



Highlanders

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Agenda

- **Welcome**
- **PTSA**
- **Student Activities**
- **Academic Planning and Registration Process**
- **Teacher Panel**
- **Q&A with Teachers**
(Upper Gym & Library)

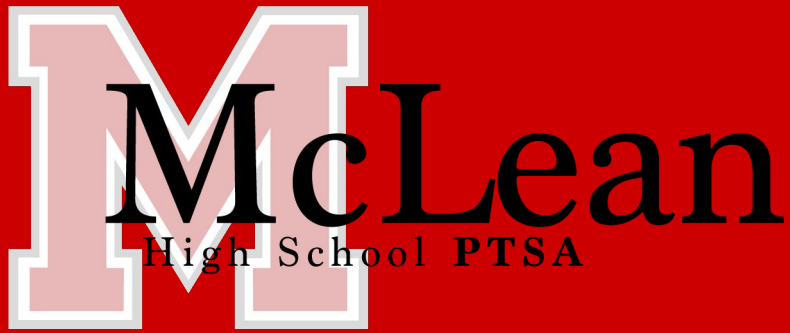
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McLean High School PTSA

<https://mcleanptsa.org/>

Student Activities

*Greg Miller, Director of 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

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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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

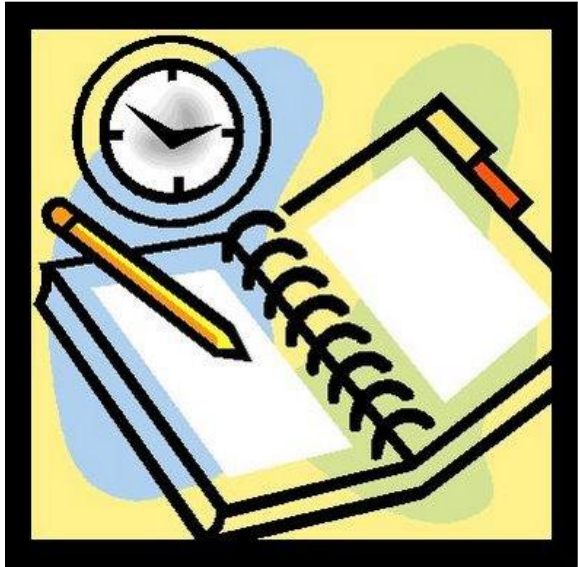
- **Verified Credit** earned by passing a course and the associated SOL

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)

Example 9th Grade Schedule



1. English 9 or English 9 HN
2. WH1, WH1 HN or AP Human Geography
3. Math
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!**

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

Resources for Selecting Courses



- R9 Course Selection Sheet

https://mcleanhs.fcps.edu/sites/default/files/media/inline-files/9th%20Course%20Selection%20Sheet%202025-2026_0.pdf

- McLean HS Academic Advising Page

<https://mcleanhs.fcps.edu/student-services/academic-advising>

- Conversations with teachers, middle school counselor, family



Registration Process Timeline


[January 13th]: McLean Counselors will be at Longfellow to orient rising 9th graders with info and course options

[Jan 14th - Feb 7th]: Longfellow counselors will meet with rising 9th graders (please have all initial selections made in StudentVue prior to seeing your counselor)

[January 23rd]: Electives Fair for Longfellow students

[March 7th]: 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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Department Representatives

Upper Gym

English

Social Studies

Math

Science

Health & PE

World Languages

Performing Arts

Visual Arts

Career & Technical Education (CTE)

FCPS Academies

BLC

Special Education

ESOL

School Counselors

