

MVPS –High School



2016-17

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The MVPS High School Handbook has been created for the students and parents of MVPS-HS in order to provide information regarding courses offered. With guidance from teachers and the administration, students will collaborate to make academic plans for each student.

MVPS-HS: We make learning a lifestyle.

- Are you passionate about your education?
- Are you focused on your future?
- Are you interested in a cutting edge program that will assist you in reaching high academic standards?
- Want to earn college credit while in high school?

MVPS-HS CAN make a difference in YOUR life!

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Parent/Guardian Program Assurances

- Only full-time enrollments will be accepted for the 2016-17 academic year. Subject to change pending legislative action.
- I understand that MVPS-HS is a college prep program with high expectations and I seek to provide my student with a rigorous education.
- I understand that MVPS-HS will require an *average* of 6 hours a day, 5 days a week of school work (in other words, a full-time high school schedule).
- I understand that students need to maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA to maintain enrollment. NO grades below a “C” are accepted for graduation credit.
- I understand that while licensed teachers teach the courses, I must be involved in helping my student develop beneficial time management strategies and be involved in overseeing weekly student work.
- I understand that parents and students need to check their own e-mail daily and reply to any teacher e-mails when requested.
- I understand that MVPS-HS requires students to attend and participate in live class sessions.
- I understand that if my student needs to be absent for a live class session, that I will call or e-mail the teacher from my own *personal* email account (not the student e-mail) *prior* to the absence. Excessive absences will result in administrative action.
- I understand that any and all durable educational materials provided by MVPS-HS are on loan and will be reclaimed by the school. I will not write in or deface any educational materials, or a replacement fee may be incurred.
- I understand that MVPS-HS strives to develop Core Values in students in all that we do. The Core Values are integrity, perseverance, communication, inquiry and reflection.
- I understand that MVPS-HS focuses on positive, supportive relationships in which we embrace and recognize all of our talents.
- I recognize that MVPS-HS focuses on nothing but the best or excellence at every level.
- I celebrate the fact that the entire MVPS-HS community is 100% committed to educating our children.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to secure Internet service from an Internet service provider.
- I understand that I need to check the “My Grade” button in each Blackboard course on a weekly basis to monitor my student’s grades.
- I understand that MVPS-HS is a program within a public school that follows the Kansas health and immunization guideline requirements.
- I understand that MVPS-HS is a program within a public school. My student is required to participate in the Kansas State assessments, meet grade level proficiency and complete the audit to maintain enrollment.
- I attest that I am a resident of Kansas, proof of residence and address submitted are the same.

- I understand there is a \$100.00 annual enrollment fee.
- I understand that it is my option to withdraw my student from a course prior to the semester drop dates if my student is not likely to pass with a C or better by the end of the semester. If a course is not dropped by these dates, the student will receive whatever grade they have earned that semester.
 - Fall semester drop date is prior to the 45th day of the semester. (See MVPS-HS/WATC assurance agreement for college course drop dates and information)
 - Spring semester drop date is prior to the 45th day of the semester. (See MVPS-HS/WATC assurance agreement for college course drop dates and information)
- I understand that my student must maintain a 2.75 GPA or higher in ALL courses in order to earn college credit.
- I understand students, that are new to MVPS-HS, will complete in person entrance exams to determine eligibility.
- I understand that MVPS-HS requires my student to have a graduation plan in place.

