

Maynard H. Jackson High School

**Our mission continues:
To pursue EXCELLENCE, every day in every way!
Motivate, Educate, Accelerate**



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Degree Programs & Academic Options

- **International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP):** courses taken in 11th and 12th grade to complete Diploma Program. Most rigorous academic path.
- **International Baccalaureate Career-Related Program (IBCP):** combines two or more IB Diploma Program courses with a complete career-related pathway of study.
- **Advanced Placement (AP)/Honors/On-Level:** students can pursue any mix of these courses. AP are college-level courses available to *all* students beginning in 9th grade.
- **Early College (Dual Enrollment):** attend a public college to earn high school and college credit simultaneously; course fees, books, etc. are paid by program. Student must apply and be accepted to college.

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APS Graduation Requirements

Area of Study	Number of Credits Required
English/Language Arts	4
Mathematics	4
Science	4
Social Studies	3
Foreign Language	2
P.E./Health	1 ½
Electives	5 3 years related to the same state-defined thematic pathway is recommended.
Community Service (75 hours)	½
Total	24 Credits Required


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9th Grade Course of Study

1	9th Grade Lit (On-Level or Honors)	
2	Algebra I (On-Level or Honors) or Geom H/Alg II H	
3	Biology (On-Level or Honors)	
4	Amer Govt/Civics (On-Level or Honors)	H.S. Transitions or P.E. Elective
5	Health	Personal Fitness
6	Foreign Language (French, Spanish, Mandarin Chinese)	
7	JROTC, CTAE or Fine Arts Pathway	
8	Math/Reading Support or Add'l Elective	

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Our Pathways

Chorus	Visual Arts	Ballet
Theatre Arts	Band	Orchestra
Digital Technology	Engineering	Audio/Video Technology & Film
Graphic Design		JROTC--Army

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Academic Electives: AP Options

Academic Elective: AP Human Geography

AP Human Geography is a college-level course that introduces students to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and management of the Earth's surface. Students employ spatial analysis to examine socio-economic and environmental consequences. The course uses methods and tools geographers use in their research and applications.

Students should be able to read and write using the conventions of Standard Written English.

Academic Elective: AP Computer Science Principles

New in 2019-2020! AP CSP is designed to be equivalent to a first-semester introductory college computing course, and offers a multidisciplinary approach to teaching the underlying principles of computation. The course will introduce students to the creative aspects of programming, abstractions, algorithms, large data sets, the Internet, cybersecurity concerns, and computing impacts. Requires strong math skills and a love of creative problem-solving.

While not officially a pathway, AP CSP will be the first in a progressive series of Computer Science courses offered through a new partnership with Georgia Tech.



IB

Is your child college-bound?

Then you need to start planning RIGHT NOW!

College:	Average GPA:	SAT Score:	ACT Score:
Agnes Scott College	3.69	1160-1250	24 average
Boston University	3.59	1290-1470	28-32
Brandeis University	3.87	1330-1510	29-33
Clayton State	3.0	970 minimum	20 minimum
Columbia University	4.16	1460-1590	32-35
Duke University	4.17	1430-1580	31-34
Emory University	3.8	1350-1530	30-33
Georgia Southern	3.24	1110-1260	22-26
Georgia State Univ.	3.34	1040-1250	20-26
Georgia Tech	3.98	1380-1530	30-34
Harvard College	4.04	1480-1600	32-35
Kennesaw State	3.22	1070-1250	21-24
MIT	4.13	1520 (average)	34 (average)
Morehouse College	3.24	940-1160	19-24
New York University	3.6	1310-1510	29-33
Princeton University	3.87	1450-1590	32-35
Savannah State	2.74	840-960	16-18
SCAD	3.46	1030-1260	21-27
Spelman College	3.61	1060-1240	22-26
Stanford University	4.18	1430-1590	31-35
UCLA	4.29	1230-1510	28-33
University of Chicago	4.0	1490-1600	32-35
University of Georgia	4.0	1210-1400	26-31
University of Miami	4.2	1280-1440	28-32
Virginia Tech	3.95	1170-1380	N/A

