



Mountain Home High School Career Academies Fact Book

Our School



The retired Navy A-7 Corsair II sits in front of our 10-12 campus as a real-life representation of our district's mascot: The Bombers. The plane was flown from the Millington Naval Air Base in Memphis into Mountain Home, on March 20, 1996. Getting the plane into Mountain Home was a joint effort between the Mississippi and Arkansas National Guards. It was flown in by a CH-47 double propeller helicopter. The Bomber has become a landmark of sorts and has been placed on our campus thanks to a military loan program through the Pensacola Naval Aviation Museum.

Mountain Home High School Career Academies comprises two neighboring campuses -- an 8th and 9th grade campus and a campus for students in grades 10-12. In total, MHHSCA serves more than 1500 students and employs approximately 110 licensed educators.

Students in grades 8-9 begin their high school journeys on our junior high campus where they take credit-bearing classes, explore career and technical education programs, and prepare to transition to the high school campus. Students in grades 10-12 continue their high school journeys in the classrooms and laboratories on our high school campus; at work study, service learning, apprenticeship and internship sites; and on our local community college campus.

MHHSCA's 25+ pathway options provide students with choices in their learning, the ability to earn industry certifications in numerous areas, and with the essential skills needed to be both career and life ready. According to a definition created by MHHS students, career and life readiness means students finish high school with the knowledge, skills, grit and perseverance to achieve their goals. They qualify for and succeed in the postsecondary job training and/or education necessary for their chosen careers by demonstrating communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity.

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Our Pathways

- Agricultural Power, Structural, and Technical Systems
- Animal Systems
- Plant Systems
- Accounting
- Banking Services
- Marketing Research
- Administrative Services - Medical Office Administration
- Teaching and Training - Education & Training
- Restaurant and Food and Beverage Service - Food Production, Management & Services
- Early Childhood Development & Services - Child Care Guidance, Management & Services
- Family & Community Services - Family & Consumer Sciences
- Network Systems - Computer Engineering
- National Security - Navy ROTC
- Health Services (Therapeutic Services) - Medical Professions
- Health Services (Therapeutic Services) - Sports Medicine
- Facility and Mobile Equipment Maintenance and Repair - Automotive Service Technology - ASUMH Tech Center
- Law Enforcement Services - Criminal Justice
- Construction
- Engineering
- EAST
- Instrumental Music
- Theatre
- Visual Art
- Vocal Music
- French
- German
- Spanish

FAST FACTS



Graduation:

Approximately 300 graduates per class.



ACT Test:

ACT Composite Score of 19.9 -- 1.4 points higher than state average.



Industry Certifications:

Students earn approximately 150 industry certifications each year.



National Merit:

5 finalists for National Merit Scholarships in the past 5 years.

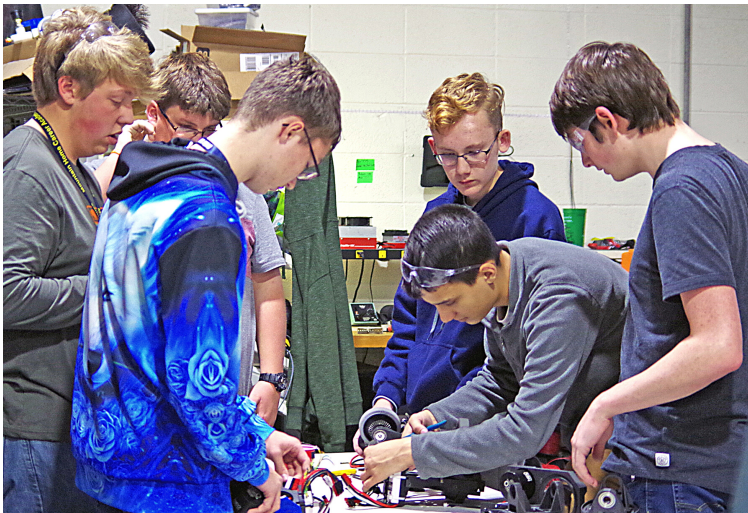


College Hours:

1200+ college hours earned each semester by students in grades 11 and 12.

