Welcome to Mahopac Middle School Curriculum Night!
January 15, 2019
Agenda

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4. World Language w/videos
5. Special Education
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Introductions

Tom Cozzocrea  
Principal

Pat Keevins  
Assistant Principal

Allyson Fallman  
Assistant Principal

Dr. Kate Sweeney  
Administrator for  
Special Education
7th Grade
Jacqueline Tome
Psychologist
Ofri Felder
School Counselor

8th Grade
Kathi McTernan
Psychologist
Janice Maxwell
School Counselor
Front Office Staff

Arelene Alosco
Principal's Secretary

Annette Simmonds
Senior Office Assistant
Program of Study: 7th Grade

- 4-Core (ELA, SS, Math, Science)
  - Accelerated Math Year 1 (Algebra)

- Call Back Period

- World Language
  - Every Day ½ Credit
  - Spanish
  - German
  - Italian

- Looping Team Year 1
- Lunch
- Entire Year Courses
  - Physical Education
  - Music
  - Orchestra, Band or Chorus
  - Technology/FACS
Program of Study: 8th Grade

- 4-Core (ELA, SS, Math, Science)
  - Living Environment
  - Accelerated Math Year 2 (Algebra)
- Call Back Period
- World Language 1 Credit
  - German
  - Italian
  - Spanish

- Looping Team Year 2
- Entire Year Courses
  - Physical Education
  - Technology & Engineering
  - Art ½ Year .25 Credit
  - Orchestra, Band or Chorus
  - Chorus
  - Health ½ Year .25 Credit
Accelerated Courses

➢ Algebra (Math)
  ○ Starts in 7th Grade
  ○ Continues into 8th Grade
  ○ Regents at the end of 8th Grade
  ○ Accelerated Math Test
    ■ Date: 2/27 (make-up 2/28)
  ○ Requirements:
    ■ Accelerated Math Test
    ■ Teacher Recommendation
    ■ Student Grades

➢ Living Environment (Science)
  ○ Starts in 8th Grade
  ○ Regents at the end of 8th Grade
  ○ Living Environment Test
    ■ Date: 3/7 (make-up 3/8)
  ○ Requirements:
    ■ Living Environment Test
    ■ Teacher Recommendation
    ■ Student Grades
World Language Requirements

➢ World Language Courses beginning in 7th Grade
➢ Students must take one credit of World Language for a Regents Diploma
  ○ 7th and 8th
  ○ Advanced Regents Diploma requires 3 credits
➢ State required proficiency exams are:
  ○ End of Grade 8 - LOTE A
  ○ End of Grade 10 - LOTE B
➢ Languages Offered at MMS
  ○ Spanish
  ○ Italian
  ○ German
  ○ [https://youtu.be/6hE1xqox3UQ](https://youtu.be/6hE1xqox3UQ)
Special Education Schedules

Programs will vary based on student needs and IEP goals.

Classes offered:

• **Integrated Co-Teaching (ICT):** 1 Special Education Teacher and 1 General Education Teacher in the 4 Core Subjects with no more than 12 students with IEPs in the class.

• **Integrated Co-teaching- Modified (ICT-M):** ICT for social studies and science, and self-contained available for math and/or English. (Smaller classes, no more than 12, taught by special education teacher and TA).
Special Education Schedules

• **Resource Room:** 5:1 ratio. No more than 5 students and one special education teacher. Students work on IEP goals, study skills.

• **SKILLS II program:** 12:1:1 ratio. The classes are taught by special education teacher and supported by TA. Self-contained for all core academics. Students are integrated for all other courses, and academics when they are ready.

• **SKILLS I program:** 12:1:2 ratio. This class is for our students who are alternatively assessed. The classes are taught by one special education teacher and supported by a TA and an Aide. Students take electives, with support, as well.
Looping

- Starts in 7th Grades
- The same students and teachers are together for both 7th and 8th Grade.
- 6th Grade parents will be given the opportunity later in the year if they want their child put in for the looping team
National Junior Honor Society

Grade point averages (GPA) for all four quarters of 7th and first three of 8th grade, (94, overall GPA without accelerated class; 92, overall GPA with one accelerated class) and 90 overall GPA with two accelerated classes).
• Essay
• 20 hours Community Service by May 1* of 8th grade – then inducted end of June
  ● Advisor Ms. Tarantino
NYS High School Diploma: 22 Credits

Regents Diploma:

➢ Pass 5 Regents Examinations
  ○ English
  ○ Math
  ○ Global Studies
  ○ U.S. History
  ○ Science

Advanced Regents:

➢ +2 more Math
➢ +1 more Science
➢ 3 years of Language
  ○ Pass LOTE B Exam
NY State Testing

- ELA 6th, 7th, and 8th
- Math 6th, 7th, and 8th
- Science Performance 8th
- Science Written 8th

Regents 8th Grade Only

- Living Environment
- Algebra

April 2nd - 3rd
May 1st - May 2nd
May 22nd - 31st
June 3rd

June 18th
June 19th

*These dates are subject to change by the NYSED*
Academic Support

- After School Extra Help
- Homework Center
- Learning Center
- Academic Intervention Services (AIS)
- Team Meetings
Managing my Chromebook. What do I have to do?

Everyday, students will be expected to:

1. Bring the Chromebook to school
2. Charge his/her device at home overnight (charger provided)
3. Secure during the day (locked in a locker!)
Supporting Academics

1. Check Homework
2. Build Study Habits
3. Monitor Work
4. Keep an open line of Communication
5. Be involved:
   a. Student Council
   b. National Junior Honor Society
   c. The Torch (School Newspaper)
   d. MMS Theater Company – Stage Crew
   e. Yearbook
   f. School Store
   g. Steel Drum Ensemble / Jazz Band
   h. Intramurals
   i. Wingman
Washington DC

- For all 8th Graders that fulfill the requirements.
- 3 Days Two Nights