Concurrent College Credit

- Students may earn college credits during their junior or senior years only.
- MVPS-HS administration will determine which courses are offered and awarded for credit.
- Students will be required to take the ACT Asset exam (MVPS-HS will administer) during their sophomore year.
- Signed WATC Jumpstart Enrollment forms are required to be filled out for each course.
- Signed Dual Enrollment Assurance statement required for each course enrollment.
- Students are required to maintain a 2.75 G.P.A. in order to earn credits.
- College courses/credits are offered by semester on a schedule set by MVPS-HS administration.
- You will earn college credits during your junior and senior year as part of your enrollment with MVPS-HS. The number of college credits awarded will be based on the number of years you have been fully enrolled with MVPS-HS. Parents may opt to purchase additional credits should their child not qualify for the maximum.
 - If you were enrolled freshman through senior year, you can earn up to 24 college credits.
 - If you were enrolled sophomore – senior year, you can earn up to 18 college credits.
 - If you were enrolled junior – senior year, you can earn up to 12 college credits.
 - If you were enrolled senior year only, you can earn up to 6 college credits.
- Courses offered:
 - Biology II Honors – BIO110 Principles of Biology (5 hours, junior or senior)
 - Chemistry II Honors – CHM125 Chemistry 1 (5 hours, junior or senior)
 - Psychology – PSY101 General Psychology (3 hours, senior)
 - Sociology – SOC101 Principles of Sociology (3 hours, senior)
 - College Algebra – MTH112 College Algebra (3 hours, junior or senior)
 - Pre-Calculus - MTH115 Pre-Calculus Mathematics (5 hours, junior or senior)
 - Government – POL101 American Government (3 hours, senior)
 - English 12 Honors – ENG101 Composition I (3 hours, senior)
 - Computer Applications – CED115 Computer Applications (3 hours, junior or senior)
 - Business Essentials – BUS104 Intro to Business (3 hours, junior or senior)
 - Fundamentals of Oral Communication – SPH101 Public Speaking (3 hours, senior)
- Course offerings subject to change
- It is up to the student to determine how many transfer credits their college of choice will accept
- To request a high school transcript you must contact the MVPS office. The number is: 316.462.8800. Or you may email bkirkendall@usd266.com
- To request a transcript of the WATC classes taken in high school, go to www.watc.edu, place your cursor over “Academics” at the top of the screen and select “Order Transcript.” You will be redirected to the WATC National Student Clearinghouse website, where you can order transcripts. Should you have any questions, the WATC Registrar’s office number is: 316.677.9517.

Maize Virtual Preparatory School Individual Plan of Study



Personal Data

Name (Last) _____ (First) _____ (MI) _____
 Phone() _____ Email _____ Birth Date _____
 Student ID _____ Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

School and Community Clubs, Organizations, Honors, Recognitions, etc.

Clubs/Organizations	Activities/ Recognitions/Honors	9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade

Work Experience

Describe Work Experience	Reference
9 th	
10 th	
11 th	
12 th	

Future Interests

Career Cruising	9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
Post-Secondary Choices	4 Year College	Community College	Technical School	Other
	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
	Parent Signature	Parent Signature	Parent Signature	Parent Signature

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Requirements

MVPS Requirements	Board of Regents Requirements
4 Credits of English	4 Credits of English
3 Credits of Science	3 Credits of Natural Science – Must include Chemistry or Physics (N/A @ MVPS)
4 Credits of Mathematics	3 Credits of Math including Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, or any course with Alg. 2 as a prerequisite AND an ACT score of 22 in Math; OR 4 approved credits, one taken in the graduating year designed to prepare students for college
3.5 Credits of Social Studies	3 Credits of Social Studies
1 Credit of Fine Arts	Overall 2.0 High School GPA
1 Credit of PE/Health	Achieve ACT score of 21 or higher, OR SAT score of 990 or higher, OR graduate in the top third of their class
4 Credits of Required Electives	Achieve a 2.0 GPA or higher on any college credit taken in high school
4 Credits of Expanded Learning	
3.5 Credits of Electives	

You will earn college credits during your junior and senior year as part of your enrollment with MVPS-HS. The number of college credits awarded will be based on the number of years you have been enrolled with MVPS-HS as a .8 or higher fte. Parents may opt to purchase additional credits should their child not qualify for the maximum.

If you were enrolled freshman through senior year, you can earn up to 24 college credits.

If you were enrolled sophomore through senior year, you can earn up to 18 college credits.

If you were enrolled junior through senior year, you can earn up to 12 college credits.

If you were enrolled senior year only, you can earn up to 6 college credits.

See course catalog for more information regarding Concurrent College Credit and a listing of college courses (course offerings subject to change).