Our Career Academies

During 8th and 9th grade, students begin exposure to our three career academies. As these students transition to our 10-12 campus, they join one of the academies based on learning style and career interests. After students make their academy selections, they are placed in an academy-specific advisory class where they meet multiple times a week for the next three years. The career academy model is one way MHHSCA provides smaller learning communities for its students -- even in a larger high school setting.



ACME (Agriculture, Construction, Manufacturing & Engineering):

The ACME Academy meets the needs of every student, every time through integrated projects, academic course offerings, and real-world learning experiences where students can participate in internships and apprenticeships with local business partners such as Baxter Healthcare and All Creatures Veterinary Hospital. ACME teachers work to make learning fun and hands-on for all students. ACME offers coursework in agriculture, plant science, animal science, welding, and engineering in addition to core courses. Students may also attend the Tech Center at ASUMH where they can take classes in automotive systems repair, mechatronics, construction, and welding. Each spring, ACME partners with an elementary campus to host "I Can Clubs" where our students teach small workshops to first and second graders.



CAB (Communication, Arts, and Business):

The CAB Academy meets the needs of every student, every time through classroom integrations, real-world learning experiences with local business and media partners, and active involvement with community service. CAB students are visual learners. Teachers encourage academic success by making learning fun, meaningful, yet rigorous. In addition to the core academic subjects, CAB offers instrumental music, vocal music, visual art, and theatre. These courses are available to all students in all academies. Other CAB courses and career pathways include Accounting, Banking, Survey of Business, Medical Office Management, Business Marketing Enterprise, Bomber Journalism (The Bomber Bulletin), Bomber Yearbook, A/V Tech & Film (Bomber Sports Network), EAST (Bomber News Network), computer science, coding, and programming.



HHS (Health & Human Services):

The Health and Human Services Academy meets the needs of every student, every time through academic course offerings, integrated projects, internship opportunities, and community partnerships. Courses with career connections to the healthcare, scientific, service, and social fields are available to students. The HHS Academy is involved in a number of integrated projects including CSI (Challenging Students to make an Impact). During this event, HHS students lead middle school students through "labs" to help solve a mock crime. The labs involve a multitude of demonstrations and experiments linked to physiology, chemistry, human anatomy, criminal investigation, etc. HHS students also have the opportunity to participate in the senior internship program and the medical internship program which is a partnership between the school and the local hospital, Baxter Regional Medical Center.

Innovative Programs & Community Engagement

Internships/Apprenticeships:

Seniors at MHHSCA may enroll in the internship or apprenticeship program, allowing them the opportunity to experience work-based learning in their fields of interest. Student exposure to the reality of a career field has been shown to help students more easily identify an ideal career path moving forward.

Personalized Learning:

As an alternative to home school, which only allows students to earn a GED, our Bomber Virtual Academy allows students to complete coursework at a distance and be eligible to earn a high school diploma. Students may take all courses online through MHPS or might choose a blended approach of some online coursework and some seated (on campus) courses. In our Summit Learning program, students learn new subject matter in dynamic ways that spark curiosity and increase motivation. Teachers gain a deeper understanding of each child. Together, they build strong connections and set goals to empower students with agency and accountability for their own learning.

Mountain Home Promise Scholarship:

The Mountain Home Education Foundation (MHEF) makes college possible for all students by funding the tuition gap for all MHHSCA graduates attending ASUMH for up to four semesters in a three-year window after graduation. The MHEF also provides traditional scholarships (more than \$1 Million since 2003) to students graduating from MHHSCA who plan to attend colleges other than ASUMH.