IB Subject Group	Ninth Grade	Tenth Grade	Eleventh Grade	Twelfth Grade
Language and Literature:	9 th Grade Lit./Comp.	World Literature or AP Language*	IB Literature HL (Y1)	IB Literature HL (Y2)
Language Acquisition:	Chinese, French, or Spanish 1 or 2	Chinese, French, or Spanish 2 or 3	IB Chinese, French, or Spanish (Y1)	IB Chinese, French, or Spanish (Y2)
Individuals and Societies:	American Govt. (1 semester)/P.E. Elective (1 semester)	World History or AP World History*	IB History of the Americas HL (Y1)	IB History: 20th Century World Topics HL (Y2)
Sciences:	Biology (or Honors Biology)	Chemistry (or Honors Chemistry)	IB Biology SL (Y1) or IB Chemistry SL (Y1)	IB Biology SL (Y2) or IB Chemistry SL (Y2)
Mathematics:	<i>See Potential Math Sequences on next page¹</i>	<i>See Potential Math Sequences on next page¹</i>	<i>See Potential Math Sequences on next page¹</i>	<i>See Potential Math Sequences on next page¹</i>
The Arts:	<i>See Potential IB Arts Pathways on next page²</i>	<i>See Potential IB Arts Pathways on next page²</i>	<i>See Potential IB Arts Pathways on next page²</i>	<i>See Potential IB Arts Pathways on next page²</i>
Additional Requirements:	Personal Fitness/Health	Elective (or unfulfilled P.E. requirement)	Theory of Knowledge [TOK] (Y1)	Theory of Knowledge [TOK] (Y2)
Additional Requirements:	AP Human Geography or AP Computer Science Principles* [optional] <i>(See possible math options also.)</i>	Elective <i>(See possible math options also.)</i>	Physics or AP Physics*	Economics or AP Macroeconomics* [Note: Economics is 1 semester course that must be paired with another 1 semester course.]

¹Potential Math Sequences:

Eighth Grade	Ninth Grade	Tenth Grade	Eleventh Grade	Twelfth Grade
8 th Grade Math	Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II/Adv. Algebra	Pre-Calculus, AP Statistics, or Advanced Math Decision Making
8 th Grade Math	Algebra I	Geometry AND Algebra II/Adv. Algebra [NOTE: This option may take up the space of an additional elective.]	Pre-Calculus, AP Statistics, or IB Math SL (Year 1)	AP Statistics, AP Calculus AB, or IB Math SL (Year 2)
Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II	Pre-Calculus, AP Statistics, or IB Math SL (Year 1)	AP Statistics, AP Calculus AB, or IB Math SL (Year 2)
Algebra I	Geometry AND Algebra II/Adv. Algebra [NOTE: This option may take up the space of an additional elective.]	Pre-Calculus	AP Calculus AB or IB Math SL (Year 1)	AP Calculus BC or IB Math SL Year 2)

²Potential IB Arts Pathways:**

Ninth Grade	Tenth Grade	Eleventh Grade	Twelfth Grade
Ballet 1	Ballet 2 or higher <i>(required prerequisite)</i>	IB Dance HL (Y1)	IB Dance HL (Y2)
Audio-Video Tech 1	Audio-Video Tech 2 or higher	IB Film HL (Y1)	IB Film HL (Y2)
Level 1 or higher of any Band, Chorus, or Orchestra class	Level 2 or higher of any Band, Chorus, or Orchestra class <i>(required prerequisite)</i>	IB Music HL (Y1)	IB Music HL (Y2)
Theater 1	Theater 2 or higher <i>(required prerequisite)</i>	IB Theater HL (Y1)	IB Theater HL (Y2)
Art/Draw/Paint 1	Art/Draw/Paint 2 or higher	IB Visual Art HL (Y1)	IB Visual Art HL (Y2)

HOW TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE NOT LEFT OUT OF THE BIG OPPORTUNITIES:

- KNOW that YOUR CHILD is just as intelligent, resilient, and capable as ANY other student at Jackson (regardless of their background, etc.)
- If your child is not weak in Math, DO NOT register for Algebra/Geometry Support!
- Unless you know your child needs it, the High School Transitions class MAY NOT be necessary.
- Take Spanish, French or Chinese in ninth grade - don't wait!
- Settle on your pathway (CTAE, Fine Arts, JROTC, etc.) by tenth grade!
- Take AP classes starting in ninth grade. Don't be scared of rigor. Exposure is valuable.
- YOUR DAILY ACTIONS/HABITS affect your future! The transcript that you are sending to colleges starts on the first day of 9th grade and ends in Spring of 12th grade.

