



*Welcome to Mountain  
Brook  
High School*

**Class of 2026**

The background of the slide features a large, faint watermark of the Mountain Brook High School seal. The seal is circular and contains the text "MOUNTAIN BROOK HIGH SCHOOL" around the perimeter. In the center, there is a depiction of a mountain range with a sun rising over it, and two stars are positioned on either side of the central image.

# *Mountain Brook High School*

## *Goal for Course Selection*

For students to find a healthy balance  
for their courses based on abilities, goals,  
interests, and time commitments.

See page 4 of the Course Selection Guide  
for more information to consider  
when selecting classes.

# *Course Selection at a Glance: 2023*

- **February 14 & 15**-Counselors meet with students at MBJH
- **February 16, 21, & 22**-Counselors available at JH for Q & A during AO
- **February 28**-Course Selection Form due to Biology teachers
- **March 1**- Summer School Registration Opens (more information will be sent out through email)
- **April 28**-Last Day Schedule Change Forms and Student/Parent Placement for Adv. Classes
- **Summer Schedule Change Days (TBD)**-2 days to request changes
- **August (TBD)**-Sophomore Orientation
- **August 10**-1<sup>st</sup> Day of School

# *Regular vs. Advanced*

- Regular Curriculum is **College Prep**
- Advanced Diploma does not mean taking advanced courses
- **AP**-designed to give you the experience of an intro-level college class while you are still in high school; could earn college credit if you pass the AP Exam at the end of the year (depends on college requirements).
- **Dual Enrollment**-(senior year) taken on campus with our teachers; college credit is awarded by Jeff State; an extra fee is associated with this class for Jeff State tuition

# *MB Diploma Options-2024+*

	<b>Advanced with Honors</b>	<b>Advanced</b>	<b>Standard</b>
<b>Math</b>	<b>4</b> Geo, Alg II/Stats, Precalculus plus 1 additional higher math	<b>4</b> Geo, Alg. II/Stats, Precal plus one additional- Alg 1 or another math	<b>4</b> Geo, Alg II/Stats plus two additional math courses
<b>Science</b>	<b>4</b> All Group 1- Bio and Chem or Physics plus two additional	<b>4</b> 3-Group 1 1-Group 1 or 2 Bio and Chem or Physics plus two additional	<b>4</b> Bio and a Physical Science plus two additional
<b>English</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Lang/Fine Art/Career (3 total credits required)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>World Language/ASL</b>	<b>3-same language</b>	<b>2-same language</b>	<b>0*</b>
<b>Fine Art</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Career Prep A &amp; B</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>PE Kinesiology</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Health</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>Electives</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>24</b>

\*Some colleges require at least one year of a foreign language

# *Core Curriculum Classes*

## *“Core 4”*

- English 10-Regular or Advanced
- US History 10-Regular or Advanced
- Science-Physical Science, Chemistry, or Advanced Chemistry (2 periods)
- Math-
  - Algebra 1,
  - Alg 2/Trig & Stats (regular or advanced), or
  - Accel Alg 2/Trig & Stats + Precalculus

# *Science*

*(Junior and Senior Year Options)*

## **Group 1:**

Biology (Reg & Adv)-9<sup>th</sup> grade  
Chemistry (Reg & Adv)-10<sup>th</sup> grade  
Anatomy & Physiology (Reg & Adv)  
Physics  
AP Biology  
AP Environmental Science  
AP Chemistry  
AP Physics 1 & 2  
AP Physics C

## **Group 2:**

Physical Science-10<sup>th</sup> grade  
Environmental Science  
Forensic Science  
Earth and Space Science  
Zoology

# *PE Beginning Kinesiology*

## *State Requirement*

### *Options to earn the Requirement:*

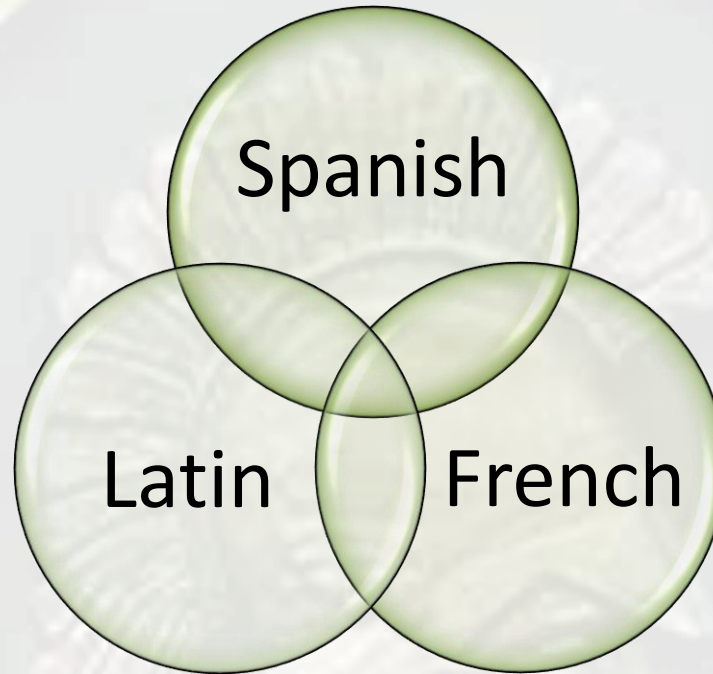
- PE Beginning Kinesiology class  
(gym class with a health course component)
- Men's or Women's Choirs\*
- Marching Band\*
- Evaluation or coach approval\*:
  - PE Athletic Team
  - Cheerleading & Dorians