Maize Virtual Preparatory School Individual Plan of Study



Personal Data (Recommended Course Plan)

Name (Last) _____ (First) _____ (MI) _____
 Phone() _____ Email _____ Birth Date _____
 Student ID _____ Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Individual Plan of Study

Class	Grade 9			Grade 10			Grade 11			Grade 12						
	1 st sem	Grade	2 nd sem	Grade	1 st sem	Grade	2 nd sem	Grade	1 st sem	Grade	2 nd sem	Grade				
English	Eng 9		Eng 9		Eng 10		Eng 10		Eng 11		Eng 11		Eng 12		Eng 12	
Math																
Social Studie	Current Social Events		Geogr aphy		World History		World History		US Histor y		US History		Government			
Science	Biology		Biology		Chemis try 1											
Elective	PE		PE													
Elective	Art App		Art App													
Elective	Exp Learnin g		Exp Learnin g		Exp Learnin g		Exp Learnin g		Exp Learnin g		Exp Learning		Exp Learning		Exp Learnin g	

Postsecondary Placement Assessments: Asset, ACT										
Aspire			Asset			ACT			SAT	
State Testing	Science		Social Studies		English/Interdisciplinary			Mathematics		
	8 th	11 th	8 th	11 th	8 th	10 th	11 th	8 th	10 th	
Date Taken										

Graduation Requirements for MVPS-HS Students – Students must complete a total of 28 high credits and can earn up to 24 college credits. **If MVPS-HS is not going to be your graduating high school, you will need to work with your graduating high school to determine the required number of credits and course pathway for that school/district.*

Math (4 credits):

- Algebra 1 (1)
- Geometry (1)
- Algebra 2 (1)
- Algebra 3 (1), Block, TBD
- College Algebra (MTH112 – 3 college credits) (1) Block, Fall Only
- Pre-Calculus Honors (MTH 115 – 5 college credits) (1), Block, Spring Only

English (4 credits):

- English 9 Honors (1)
- English 10 Honors (1)
- English 11 Honors (1)
- English 12 (ENG101 – 3 college credits) (1) Block, Fall Only

Science (3 credits):

- Biology I Honors (1)
- Biology II Honors (BIO110 – 5 college credits) (1) Block, Fall Only
- Chemistry I Honors (1) Block, Fall Only
- Chemistry II Honors (CHM125 – 5 college credits) (1) Block, Spring Only

Social Studies (3.5 credits):

- Current Social Issues (.5) (NOTE: Taught in conjunction with Current Events under “Other Requirements during 9th grade year.)
- World History (1)
- US History (1)
- Government (POL101 – 3 college credits) (1) Block, Fall Only

Other Requirements (6 credits)

___ Art Appreciation (1)

___ Business Economics (.5)

___ Computer Applications (CED115–3 college credits) (1) OR Business Essentials (1) (BUS 104–3 college credits)

___ Current Events (.5) (NOTE: Taught in conjunction with Current Social Issues under “Social Studies” requirements during 9th grade year.)

___ Fundamentals of Oral Communication (SPH101 – 3 college credits) (1), Block, Spring Only

___ PE Concepts (1)

___ Psychology (PSY101 – 3 college credits) or Sociology (SOC101 - 3 college credits) (1)

REQUIRED: Core Expanded Learning (1 credit per year of enrollment with MVPS HS)

___ Year 1 Expanded Learning (1)

___ Year 2 Expanded Learning (1)

___ Year 3 Expanded Learning (1)

___ Year 4 Expanded Learning (1)

Electives (3.5 total credits):

___ Elective 1 _____ Credits: .5

___ Elective 2 _____ Credits: .5

___ Elective 3 _____ Credits: .5

___ Elective 4 _____ Credits: .5

___ Elective 5 _____ Credits: .5

___ Elective 6 _____ Credits: .5

___ Elective 7 _____ Credits: .5

NOTE:

- 4 English credits required for graduation

ENGLISH 9 HONORS (04103A, 04103B) is the advanced study of English with emphasis on grammar, composition, and literature. Students will have an accelerated course of study. The course will include reading selections from the College Bound Reading list, learning advanced vocabulary, expository, and creative writing. Each student is expected to have a working knowledge of the parts of speech, punctuation, and basic sentence structure. Enrollment in both terms is required for honors designation on student's transcript.

