



HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

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High School Credit offered at MMS

- Algebra 1 Honors – 7th and 8th grade
- Algebra 1 General – 8th grade
- Geometry Honors – 8th grade
- Earth Space Science Honors – 7th and 8th grade
- Biology Honors – 8th grade
- Spanish 1 – 7th and 8th grade
- Spanish 2 – 8th grade
- Music Theater – 8th 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



The screenshot shows the Montford Middle School website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with "POPULAR LINKS" on the left and a search bar, "DISTRICT HOME", and "CHOOSE SCHOOL" on the right. Below the navigation bar is the school's logo, which includes a shield with the letters "M" and "MS" and the text "Montford Middle School" and "Walton, FL". To the right of the logo are icons for "Parent Portal", "Calendar", "Drop/parent", "Contact Us", and "Help". The main heading is "Montford Middle School" with the tagline "Building the future... today." Below this is a horizontal menu with "HOME", "ABOUT US", "ACADEMICS", "ACTIVITIES", "ATHLETICS", and "FACULTY & STAFF". A large black arrow points to the "FACULTY & STAFF" link. Underneath, there is a section titled "FACULTY AND STAFF" with a list of categories: "Administration", "Faculty", "Guidance", and "Staff". Below this list are three portrait photos of staff members: Ms. Kade Allen, Ms. Monica Anderson, and Dr. Kim Ardley.

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 7th grades who enroll in Spanish I enroll in Spanish III their 9th 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.
- 7th Grade Algebra I Honors → 12th Grade AP Calculus BC
- 7th Grade Earth Space Honors → 12th 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 3rd 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
 - 7th Grade Algebra I Honors → 12th Grade AP Calculus BC
 - 7th Grade Earth Space Honors → 12th Grade AP Chemistry or AP Physics
 - Less than 50% of 7th graders who enroll in Algebra I Honors enroll in Calculus their 11th 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 11th graders as a 9th 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

- FSU 3.9-4.4
- UF 4.2-4.5
- UCF 3.7-4.3
- FAMU 3.0-3.49
- FAU 3.52-4.25
- FIU 3.4-4.0
- UNF 3.9
- USF 3.81-3.84
- UWF 3.59

Course	Grade	CRD	YR	Term
ALG I Hon	A	.5	1415	1
ALG I Hon	A	.5	1415	2
E/S Sci Hon	A	.5	1415	1
E/S Sci Hon	A	.5	1415	2
Span I	A	.5	1314	1
Span I	A	.5	1314	2
Span II	A	.5	1415	1
Span II	A	.5	1415	2

DIST GPA 4.25

STATE GPA 4.00

Transcript Sample #2

- Middle Range Accepted GPA

- FSU 3.9-4.4
- UF 4.2-4.5
- UCF 3.7-4.3
- FAMU 3.0-3.49
- FAU 3.52-4.25
- FIU 3.4-4.0
- UNF 3.9
- USF 3.81-3.84
- UWF 3.59

Course	Grade	CRD	YR	Term
ALG I Hon	B		.5	1314 1
ALG I Hon	A		.5	1314 2
GEO Hon	A		.5	1415 1
GEO Hon	B		.5	1415 2
E/S Sci Hon	B		.5	1314 1
E/S Sci Hon	B		.5	1314 2
BIO Hon	B		.5	1415 1
BIO Hon	B		.5	1415 2
Span I	A		.5	1314 1
Span I	B		.5	1314 2
Span II	A		.5	1415 1
Span II	A		.5	1415 1
DIST GPA	3.75		STATE GPA	3.42

Transcript Sample #3

- Middle Range Accepted GPA

- FSU 3.9-4.4
- UF 4.2-4.5
- UCF 3.7-4.3
- FAMU 3.0-3.49
- FAU 3.52-4.25
- FIU 3.4-4.0
- UNF 3.9
- USF 3.81-3.84
- UWF 3.59

Course	Grade	CRD	YR	Term
ALG I Hon	B	.5	1415	1
ALG I Hon	C	.5	1415	2
E/S Sci Hon	B	.5	1415	1
E/S Sci Hon	B	.5	1415	2
Span I	B	.5	1415	1
Span I	C	.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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 - 412-8900