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Welcome to McLean, Class of 2026!



Agenda

- Welcome & Overview (Dr. Ellen Reilly, Principal)
- Student Activities
- Registration Process
- PTSA
- Q & A

McLean High School Mission

To create and uphold a community where all learners are challenged to reach their full potential.

CORE VALUES

- •Educate, inspire and engage all learners in an enriching educational experience
- •Encourage all learners to be self-directed, independent, and responsible
- •Foster creative and critical thinking skills
- •Provide challenging opportunities in all curricular and extracurricular settings
- •Develop and sustain a healthy and caring culture focused on positive social and emotional skills to improve learning for all
- •Engage the entire McLean community in a supportive and collaborative learning environment

Student Activities

•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.mcleanactivities.org
- •Numerous Clubs
- -Academic, interest, service etc.
- -Students can start a club

Meet our Student Services Team! Note: Counselor Alpha is determined by student last name







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Academic Planning

What should to consider when choosing courses?



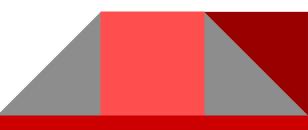
BALANCE, BALANCE, BALANCE!

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

Resources for Selecting Courses



- McLean HS Academic Advising Google Site
- Conversations with teachers, Longfellow counselor, family, friends at McLean HS
- McLean HS Academic Advising Page (https://mcleanhs.fcps.edu/student-services/academicadvising)



Graduation Requirements

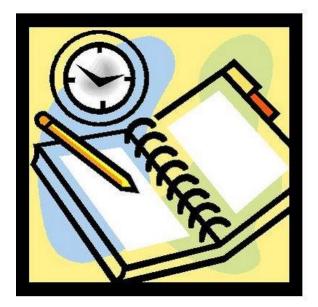
<u>Advanced Studies Diploma (26 credits)</u> Courses # of Credits 2 VC English 4 Social Studies 1 VC 4 Math 4 1 VC 1 VC Science 4 Health & PE 2 Econ & Personal Finance 1 World Language 3 (or 2 credits of 2 different languages) Fine art or Career & Technical 1 Education (CTE) Electives (2 sequential) 3

Standard Diploma (22 credits)

Courses		# of Credits
English	4	2 VC
Social Studies	3	1 VC
Math	3	1 VC
Science	3	1 VC
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: 5 SOLs, Virtual course, First Aid/CPR/AED Training, and AP/HN course or CTE Credential

Typical 9th Grade Schedule



- 1. English 9
- 2. World History 1
- 3. Math
- 4. Biology
- 5. Health and PE 9
- 6. World Language
- 7. Elective

*Be sure to pick alternative electives in case your first choices are full!

Registration Process Timeline

Now: Gather information and start considering initial course selections

[January 12th-13th]: McLean Counselors will be at Longfellow to orient rising 9th graders

[January 14]: Longfellow counselors will begin meeting with rising 9th graders (please have all initial selections made in StudentVue prior to seeing your counselor)

[March 5]: From this date forward, scheduling questions should be directed to McLean counselors





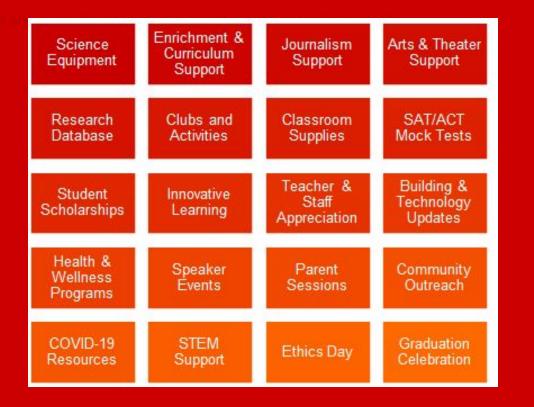
Sandra Buteau, President McLean High School PTSA



Mission of the PTSA

Make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children

What does your PTSA do?



We are committed to making our students potential a reality!

Supporting Highlander Families

McLean Matters



Health & Wellness Activities



Resources

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