Length of Course: 2 semesters

For Students: 9

ENGLISH 10 HONORS (04113A, 04113B) is the advanced study of English with emphasis on grammar, composition, vocabulary, and literature. Students will have an accelerated course of study that includes reading selections from the College Bound Reading List, literary analysis, and writing advanced compositions. There will be a weekly course of vocabulary study.

Length of Course: 2 semesters (1 credit)

For Students: 10

Prerequisite: Completion of English 9 Honors

ENGLISH 11 HONORS (04123A, 04123B) is the advanced study of grammar, composition, and literature. Students will have an accelerated course of study. Writing emphasis will be on expository writing, in addition to critical analysis. Literary analysis, a research paper, an exhibition, and a summer assignment are required. All genres of American literature will be explored and analyzed. There will be required reading from the College Bound Reading list as well as a weekly course of ACT/SAT prep vocabulary study. Each student is expected to have a working knowledge of parts of speech, punctuation, basic sentence structure, and the rudiments of writing.

Length of Course: 2 semesters (1 credit)

For Students: 11

Prerequisite: Completion of English 10 Honors

ENGLISH 12 (04133A, 04133B) is the advanced study of grammar, composition, vocabulary, and British literature. Emphasis will be on writing. Students should expect to write a variety of essays, a research paper, a critical analysis of a novel, and a poetry explication. Students who enroll should be serious about preparing themselves for college and should have a working knowledge of grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, and composition.

Length of Course: 1 semester (1 credit) BLOCK, Fall Only

For Students: 12

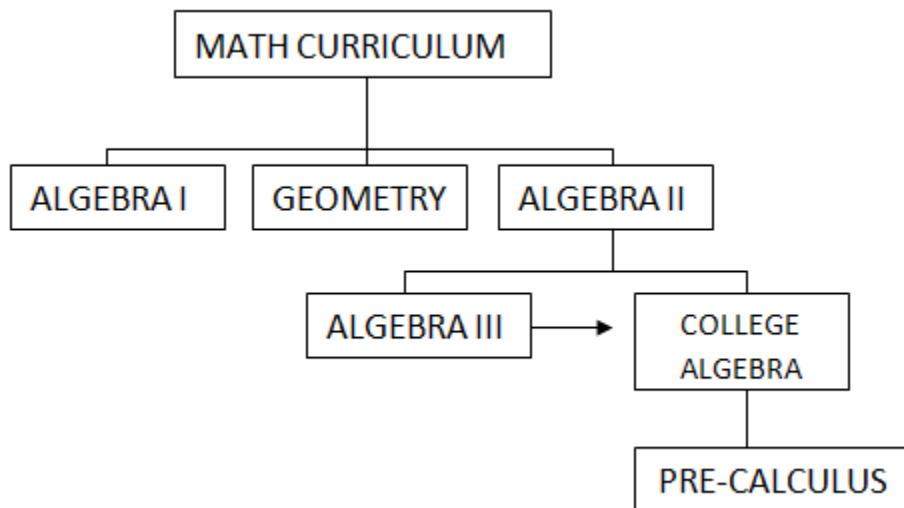
Prerequisite: Completion of English 11 HONORS

Credit Option: This course may be taken for college credit WATC ENG101 Composition I, 3 hours. To receive credit, the student must have a 2.75 GPA.

MVPS-HS Math Courses

NOTE:

- 4 math credits required for graduation



ALGEBRA I (04202A, 04202B) describes the world with algebraic expressions, equations, graphs, and statistics. The appropriate use of technology will enhance the student's mathematical understanding and improve problem-solving skills.

Length of Course: 2 semesters (1 credit)

For Students: 8, 9

Special Requirements: Students must supply their own scientific calculator.

ALGEBRA II (04069A, 04069B) is a continuation of the algebraic concepts from Algebra I. The emphasis of this course is to strengthen a student's problem solving skills through the development of abstract algebra.

