

MVHS Forecasting FAQ

Current Grades 9 – 11

Q: Can I schedule an individual meeting with my student's school counselor to go over their course options for next year?

A: Counselors will not be able to meet individually with families. Parents and students will have the opportunity to receive and review student schedules during Cougar Kickoff in August 2020. *If a student has been placed in the wrong course or if there is a need for a level placement change in a core subject, requests for changes can be made at that time.*

Q: How many core credits and alternate choices should my student select?

A: All current 9th graders should select exactly 7.5 credits' worth of courses for next year. Current 10th and 11th graders should select between 7.0 and 7.5 credits' worth of courses, unless they have had a conversation with their counselor regarding a different number of credits.

Q: How will I know appropriate placement for my student's core courses when forecasting?

A: Students and parents should refer to our [Curriculum Guide](#) for information on courses and to determine which placement is appropriate. If you are considering Honors Lit and Comp 2 and/or AP courses, be sure to read those course descriptions carefully. These are rigorous courses with high expectations of student performance. Help your student have a successful and enjoyable year by working with them to choose classes that are appropriate for *their* academic interests and ability.

Q: Can my student enroll in AP classes?

A: AP courses are generally available starting sophomore year, although some AP courses are reserved for juniors and/or seniors. Please be sure to read course descriptions in the [curriculum guide](#) before deciding whether to select an AP course for next year.

Q: How do I know the appropriate math sequence and placement for my student?

A: Please see the [curriculum guide](#) for a full listing of math courses as well as the math course progression and prerequisites.

Q: Can my student have an open period?

A: That depends. At MVHS, all 10th grade students have a full schedule. This translates to 7.5 credits when choosing classes. Some 11th and 12th grade students may not have full schedules, depending on their remaining graduation requirements (refer to Course

History in StudentVUE to see how many credits are remaining for your student). *Juniors and seniors who are not sure whether they need a full schedule next year should choose 7.0 to 7.5 credits' worth of classes to ensure they meet all credit requirements for graduation.*

Q: Can my student request to have classes at specific times or with specific teachers?

A: In order to successfully schedule 1,400 students into a 7-period day, it is not possible to accommodate specific requests regarding class meeting times and teachers. *If your student has a serious concern due to a medical need, please contact your student's counselor at the start of the school year to discuss options.*

Q: If my student changes their mind regarding the classes they want to take, can they change their schedule in the fall?

A: We build the school schedule around students' class requests. For each student who requests a specific class, we reserve a seat in that class and work hard to make sure that student's other class times don't conflict with it. For this reason, it is important that all students, with parent/guardian involvement, request courses thoughtfully. There will be an opportunity for parents and students to receive and review student schedules during Cougar Kickoff in August 2020. *If a student has been placed in the wrong course or if there is a need for a level placement change in a core subject, requests for changes can be made at that time.*

Q: When do I need to have my forecasting completed?

A: Online forecasting must be completed no later than Friday, March 20, 2020.

****** If you have questions about forecasting that cannot be answered by this document or the email you received about forecasting, [click here to email us](#). Please understand we are without a full staff during the school closure and may not be able to respond to you immediately. ******