

MAUMEE HIGH SCHOOL FAQ

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School Hours:

Q: When does Maumee High School open for student access?

A: Doors will unlock at 7:15 am for student access. Breakfast will be served from 7:15 am - 7:35 am. Students taking advantage of the breakfast program must finish their breakfast in the cafeteria and report to class by 1st bell at 7:43 am. Breakfast items cannot be taken to classrooms. Doors will re-lock at 3:15 pm and students can only stay in the building beyond 3:15 pm if they are under the supervision of a coach, teacher, counselor, or club advisor.

Q: When can parents access the building?

A: Parents need to set up an appointment to meet with staff during the school day. Labeled drop-off items (like lunches or homework that was left at home accidentally) can be left in the entry vestibule and will be picked up & delivered by MHS staff when the opportunity presents. Most commonly requested forms are available in the entry vestibule as well.

Attendance:

Q: How many absences are allowed before a student loses credit in a class?

A: Any "Unconfirmed Absences" in excess of 4 (in a single trimester) will result in loss of credit for any assignment(s) missed in the duration. Missed work will be marked as a "zero" in the grade book with natural grade implications for the overall course grade.

Additionally, when a student surpasses 4 absences in a trimester, for any reason (confirmed or unconfirmed) the student will lose their exam waiver for the trimester.

Confirmed Absence - A parent can call and confirm a student absence, but that confirmation does not mean that the absence is "excused".

Unexcused Absence - any absence reported or unreported by the parent/guardian that puts the student OVER the 65-hour limit in a school year.

Excused Absence - any absence reported or unreported by the parent/guardian that does not put the student over the 65-hour limit in a school year.

Athletics/Activities:

Q: My student wants to play sports, will he/she need a physical?

A: Yes. A student athlete physical is good for only one calendar year.

Q: How do we find out when practice is going to be?

A: Call the athletic office and contact information will be provided for the coach. In addition, a copy of the current practice schedule can be requested. Also checkout the athletic website www.maameepanthers.org

Q: What grades are required for participation?

A: Must pass 4 of 5 classes each trimester and maintain a minimum 1.5 GPA. This applies to ALL extra-curriculars (sports, clubs, etc.) and the competition/travel/performance components of co-curriculars (DECA, band, orchestra, etc.)

Q: Are there fees for participation in extracurricular activities?

A: Activity fees listed below are for students in grades 9-12. These fees would be collected from students wishing to participate in any school-sponsored extracurricular or co-curricular activity, such as clubs, intramurals, quiz bowl, yearbook, etc:

\$75.00 per student per year for the first child;

\$50.00 per student per year for the second child in the same family;

\$25.00 per student per year for third child in the same family

Fees for 9-12 athletic teams, band, speech/debate and cheerleaders:

\$100.00 per student per year for the first child;

\$ 75.00 per student per year for the second child;

\$ 50.00 per student per year for the third child

These fees cover as many sports or activities as the student wishes to participate in during any one (1) school year. Additional fees, specific to each program, can be charged on a case-by-case basis. For example, the football team could charge a fee for mandatory items such as socks, shorts and/or t-shirts and the marching band could charge a fee for shoes, team meals, charter bus rentals and/or official show t-shirts.

Q: Who should we contact regarding the sports program at MHS?

A: The athletic secretary is Michelle Greenawalt. Email her at mgreenawalt@maumeek12.org

Q: Which students are subject to the Random Drug Testing policy?

A: Any student in a competitive extracurricular or co-curricular as well as any student who requests a parking permit for the MHS parking lot is a candidate for random drug testing. Parents will be presented with a "Consent to Participate in Random Drug Testing" agreement in the back-to-school electronic forms. Parents whose students are involved in competitive extracurricular or co-curricular activities as well as those whose students are purchasing a parking permit must consent to test or their student will not be able to participate and/or purchase a parking pass. Parents can also elect to "opt in" their student even if the student does not purchase a parking pass or participate in a qualifying extracurricular or co-curricular.

Calculators

Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Algebra 3 - All require a TI-40.