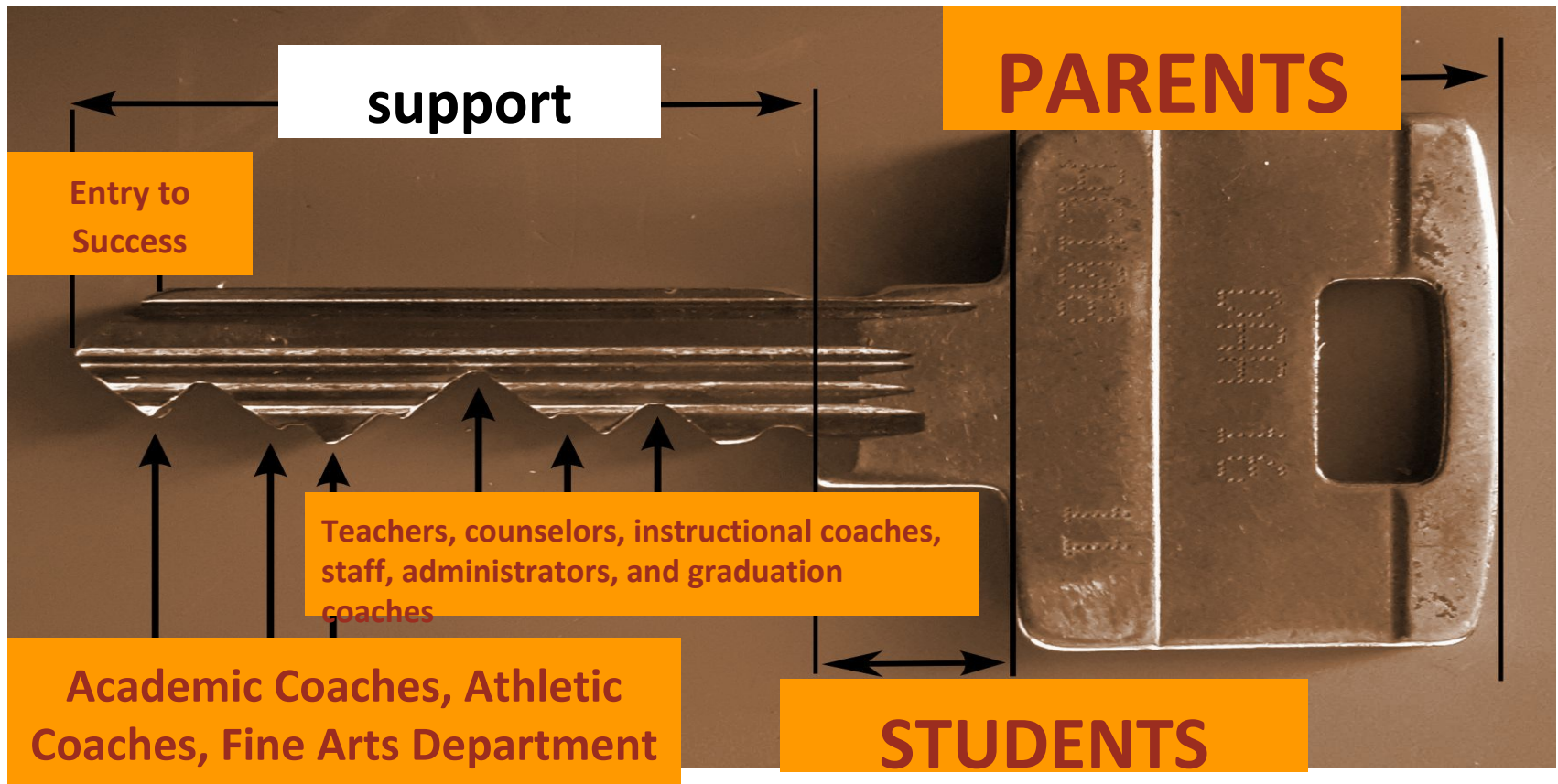
How can parents assist with student success at the high school level?

