

# Transition to MHS

For 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Parents

# What is different in high school?

- Graduation requirements
- Credits
- Your transcript
- IPS
- Career Pathways
- Preparation for post-high success

What is the same as Middle School?



# Graduation Requirements

- Credits
  - 1 credit = 1 full year of a class
  - Credits are issued in  $\frac{1}{2}$  credit at semester
- Class Standing
  - 5 credits = sophomore
  - 11 credits = junior
  - 17 credits = senior
- Credit Recovery
  - PLATO Lab
  - retakes

# Graduation Requirements, continued

- 4 English/Language Arts (1 credit each year in high school)
- 3 Math (must include Algebra I and Geometry)
- 3 Science (must include Earth & Space Science and Biology)
- 3 Social Studies (must include World History, American History, and Government)
- 1 Fine Arts
- 1 Career/Tech Education (CTE or Practical Arts)
- 1 Physical Education/Health
- ½ Public Speaking and ½ Personal Finance (Sophomore Year)
- 7 Electives

**24 Total Credits**

# Other Graduation Plans

- Board of Regents Qualified Admissions
  - Freshmen applicants, aged 21 & younger, who graduate from an accredited high school, will be guaranteed admission to six state universities by meeting the Qualified Admissions requirements designated by each university.
- Kansas Scholars Curriculum
  - Students planning on pursuing a university education directly after high school will likely be best prepared by following that prescribed course sequence. In addition, students completing the Kansas Scholars Curriculum will have one step toward eligibility for the Kansas State Scholarship.

# Qualified Admissions

Emporia State University, Pittsburg State University, Fort Hays State University, & Wichita State University (Also includes Washburn—not a Regents school):

- ACT 21+ (SAT 1060) or Cumulative GPA 2.25+
- Cumulative GPA 2.0+ for College Credit earned in High School

Kansas State University:

- ACT 21+ (SAT 1060) or GPA 3.25+
- Cumulative GPA 2.0+ for College Credit earned in High School

University of Kansas:

- ACT 21+ (SAT 1060) and Cumulative GPA 3.25+  
or ACT 24+ (SAT 1160) and Cumulative GPA 3.0+  
or Cumulative GPA 3.4+
- Cumulative GPA 2.5+ for College Credit earned in High School

	Graduation Plan Comparison	
	MHS Requirements	Kansas Scholars Curriculum (recommended for college bound students)
English	4 credits	
Math	3 credits	+1 Upper Level Math
Science	3 credits including Biology and Earth/Space Science	Must include Chemistry and Physics
Social Studies	3 credits including World History, U.S. History, and U.S. Government/II&S	3 credits including 1/2 World History, 1 U.S. History, 1/2 Government, and 1 unit of an approved course (includes Psychology)
PE/Health	1 credit of PE/Health	
Fine Arts	1 credit	
CTE/Practical Arts	1 credit	
World Language	none	+2 credits of one language
Electives	7 credits	
Other	Class of 2020 and beyond will only have 7 credits of electives but must take 1/2 credit of Public Speaking and 1/2 credit of Personal Finance	must meet academic profile (high ACT score and GPA) to apply for the Kansas State Scholarship



# What is a Transcript?

- Record of your academic history
- Includes grades, GPA, test scores, and high school activities
- GPA = grade point average
  - McLouth High School uses an unweighted 4.0 scale
  - A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, D = 1, F = 0
- Transcripts are used by colleges, universities, the military, and some employers

# Individual Plan of Study (IPS)

- All students in McLouth High School will work with the counselor and their advisory teacher to create a plan
- Plans include:
  - Courses to be taken in high school
  - Post-secondary plans
  - Interest surveys and skills assessments
  - Xello!

# What are Pathways?

- Pathways are vocational plans of study
- McLouth High School has pathways in Agriculture and Business
- Students must take at least three courses from a pathway, including an introductory, technical, and application level—and three courses must be taken in high school
- Example: Animal Science (Ag)
  - Introductory Level: Exploratory Agriculture (8<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Technical Level: Agriscience, Animal Science
  - Application Level: Animal Health/Vet Tech

# Career Pathways at McLouth High School

- Agriculture
  - Animal Science
  - Power, Structural and Technical Systems
  - Comprehensive Agriculture
- Business
  - Business Management and Entrepreneurship

# Preparation for Post High School Success

- ACT / College ([act.org](http://act.org))
- Washburn Tech ([washburntech.edu](http://washburntech.edu))
- Military Service

# Resources

Navigate to [www.mclouth.org](http://www.mclouth.org)

Choose Secondary>Guidance Counselor> Class Registration  
Information