

Potter Post-Secondary Night

2 year plan

WELCOME!!





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Meet Our Speakers...

Beyond Morton High School

- Electronic copies of info will be distributed on Thursday, August 29 (Class Meetings)

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Six Benefits of Community College

1. You're Tight on Funds.
2. You're Not Sure about College.
3. You Aren't Sure What Kind of Program You Want to Pursue.
4. Your GPA Isn't so Great and You Want to Build Your Skills Before Transferring.
5. You'd Like a Career-Oriented Degree, Such as a Fashion Design or Computer Programmer.
6. You Work, or Have Commitments, and Need a Flexible Schedule.



How do students apply to ICC?

What is on a transcript?

- Classes taken
- Grades
- GPA
- Address
- SAT/ACT scores—all of them
 - We have to receive the amendment form to not include test scores on the transcript.
- School Profile
 - Narrative description of Morton High School and its curriculum, and the community of Morton.
 - Mean SAT scores—cumulative and content area.
 - Enrollment
 - GPA bands
 - Grading scale
 - Post-secondary plans
 - Graduation requirements
 - Awards—general
 - Classes offered

Parchment

What is Parchment? Parchment is a digital credentials platform that allows current students (and alumni) to quickly, easily and securely send their transcripts to destinations worldwide. Current students receive an email to their MHS Gmail account with a unique registration code from Parchment providing instructions on how to create an account. Parchment allows current students to send their transcripts electronically for free to any college, university or other institution worldwide. Parchment allows its users to track their transcript requests from start to finish through their account. Alumni are charged a processing fee through Parchment.

How do I register for a Parchment account? All current MHS students receive an email from Parchment to their MHS Gmail with a link to register their account. After completing the required information, the account is activated. Students are encouraged to add a personal email address into their account so that it can be accessed after graduation.



Why do you think students
choose to attend ICC after high
school vs a 4-year college?

Early College (Dual Credit) at MHS

Students enroll for dual credit courses by requesting them during the normal course registration process each January. In addition to the course registration form, students must submit the MHS Early College (Dual Credit) Registration Form.

For course descriptions, prerequisites and costs, please see the Course Description Guide.

Students and parents are responsible for ensuring the classes will transfer from ICC to another school. Please contact the office of Transfer Assistance at ICC, the receiving institution's office of transfer assistance, or use www.transferology.com.

Early College-MHS (Dual Credit)

MHS Class	Credits	ICC Class	Credit Hours
Advanced Speech	0.5	COMM 110	3
Expository Writing-Honors	0.5	ENGL 110	3
Business Law	0.5	BUS 215	3
Economics	0.5	ECON 111	3
AP Comparative Political Systems-Honors	0.5	POLSC 124	3
AP Chemistry-Honors	0.5	CHEM 130	4
Earth Science/Geology-Honors	0.5	EASC 116	4
Intro to Astronomy-Honors	0.5	PHYSC 114	4
Music Theory	0.5	MUS 136	3

Early College-Online Courses

MHS coordinates with ICC to enroll and offer online transferable college courses exclusively taught to area high school students.

The online courses are taken independent of MHS and will **not** appear on a student's MHS transcript, but it is a great opportunity to earn college credit at a significantly discounted price.

Space is available for the courses on a first come, first served basis. Some restrictions apply.

Early College-Online Courses

Online courses vary by semester but often include...

ICC Online Courses

ART 110

ENGL 111 (prerequisite - MHS Expository Writing)

PSY 110

SOC 110 (prerequisite - MHS Sociology)

MATH 110 (for liberal arts majors)

MATH 111

BUS 110 (prerequisite - MHS Introduction to Business)

HLTH 121

Early College-ICC (Strong Start)

- Dual enrollment
 - Minimum of 3 courses at MHS
 - Minimum of 2 courses at ICC
- Qualifying seniors (requires application)
 - Credits, GPA, attendance, discipline
- Earn college credit hours, 2 semesters
- Must be courses not offered at MHS or must be taken here first.

Get ahead while still participating in extra-curricular activities and have the supportive academic environment of MHS!!



