

JUMPSTART TO COLLEGE

**A Dual Enrollment Pathway and
MCPS/MC Partnership**





DUAL ENROLLMENT PATHWAYS for **WJHS** STUDENTS

VIRTUAL MIDDLE COLLEGE

- Eligible students apply in 8th gr
- Take VIRTUAL MC classes during 11th & 12th grades
- Earn associates degree & MD State HS Diploma
- More info found [HERE](#)

EARLY COLLEGE

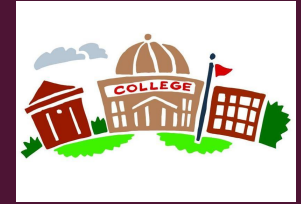
- Eligible students apply in 10th gr
- Attend MC classes on campus full-time during 11th & 12th grades
- Earn associates degree & MD State HS Diploma
- Students work w/ counselors
- More info found [HERE](#)

JUMPSTART TO COLLEGE

- For eligible 9th-12th gr students
- Take one or more MC classes each semester
- Different instructional formats
- May use an abbreviated schedule
- Students work with counselor & Dual Enrollment Program Asst.
- More info found [HERE](#)

**This presentation focuses on the
Jumpstart to College Pathway
for students at Walter Johnson High School**

WHAT IS THE JUMPSTART TO COLLEGE PATHWAY?



An opportunity to:

- **take college classes at WJ, on campus, and online**
- **graduate with 3-60 college credits**
- **save money on college tuition**
- **use college credit to meet HS graduation requirements**
- **explore career options and take courses not offered at the HS level**

An MCPS Dual Enrollment partnership with Montgomery College!

WHAT IS DUAL ENROLLMENT?



“Dual Enrollment” ...

- means that a student is enrolled in high school and college at the same time
- is a high school student’s status when applying to MC in the JumpStart to College program
- is a way to receive “Dual Credit”

WHAT IS DUAL CREDIT?

start earning
COLLEGE CREDIT
EARLY

- Option that awards students high school credit and college credit for college courses
- A 3+ credit college course = 1 weighted high school credit
- MC course & grade appear on WJ transcript; calculated into HS GPA
- College credit is earned whether dual credit is accepted or refused
- Must accept or refuse dual credit during the registration process
- Only approved MC Dual Enrollment courses can earn dual credit and meet HS graduation requirements <https://tinyurl.com/mcps-mc-courses>

WHAT ARE SOME ADDITIONAL BENEFITS?



- Typically, small class size, 10-24 students
- Varied instructional formats: Distance Learning (asynchronous), Remote (online via Zoom), In-person (on campus or at WJ), Hybrid (combo)
- After-school, evening and weekend classes available
- Option to abbreviate two high school periods for each MC class
- Experience expectations/responsibilities of college courses
- Gain skills and confidence needed to succeed in college
- Transfer MC credit to University System of Maryland schools (and many other colleges and universities)

HOW DO MC CLASSES DIFFER FROM AP CLASSES?

- **MC classes are one semester**
- **MC classes are 15, 13 or 7-weeks in length**
- **In AP classes, college credit is earned by the AP Exam score; MC college credit is earned by the final grade**
- **MC classes are taught by college professors**

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?



YEAR	REQUIREMENTS
Seniors	3.0 unweighted GPA - test scores may not be required <u>or</u> 2.50 (minimum) - 2.99 unweighted GPA & eligible test scores or APP grades
Juniors	3.0 unweighted GPA - test scores may not be required <u>or</u> 2.75 (minimum) unweighted GPA & eligible test scores or APP grades
Sophomores	2.75 (minimum) unweighted GPA and eligible test scores
Freshmen	2.75 (minimum) unweighted GPA and eligible test scores

WHAT IS APP? (Alternate Placement Program)

Students who earn an A or B in the final semester of these high school classes meet MC assessment/placement levels of English 101/011 and Math 050/117/120 needed for many entry-level courses

ENGLISH

AP Language and Composition B

Honors English 12B

Modern World History B

MATH

Algebra 2B

Two-year Algebra 2 (4th semester)

WHAT TEST SCORES DO I NEED?

Students may submit these scores as proof of college readiness

TEST	REQUIRED MINIMUM SCORES
SAT	530 Math 480 Reading & Writing <i>or</i> 26 Reading sub-score
ACT	21 Math; 21 Reading
Accuplacer	Qualifying Placement Levels
TOEFL	Qualifying Placement Levels
MC Remote Tests	English Placement – as determined by MC ALEKS (math) – as determined by MC

Scores from different dates & types of exams may be combined

WHAT IS THE ACCUPLACER?