Honors Geometry, Honors Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Statistics 1 & 2 - All require a TI-84

New TI-40's will be available for purchase for \$10.00

New TI-84's will be available for purchase for \$90.00

Chromebooks

Q: Are students required to have school-issued chromebooks?

A: While it is best for students to have a school issued chromebook, we realize that some students will have their own laptop. Students are required to have a laptop of some type for school. School issued chromebooks have pre-installed apps on them that allow the students to login to the state testing portal, access teacher google classroom sites, the Toledo-Lucas county public library ebook resources and free online tutoring.

Q: What is the cost for a school-issued chromebook?

A: A school-issued chromebook costs \$30 per year and the student gets to keep it after graduation.

Q: If my student brings their own laptop, what would he/she use for state testing?

A: Students who have registered their own laptop with the front desk at Maumee High School will be provided a “loaner” chromebook that they can use for chromebook-specific activities, including testing. The student would not be permitted to bring this loaner home.

Q: If my student forgets their computer or forgets to charge it, can they borrow one for the day?

A: No. We do not have extra chromebooks available. Like any school supply, the student is responsible for bringing their chromebook - fully charged - every day.

Q: If my student decides to attend Penta Career Center, can they still use their chromebook?

A: YES. In August, when the Penta Career Center attendance lists are finalized, the student chromebooks will be re-imaged to conform to the Penta Career Center system requirements. Parents are still required to pay the \$30 per year to Maumee High School until the student graduates (upon which they can keep the chromebook)

Communication

Q: What is the best way for parents to stay informed about MHS events?

A: MHS makes extensive use of email blasts to parents and Mr. Dick will email out a monthly update to parents on the PowerSchool email address. It is up to the parent to make sure that MHS has a current email address that is monitored and that the sent information does not go to spam. In addition, there are 5 newsletters that are mailed home during the school year and daily school announcements can be sent to your PowerSchool registered email address if you enable this feature. Lastly, each administrator and teacher have an email address and phone extension that you can use to directly contact one of us with questions or concerns. All MHS and MHS-Penta Career Center parents can receive timely communications in this way.

Q: What channels does MHS use to communicate with parents?

A: MHS uses a combination of communication tools. Phone calls, information blasts, Twitter (@maumeeHS), Facebook, and email. The MOST USED TOOL IS EMAIL. Make sure that the email address you put into powerschool is up-to-date and that school emails do not go into spam.

Principal: Mr. Matt Dick (matt dick@maumee12.org)

Assistant Principal: Mr. Scott Perrotte (sperrotte@maumee12.org)

Athletic Director: Mr. Matt Szyndler (mszyndler@maumee12.org)

Food Services:

Q: What is the charge for school breakfast and lunch?

A: For the 21-22 school year, breakfast and lunch are provided at no charge to any student. Students may purchase milk and additional items. Payments for these items may be made online at k12paymentcenter.com or check/cash may be placed in the food service lockbox in the cafeteria. Check/cash payments should be placed in a sealed envelope and labelled with the student's full name. No charging for milk or extra entrees is allowed.

Fees:

Q: We didn't pay fees at our old school, will we have to pay fees here?

A: Yes, but if your student qualifies for free/reduced lunches and you fill out an "Information Sharing" form or an Alternate Income form, you may also qualify for some (but not all) fee Reduction. The only fees that qualify for free/reduced status are those fees that are required by a class. Extracurricular, co-curricular, and other non-academic fees do not qualify. A "Sharing Information" form must be completed and returned to the Food Service department to qualify for a fee reduction.

Q: What fees do not qualify for free/reduced?

- Pay to Participate
- Season Sports Passes
- Parking Permits
- Class Color T-Shirts (there is now a parent t-shirt, as well)
- Yearbooks
- Spirit Wear
- Band and Orchestra Fees

Q: What if fees are not paid by graduation?

A: In order for a student to participate in the commencement exercise, the students must (a) meet all state and local academic requirements for graduation, (b) have paid ALL outstanding fees & fines, and (c) not be serving any disciplinary consequences over the weekend of graduation.

Student ID's:

Q: How will my new student get an ID?

