

Bulldog Counseling News

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Earning High School Credits in Middle School

Students can earn high school credits in middle school for the following courses:

- Algebra 1 – math credit
- Honors Geometry – math credit
- Earth/Space Systems – physical science credit
- Spanish 1 and 2 – foreign language credit (also a program completer credit)
- Advanced English 8 – **elective credit - this is not an English high school credit**

Credits and grades for Algebra 1, Honors Geometry, Earth/Space Systems, and Spanish 1 and 2 are awarded based on the following:

1. Students must pass the course each semester with an A, B, C, or D.
2. Students must pass the final examination at the end of the second semester.

**These grades earned will count towards their Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) high school grade point average (GPA). If your child is not satisfied with the grade earned, he or she may retake the course in Grade 7 or Grade 8 if it is available, or they may retake the course in high school. Also note that students who fail semester A of Algebra 1 will be placed in Algebra Prep for semester 2.

**For students enrolled Earth/Space Systems, progress will be monitored throughout the first semester and support provided as needed to ensure students' success. At the end of first semester exam, students' progress will be reviewed to determine if students are not being successful. In such cases school staff will collaborate with parents to decide if a student's schedule should be changed to avoid penalty of their grade transferring to high school. If the schedule change occurs, the student will not earn the high school credit and will need to schedule a physical science class in high school.

Since students may not be able to retake Advanced English in Grade 8, high school credit for this course will only be awarded based on the following:

- Students must pass the examination at the end of the second semester and must earn a final grade of A or B in each semester to be awarded high school credit.
- Students who do not earn an A or B in the course will not receive high school credit and their grades will not count toward their high school grade point averages—the course will not be reported on the high school transcript.

**Please be aware that if the student earning the Advanced English 8 credit, it is considered a high school elective credit not an English credit.