Advanced Placement and Postsecondary Learning Opportunities:

MHHSCA students have on-campus concurrent credit opportunities and 12 on-campus AP classes (in addition to several online AP opportunities through our digital learning program). Many colleges give course credit for a score of a 4 or 5 on an AP exam. Through the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge, qualifying students in grades 11 and 12 can take up to 6 hours per semester at no tuition charge. MHHSCA juniors and seniors may also take courses at the ASUMH tech center at no charge.

Clubs/Activities:

Numerous clubs and activities exist on both campuses for our students. Some of the activities/clubs students can participate in are Band, Robotics, FCCLA, FBLA, FFA, Educators Rising (10-12), Choir, Drama, Journalism, Fishing Club (8-9), Golf (9-12), Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer (9-12), Trap (9-12), Cross Country (9-12), Track, Bowling (9-12), Tennis (9-12), Swim (9-12), Baseball (9-12), Softball (9-12), French Club (10-12), German Club (10-12), Spanish Club (10-12), Student Council, SkillsUSA (10-12), HOSA (10-12), Anime (8-9), Quiz Bowl, NHS (10-12).

Student Flight Plan



- Create Student Success Plan (SSP) in your Tools For Success class
- Leverage your Strengths in your coursework and personal life
- Begin researching for college/careers
- Remember -- some 8th grade course offerings (Algebra 1, FACS, EAST, and Survey of Business) count for graduation credit
- Join some clubs or activities at our 8-12 campus
- Pick a CTE program of study and work toward becoming a completer



- Select a Career Academy and update SSPs in Keystone course
- Remember -- All courses now count toward graduation and toward your GPA
- Develop positive study habits by limiting distractions (i.e. cell phones) during designated study time
- Start résumé
- Meet with high school advisor in the spring to set high school schedule
- Consider taking ACT prep courses online
- Register for/take your first ACT (statistics show scores improve when you take the test more than once)



- Consider postsecondary options for college or careers
- Research requirements for scholarships
- Join clubs or activities at our 10-12 campus
- Take ACT and PSAT
- Complete a checklist to ensure you are on track for graduation



- Consider/register for college and/or technical courses through ASUMH -- up to 12 hours junior and senior year are covered by Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship
- Schedule up to two college visits
- Attend MHHSCA College Fair and Career Expo
- Take ACT multiple times
- Complete a checklist to ensure you are on track for graduation
- Update résumé



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- Consider/register for college/technical courses through ASUMH -- up to 12 hours junior and senior year are covered by Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship
- Schedule up to two college visits
- Attend MHHSCA College Fair, Scholarship Night, and Career Expo
- Order cap and gown and graduation announcements
- Apply for scholarships
- Complete FAFSA
- Finalize post-secondary plans
- GRADUATE!

Grading Scales





Advanced Placement (AP) Courses:

A (100-90%) = 5.0	B (89-80%) = 4.0	C (79-70%) = 3.0	D (69-60%) = 2.0	F (59-0%) = 0
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All Other Courses:

A (100-90%) = 4.0	B (89-80%) = 3.0	C (79-70%) = 2.0	D (69-60%) = 1.0	F (59-0%) = 0
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Diploma Tracks & Graduation Requirements

MHSCA Core Requirements		24 Credits
	4 Credits of English	
	.5 Credit of Personal (Oral) Communications	
	4 Credits of Math	
	3 Credits of Science	
	3 Credits of Social Studies .5 Credit of Personal Finance (in Economics) and Pass Arkansas Civics Exam	
	.5 Credit of Physical Education	
	.5 Credit of Health and Safety (CPR)	
	.5 Credit of Fine Arts	
	6 Career Focus Elective Credits	
	1 Credit Practical Art	
	1 Credit from Additional Elective	
	.5 Credit of a Digital Learning Course	
MHSCA Smart Core Requirements		26 Credits
Core Requirements Plus 2 Credits from Same Foreign Language and 2.5 or Higher GPA		
MHSCA Smart Core with Honors Requirements		
SMART Core Requirements Plus 2 Advanced Placement (AP) Courses and 3.5 or Higher GPA for Honors Distinction		