

CORRESPONDENCE, ONLINE AND COLLEGE COURSES

A student may earn credits through correspondence and/or online courses. A student may be approved to take correspondence and/or online courses for the following reasons: credit recovery, elective credit not offered at MCHS, or credit in lieu of MCHS courses due to extenuating circumstances (i.e. course availability, medical recommendation, IEP/504 requirement, district directive). **Examples: American History II is not offered second semester, a senior behind in math credit takes a course meeting MCHS credit equivalent to fulfill a graduation requirement. Correspondence/online courses may not be used for early graduation purposes and must be pre-approved by the principal.**

Rationale: This is old language. We only offer History II in the 2nd semester. The stuff before the highlighted material covers what is needed to be said in this area.

EARLY COLLEGE, DUAL CREDIT, AND WORK BASED LEARNING (ICC)

Junior or Senior students in good standing may take dual credit college courses, early college online courses, and work based learning programs while enrolled at MCHS. Selected courses cannot replace MCHS core requirements. Students will be offered elective credit for early college, dual credit and work based learning programs. Early college dual credit grades shall NOT be part of the student's official GPA unless taught by a Midwest Central Instructor. Students must obtain administration and parental/guardian approval before the annual spring registration deadlines. Students may be denied enrollment into these classes based on 5% absenteeism or greater, GPA below a C average, or discipline concerns. Exceptions will be determined by the counselor and administration. Students must meet all college enrollment requirements as identified by college admissions, i.e. entrance exams, age requirements, fees, etc. **Students may take no more than two Early College/Dual Credit classes at a time.**

Rationale: We currently have no limitations on how many early college classes a student can take. This has led to some students trying to fill their senior year schedule with college classes and it has had some negative effects. This gives us footing to limit these offerings and to do what is best for the students.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

One of the highest honors that a student may earn at Midwest Central High School is being selected to be a member of the National Honor Society. The selection criterion for the MCHS National Honor Society follows the Society guidelines of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character.

Scholarship: A GPA of ~~3.30~~ **3.80** is required for membership consideration.

SELECTION PROCESS

During fall registration, all junior and senior students with a GPA of ~~3.30~~ **3.80** or higher will receive a Candidate Profile form to complete and return by a specified deadline. All Profile forms returned by the deadline will be reviewed by the Faculty Council. The Faculty Council consists of faculty members, department heads, and administrators who have been educated on the criteria of selection to the National Honor Society. The National Honor Society selection criteria require that a candidate not only document, but also demonstrate, the ideals of Character, Scholarship, Leadership and Service as outlined above. At the selection meeting, Faculty Council members will vote by anonymous ballot on each candidate's selection, based on the documentation and demonstration of the ideals. In order to be selected for membership, a candidate must receive a majority vote of the Faculty Council. All candidates will be notified, in writing, the decision of the Faculty Council.

Rationale: We now offer 7 weighted classes in our course selection. As a result the threshold of 3.3 GPA for induction to NHS needs to be raised. This was a joint decision by administration, the NHS sponsor and the NHS faculty council.

ELECTRONIC AND VISUAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Electronic devices (cell phones, **personal laptop computers**, headphones, tablets, cameras, music players, etc.) are authorized as a privilege for personal use before school, after school, during passing periods, and during lunch. During class time students are required to store their personal devices in a designated location at the start of each class. The students who violate the terms of electronic device usage are subject to disciplinary measures.

Rationale: Some students have tried to skirt the no cell phone rule by bringing in their own personal laptops to use instead of school chromebooks. We currently have no language that prohibits this. This is just an addition to prohibited items.