# Sophomore Class Meeting

# Grades and career choice are the focus this year.

### What's Important your Sophomore Year?

- It is your "shopping" year. Trying to decide what is next – KCCC, CCP, 4-year college prep?
- Attendance, Grades, Credits are all very important.

### Graduation Credit Requirements

- English 4 credits (1/2 U.S. Literature, ½ Writing)
- Math 4 credits (includes Alg.2)
- Science 3 credits (Biology, Physical, other)
- Social Studies 3 credits (U.S., World, Government)
- ≻ Health ½ credit
- P.E. ½ credit (two semesters or two waivers)
- Fine Art -1 credit (band, choir, art, trends, etc.)
- ≻ Financial Literacy ½ credit
- Electives 3.5 credits

Total required – 20 credits
CHECK YOUR TRANSCRIPT!

### **Graduation Requirements**



#### Before you know it, you'll be receiving your high school diploma. Ohio is giving you new ways to show the world what you can do with it.

As a student entering ninth grade on or after **July 1**, **2019**, Ohio's new high school graduation requirements give you more flexibility to choose a graduation pathway that builds on your strengths and passions – one that ensures you are ready for your next steps and excited about the future.

#### First, cover the basics

You must earn a minimum total of 20 credits in specified subjects and take your required tests. Then, decide how you will round out your diploma requirements.

English language arts	4 credits
Health	1/2 credit
Mathematics	4 credits
Physical education	1/2 credit
Science	3 credits
Social studies	3 credits
Electives	5 credits

#### Other Requirements

You also must receive instruction in economics and financial literacy and complete at least two semesters of fine arts. Your district may require more than 20 credits to graduate.

#### Second, show competency

Earn a passing score on Ohio's high school Algebra I and English II tests. Students who do not pass the test will be offered additional support and must retake the test at least once.

Is testing not your strength? After you have taken your tests, there are three additional ways to show competency!

#### Option 1

#### Demonstrate Two Career-Focused Activities': Foundational

Proficient scores on WebXams A 12-point industry credential A pre-apprenticeship or acceptance into an approved apprenticeship program

#### Supporting

Work-based learning Earn the required score on WorkKeys Earn the OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal



#### Enlist in the Military

Show evidence that you have signed a contract to enter a branch of the U.S. armed services upon graduation.



#### Complete College Coursework Earn credit for one college-level math and/ or college-level English course through Ohio's free College Credit Plus program.

## **Graduation Requirements**

#### Third, show readiness

Earn two of the following diploma seals, choosing those that line up with your goals and interests. These seals give you the chance to demonstrate academic, technical and professional skills and knowledge that align to your passions, interests and planned next steps after high school.

#### At least one of the two must be Ohio-designed:

- OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal (Ohio)
- Industry-Recognized Credential Seal (Ohio)
- College-Ready Seal (Ohio)
- Military Enlistment Seal (Ohio)
- Citizenship Seal (Ohio)
- Science Seal (Ohio)
- Honors Diploma Seal (Ohio)
- Seal of Biliteracy (Ohio)
- Technology Seal (Ohio)
- Community Service Seal (Local)
- Fine and Performing Arts Seal (Local)
- Student Engagement Seal (Local)

Want to learn more? Contact your school counselor or visit education.ohio.gov/graduation

## **Ohio End of Course Exams**

- 6 Tested Courses:
  - English 10
  - Algebra 1
  - US History
  - Government





Competency Score of 684 needed on both

Score of 3 or higher needed on both to get Citizenship seal (or final grade of B or better in class)

Biology



Score of 3 or higher needed to get Science seal (or final grade of B or higher in advanced science class)

• Geometry

### New Graduation with Honors Requirements

Students must meet **all but one** of the following criteria.

Requirements	State Minimum
1 Math	Fourth math must be > Algebra 2
2 Science	One additional unit Advanced Science
3 Social Studies	One additional unit Social Studies
4 World Languages *	Three sequential units of one world language, or no less than 2 sequential units of two world languages studied
5 GPA *	3.5 on a 4.0 scale (unweighted)
6 ACT/SAT *	ACT: Score of 27 or higher, SAT: Score of 1280 or higher
7 Seal Requirement	Earn two additional diploma seals, not including Honors Diploma Seal
8 Experiential Learning	Field Experience & Portfolio, OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal*, or Work-Based Learning

\*Students may replace one requirement of either 4, 5 or 6 with a "Student Strength Demonstration."