- ❖ “Form/maintain an established routine. Let the kids know they are receiving a few new liberties, but you will be there because you love them no matter what” (Stella B., Junior).
- ❖ “Never stop teaching time management and open communication” (Harry D., Freshman).
- ❖ “Parents, it is going to be hard; don’t slack, so you can enjoy 10th- 12th grades with your children. Do not give up on them” (K. Minor, Junior).
- ❖ “Your involvement will make your kids’ lives easier because your commitment depicts your willingness to be a part of the Jaguar nation. You care and that is what matters most” (Natasha P-W, Senior).
- ❖ “Don’t be afraid and take easy classes. Challenge yourself; do your homework early, and communicate with your teachers and parents” (Stella S., Freshman).
- ❖ “Attend every parent meeting” (Jaylan S., Freshman).

How can parents assist with student success at the high school level?

- ❖ “Freshman year is often the most difficult. Many underestimate the amount of work; thus, parents must continue to work with their students to understand expectations, promote structure, and provide guidance” (D. Eberhart, teacher).
- ❖ “By continuing to promote accountability at home/school via open communication, parents promote a partnership with all involved to foster student success” (I. Humphrey, teacher).
- ❖ “Stay on top of your student’s grades by downloading the Infinite Campus app on your phone. High schoolers lead busy and often convoluted lives; if we are not vigilante; their grades may slip” (O. Uchime, teacher).
- ❖ “Stay in your child’s business” (A. Danser, Principal).

Parental Involvement is Key!



Recommendations To Stay Informed

1. Attend informational meetings
2. Be certain your contact information is up to date (phone numbers and emails) in Infinite Campus
3. Ask questions about your student's day
4. Create short and long term goals.
5. Email the teachers if you have questions and/or concerns
6. Encourage extracurricular participation and attend the events
7. Plan before the semester begins

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Get Involved: Clubs & Extra-Curriculars

Academic Decathlon Team

Anime & Gaming Club

Beta Club • Bicycle Club

Chess Club • Chorus

Cooking Club

Creative Writing Club

Debate Team

Drama Club • e-Sports

Engineering & Robotics

FBLA

FCA

French Club

Gay Straight Alliance

Girls Who Code

Green Warriors Environmental Club

Honor Society for French

International Thespian Society

Key Club • Jazz Band

Jaguar Ambassadors

Jaguar Book Club

Journalism/ Yearbook

Literary Magazine Club

Marching Band

Mathematics Honor Society

MJHS Service Club • Mock Trial

Model UN

National Art Honor Society

National Honor Society

Honors Orchestra

Outward Bound

PALS

Peer Mediation Program

Poetry Out Loud

Quiz Bowl

SEED Program

Science Olympiad

Skills USA

Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica

Spanish Club

Student Council / SGA

Technology Student Association

Yoga Club

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Get Involved: Athletics

Baseball (JV & Varsity)

Basketball —Boys (9th, JV & Varsity)

Basketball —Girls (JV & Varsity)

Cheerleading (JV & Varsity)

Cross Country (Boys & Girls)

Football (JV & Varsity)

Flag Football (Girls)

Golf (Boys & Girls)

Lacrosse (Boys & Girls)

One Act Plays

Rifle Team

Soccer (Boys & Girls)

Softball

Swimming & Diving

Tennis (Boys & Girls)

Track & Field (Boys & Girls)

Ultimate Frisbee

Volleyball (Varsity Girls)

Wrestling

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Parent Panel

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Upcoming Dates

(please note that many details/dates are still TBD due to COVID circumstances)

January 21: Rising 9th Grade Parent Interest Night (ZOOM)

Jan/Feb TBD: “Live” virtual tour with Dr. Danser (ZOOM)

February TBD: MJHS virtually visits 8th graders to talk all things MJHS: pathways, academic paths, and Q&A with student Ambassadors (this replaces 8th grade tours)

February/March: scheduling begins: Ms Harris visits King (virtually or f2f, TBD)

March-April: one-on-one scheduling meetings available

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Stay Informed!

- Join the Class of 2025 **REMIND**: text to 81010 @mjhs-25
- Our school website: <http://www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/Domain/3508>
- Check **Parent Portal** regularly to monitor student attendance and grades. <https://ic.apsk12.org/campus/portal/atlanta.jsp>
- Follow us on TWITTER: **@APSMHJHSJaguars**
- Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/mhjhs>
- Follow **@principaldanser** & **@assistantprincipaledwards** on IG
- MJHS IB website: <https://maynardjacksonib.weebly.com>

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Thank You!