***How do students know if their ICC courses will transfer?**

***What are the benefits of taking ICC dual credit courses in high school?**

Work-Based Learning/Certificate Programs at MHS

- **Health Occupations (CNA) - Fall or Spring semester**
 - Students will exit this program with eligibility to sit for the Nursing Assistant State Exam, CPR Certification, and 7.5 college credits.
- **Emergency Services (EMS/EMT) - Full year**
 - Students have the opportunity to challenge either the Illinois Department of Health EMT licensing exam or the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technician EMT certification exam (upon turning 18 and after completion of high school graduation requirements).
- **Welding - Full year**
 - Upon completion of this program, the graduate is prepared for entry-level employment as a manufacturing production or construction apprentice welder
- **Fire Science - Full year**
 - Students can be working towards the certificate program or earning an associate degree.

Counseling

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MHS College Credit Opportunities

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Morton High School provides a variety of college credit options by which students can earn college credit before graduating from high school. These options include:

- Dual Credit through Illinois Central College
- Advanced Placement Courses and Testing
- CLEP (College Level Entrance Proficiency testing) at ICC
- ICC Online College Courses
- Early College - ICC/Strong Start
- ICC's Health Occupations (CNA) Program

AP Courses at MHS

MHS offers 9 AP courses. Students have the potential to earn college credit by taking AP exam(s) and showing college-level proficiency, typically a 3-5 on the AP exam.

*Please note that courses are offered based on student demand for the course.

Advanced Placement (AP)

- AP Calculus AB-Honors
- AP Statistics-Honors
- AP Biology-Honors
- AP Chemistry-Honors
- AP Physics 1-Honors
- AP Spanish 4-Honors
- AP Comparative Political Systems-Honors
- AP World History-Honors
- AP Computer Science Principles-Honors
- AP Computer Science A-Honors

What's the difference?

Early College-ICC

- \$50 TOTAL (Early College MHS ONLY)
 - *Some courses have additional required digital materials fees
- Will transfer to state schools, may transfer out of state, private colleges
- Taught by highly qualified, MHS teachers (master's degree)
- Books are responsibility of student
- Students must meet minimum requirements to be in a dual credit course
 - 480 SAT Reading/18 ACT Reading
 - 259 Accuplacer Reading
 - >5 Accuplacer Writing with approval
 - Possible Math requirement

Advanced Placement (AP)

- \$94 per exam, DUE Oct 15.
- Universal—will transfer anywhere with a 3 or above
- Recognized as a rigorous course
- Each teacher's curriculum must be approved by AP
- Additional time may be required for labs
- No additional cost for books
- Students should have a pattern of taking rigorous courses

Do AP credits transfer to ICC?

Standardized Admissions Tests

- SAT-state test required for graduation
- ACT-national test given at MHS

- Take the test more than once
 - Report ALL scores
 - Choose to affix the scores to the transcript
 - Every school in IL will accept either

***How do you review ACT/SAT scores?**

***Is there a minimum ACT/SAT score for admissions?**

Test Prep

- If your student is invested in it, test prep is a worthwhile investment.
- Bradley, ICC, and MHS offer affordable options.
- Sylvan Learning Center
- Private tutoring also available
- **Khan Academy-College Board**

PSAT 9 and 10 results will be shared at August 29th class meetings:)

***Does ICC offer any activities/sports to get involved in?**

Other helpful hints...

1. We are working with your students to teach them a sense of responsibility and learn to advocate for themselves.
 1. Please remember, your student should be filling out their own college applications.
 2. They should also be submitting their own requests to send transcripts.
 3. The student should be soliciting recommendations.
2. Once your student enters college, under FERPA, the college will not talk to you regarding their grades or academic standing. However, they will mail you the bill.

Dates to Remember

- PSAT/NMSQT Test-October 16th 2019
- ISAC is available to students & parents for Financial Aid assistance
 - [Click here](#) for the 19-20 ISAC schedule
- Student email, social media posts, monthly counseling newsletter & PowerSchool announcements used to share Counseling news & information
- MHS SAT Test Prep
 - Information in September MHS Newsletter
 - Sessions leading up to April test date.
- SAT test at MHS
 - April 14th, 2020

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