



*Highlanders*

# Welcome to McLean, Class of 2028!

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# Welcome Future Highlanders!

The information in this presentation is designed for families of rising 9th grade students attending McLean High School in the 2024-2025 school year. We are excited to meet you soon!

# Student Activities

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- BE INVOLVED!

Students who participate in sports are more likely to: Have a higher GPA, receive higher test scores, attend college, have more self esteem (Eccles JS, Barber BL (1999), Journal of Adolescent)

## *26 Varsity Athletic Programs*

- Many have “sub-varsity teams”
- Fall sports begin in August  
[www.mcleanathletics.org](http://www.mcleanathletics.org)

## *Clubs & Organizations*

- Numerous club options
  - Academic, interest, service etc.
  - Students can start a club
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# Meet our Student Services Team!

**Note: Counselor Alpha is determined by student last name**



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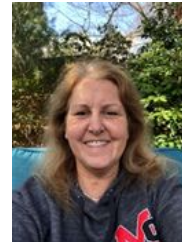
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# Graduation Requirements

## Advanced Studies Diploma (26 credits)

Courses	# of Standard Credits	# of Verified Credits
English	4	2
Social Studies	4	1
Math	4	1
Science	4	1
Health & PE	2	
Econ & Personal Finance	1	
World Language	3 (or 2 credits of 2 different languages)	
Fine art or Career & Technical Education (CTE)	1	
Electives (2 sequential)	3	

- **Standard Credit** earned by passing a full year credit bearing course

- **Verified Credit** earned by passing a course and the associated SOL

## Standard Diploma (22 credits)

Courses	# of Standard Credits	# of Verified Credits
English	4	2
Social Studies	3	1
Math	3	1
Science	3	1
Health & PE	2	
Econ & Personal Finance	1	
World Language, Fine Art, or CTE	1	
Fine art or Career & Technical Education (CTE)	1	
Electives (2 sequential)	4	

**Additional requirements: First Aid/CPR/AED Training, AP/HN/DE course or CTE Credential, Virtual Course (completed with EPF)**

# Academic Planning

What should students consider when choosing courses?

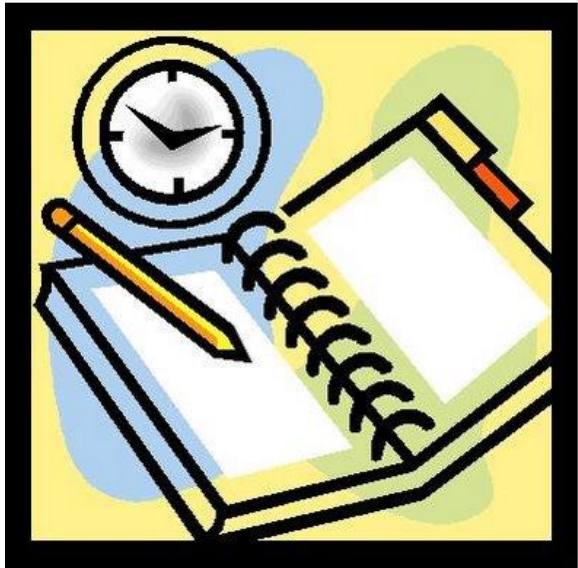


BALANCE, BALANCE, BALANCE!

- Time management (*extracurricular activities, friends, and family*)
- Strength of schedule
- Past & current performance
- Course prerequisites
- Career exploration

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# 9th Grade Course Options



1. English 9 or English 9 HN
2. World History 1 or World History 1 HN
3. Math (see next slide for details)
4. Biology 1 or Biology 1 HN
5. Health and PE 9
6. World Language or Elective
7. Elective

**\*Be sure to pick 2 alternative  
electives in addition to your 7  
—— classes above!**

# Math Class Sequence

The initial math class sequence in FCPS is:  
Algebra 1 -> Geometry -> Algebra 2

For 9th grade, students should select:

- **Algebra 1:** If a high school math class has not yet been taken
- **Geometry:** If currently enrolled in Algebra 1
- **Algebra 2:** If currently enrolled in Geometry
- **Higher math:** If currently enrolled in Algebra 2





# Resources for Selecting Courses



- [McLean HS Academic Advising Page](#) (click to access!)
- [Rising 9th Grade Course Selection Sheet](#) (click to access!)
- [FCPS Graduation Requirements](#) (click to access!)
- [Information on Honors classes for R9 graders](#) (click to access!)




# For current FCPS students

[Instructions to select courses in SIS StudentVue](#) (click to access!)

Students currently enrolled at Longfellow MS or another FCPS school will select their courses for next year with their current FCPS middle school counselor. The classes selected in SIS will be visible to McLean High School.

Students/parents are encouraged to speak with current teachers and middle school counselors if they have questions about course options for next year.



# For students not currently enrolled in FCPS or living in McLean HS boundary

Registrations for non-FCPS students for the 2024-2025 school year will begin in March 2024. Please reach out to McLean HS at the beginning of March to setup a registration appointment, during which you will meet with a counselor to select classes for next school year. Contact information is at the link below.

[Registration requirements for non-FCPS families](#)  
(click here for more info!)



# Registration Process Timeline

**Now:** Gather information and start considering initial course selections

**[January 11th-12th]:** McLean Counselors will be at Longfellow to orient rising 9th graders with info and course options

**[Starting Jan 19th - Feb 2nd]:** Longfellow counselors will begin meeting with rising 9th graders (please have all initial selections made in StudentVue prior to seeing your counselor)

**[March 6th]:** From this date forward, scheduling questions should be directed to McLean counselors

\*Registrations for students transferring from outside of FCPS will begin in March



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