Length of Course: 2 semesters (1 credit)

For Students: 9, 10, 11, and 12

Prerequisite: Algebra 1 and Geometry

ALGEBRA III (04070A, 04070B) is the continuation of the algebraic concepts from Algebra II, transformations and curve fitting will be emphasized.

Length of Course: 1 semester (1 credit) BLOCK, TBD

For Students: 10 and 11

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Algebra 2 with a grade of C or higher.

Special Requirements: Students will need a TI-83+, TI-84 or TI Inspire graphing calculator.

COLLEGE ALGEBRA (04253A, 04253B) is the study of solving equations, inequalities and absolute values, functions and inverse functions, matrices, exponential functions, logarithmic functions, conic sections, and graphing.

Length of Course: 1 semester (1 credit) BLOCK, Fall Only

For Students: 11 and 12

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Algebra 2 with a grade of C or higher.

Credit Option: This course may be taken for college credit WATC MTH112 College Algebra, 3 hours. To receive credit, the student must have a 2.75 GPA.

Special Requirements: Students will need a TI-83+, TI-84 or TI Inspire graphing calculator.

GEOMETRY (04226A, 04226B) is the study of the characteristics of geometric figures. The course will focus on the development of logical thinking skills, the application of formulas, and the appreciation of the applications of geometry in the real world.

Length of Course: 2 semesters (1 credit)

For Students: 9, 10, 11, and 12

Prerequisite: Algebra I

Special Requirements: Scientific calculator must be provided by the student.

PRE-CALCULUS HONORS (04137A, 04137B) is the continuation of the study of advanced mathematical topics; areas of emphasis will include trigonometry, logarithmic equations, exponential equation, polynomial equation, and introduction to limits and derivations. The study of trigonometry will include identities, solution of triangles, inverse trigonometric functions, polar coordinates and complex numbers. This course receives additional .5 weighted credits towards GPA.

Length of Course: 1 semester (1 credit) BLOCK, Spring Only

For Students: 12

Prerequisite: Successful completion of College Algebra with a grade of C or higher.

Credit Option: This course may be taken for college credit WATC MTH115, 5 hours. To receive credit, the student must have a 2.75 GPA.

Special Requirements: Students will need a TI-83+, TI-84 or TI Inspire graphing calculator.

NOTE:

- 3.5 social studies credits required for graduation

CURRENT EVENTS (04388) is an introductory course focused on the study of current events internationally, nationally, and locally. Through magazines, newspapers, and new programs students will learn about major events, issues, and how they affect America. There will be a strong emphasis on a class discussion format over various readings. There will be a focus on America's role in the world today.

Length of Course: 1 semester (.5 credit)

For Students: 9

CURRENT SOCIAL ISSUES (04389) is an introductory course offered in two Social Studies disciplines. Students will investigate current issues relevant to Economics and Geography in order to prepare them for further study in Social Science.

Length of Course: 1 semester (.5 credit)

For Students: 9

GOVERNMENT (04204) is the study of the American system of Government. The course studies the basic structure and the fundamental principles of our democratic government, as well as the electoral process.

Length of Course: 1 semester (1 credit) Block Fall Only

For Students: 12

Credit Option: This course may be taken for college credit WATC POL101 American Government, 3 hours. To receive credit, the student must have a 2.75 GPA.

UNITED STATES HISTORY (04073A, 04073B) is the study of our history through the late 20th century. Through textbook and primary source reading, this survey course will trace the major events, personalities, and movements that have shaped America's destiny. Emphasis will be placed on 20th Century material and the relationship of past events to the present. A junior research project is required; this project fulfills the mandatory State Assessment for all juniors.

Length of Course: 2 semesters (1 credit)

For Students: 11, 12

WORLD HISTORY HONORS (04300A, 04300B) will provide students with an advanced study of historical events, as well as cultural, social, and economic trends from the Renaissance to the 21st century. Through the use of lecture, readings of both primary and secondary sources, video, class discussions, and individual research, students will be able to interpret world history as continually altering the saga of mankind. Students will be required to produce individual and group presentations, including projects suitable for the National History Day program. This class is restricted to 10th graders.