\* *All students enrolled in an option other than the PE Beginning Kinesiology course will be required to complete a waiver course via Schoology as well as participate in fitness testing with their coach or director.*

\* *Some athletes started earning this in 9<sup>th</sup> grade.*



# *World Language*



*Many colleges require 2-3 years of foreign language and an entrance placement test*

*Seal of Biliteracy*

*American Sign Language  
(ASL 1: 2023-2024)*

# *Visual Art*

## **Introductory classes:**

Art I or Photography I

## **Upper Level Classes:**

Draw/Paint & 3D Design

Photo II

Draw/Paint Adv & 3D Sculpture Adv

(second section to previously mentioned courses-no adv points)

Intro to Art and Art I at MBJH count as pre-requisite requirement  
for upper classes even if taken in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

They only count for HS diploma credit if taken in 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

If a student takes Art 1 in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, they cannot take it again for credit at MBHS.

# *Performing Arts*

- **Band**

- Marching Band  
(Meets PE Kinesiology Requirement)
- Jazz Band

- **Choir**

- Men's and Women's Chorus
- Chamber Chorus -audition  
( Both meet PE Kinesiology Requirement)

- **Theatre**

- Tech Theatre I & II
- Theatre Arts I (sem)
- Theatre Arts II (year)

- **TV & Film**

- Art of Cinema (sem)
- Film Production (sem)
  
- Media Arts I (sem)
- Media Arts II (year)
- Spartan 2 News-Broadcast  
(application)

*\*\*JH Band, Choir, Theatre Arts, Media Arts, Intro to Art, Art 1  
earn fine art credit if taken in 9<sup>th</sup> grade\*\**

# *Business Department*

## *Sophomore CTE Courses* *(sem)*

- Business Software Apps I
- Business Software Apps II
- Intro to Law & Legal System
- Personal Finance
- Foundations of Business Leadership
- Digital Marketing

(additional courses for juniors and seniors are listed in the Course Selection Guide)

## *Programs and Organizations*

- Diploma Endorsement-Business Completer
- National Business Honor Society
- Workforce Development
  - CO-OP
  - Career Focus classes
    - Equine Science-sophomores
    - Science Research
    - iLearn
- INCubator-11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>
- Leadership Mountain Brook
- FBLA Club

# *Additional Electives*

- Driver's Education
- Literary Magazine-Muse
- Newspaper-Sword & Shield
- Yearbook-Olympian
- Debate/Forensics
- Ancient Philosophy
- Classical Mythology
- Psychology (sem)
- AP Psychology (year)
- AP Art History
- Strength and Conditioning
- Adv Strength & Conditioning
- Medical Rotations
- Foundations of Engineering
- Robotics Applications (new)
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Computer Science A (by approval)
- Bible as Literature (new)
- Humanities (sem or year)(new)

# *Summer School*

## **Dates:**

- Session 1: June 5-23
- Session 2: June 26-July 18  
(no classes on July 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>)

## **Time: 7:30-12:30**

## **Courses:**

- Driver's Ed
- Health
- Career Prep B

**\*Registration begins March 1\***

# *Instructional Support*

Free Period

Academic Focus

Writing Center

Math Lab

Academic Skills

Resource Lab

# *Course Selection*

Customize the Selections to fit the Student:

Teacher Recommendations

Student/Parent Placement Forms

**Enter Course Requests in PowerSchool**

**Dates: February 14-27**

**Course Request Forms due to Biology teacher**

**No later than February 28**



# *Things to consider...*

Use a pencil

8 Period Day

Free period

No Lunch Period?

Four Alternate Electives-all 4!!!

Adv. Chemistry is a 2 period course

8<sup>th</sup> period Athletics

Athletic Eligibility-6 credits per year

(football players: count credits carefully)



*Questions?*