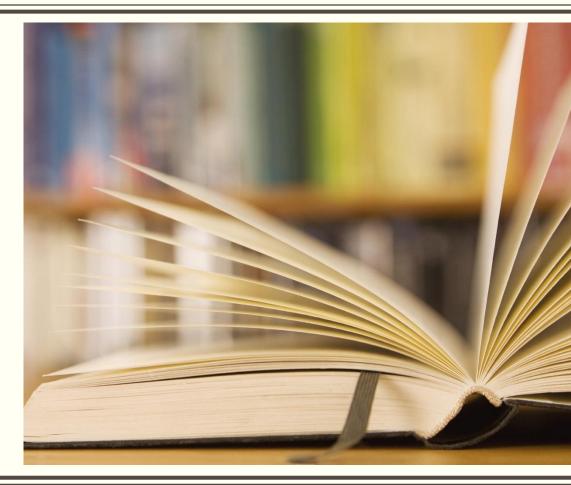
### HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

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## High School Credit offered at MMS

- Algebra 1 Honors 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Algebra 1 General 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Geometry Honors 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Earth Space Science Honors 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Biology Honors 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Spanish 1 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Spanish 2 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Music Theater 8<sup>th</sup> grade

#### High School Credit Teachers

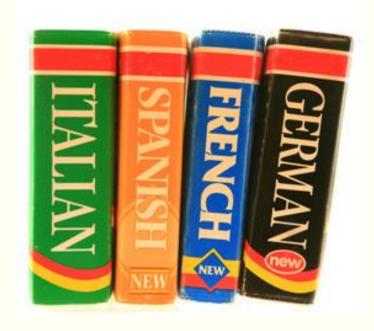
- Mr. Swart Earth Space Honors and Biology Honors
- Ms. Ward Geometry Honors
- Ms. Famularo– Algebra I
- Ms. Smith Algebra I Honors
- Mr. Zauche Spanish I
- Ms. Holguin Spanish II



## Spanish (or any foreign language)

- There is no high school graduation requirement for any foreign language.
- NCAA requires two consecutive years of any foreign language to be eligible as a student athlete.
- Competitive applicants to major universities will likely have three consecutive years of any foreign language.
- Universities could have their own requirements of three or even four years of consecutive foreign language. Average admitted student into FSU has just under four years of foreign language.

 Less than 40% of 7<sup>th</sup> grades who enroll in Spanish I enroll in Spanish III their 9<sup>th</sup> grade year.



#### Six Year High School Progression Plan

- Universities are not going to want to see a year break in any core or foreign language course. They will want to see a core class on a schedule for every year.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Algebra I Honors  $\rightarrow$  12<sup>th</sup> Grade AP Calculus BC
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Earth Space Honors  $\rightarrow$  12<sup>th</sup> Grade AP Chemistry or AP Physics
- Just because you chose to start high school level math courses, does not mean you have to also accelerate in high school level science courses (or foreign language).
- You can enroll in Algebra I/Algebra I Honors, and not enroll in Earth Space Science Honors. But in order to take Earth Space Science Honors, you must enroll in Algebra I Honors.
- In order to take Biology Honors, you must also enroll in Geometry Honors.
- Montford started with approximately 225 Algebra I/Algebra I Honors students and about 30 students changed their schedule. Currently, 15 students made a D or F the 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks.

# Important Considerations

- In addition to placement tests and teacher recommendations:
  - Extra Effort and Commitment
    - Does your student enjoy math? Are they willing to ask for help? Can they handle a challenge? Does your student expect finding the answers to be easy? Is your student absent frequently?
  - Time Spent on Homework
    - Can they balance their extra-curricular activities, family, and friends with their homework? Time management skills?
  - Ranking/Transcript/GPA Re-taking is not always an option
    - Students who earn a "C" or lower for their **semester** grade can retake a course for Grade Forgiveness. The old grade is still printed on the transcript, but it is not included in the GPA calculation.
  - Some classes have co-requisites.