Length of Course: 2 semesters (1 credit) **For Students:** 10

MVPS-HS Science Courses

NOTE:

- 3 credits of science are required for graduation
- Biology Honors is the introductory science class for all students.
- Freshman Biology and a chemistry/ physical science class are required for graduation.
- Biology Honors is required for all upper science class enrollment

BIOLOGY I HONORS (04210A, 04210B) is designed to cover more topics than Biology I, and in greater detail. Units will be supplemented with laboratory and classroom exercises having greater subject content and complexity. Individual and team research projects and literature research will be done.

This course will meet 1 credit of the Kansas Regents Qualified Admissions science requirement.

Length of Course: 2 semesters (1 credit)

For Students: 9, 10, 11, 12

BIOLOGY II HONORS (04417A/04417B) is designed to cover advanced topics in Biology, and in greater detail. Units will be supplemented with laboratory and classroom exercises having greater subject content and complexity. Individual and team research projects and literature research will be done.

This course will meet 1 credit of the Kansas Regents Qualified Admissions science requirement.

Length of Course: 1 semester (1 credit) BLOCK, Fall Only

For Students: 11, 12

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Biology I and Chemistry 1 with a grade of C or higher.

Credit Option: This course may be taken for college credit WATC BIO110 Principles of Biology, 5 hours. To receive credit, the student must have a 2.75 GPA.

CHEMISTRY I HONORS (04423A, 04423B) is more intensive in instruction and extensive in coverage of concepts than Chemistry 1. The rate at which material will be covered is accelerated and the amount of topics covered will be significantly greater than in Chemistry 1. This course will meet 1 credit of the Kansas Regents Qualified Admissions science requirement.

Length of Course: 1 semester (1 credit) BLOCK, Fall Only

For Students: 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: Algebra 1 and Biology Honors

CHEMISTRY II HONORS (04425A, 04425B) is a class to expose the student to college level chemistry with topics such as solution chemistry, stoichiometry, solution equilibria, acid-base and precipitation equilibria, redox reactions, molecular geometry, and thermochemistry. Students will apply these concepts in the laboratory situation; utilize problem solving procedures and qualitative analysis of unknowns. This course will meet 1 credit of Kansas Regents Qualified Admissions science credit.

Length of Course: 1 semester (1 credit) BLOCK, Spring Only

For Students: 11, 12

Prerequisite: Chemistry I with a grade of A or B.

Credit Option: This course may be taken for college credit WATC CHM 125 Chemistry 1, 5 hours. To receive credit, the student must have a 2.75 GPA.

ART APPRECIATION (04132A, 04132B) This is a computer based class. It can be used as an alternative way to earn a Fine Arts credit. Students will learn about the elements and principles of design. We will explore artists, past and present through online museums.

Length of Course: 2 semesters (1 credit)

For Students: 9, 10, 11, 12

BUSINESS ECONOMICS (04613) is concerned primarily with the management of money from the viewpoint of the individual. Topics covered include: use of credit; wise buying habits; borrowing alternatives; saving and investing habits; purchasing of insurance, real estate, filing of taxes and other major items. This program presents basic knowledge and skill activities for the mentioned subject areas.

Length of Course: 1 semester (.5 credit)

For Students: 9, 10, 11, 12

BUSINESS ESSENTIALS (04326) is designed to give students an overview of the business, marketing and finance career cluster occupations. Students will develop an understanding of how academic skills in mathematics, economics, and written and oral communications are integral components of success in these occupations. Students will examine current events to determine their impact on business and industry and legal and ethical behavior and acquire knowledge of safe and personal skills needed to obtain a career and be successful in the workplace.

Length of Course: 1 semester (1 credit)

For Students: 11, 12

Credit Option: This course may be taken for college credit WATC BUS104 Intro to Business, 3 hours. To receive credit, the student must have a 2.75 GPA.

