

# **McEachern High School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting**

**Welcome Class of 2030**

# Welcome

A portrait of Krystal Wattley, a Black woman with short, curly dark hair, smiling. She is wearing a dark blazer over a dark top. The background of the portrait is a solid blue-grey color.A circular logo with a stylized 'C' inside, located in the top right corner of the graphic.

***WELCOMING***

*PRINCIPAL*

**KRYSTAL  
WATTLEY**

**MCEACHERN**  
HIGH SCHOOL

# Mission & Vision

## ▶ Mission:

***“High Levels of Learning For All”***

## Vision:

***“Where innovative people strive for excellence as they embrace our diverse world”***

# Program Purpose

To Provide parents and students with an overview of:

- course requirements
- academic expectations
- elective options

# Administration

- ▶ **Dr. Krystal Wattley: Principal**
- ▶ Kyle Adkins: Social Studies/Fine Arts
- ▶ Valencia Andrews: Scheduling/Science
- ▶ Tina Hadley: Athletic Director
- ▶ James Lockhart: CTAE/ Graduation
- ▶ Dr. Michael Sawyer: 9<sup>th</sup> Grade/ELA/AP Testing
- ▶ Dan Torrenti : 9<sup>th</sup> Grade/ Math/ EOC Testing
- ▶ Brenda Rich: World Language/504
- ▶ Jackie Turner: SSA

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Registrar/Counseling Clerk

Records Clerk

<https://www.meacherncounseling.com/>

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# **MHS**

## **Graduation Requirements, and Academic Information**

# Graduation Requirements

- ▶ 4 Credits in English
- ▶ 4 Credits in Math
- ▶ 4 Credits in Science
- ▶ 3 Credits in Social Studies

- 0.5 Credit in Health
- 0.5 Credit in Personal Fitness
- 3 Credits total in the World Language/Fine Arts/CTAE category
- 4 credits of any other electives

▶ Total of 23 specific credits



# Academic Information

- MCEACHERN FOLLOWS THE 4X4 ACADEMIC SCHEDULE
  - (BLOCK SCHEDULE)
  - 4.0 CREDITS/SEMESTER; 8.0 CREDITS/SCHOOL YEAR
- STUDENTS TAKE 4 CLASSES EACH SEMESTER THAT MEET DAILY FOR 90 MINUTES
- COMPLETED COURSES = 1.0 CREDIT EARNED
  - STUDENT MUST EARN A PASSING GRADE OF 70 OR ABOVE



# Promotion to the 10<sup>th</sup> grade

- ▶ Students must pass the following:
  - English credit: 1.0 credit of ELA
  - Math credit: 1.0 credit of Foundations of Algebra, Algebra, H Algebra, or H Geometry
  - Science credit: 1.0 credit of Environmental Science, or H Biology
  - Plus 2.0 additional credits
- **Minimum of 5.0 credits earned out of 8.0 credits**

# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Core

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| ELA                            | Math                   | Science               | Social Studies       |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Literature & Composition I     | Foundations of Algebra | Environmental Science | World Geography      |
| H Literature and Composition I | Algebra                | H Biology             | H World Geography    |
|                                | H Algebra              |                       | **AP Human Geography |
|                                | H Geometry             |                       |                      |
|                                |                        |                       |                      |

Teacher Recommendations

\*Waivers required for any core level change during Course Preview Drop/Add Week

\*\* College Level Course

# Honors and AP Information

- ▶ Advanced Placement (AP) courses are college level, challenging and rigorous
- ▶ Colleges and universities desire students who have pursued challenging and demanding coursework in high school
- ▶ Placement requirements
- ▶ Teacher Recommended
- ▶ Waiver **REQUIRED** to change a level during Course Preview Drop/Add Week

# **McEachern Science Pathways**

## **STEM/PROJECT LEAD THE WAY BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE**

### **9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- ▶ Principles of Biomedical Science
- ▶ Honors Biology

### **10<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- ▶ Human Body Systems
- ▶ Honors Chemistry

### **11<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- ▶ Medical Interventions
- ▶ H Physics

### **12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- ▶ Biomedical Innovations
- ▶ Honors Scientific Research
- ▶ Advanced Scientific Internship



