

## Academic Supports for Students at Richard Montgomery High School

**School-wide Academic Intervention Coordination** – Students may be referred by a teacher or counselor for additional academic assistance, goal setting, organizational help, or other academic support. Sessions are held in room 210 on Mondays and Wednesdays during lunch. Students are referred to the program via a pass delivered to their fourth period class. For specific questions, contact Mrs. Shay at [Nancy\\_S\\_Shay@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Nancy_S_Shay@mcpsmd.org) or Mr. Beach at [Peter\\_D\\_Beach@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Peter_D_Beach@mcpsmd.org)

**Homework Club:** Students can receive academic assistance in the Homework Club located in room 249 on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:40 pm. – 4:15 pm. Contact Mr. Beach or Mrs. Shay for more information at: [Peter\\_D\\_Beach@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Peter_D_Beach@mcpsmd.org) or [Nancy\\_S\\_Shay@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Nancy_S_Shay@mcpsmd.org). Students can also use the room as a place to study.

**See your counselor and teachers for help in all school subjects:** Your counselor is a great resource to help you get organized, improve your study skills, and create an academic improvement plan to help you achieve your goals. Counselors can be seen without an appointment every day before school, at lunch, or after school. You can also email your counselor to have quick questions answered or to set up an appointment. All counselor email addresses are on the [counseling page of the RM website](#).

Almost all teachers are available to meet with their students before school, during lunch, or after school. Contact your teacher in person or via email to set up a time to meet. All teacher email addresses can be found on the [Richard Montgomery HS website](#), and on [Edline](#). Some teachers also hold regular office hours where students can walk in without an appointment to receive extra help.

**Math help:** Individual math teachers are available during lunch in their classrooms and specific days after school. Check with your teacher for their availability. The Math Honors Society offers tutoring and homework help during lunch in room 314 (starting after 1<sup>st</sup> quarter interims). The Math page on the RMHS website provides links to any additional Math help (on the right side of the page under the Summer Packet info). Students can watch [The Math Dude](#) on TV on MCPS ITV channel 34 or on the internet.

**English help:** All students can visit the Writing Center every school day during lunch in room 249. Individual teachers are available during lunch and after school. Students can talk to their teacher to find out their availability.

**Fine Arts help:** Choral Music, Instrumental Music & Visual Arts - Fine Arts teachers are available during lunch and/or by appointment for their students who seek support in their class.

**Science help:** Science help is available Monday through Thursday during lunch in room 354 and after school until 3:45 on Thursday's in room 354. Student tutors for physics are available every Tuesday during lunch in room 361. Science tutors are available via National Science Honors Society - contact Mr. Albaugh in Rm. 353 or e-mail at [rmhs.snhs@gmail.com](mailto:rmhs.snhs@gmail.com). Science & Tech Ed teachers are available during lunch and/or by appointment for their students – see your teacher for their help days.

**World Language help:** World Language teachers are available to provide help during lunch and after school. Please talk to your teacher about their availability. Student tutors are available in Spanish, French, Latin, and Chinese. To arrange for a tutor in Chinese, French, Latin or Spanish, students should see their world languages teacher.

**ESOL Support:** The ESOL Department offers academic support for ESOL students Monday through Thursday during lunch. Tutoring for all subjects is held in room 262.

**Student tutors through NHS:** Student members of the National Honor Society (NHS) will be available to tutor students in all courses offered at Richard Montgomery High School daily during lunch by request. Please see Mrs. Boccher in Room 354 or contact her at [Stacey\\_M\\_Boccher@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Stacey_M_Boccher@mcpsmd.org).

**Homework Hotline:** Students can access Homework Hotline between 4:30-9:30 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays and on Mondays from 6:30-9:30 pm to have their homework questions answered by teachers: call 301-279-3234, text 724-427-5445, visit Homework Hotline on Facebook, or email Homework Hotline at [askHHL.org](mailto:askHHL.org). The website is: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/itv/HHL/>

**Career Center:** Utilize the [Career Center](#) and [Family Connection](#) for post high school planning. Ms. Hull, our College and Career Information Coordinator, is available to meet with students and families about the college application process and to help them use Family Connection, a free online college and career organization program to help students manage their college application and career exploration process. Parents can request their own Family Connection account by sending an email to Ms. Hull. You can meet with Ms. Hull without an appointment before school, during lunch, or after school. You can also email her to make an appointment at [Mary\\_F\\_Hull@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Mary_F_Hull@mcpsmd.org)

**Social Studies help:** Individual teachers are available before school, during lunch, and after school. Students can talk to their teacher to find out their availability.

