

Frequently Ask Questions about Guidance & Counseling at MEHS

How many credits are needed to graduate from MEHS?

Students who attend MEHS for 4 years are required to earn a minimum of 24 credits in 9 content areas. That number is reduced by 1 credit for each year a student attended another high school. i.e. A student who transfers to MEHS as sophomore would be required to earn a minimum of 23 credits. A student who transfers as a junior would be required to earn a minimum of 22 credits and a student attending MEHS for only their senior would be required to earn a minimum of 21 credits in the 9 content areas.

What are the requirements to graduate from MEHS?

In order to graduate from MEHS, students must earn credits in the following areas:

English – 4 credits

Math - 3 credits (must include Geometry)

Science – 3 credits (must include 1 physical science and 1 life science and 1 science elective)

Social Studies – 3 credits (AK History, US History, US Gov't)

Pacific Rim Studies – 1 credit

World Languages – 1 credit (Chinese, Japanese or other pending approval)

Technology – 2 credits

Health/PE – 2 credits (must include 1 health and 1 PE)

Electives – 5 credits

How are credits handled when students transfer to MEHS?

Mt. Edgecumbe accepts all approved credits reflected on another school district's official transcript. Mt Edgecumbe reserves the right to determine whether or not transferred courses meet the scope and sequence of our core requirements. Students will receive elective credit for class that do not align with MEHS classes.

How many classes do students take during a semester?

Each semester, students are enrolled in 4 classes. Each class meets for 80 minutes daily. Juniors and seniors are given the option of adding a 5th class pending approval.

Are Honors or AP classes available at MEHS?

No. MEHS does not offer AP courses. In lieu of AP courses, qualified students who are prepared for college level English and Math coursework are encouraged to enroll in appropriate classes at the Sitka campus of the University of Alaska Southeast. Other courses are available, pending permission. For students who successfully pass their classes, MEHS will pay all tuition and fees associated with these classes.

How are student class schedules chosen?

Incoming freshmen schedules are determined based their level of jr high math, standardized test scores and a math placement test administered upon arrival to campus. In addition to math, freshmen schedules will include english, social studies, science and a variety of options which could include technology, PE, Health, art or other electives. Returning students meet with counselors individually or in small groups each spring to select classes for the following year. Prior to leaving campus, students and parents have the opportunity to review individual schedules and request changes.

What is the grading scale at MEHS?

	%	GPA	
A+	99-100	4.0	Excellent
A	93-98	4.0	
A-	90-92	3.7	
B+	87-89	3.3	Above Average
B	83-86	3.0	
B-	80-82	2.7	
C+	77-79	2.3	Average work (meets State standards)
C	73-76	2.0	
C-	70-72	2.0	
NC	0-69	0.0	No Credit

What additional services do you provide?

The counseling staff, in conjunction with our community partners, provide support for students with concerns in the following areas: homesickness, roommate issues, family concerns, academics, drug and alcohol issues, grief and loss, relationship difficulties, stress management, self-esteem, career planning, time management, depression and anxiety, and legal issues.

When I'm not in school, what kinds of activities are available?

Students are encouraged to get involved in any of the after school activities which include: Volleyball, cross country, wrestling, basketball, NYO, kayaking, mountain biking, town leave, native dance groups, cultural activities, weekend hiking and camping trips, swimming, paint ball, movie nights, photography club, radio club, art club and boxing club to name a few.