# McEachern Science Pathways

## Accelerated Combo Pathway

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

- ▶ Honors Biology
- ▶ AP Environmental Science

### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

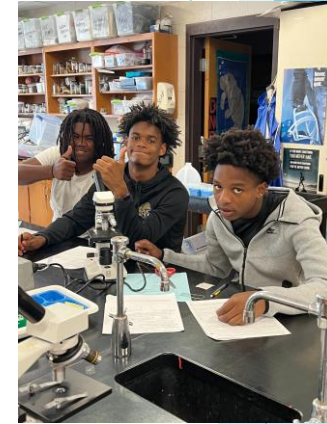
- ▶ Honors Chemistry
- ▶ AP Chemistry

### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

- ▶ Honors Physics
- ▶ AP Physics

### 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

- ▶ AP Biology  
or other Sciences



# Electives

CTAE,  
Fine Arts,  
World Language,  
Physical Education,  
General/Academic



# CTAE- Career Pathways

## (Career Technical and Agricultural Education)

- ▶ Audio Video Technology
- ▶ Information Technology
- ▶ Culinary Arts
- ▶ Business & Technology
- ▶ Engineering
- ▶ Graphic Design
- ▶ Cosmetology
- ▶ NJROTC
- ▶ Law & Justice
- ▶ Marketing
- ▶ Healthcare
- ▶ Automotive

### End of Pathway Assessment

- List of Pathways located on Elective Course Catalog and elective registration sheet.
- Completed at the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> course
- Successful completion=Georgia Department of Education endorsed certificate and/or industry recognized certification.

Completion of 3 levels = take End of Pathway Assessment (EOPA)

# NJROTC Pathway

- ▶ Students who complete the Navy JROTC pathway can meet the graduation requirements in Health and in Personal Fitness if a minimum of 3 courses are successfully completed.
- ▶ Potential scholarships for post-secondary
- ▶ Dress code requirements---careful consideration when choosing

\*\* NJROTC is a **year-long** commitment

# Fine Arts

- ▶ Band, Chorus, Orchestra---**Year-long** courses  
(Fall/Spring Semester)
- ▶ Visual Art Comp
- ▶ Theatre Classes
- ▶ Musical Theatre
- ▶ Fine Arts Pathway

# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Courses in World Languages

- ▶ French I, II, and Honors III
- ▶ Spanish I, II, and Honors III
- ▶ Spanish for Native Speakers, I and II



# World Languages

- ▶ Pre-requisite for most colleges is a minimum of 2 Language credits: same language.
- ▶ Can complete up to AP Level
- ▶ Calculated into Hope Scholarship
  - ▶ World Languages after level 2 meet academic rigor requirements
- ▶ Students will choose during elective registration.
- ▶ If you completed (or currently enrolled) High School credit Spanish 1 or French 1 in MS, make sure the second level is in your top 4 choices for your electives.

# Physical Education

- ▶ Health & Personal Fitness
  - ▶ \*Graduation Requirement
- ▶ General PE

# Registration and Scheduling Information

- ▶ Elective registration will take place February 5 - February 6.
- ▶ Students will select 5 elective courses by ranking them 1-5 on their registration form.
  - ▶ \*Any of the 5 electives may show up on student schedule in the Fall. Yes, even the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> choices.
- ▶ Student schedules could include 2 or 3 core classes per semester
  - ▶ \*Based on middle school core teacher placement recommendation.
- ▶ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade teachers will complete Core Recommendations by February 6.
- ▶ All course requests will be viewable the week of March 25, 2026.
- ▶ All Drop/Add requests must be submitted electronically via MHS Web Site form by April 1, 2026 for **ALL** course changes.

\* ***Dates are tentative and may be subject to change***

# Please keep in mind.....

- ▶ August schedule change requests **will not be honored** if a student is enrolled in a class he or she “does not like or does not want to take.”
- ▶ Students may find themselves in their last elective course selections and/or an elective that allows them to complete a pathway
- ▶ Approximately 2000 students
  - Limited seat availability



# Where to find information.....

## **Scheduling/Registration:**

MHS Website - Course Offerings & Registration

Valencia Andrews, Scheduling Administrator

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## **Counseling:**

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**MCEACHERN HIGH SCHOOL**  
**CLASS OF 2030**  
**SPRING EVENTS**

**8th Grade Parent Night**

(Virtual)

February 4, 2026

6:30 PM

&

**MHS Campus Tour**

( In Person)

March 25, 2026

6:30 PM



**THANK YOU**