



MINOOKA COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT # 111

Mission: To Inspire and motivate our students with an educational experience that leads to achievement and success.

January 18, 2017

Dear Incoming Freshman and Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to Minooka Community High School! The MCHS staff wants you to experience four successful years of high school that will prepare you for whatever future path you choose--college, vocational training, or career. This memo and packet are intended to provide the background and requirements for application to an honors-level course. You and your child will also receive the materials needed to enroll in Minooka Community High School District #111 for 2017-18 when our counselors visit your child's school, and during Incoming Freshman Night scheduled for January 17, 2017.

One of the first decisions you will need to make regarding your high school education involves choosing the appropriate classes. The English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Languages Departments offer both regular and honors courses to fulfill students' needs and challenge their academic abilities. These courses will prepare students for college and professional/vocational fields. Each honors course is designed to challenge those students who excel.

If you elect to take regular classes, you need only complete the registration forms provided by the high school counselors when they visit your school. If you wish to enroll in honors courses, you need to complete these steps:

1. Obtain an application packet by doing the following:
 - Downloading & printing a 2017 Honors Application Packet at www.mchs.net. Available on January 18, 2017.
2. Register online for the Math and/or Science Skills test by January 25, 2017 at 3pm.
 - Visit www.mchs.net and select the link to "Incoming Freshman Info" in the Quick Links menu on the left side of the page. Once on the page, scroll to the "Downloads, Mailings & More" section at the bottom of the page and click on the provided link for the "Mandatory Skills Test for 2017-2018 Incoming Freshman."
3. Complete the student profile, student survey, and parent survey.
4. Complete the Honors Program Math Application and return the application with your current 8th grade math teacher's signature.
5. Complete the essays/questions if you are applying for Honors English I and/or Honors World History.
6. Complete a Science skills test by registering online at www.mchs.net (see Step 2) for Chemistry Honors placement.
7. If you wish to apply for any of the honors courses, your application materials must be received by January 30, 2017 at MCHS – South Campus. You may also mail all completed forms to:

Ms. Marci Jordan
Minooka Community High School – South Campus
26655 W. Eames St.
Channahon, IL 60410

MCHS - CENTRAL CAMPUS
301 S. Wabena Ave.
Minooka, Illinois 60447
815-467-2140

DISTRICT 111 OFFICE
26655 W. Eames Street
Channahon, IL 60410
815-467-2557

MCHS - SOUTH CAMPUS
26655 W. Eames Street
Channahon, Illinois 60410
815-521-4001

www.mchs.net

General criteria considered for acceptance into the honors program are:

1. Maintain at least a B average for the current academic school year in the subject area(s) for which you are applying.
2. Be recommended by your 8th grade teacher(s).
3. During review of applications, additional information may be requested.

Specific criteria required for acceptance into the honors program (by course) are as follows:

Subject	Skills Test Date and location	Recommended Minimum PSAT 8/9 Score	Written Prompt Response Required
Chemistry	Jan. 20, 2017 Channahon Junior High (CJH students only) 12:45 - 1:30 p.m. Jan. 27, 2017 Minooka Junior High (MJH students only) 1:00 - 1:45 p.m. Jan. 28, 2017 Minooka Community High School - Central Campus 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Feb. 2, 2017 Make-up at Minooka Community High School - South Campus 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.	430 - Math 24 - Reading	Skills Test
English	N/A	390 - Reading & Writing	Yes
Geometry Honors Geometry or Advanced Algebra I	Jan. 20, 2017 Channahon Junior High (CJH students only) 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Jan. 27, 2017 Minooka Junior High (MJH students only) 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Jan. 28, 2017 Minooka Community High School - Central Campus 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Feb. 2, 2017 Make-up at Minooka Community High School - South Campus 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.	430 - Math	Skills Test
Social Studies	N/A	24 - Reading	Yes
Spanish Honors	Feb. 6 & 7, 2017 Minooka Junior High 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. Feb. 8, 2017 Troy Middle School 12:55 - 1:45 p.m. Feb. 8, 2017 Channahon Junior High 1:00 - 2:45 p.m. Feb. 9, 2017 Minooka Community High School - South Campus room 120 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.	N/A	N/A

After your credentials have been reviewed and evaluated, you will be notified of your recommended placement.

We hope that you, along with your parents/guardians, will consider the available options before making choices. Your high school experience will be greatly enhanced by selecting classes that will not only challenge you, but also adequately prepare you for the future. Please feel free to contact any of the MCHS Guidance Department members, your junior high counselors, or us if you have questions about these important decisions. We look forward to having you join us at MCHS next fall!

Sincerely,

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Honors Program Application Checklist

If you wish to apply for any of the honors courses, your completed application packet must be received at MCHS – SOUTH CAMPUS by Monday, January 30, 2017.

Please use this checklist as a guideline to complete the Honors Registration packet.

- _____ Complete mandatory online registration for:
- o **Math** skills test - Advanced Alg. I, Geometry, or Honors Geometry
 - o **Science** skills test - Chemistry Honors

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_____ **Student Profile** (*complete and return*)

_____ **Parent Survey** (*complete and return*)

_____ **Student Survey** (*complete and return*)

_____ **English Writing Prompt** (*if applying for Honors English, complete and return*)

_____ **Honors World History Writing Prompt** (*if applying for Honors World History, complete and return*)

_____ **Advanced Algebra I/Geometry/Honors Math application** (*Students applying for Advanced Algebra I, Geometry, or Honors Geometry must complete and return this form, as well as register for the Math Skills test.*)