



Macon County High School

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Community Profile

Macon County, Tennessee is located in northern middle Tennessee. We are northeast of Nashville, Tennessee, and we border the State of Kentucky. Macon County has traditionally been a rural, agricultural area. However, as new highways are being built through the county, we are becoming more industrial. There is still plenty of open space, and many people are choosing to bring their families into Macon County to live and work. We have excellent schools, affordable housing, a low crime rate, excellent utilities, and very nice people. Currently, Macon County Schools consist of three elementary schools, one junior high, one high school and one K-12 school.

School Profile

Macon County High School was built in 1998 and is situated in a rural community in the county seat of Lafayette. MCHS currently serves more than 970 students from Lafayette and the communities on the west side of the county. The student population consists of 93.2% white, 5.3% Hispanic, and 1.5% African American, Asian or Native American. Enrollment for the Class of 2017 is 232 students, and there are approximately 101 faculty and staff members. Macon County High School has AdvancED accreditation through the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges.

Curriculum

Reflecting the district's commitment to meeting the needs of all students, the core courses of language arts, math, science, and social studies are aligned to the Tennessee Standards. MCHS offers standard and honors level courses in core academic subjects. Technology that includes laptops, Chromebooks, iPads, and interactive white boards is also integrated throughout the curriculum. World language is offered for two levels of Spanish. A wide variety of elective courses are offered in agriculture, business, music, art, theater, physical education, engineering, science, social studies, language arts, family and consumer sciences, nursing, cosmetology, culinary arts, machine technology, construction, welding, and automotive. Some of the elective course programs allow for the opportunity of state and national certifications. The goal of Macon County High School is to empower and inspire students to graduate career and college ready.

Educational Options

In order to provide educational programs that fulfill the unique needs of our juniors and seniors, students who meet certain criteria are eligible to participate in the following educational options.

- Dual Enrollment Program: Juniors and seniors may earn high school and college credits by enrolling in courses at our local community college, Volunteer State Community College, and they can work toward certain career-technical certifications at our local technical college, Tennessee College of Applied Technology-Hartsville.
- Dual Credit: Students are able to earn high school credit and college credit by exam through core academic courses and through CTE electives.
- Work-Based Learning Program: Seniors may explore career choices by enrolling in an internship or cooperative education program, by following our Teaching as a Profession curriculum, or by participating in our Service Learning class through which students also volunteer for service projects.
- Project Lead the Way: Our Engineering students may also earn college credits through the PLTW curriculum.
- SAILS: Student Alignment and Integrated Learning Support in math is a college remedial math course for seniors scoring less than 19 on the math ACT. Students may also earn 3 college credit hours in MATH 1005 for completing the SAILS Plus modules.

Minimum Requirements

A total of 28 credits are required for graduation. (*Transfer students and SWD may differ*).

English	4 credits	Fine Art	1 credit
Math	4 credits	Wellness	1 credit
Social Studies	3 credits	Foreign Language	2 credits
Science	3 credits	Focused Electives	3 credits
Physical Education	½ credit	Personal Finance	½ credit
		Electives	6 credits

Class Rank & Grading Scale

All courses are included in computing Standard GPA; only Core courses are used in class rank. Grades for ranking are weighted in Honors and Dual Enrollment and use 50 point scale.

<u>Grades</u>	<u>Standard</u>	<u>Core</u>	<u>Weighted Core</u>
A = 93-100	4.0	3.3-4.0	4.3-5.0
B = 85-92	3.0	2.5-3.2	3.5-4.2
C = 75-84	2.0	1.5-2.4	2.5-3.4
D = 70-74	1.0	1.0-1.4	2.0-2.4
F = 0-69	0	0	

Future Plans – Class of 2016

4-year college	20%	Armed Forces	1%
2-year college/Technical	70%	Employment/Other	9%

Student Assessments

The district administers the following assessments to aid teachers and counselors in diagnosing individual strengths and weaknesses in order to provide more effective instruction.

PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) – administered to all 9th and 10th graders and made available for 11th graders.

TNReady Assessments–Students are required to take end of course exams in US History, Biology, Chemistry, Algebra I, Algebra II Geometry, English I, English II, and English III as part of their final grade in these specified courses.

PLAN (Preliminary ACT) – administered to all 10th graders in order to predict college readiness capabilities and whether or not students need will need remedial courses in English and/or math.

ACT – the leading US college admissions test, measuring what students learn in high school to determine academic readiness for college.

National Merit Recognition

<u>Class</u>		
2014	1 Finalist	1 Semi-Finalist

Mean Post-Secondary as of August 2016

ACT Composite: 19