COMPUTER APPLICATIONS (04325) offers insight into the suite of products most used by working professionals. Computer Applications challenges high school students to become proficient in Microsoft®, Word®, Excel®, PowerPoint®, and Outlook® through engaging lessons and coursework. This one-semester course is designed to provide students with hands-on experience with tasks such as creating flyers, brochures, schedules, presentations, and mail merge.

Length of Course: 1 semester (1 credit)

For Students: 11, 12

Credit Option: This course may be taken for college credit WATC CED115 Computer Applications, 3 hours. To receive credit, the student must have a 2.75 GPA.

EXPANDED LEARNING (04963A, 04963B) is the study of the learning process. Students who possess the potential for high intellectual ability, self-motivation, and creative production explore areas such as career planning, college and scholarship information, knowledge of self, problem solving skills, research skills, planning and organization, critical thinking, decision making, and independent in-depth studies.

Length of Course: Maximum of 8 semesters (4 credits) with one credit required for each grade level enrolled with MVPS-HS.

For Students: 9, 10, 11, 12

FUNDAMENTALS OF ORAL COMMUNICATION (04147) is the study of the theory and process of shaping ideas into effective oral expression and presentation which people use in both personal and professional settings. Students will explore elements of speech theory, aspects of verbal and nonverbal communication, effective research and organizational techniques, and speech preparation and delivery. Other areas of study include overcoming stage fright, ineffective and effective listening strategies, self-concept, self-esteem, and perception, the physiology of speech, logical fallacies and elements of persuasion, and small group communication. Emphasis is placed on an extemporaneous style of presenting informative and persuasive speeches with opportunities for impromptu speaking experiences.

Length of Course: 1 semester (1 credit) BLOCK, Spring Only

For Students: 12

Credit Option: This course may be taken for college credit WATC SPH101 Public Speaking, 3 hours. To receive credit, the student must have a 2.75 GPA.

PE CONCEPTS (04832A, 04832B) is a course that offers an integrated health and physical education curriculum for students. The course provides a valuable tool for students to acquire knowledge and skills for living a healthy, and physically active life. Three areas of focus in the course are: Health-Related Fitness; Lifetime Physical Activity; and Health/Wellness Concept Skills.

Length of Course: 2 semesters (1 credit)

For Students: 9, 10, 11, and 12

Special Requirements: Students are allowed only two terms of enrollment each year. Students will be required to submit documentation of physical activity.

PSYCHOLOGY (04155) is the study of individual human behavior and the mental process. We will examine varied psychological issues including mental disorders, experimentation, memory, learning, psychobiology and development.

Length of Course: 1 semester (1 credit)

For Students: 12 (choose this course or Sociology)

Credit Option: This course may be taken for college credit WATC PSY101 General Psychology, 3 hours. To receive credit, the student must have a 2.75 GPA.

SOCIOLOGY (04156) is the study of group behavior and interaction. There will be an emphasis on the socialization process, norms, values, deviance, ethnic studies, and social problems. We will focus on how society influences the way we act. Individual and group work will be required.

Length of Course: 1 semester (1 credit)

For Students: 12 (choose this course or Psychology)

Credit Option: This course may be taken for college credit WATC SOC101 Principles of Sociology, 3 hours. To receive credit, the student must have a 2.75 GPA.

MVPS-HS Elective Courses

***Psychology OR Sociology** is required for graduation. However, you may take the other course as a general elective.

***Computer Applications OR Business Essentials** is required for graduation. However, you may take the other course as a general elective.

BUSINESS ESSENTIALS (04326) is designed to give students an overview of the business, marketing and finance career cluster occupations. Students will develop an understanding of how academic skills in mathematics, economics, and written and oral communications are integral components of success in these occupations. Students will examine current events to determine their impact on business and industry and legal and ethical behavior and acquire knowledge of safe and personal skills needed to obtain a career and be successful in the workplace.

Length of Course: 1 semester (1 credit)

For Students: 11, 12

Credit Option: This course may be taken for college credit WATC BUS104 Intro to Business, 3 hours. To receive credit, the student must have a 2.75 GPA.

