

2025 – 2026

Manatee High School

Grade 9

Course Requests



NAME: _____
(Last Name, First Name)

MIDDLE SCHOOL: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN PHONE #: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL: _____

PART 1

REQUIRED SUBJECT AREA COURSES

You will be placed in core courses based on your 8th grade test scores and grades. See the Curriculum Guide on the MHS website (Guidance Page) for course descriptions and placement information. You may also refer to the back of this page for course placement guidelines.

ENGLISH

- ENGLISH I
- ENGLISH I HONORS
- ENGLISH I ESOL
- WORLD LIT HONORS

MATHEMATICS

- ALGEBRA 1-A
- ALGEBRA 1
- GEOMETRY
- GEOMETRY HON
- ALGEBRA 2 HON

SCIENCE

- ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
- BIOLOGY HONORS

SOCIAL SCIENCE

- WORLD HISTORY
- WORLD HISTORY HONORS

OFFICE USE ONLY

_____ INTENSIVE READING

_____ FAST READING

_____ FAST MATH

HOPE – Health Opportunities through Physical Education – This is a graduation requirement. All 9th graders are **automatically** placed in this class. Alternatively, students may take HOPE online via Florida Virtual School/Manatee Virtual School **or** students may apply for a HOPE Waiver after participating for two years on an athletic team and/or two years of JROTC.

_____ Check here if you intend to take HOPE online through Florida Virtual School/Manatee Virtual School

_____ Check here if you plan to participate in athletics and/or JROTC for two years and will apply for the HOPE Waiver

COLLEGE PREP ACADEMY ONLY

(Acceptance is Required)

_____ AP Human Geography

_____ Biology

_____ Biology Honors

Applications available on MHS Website

MEDICAL ACADEMY ONLY

(Acceptance is Required)

Biology

_____ Biology Honors

_____ Medical Skills **and/or**

_____ First Aid Safety/Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries

Applications available on MHS Website

PART 2

ELECTIVE COURSES

From the list below select **FIVE (5) elective courses** and rank them in order of preference, using **“1”** as most important, **“2”** as second most and so on. Every effort is made to give you your top choice, however, you **MUST** be prepared to be placed in **ANY** of your elective choices. If you do not make selections, counselors will make the choice, and classes will not be changed at a later date. Please choose wisely - our elective courses are **YEAR-LONG**, and you will be expected to remain in a class for the entire school year. **Choices may be altered due to State Assessment scores and/or availability of enrollment.**

_____ Art 2/D Comp	_____ Journalism 1	_____ TV Production 1
_____ Culinary 1	_____ Digital Information Tech	_____ Spanish 1
_____ Dance Techniques 1	_____ Applied Engineering Tech 1	_____ Spanish 2
_____ JROTC Leadership Education	_____ Advanced Manufacturing Tech 1	_____ Spanish 3 Honors
_____ First Aid and Safety/Care and Prev of Athletic Injuries	_____ Vocal Ensemble (Director Recommendation req'd)	
_____ Chorus 1	_____ Orchestra – students with prior experience	
_____ Band 1 – students with prior experience	_____ Instrumental Techniques – students with less than 2 yr	
_____ Music Ensemble – students with little or no experience	_____ Instrumental Ensemble (Fiddlers – Director Rec req'd)	
_____ Jazz Ensemble 1 (Director Recommendation req'd)	_____ Team Sports 1/2	
_____ Theatre 1		

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: *I have carefully chosen my courses based on graduation requirements, college entrance, and Bright Futures Scholarship requirements. I understand that final course placement is based on qualifying grades, test scores, and availability. I understand that once school begins my schedule will NOT be changed.*

Student Signature: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

NINTH GRADE PLACEMENT GUIDES

Course Placement	ELA Achievement Level	Completed English 1
English 1	Levels 1-2	
English 1 Honors	Levels 3-5	
English 2 Honors	Levels 3-5	Must have English 1 credit

***GPAs may be considered in placing student in an honors course if they test at a high level 3 with a GPA above 3.5**

Course Placement	8 th Grade Math State Assessment	Algebra EOC	Algebra 1 course Grade	Geometry Course Grade
Algebra 1-A	Levels 1-2			
Algebra 1	Levels 2-5			
Geometry		Levels 1-3		
Geometry Honors		*Levels 4- 5	Algebra 1 - A Algebra 1 Hon - A or B	
Algebra II		Levels 3-5	Algebra 1 credit earned	Geometry A or B and passed the Geometry EOC
Algebra II Honors		Levels 4-5	Algebra 1 - A Algebra 1 Honors- A or B	Geometry Honors- A or B and passed the Geo EOC

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Course Placement	Qualifications
Environmental Science	State ELA Assessment Level 1-2 (unless in the Medical Academy)
Biology	ELA Assessment Level 3 & Medical Academy students
Biology Honors	State ELA Assessment Level 4-5

SPANISH

Spanish I For students enrolled in a world language (or Spanish) class for the first time.

Prerequisite: B+ in Math and English; Proficient Score on ELA State Assessment

Spanish II For students who have completed Spanish I or heritage learners who have demonstrated mastery of Spanish I writing and reading skills.

Prerequisite: C+ in Spanish I

Spanish III Honors For students who have completed Spanish II or heritage learners who have demonstrated mastery of Spanish II writing and reading skills.

Prerequisite: C+ in Spanish II

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