

Transition to MHS

For 8th Grade Students and Parents

What is different in high school?

- Graduation requirements
- Credits
- Your transcript
- IPS
- Pathways
- Preparation for post-high school life

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

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
- Kansas Scholars Curriculum

	Side by Side Comparison of Graduation Plans		
	MHS Requirements (everyone must complete)	Qualified Admissions	Scholars Curriculum
English	4 credits	4 credits; 1/2 may be public speaking	4 credits
Math	3 credits	3 credits and a 22 on ACT/Math <u>or</u> 4 credits	4 credits including Algebra I & II, Geometry and advanced Mathematics
Science	3 credits including Biology and Earth/Space Science	3 credits including Chemistry <u>or</u> Physics	3 credits including Biology, Chemistry, and Physics
Social Studies	3 credits including World History, U.S. History, and U.S. Government/II&S	same	same
PE/Health	1 credit of PE/Health	none	none
Fine Arts	1 credit	none	none
CTE/Practical Arts	1 credit	none	none
Foreign Lang.	none	none	2 credits of one language
Electives	7 credits	3 credits	none
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	ACT of at least 21 or SAT of at least 980 or Graduate in top 3rd of class; must have a 2.0 in college courses taken in high school	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, and test scores
- 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

What are Pathways?

- Pathways are vocational plans of study
- McLouth High School has pathways in Agriculture, Family & Consumer Sciences, 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 (8th grade)
 - Technical Level: Agriscience, Animal Science
 - Application Level: Animal Health/Vet Tech

Pathways at McLouth High School

- Agriculture
 - Animal Science
 - Power, Structural and Technical Systems
- Business
 - Business Management and Entrepreneurship
- Family and Consumer Science
 - Family, Community and Consumer Services

Preparation for Post High School Success

- ACT / College
- Washburn Tech
- Military Service

Resources

Navigate to www.mclouth.org

Choose Secondary>Guidance Counselor> Class Registration
Information