COMMUNITY SERVICE (04965A, 04965B) students will work with a community site such as; an elementary school, middle school (in or outside USD # 266),YMCA, hospitals, churches or care homes. Students must complete an application at the time of enrollment in the spring or at least two weeks prior to the beginning of the term in which they wish to take the class. The MVPS-HS faculty will make the final decision regarding acceptance based on the student's application. A minimum of 45 clock hours of service must be completed each term. The student will provide a written summary of their experiences at the end of the term. Site supervisors will record attendance which will be submitted to the students assigned faculty member. A letter grade will be given based on the student's attendance, the site supervisor's evaluation, meeting deadlines, and completed written summary.

Length of Course: 1 semester (.5 credit)

For Students: 10, 11, 12

CREATIVE WRITING (04216) will cover many aspects of creative writing, including short stories, poetry, on-act plays, etc. Students will work on creative expression and the development of a personal style in their own writing. Students will create individual writing portfolios and can submit original pieces to contests and/or for publication. A grade of C or better in English and being a motivated, creative writer will help the student to be successful in this class. Students may enroll in Creative Writing only one term during high school.

Length of Course: 1 or 2 semesters (.5 or 1 credit)

For Students: 9, 10, 11, 12

KANSAS OUTDOORS (04200) is a course that should attract students who want to gain a better appreciation for the native plants and animals of Kansas and the general ecology of our area. Included in the curriculum are studies of both terrestrial and aquatic habitats and field identification of common plants and animals.

Length of Course: 1 Semester (.5 credit) Spring Only

Prerequisite: Biology I Honors

For Students: 10, 11, 12

PE – ADVANCED (04835) is an elective course in which students will participate in skill development, lead up activities and competition in team sports, individual and dual activities. Emphasis is on strengthening the student’s physical, mental, emotional, and social growth through competitive activities. Evaluation is on written work/physical fitness/ participation.

Length of Course: 1 or 2 semesters (.5 or 1 credit)

For Students: 10, 11, and 12

Prerequisite: PE Concepts

Special Requirements: Students are allowed only two terms of enrollment each year. Students will be required to submit documentation of physical activity.

SPANISH I (04500A, 04500B) is the study of the Spanish language, culture, and geography through listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The student develops language skills, grammar concepts, and vocabulary. A grade of C or better in English is recommended to be successful in the study of a second language. If continuing with Spanish it is strongly recommended that students who plan to enroll in Spanish II do so for the next consecutive Semester.

Length of Course: 2 semesters (1 credit)

For Students: 9, 10, 11, 12

SPANISH II (04503A, 04503B) continues the study of the Spanish language, culture, and geography. Through additional listening, speaking, reading and writing exercises, the student will continue to develop more complex language skills and increase vocabulary. A grade of C or better in Spanish 1 is recommended to be successful in this class. It is recommended that students enroll in this class for the next consecutive Semester following their Spanish I course.

Length of Course: 2 semesters (1 credit)

For Students: 9, 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: Spanish 1

SPANISH III (04505A, 04505B) continues the study of the Spanish language and culture with emphasis on literature, writing, and refined conversational skills. A grade of C or better in Spanish II is recommended to succeed in this class. It is recommended students allow as small a gap as possible between taking Spanish II and III. Successful completion of Spanish III and travel sponsor approval are required for participation in the extra-curricular travel program. **This class is conducted primarily in the target language.**

Length of Course: 2 semesters (1 credit)

For Students: 10, 11, 12

Prerequisite: Spanish II

TODAY'S LITERATURE (04473) will focus on material not normally covered in the traditional English class. The primary sources for classroom material will be magazines, newspapers, and current literature. Students will select their own course of study and work independently. Grades are determined by a contract drawn up during the first week of class.

Length of Course: 1 or 2 semesters (.5 or 1 credit)

For Students: (9-10) or (11-12)

DUAL-ENROLLMENT IN LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE or POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION - Students may enroll in any approved course at a post secondary institution and transfer that credit to MVPS-HS for high school credit.

Length of Course: 1 or 2 semesters (.5 or 1 credit)

For Students: 10, 11, 12

Prerequisites: depends on course

Special Requirements: administrative approval required for dual enrollment