



WELCOME TO
MT. JULIET HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 2026

GET READY, GET SET

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Graduation Coach



**Graduation
Requirements for
the
Class of 2026**

CORE REQUIREMENTS

ALL STUDENTS WILL MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:



- English (4 course—1 credit/yr)
- Mathematics (4 courses—1 credit/yr)
- Science (3 courses – 1 credit/yr)
- Social Studies (4 courses – 3 credits)
- Wellness (1 course)
- PE (1 course – ½ credit) – separate from Wellness
- Personal Finance (1 course – ½ credit)
- Foreign Language (2 courses – 1 credit /yr)
- Fine Art (1 course)
- Elective Focus (3 courses in same area)
- Additional Electives (4 credits)

Total credits required=26

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ENGLISH— 4 CREDITS



**One credit of English
is required each
year of high
school.**

**Students may not
“double up” on
English.**

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR MATH—4 CREDITS (1/YR)



1. Algebra 1
2. Geometry
3. Algebra 2
4. Additional math course beyond Algebra 2***

All students will be required to take a mathematics course every year of high school.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCIENCE—3 CREDITS



- Biology 1
 - Chemistry or Physics
 - And 1 additional Lab Science
- *Sequence of science course may vary*

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SOCIAL STUDIES—4 CREDITS



1. **World History or AP Human Geography (9th or 10th)**
2. **American History (11th)**
3. **Economics (12th)**
4. **Government (12th)**

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR FINE ARTS—1 CREDIT

**Students will earn one
credit
in a fine art.**

A fine art class is a class that requires the student to perform...sing, dance, play an instrument, draw, or act. Check your registration form for the full list.



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGES—2 CREDITS

All students will earn two units of
the same foreign language.

Honor's available.

(Check Pre-Requisites)



- French
- Spanish
- Latin

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PE AND WELLNESS



Wellness (1 credit)

(ROTC 1 can substitute
for credit of Lifetime
Wellness)



Physical Education
(1 course - ½ credit)

PERSONAL FINANCE

ALL students are required to take the
PERSONAL FINANCE
course to meet graduation requirements.



THE Elective Focus requirement...



WHAT IS AN ELECTIVE FOCUS?

An elective focus allows a student to focus in an area of study they might want to pursue beyond high school.

The elective focus areas are:

1. **Math/Science**—10 credits (4 math, 3 science, plus 3 additional)
2. **Humanities/Fine Arts**—13 credits (4 English, 1 Fine Art, 3 Social Studies (4 classes), 2 Foreign Language, plus 3 additional)
3. **JROTC**—4 credits
4. **CTE**—3 credits
5. **AP**- 3 credits
6. **DE** – 3 credits

The 2022- 2023 Course Catalog, available on MJHS website includes more detail on the available courses and electives.

MJHS Video

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL85Sw3dJkh4UZA1NSg9bZEXJbb4NpyEh>

WHY ARE GRADES AND GPA IMPORTANT?

- Colleges look at your GPA for acceptance to their school.
- They look at all classes taken every year.
- Insurance companies look at grades for driver's insurance.
- Wilson County looks at grades and if you fail too many classes, then you will lose your driver's license until grades are brought up at the end of the semester.
- Grades are important for sport eligibility.

TYPES OF CLASSES OFFERED

- **Standard**
- **Honors** – more in depth discussion of course
- **National Certifications or State Certifications** – pass the exams and earn a certification
 - Nursing Education
 - Clinical Internship
- **Advanced Placement** – college level course offered at the high school. Pass the AP exam and can earn college credit to schools across the nation.
 - Scores are dependent on the school
 - Ranges 1-5
 - 3,4, 5 is considered a passing score

TYPES OF CLASSES OFFERED

- **State Dual Credit** – If they pass the state exam, then they will earn college credit for any STATE school in TN.
 - Examples –
 - World History, American History
 - Pre-Calculus, Statistics
 - Criminal Justice
- **Local Dual Credit** – If they take the exam and pass, then they will earn college credit from the college it is offered.
 - Examples –
 - Lifetime Wellness – Cumberland University
 - Computer Applications – Vol State University
 - Honors Vet Science - MTSU

WHY TAKE HONORS, STATE DUAL CREDIT, DUAL CREDIT AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES

- Earn extra points on your final grade
 - **Honors classes** – 3 points to your final grade
 - **Dual Enrollment, State Dual Credit, and Local Dual Credit** – 4 points to your final grade
 - **Advanced Placement** – 5 points to the final grade
- Earn extra points on your GPA
 - **Honors** – $\frac{1}{2}$ point
 - **Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment or State Dual Credit** – 1 point
 - **Local Dual Credit** – 1 point if you take the qualifying exam or $\frac{1}{2}$ point if you just take the class.

WHY TAKE HONORS, STATE DUAL CREDIT, DUAL CREDIT AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES

- Challenge yourself academically
- Colleges look at your academics when applying for schools
- Earn college credit while attending high school

WHAT ARE CREDITS?

- Credits are earned when a course is completed.
- Must pass the class with a D or higher to receive credit for the class.
- Need a minimum of 26 credits to graduate. These specific credits have been listed at the beginning of the power point.
- All classes taken are important!

WHAT IS GPA?

- GPA – Grade Point Average
- For every class you take, points are earned based on the grade you make
- A = 4 points
- B = 3 points
- C = 2 points
- D = 1 point
- F = 0 points
- If taking an honors class an extra $\frac{1}{2}$ point is added.
- If taking an AP, DE, LDC or SDC, class an extra 1 point is added.

HOW TO CALCULATE GPA

- To calculate the GPA, add the total number of points earned and divide by the number of credits earned.
- For example: As a freshman you will take 8 classes as follows with the following grades
 - English 1 - A
 - Algebra 1 - B
 - Biology - B
 - Honors World History - B
 - Lifetime Wellness - A
 - Visual Art 1 - C
 - Health Science Education - A
 - Computer Applications - A

HOW TO CALCULATE GPA

- So add the points
- $A = 4$ $B = 3$ $C = 2$ $D = 1$

This student made 4 A's (Eng., Life Well, HSE, CA)

This student made 2 B's and 1 B in Honors class (Alg, Bio) and (HWH)

This student made 1 C (Visual Art)

$$4 \times 4 = 16 \quad 3 \times 2 = 6 \quad 3.5 \times 1 = 3.5 \quad 2 \times 1 = 2$$

- $16 + 6 + 3.5 + 2 = 27.5$
- $27.5 / 8 \text{ classes} = 3.4375 \text{ GPA for freshman year}$

Parent Meeting

When: Monday, January 24th

Where: MJHS Theater

Time: 5:30 pm

Give information about high school. Then talk with teachers and students about different programs offered.

AP Meeting

Where: MJHS Cafeteria

Time: 6pm

Learn about AP opportunities in high school beginning 9th grade

LOTS OF INFORMATION

- **Remember** – if you have questions, reach out to your high school counselor by email
- How to get information regarding MJHS Class of 2026
 - **Remind**
 - Text @mjh2026 to 81010
 - **Google Classroom**
 - Class of 2026
 - ustdudp