 - Fremont Middle School - Tuesday (1/28/25) from 8:10am-1:00pm
 - Carl Sandburg Middle School - Wednesday (1/29/25) from 8:45am-1:00pm
 - West Oak Middle School - Thursday (1/30/25) from 8:30am-11:00am
 - Hawthorn Middle School - Friday (1/31/25) from 8:00am-11:00am

When will my student get their schedule?

- Student schedules will be shared via PowerSchool in late July. Students must be fully registered in order to receive their school schedule.

My student will take the bus to MHS. When will they receive information about their bus schedule?

- Bus schedules will be emailed to all students/families the first week of August.

What is the school's attendance policy?

- Attendance is critical for academic success. Parents/Guardians should report absences through PowerSchool using the Attendance Monitor application. Excessive absences may require a meeting with an administrator.



Academics

What are the core courses freshmen are required to take?

- Ninth graders are required to take earned honors world studies, biology, and English 1, and a math course which is determined through the placement process.

What is the grading scale?

- A minimum of 80% of a student's semester grade will be based on summative evidence.
 - An ongoing process of learning experiences, practice, and feedback that informs instruction and monitors student progress.
- A maximum of 20% of a student's semester grade can be calculated from formative evidence.
 - A process used to measure and communicate a student's performance of the standards after instruction and practice.
 - For additional information on our grading policies, see this document: bit.ly/4ggOyLr

What do I need to know about school supplies?

- Individual teachers will inform students of any specific supplies needed for their course during the first week of school. General items like notebooks, pens, pencils, and highlights are recommended.
- Chromebooks will be distributed at Freshman Orientation on August 7, 2025

Supports, Health & Wellness

What support is available if my student is struggling academically?

- There are multiple resources to help students:
 - **Teacher Support:** Teachers are available before school to provide extra help.
 - **Peer Tutoring:** Students can access peer tutoring in the Literacy Center, located in the Media Center.
 - **Literacy Center and Math Lab:** Both are open throughout the school day, as well as before and after school, for additional academic assistance.
 - **Academic Support Classes:** Students needing more structured help with academics and executive functioning skills may be enrolled in Academic Support or Guided Study classes.

**What resources are available if my student is feeling overwhelmed or anxious?**

- Our student support teams (counselors, social workers, school psychologists, deans) are trained to support students with academic and social-emotional needs.
- The Wellness Center also offers social-emotional support for individual student needs.

What should I do if my child has a chronic medical condition?

- Contact the school nurse at mhsnurse@d120.org to discuss your child's medical needs and complete any necessary paperwork for medications or accommodations. Visit bit.ly/3OVvE0F for more information.

Student Life & Getting Involved

How does MHS support a student's transition to high school?

- Our Link Crew offers a freshmen orientation and assists in facilitating Freshman Advisory Mundelein (FAM) each week during the fall semester to guide freshmen through their school transition. Grade-level counselors check in regularly with students to support their academic and social-emotional needs.

Will my student be assigned a locker?

- Students will not automatically be assigned a locker. If a student would like a locker, they will be able to request one through our MHS Security Office: www.d120.org/mhs-locker-request-information

How can students purchase lunch?

- Students can use cash or their student ID card to purchase lunch in our cafeteria. In order to utilize the student ID card, students/families must create an account and add funds by going to myschoolbucks.com.

Are cell phones allowed during the school day?

- Cell phones may only be used during lunch and passing periods. In-class use of cell phones is prohibited.

What clubs and activities are available for freshmen?

- There are numerous options, including student government, sports, performing arts, STEM clubs, and cultural organizations available for freshmen. An athletics/activity fair will take place during the first week of school and will introduce students to their options.

**How can freshmen get involved in sports?**

- We have three seasons of sports offerings - fall, winter, and spring. An updated (yearly) physical and registration through the athletics website is required to participate. The first day of fall sports is Monday, August 11 (two days before classes begin) so make sure to register over the summer/by August 1 as waiting for the first day of school may be too late to join many of our fall teams.

Parent/Guardian Information & Engagement

How can I stay informed about school events and updates?

- Subscribe to our weekly newsletter, follow us on social media, and check our website for updates.

How can I monitor my child's grades and attendance?

- Use PowerSchool's online portal: <https://mhs.powerschool.com/public/> to access grades, attendance records, and teacher communications. Instructions for setting up an account will be shared at the start of the year.

Are there opportunities for parents to get involved?

- Yes, parents can join the Parent Ambassadors, volunteer for events, or serve on school committees. Email parentambassadorsfmhs@gmail.com to join.