#### New Graduation with Honors Requirements (continued)

#### **Student Strength Demonstration Replacement**

Students can use the Student Strength Demonstration to replace one of either the **ACT/SAT, GPA** or **World Language** requirement for any Honors Diploma. The Student Strength Demonstration options are listed below. The same options exist for each of the six honors diplomas\* but, where relevant, should reflect coursework or experiences relevant to the theme of the Diploma. For example, a student earning the Academic Honors Diploma and using the College Credit Plus option to replace another requirement for the diploma should have College Credit Plus courses relevant to the Academic Honors diploma.

#### **Options:**

College Credit Plus: 12 total College Credit Plus credit hours Advanced Placement: three courses with score of 3 or higher on AP tests Career-Technical Assurance Guide (CTAG): 12 total credits Apprenticeship/Pre-Apprenticeship: Completion or Evidence of Acceptance if required to be older than 18 WorkKeys: Score of 6 or higher on all tests (\*void for Career-Tech Honors Diploma) Armed Services Vocational Battery: Score of 50 or above on the ASVAB Work-Based Learning: 250 total hours of work-based learning

Graduating with Honors (link to full explanation and requirements)



# Find on Guidance page at: <u>www.mvcsd.us/High\_School/</u>

Email: 27 firstinitiallastname@stu.mvcsd.us

Password: hit password reset if you don't remember it from last year

Log in and click on "Careers"

### **Career Planning**

- Go to Naviance, click on Self-Discovery
- Click on Personality
- Complete survey
- Consider strength areas for future career planning

## **Choices for your education**

What are your plans for after high school?

MVHS prepares you for college

 The Knox County Career Center prepares you to get a good paying job right after high school <u>and also prepares you for college.</u>
 About one-third of the KCCC graduates go on to college.

### **Knox County Career Center**

Presentation in our theater October 8 and 9 The presentation will occur during your HIVE one of the days

November 18, 2024 Sophomore Visit Day

 November 21st First Chance Application Night 4:30pm - 6:30 you can apply in person or 4:30-12am you can apply online

Application reopens on TBD

### Information about the KCCC

#### How do you apply?

• online due by November 21 at midnight for first round picks.

#### What is dual school?

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 Student takes lab at KCCC and academic courses at MVHS IF we can get it to work out.

#### Can you still participate in activities?

- Band/ Orchestra may conflict with academic schedules. See your counselor for more details.
- Sometimes this works out for your Junior year but conflicts with COOP your senior year.

# All credits earned at KCCC count toward graduation. You are still a MVHS student.

# Recommendations for the KCCC

- English 2 credits
- Math 2 credits
- Science 2 credits
- Social Studies 2 credits
- Health ½ credit
- PE ½ credit (or 2 seasons w/ waiver submitted)
- Elective 1 credit

Total = 10 credits

### Part time College Credit Plus Opportunities

College Credit Plus Program

- Have to fill out an Intent to Participate Form by March 31
- Meet Pre-req's for the college class (ACT or SAT / GPA of 2.75)
- Attend an informational meeting in January
- Students can choose to take 1 or more classes at a college campus and still take courses at the high school (maximum 30 semester hours / year)

### Full Time College Credit Plus Opportunities for Juniors

#### The Knox Initiative

 Full time at COTC 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade and graduate with an Associates of Arts Degree at the same time you graduate high school

#### College U – Business

- Full time at KCCC during 11<sup>th</sup> grade and Full time at COTC during 12<sup>th</sup> grade and graduate with an Associates Degree in Business
- Students in these programs can not take any additional courses at the high school without a fee as they are full time and fall under CCP guidelines



# What Do Colleges Look For?

- Quality of courses taken
- Grade point average (should be 3.0 or above)
- ACT and SAT test scores
- School and Community activities
- Volunteerism
- Letters of Recommendation

### Ohio Board of Regents College Prep Recommendations

- English 4 credits
- Social Studies 3 credits
- Foreign Language 3 credits or 2+2
- Science 3 credits
- Math 4 credits (including Alg. 2)
- Fine/Performing Art 1 credit

### PSAT Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test

- Test Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 Time: 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> periods
- **Where**: Mount Vernon High School
- Cost: \$18.00 (checks payable to Mount Vernon High School) Pay in the Guidance office.
- **Deadline**: September 13, 2024

### **National Honor Society**

Need a 3.5 or above GPA

Involvement in activities

Leadership

Character

# Join Guidance Remind

- Text to: 81010
- Type the message: @2027mtv2
- Great way to get updates, deadline for applications, and other guidance information

# I need help? What do I do?

- Set up a time to meet with your teacher.
- Utilize HIVE period for additional help
- Make an appointment with your counselor!



Get involved by joining a club, organization or sport.

Keep working on your grades.

Make wise choices.

### **Counselor Information**

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