## Tips for Student Success at Richard Montgomery High School

Use [Edline](#) to keep track of classes, grades, and assignments. Edline also has a link for online databases that MCPS students can use for class research. If you need to sign up for an Edline account or your Edline account is not working correctly, contact Mr. Hardy at [Ollie\\_T\\_Hardy@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Ollie_T_Hardy@mcpsmd.org).

**PARENTS: You can have YOUR OWN Edline account** that enables you to monitor your child's assignments and grades in each of their classes. Contact Mr. Hardy at [Ollie\\_T\\_Hardy@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Ollie_T_Hardy@mcpsmd.org) to set up an Edline Account. Check out the Edline tutorial on the MCPS website for more information: [http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/oars/activation\\_parent\\_tutorial.shtm](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/oars/activation_parent_tutorial.shtm)

Visit the [Richard Montgomery High School Website](#) for such things as the activities calendar, a list of school clubs, summer packets, staff email addresses, counseling resources, and the college application process. Summer packet info is listed under each department's subpage. The RM webpage is <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/rmhs/>. Parents and students can sign up to access the PTSA Listserv at [mailto:RMPTSA\\_Listserv-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:RMPTSA_Listserv-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) and to receive daily school morning announcements sign up at [rmhs\\_announcements-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:rmhs_announcements-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

Talk to your counselor or another trusted staff member if you are not feeling good about yourself, having problems at home, in your community, or at school that are keeping you from being as successful as you can be as a student. You can drop in to see your counselor before school, during lunch, or after school without an appointment. You can also set up an appointment to see your counselor by emailing them. All staff email addresses can be found on the [Richard Montgomery HS website](#).

If you have a health concern - big or small - visit our school nurse, Ms. Teresa Perez. Her office is located across from the gym. If Ms. Perez can't help you with your health concern, she will connect you with someone in the community who can. Ms. Perez's phone number is 301-610-8015.

Take control of your time by making TO DO lists, creating a dedicated study time, and learning to say no to friends and activities when you have work to do.

Keep your work with you so that you can get something done if you happen to end up with a few minutes of unexpected free time.

Get more involved in your classes. Keep your mind from wandering by taking notes, underlining sections, discussing topics with others or relating your homework to something you are studying in another class.

If you need to stay after school for extra academic help, to attend a club, or to participate in a sport, you can take an "Activity Bus" to get home. There are four buses that run on Tuesdays and Thursdays, leaving Richard Montgomery at 4:35 p.m. Students must show their student ID to get on a bus. These buses do not follow the regular school bus routes. Check the route schedule for the closest drop off near your home. If a student lives within 2 miles of Richard Montgomery and must walk to school, an Activity Bus will not be a viable option for transportation home. The Activity Bus schedule is located in the main office and on the Richard Montgomery website.

Use your Spin Book to keep track of school assignments and tests. Spin Books are free of charge. A replacement Spin Book can be purchased for \$5.00 at the Finance Window, located on Main Street near the Main Office. The school attendance policy is also located in your Spin Book.

Turn in your SSL forms to Ms. Anderson in the counseling office. To learn about SSL opportunities, email Ms. Anderson at [Evan\\_E\\_Anderson@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Evan_E_Anderson@mcpsmd.org)

If you need to repeat a class, ask your counselor about the Credit Recovery Program. A LIMITED number of classes will be offered. Your counselor will let you know if you are eligible for the program. Students who receive an E-3 for a class are not eligible for this program and will have to attend summer school to earn the required credit.

High School Assessment (H.S.A.) help: MCPS offers "[H.S.A. Prep Online](#)" to help students prepare for High School Assessment Exams. Visit the H.S.A. Prep Online website at <http://apps.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/hsaprep/index.aspx>

Private Tutors: A list of private tutors is available on the counseling department's webpage of the RM website under "related links." Remember that most private tutors cost money, and MCPS and RMHS do not endorse these tutors. The list is provided as a resource for students and parents. There is also a notebook in the Career Center which has information on private tutors.