

MIDLOTHIAN HIGH SCHOOL

2009 Summer Academy FAQs

<http://www.midlothian-isd.net/mhs/online>



What is Summer Academy? Summer Academy offers students the chance to get ahead in their graduation requirements. It is sometimes difficult to fit athletics, fine arts and business courses and other electives that students may want to take into an already busy class day. Summer Academy students can get ahead in their requirements and have more flexibility in their schedule to take classes that relate to their particular interests.

What classes will be offered? This summer you may register for Art, BCIS, English IV, or MMA and receive a single credit for the equivalent of a two-semester class. Or you may prefer to take Economics, Government, Health, or Speech. These classes will be single semester classes where you may earn .5 credit. You may take two of these classes during the Academy session.

Who will be teaching? All courses are designed and taught by MHS faculty. This will provide a much more controlled experience and allow you the opportunity to interact with someone you know.

What equipment will I need? All students need to have a computer with Internet access. High-speed access is strongly recommended. You may access the computers in Lab 161 during regular MHS office hours. If an emergency occurs, you may use the computers available in Meadows Library during normal operating hours.

Will there be any required meetings? All students will be required to come to the MHS campus each week to take major tests. Some classes, like Art and Speech, will also have required face-to-face class work.

When are the meeting times for each class?

Art Tuesday 1-4pm

Economics Wednesday 9-noon

Government Thursday 1-4pm

MMA Thursday 9-noon

BCIS I Tuesday 9:30-11:30am

English IV Tuesday 9-noon

Health Monday 9-noon

Speech Monday noon-4

What if I need help with the lessons? Teachers will be checking their online classes daily. If you have questions, email will be returned within 24 hours. Additionally, students will meet at MHS with their teachers at least once each week. Your teachers will be happy to help you in person before or after these meetings.

What is the difference between online and traditional classrooms? The biggest difference students face when taking their first online class will be the motivation and time management skills that are required in the online environment. There is no one looking at you every day to encourage you to turn in assignments. The student must maintain a regular "online schedule" or you will easily get behind. There are aids in the classes to notify you and your parents when you are late turning in an assignment or

make a low grade, but ultimately, it is the responsibility of the student to keep up with assignments and complete them in a timely manner.

How much time will be required to complete the work? The Summer Academy lasts six weeks. Consider for a two-semester course, like MMA or English IV you will cover six weeks worth of material in one Academy week. For a single semester class, each Academy week is the equivalent of three week's work.

What will the classes cost? Single semester classes cost \$175. Two semester classes cost \$300.

What if I'm going on vacation? Students should keep up with their normal assignments while out-of-town. The classes are available anywhere in the world with Internet access. Teachers should be flexible with your in-class meetings, if they are notified in advance. If you keep up with your normal assignments, you will only need to makeup the major tests. Do not abuse this opportunity, as you will have a more difficult time taking multiple major tests during the weekly class meeting.

When do classes begin and end? Classes begin on June 15th and end on July 30th.

When will I receive my login information and books? There will be two orientation sessions offered before classes start on June 15th. You must attend one of these sessions.

Will these courses count in the student's GPA? Yes