- Free, online, untimed assessment of college readiness
- Measures English, reading & math skills
- A testing option for students who do have eligible ACT or SAT scores, APP course grades, or MC Remote Assessment results
- Offered 1-2 times per year at WJ; an MC college ID number (M#) is needed
- Details at: <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org>

WHAT COURSES CAN I TAKE?

- During the school year, students choose from these MCPS approved courses
- Courses not listed should be taken over the summer and are not eligible for dual credit
- Many courses used for dual credit will count as General Electives on the MCPS transcript, but some are subject specific
- Course prerequisites are listed under the course description on the MC Schedule of Classes

WHAT COURSES ARE OFFERED AT WJ?

FALL 2024

- Foundations of Human Communication /COMM 108
- International Relations/ POLI 203

SPRING 2025 (Tentative)

- Introduction to Business/BSAD 101
- Personal and Community Health/HLTH 105 (This course can be used to meet MCPS' health requirement for HS graduation)

WHEN ARE MC CLASSES HELD @ WJ?



- Double period (Periods 6 & 7)
- ~90 min/class, 1:00-2:30 PM
- Twice a week: M & W or T & Th, in-person
- Students have an abbreviated schedule 3 days/week; high school schedule ends with Periods 5
- Students are expected to leave the building after their MC class ends but may return at dismissal for after-school activities or to catch the bus; Davis Library is a convenient study location for these non-instructional hours
- “Late start” courses that start two weeks after the MC semester begins

WHAT IS THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR?



- MC and MCPS have different academic calendars
- MC fall semester ends in December; spring semester in May
- MC winter semester overlaps MCPS fall semester and winter break
- MC recognizes students' rights to religious observance
- Students follow course syllabi for procedures concerning absences

WHAT IS THE COST?



- **MC application is FREE**
- **MC COURSES ARE FREE IF TAKEN DURING THE MCPS SCHOOL YEAR; includes required materials and online textbooks**
- **Summer classes are billed at regular college rate plus books and materials; more info about cost can be found [HERE](#)**
- **MC Summer High School Grant offers financial assistance based on need/family income; grant applications are due 10 days before start of class**

WHAT SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT REGISTRATION?

- It can take 4 weeks or more to move through the registration steps for your first MC class
- Submit your course request early in the registration period
- Some classes fill quickly - students will be placed on waitlists
- MC does not allow students to register in a class once it has started
- Plan to complete your summer and fall registrations before leaving for summer vacation
- Registration assistance is available but limited during the summer

WHEN DO I REGISTER?

REGISTRATION

SEMESTER DATES

SPRING REGISTRATION
begins in October

- Spring classes start in late January
- “Late Start” classes begin in early Feb
- 7-week sessions start in Jan and March

SUMMER REGISTRATION
begins in late March
or early April

- Summer I classes start in May
- Summer II classes start in July

FALL REGISTRATION
begins in April

- Fall classes start in late August or early Sept
- “Late Start” classes begin in September
- 7-week sessions start in Aug/Sept and Oct

WINTER REGISTRATION
begins in October

- Winter classes start in mid-late December

HOW DO I REGISTER?

Here is an abbreviated list of registration steps:

1. Apply to MC as a Dual Enrollment student; in ~7 days MC will email you an M#, MC ID, and an MC email address
2. “Claim” your MyMC account and set up your MC email
3. Identify classes of interest <https://tinyurl.com/mcps-mc-courses> (Any class taken during the school year must be on this MCPS approved list)
4. Determine your placement/assessment levels; check with the WJ DEPA Ms. Dentes in Room 138A, if needed
5. Look at MC’s Dynamic Schedule of Classes for course descriptions and logistics
6. Submit a registration request by creating an account at <https://montgomerycollege.dualenroll.com/login>; complete all steps under “Status”
7. Turn in a dual credit form – required by MCPS
8. Confirm your course registrations in your MyMC account under, “View My Class Schedule”

Please note....

Students must meet all enrollment requirements before their registrations are finalized.

Students with 504 Plans or IEPs request testing or instructional accommodations through MC's Disability Support Services (DSS); new students should start the process several weeks before the semester begins and returning students must renew accommodations each semester.

Students are encouraged to maintain open communication with their parents/guardians/counselors about their MC experiences/grades.

Withdrawing from an MC class or receiving a grade below a "C" may negatively impact future federal financial aid for *any* college.

MC offers free virtual and in-person tutoring through their Learning Centers.

I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS – WHERE CAN I FIND ANSWERS?

[MCPS Dual Enrollment](#)

[MCPS Dual Enrollment FAQs](#)

[Montgomery College Dual Enrollment](#)

[WJHS Dual Enrollment](#)