# Important Considerations

- Academic Progression
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Algebra I Honors  $\rightarrow$  12<sup>th</sup> Grade AP Calculus BC
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Earth Space Honors  $\rightarrow$  12<sup>th</sup> Grade AP Chemistry or AP Physics
  - Less than 50% of 7<sup>th</sup> graders who enroll in Algebra I Honors enroll in Calculus their 11<sup>th</sup> grade year.
- Maturity Level vs Academic Level
  - Puberty and Anxiety
  - Is making a "B" going to give them emotional distress?
- Age of classmates at the beginning of HS
  - Might be mixed in with 11<sup>th</sup> graders as a 9<sup>th</sup> grader
- Earning high school credits now allows for your student to get ahead and take more AP/Dual Enrollment courses in high school and earn college credits for free or graduate high school early, and opens for more elective options in high school.
- The End Goal Is accelerated progression **necessary** for my student?
  - Is your student planning to continue their math studies beyond the required credits? Are they interested in STEM career fields?

## Transcript Sample #1

Middle Range Accepted GPA	Course	Grade	CRD	YR	Term
<ul> <li>FSU 3.9-4.4</li> <li>UF 4.2-4.5</li> <li>UCF 3.7-4.3</li> <li>FAMU 3.0-3.49</li> <li>FAU 3.52-4.25</li> <li>FIU 3.4-4.0</li> <li>UNF 3.9</li> <li>USF 3.81-3.84</li> <li>UWF 3.59</li> </ul>	ALG I Hon	А	.5	1415	1
	ALG I Hon	А	.5	1415	2
	E/S Sci Hon	А	.5	1415	1
	E/S Sci Hon	А	.5	1415	2
	Span I	А	.5	1314	1
	Span I	А	.5	1314	2
	Span II	А	.5	1415	1
	Span II	А	.5	1415	2

#### DIST GPA 4.25 STATE GPA 4.00

## Transcript Sample #2

Middle Range Accepted GPA	Course Grade	CRD	YR	Terr	n
<ul> <li>FSU 3.9-4.4</li> <li>UF 4.2-4.5</li> <li>UCF 3.7-4.3</li> <li>FAMU 3.0-3.49</li> <li>FAU 3.52-4.25</li> <li>FIU 3.4-4.0</li> <li>UNF 3.9</li> <li>USF 3.81-3.84</li> <li>UWF 3.59</li> </ul>	ALG I Hon	В	.5	1314	1
	ALG I Hon	А	.5	1314	2
	GEO Hon	А	.5	1415	1
	GEO Hon	В	.5	1415	2
	E/S Sci Hon	В	.5	1314	1
	E/S Sci Hon	В	.5	1314	2
	<b>BIO</b> Hon	В	.5	1415	1
	BIO Hon	В	.5	1415	2
	Span I	А	.5	1314	1
	Span I	В	.5	1314	2
	Span II	А	.5	1415	1
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	DIST GPA 3	.75	STA	E GP/	3.42

## Transcript Sample #3

<ul> <li>Middle Range Accepted GPA</li> <li>FSU 3.9-4.4</li> </ul>	Course	Grade	CRD	YR	Term
<ul> <li>UF 4.2-4.5</li> <li>UCF 3.7-4.3</li> </ul>	ALG I Hon	В	.5	1415	1
FAMU 3.0-3.49	ALG I Hon	С	.5	1415	2
<ul> <li>FAU 3.52-4.25</li> <li>FIU 3.4-4.0</li> <li>UNF 3.9</li> <li>USF 3.81-3.84</li> <li>UWF 3.59</li> </ul>	E/S Sci Hon	В	.5	1415	1
	E/S Sci Hon	В	.5	1415	2
	Span I	В	.5	1415	1
	Span I	С	.5	1415	2

#### DIST GPA 3.00 STATE GPA 2.67

## Most Important Factor

## BALANCE

- Family life
- Academic life
- Clubs
- Sports
- Being a teenager
- Puberty
- End of Academic Career Goals



# **General Questions**

- Questions about individual students?
- Call or email Rebecca Shultz to talk about your specific situation.
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