A: School pictures will taken on **Friday, August 27th (retakes on Thursday, September 23rd)**. ID's will be distributed in homeroom.

Q: What is the ID used for?

A: Admission to MHS dances and other events.

Q: Is there a fee for student ID's?

A: Not for the initial issuance of an ID. Replacement ID's are \$5.00

Lockers/Locks:

Q: Are students required to use lockers?

A: No. Some students prefer to use their bookbags and do not use a locker. If your student wants to use a locker, one will be made available. If your student uses a locker, it must be secured with an approved lock.

Q: Can I use the lock I brought from home?

A: No, unless the lock was purchased at Gateway and is a MCS approved lock.

Q: Where can I purchase a lock and how much do they cost?

A: New locks can be purchased in the office for \$4.50, used locks for \$1.00.

Q: Will the cost of a lock be covered if my lunch fees are waived?

A: No. Locks are not covered by a fee waiver.

Honors classes:

Q: My student was in honors classes at our other school, will they be in honors classes here?

A: Maybe. Admission to the honors program at Maumee High School is based on a combination of past standardized test scores (IOWA, CogAT, WISC, ACT) and past academic performance. Your interest in the program will be referred to the honors program coordinator and the student will be contacted if accepted.

Q: If my student does not qualify for the honors program as an incoming 9th grader, can he/she be considered later?

A: Yes. MHS has a process of merit acceleration for the most qualified students pending class space.

PE class:

Q: Will my student have to buy a uniform for PE class?

A: No, but they must dress appropriately for PE and exercise

Q: Will my student have to buy a lock for PE class?

A: Used locks will be available to rent from the gym teachers.

PE waiver:

Q: Does my student need to enroll in PE if he/she is in a sport or band?

A: Students who complete 2 seasons of a MHS - not club - sport, 2 seasons of cheerleading, or 2 seasons of marching band can have the PE graduation requirement waived. Waiver intention forms are part of the back-to-school online packet.

Transportation:

Q: Where will buses drop off/pick up students and where is car drop off/pick up located?

A: Buses will drop off and pick up students at the PAC entrance and will use the PAC parking lot. Parents/guardians will use the front loop. Remember that class begins promptly at 7:43 am. **Students should be dropped off no later than 7:40 am** (students who want to take advantage of the school breakfast program should be dropped off between 7:15 and 7:30 am).

Q: Will my student ride a bus?

A: Check the eligibility list by street online (district website)

Q: What time does the Penta Career Center bus depart from / arrive at MHS?

A: The bus leaves MHS to head to Penta at 7:25 am. Students on this bus should arrive at MHS no later than 7:20 am. Penta buses will load at the PAC. The bus returns to MHS at 3:20 Pm. If they are eligible for bus transportation - in the afternoon they must walk to Wayne Trail to catch an elementary bus home.

Q: Will students be transported to/from Penta Career Center on days when MHS is not in session?

A: On days where Penta is open and MHS is closed, transportation will be provided between Penta and MHS. Students are responsible for getting to MHS in the morning to catch the bus to Penta and are responsible for getting home after being dropped off at MHS.

Q: If my student participates in the after-school tutoring & homework assistance programs, will transportation be available for my student to get back home?

A: Yes. Transportation arrangements will be made for students who stay for after-school academic programs.

Q: Who do I contact regarding questions about bus service?

A: MCS Transportation @ 419-893-1392

Dress Code & Rules:

Q: Where is information about the student dress code and disciplinary expectations?

A: Every student receives a handbook/planner that outlines these rules.

Grades:

Q: How can I find out how my student is doing in their classes?

A: The PowerSchool parent portal allows parents to follow student grades at all times. Keep in mind that teachers need time to update their records throughout the school year. All high school secretaries can provide you with the information necessary to create your parent portal account. GRADE CARDS ARE NOT SENT OR MAILED HOME.

Special Education:

Q: I have an IEP / MFE from my previous school district. Will my student get the same services at MHS?

A: If you are from an Ohio school, we will accept the MFE as written. Within 30 days of enrollment, we will review the IEP to determine if we are able to accept it as written or if an amendment needs to be made. During this time, your child will receive similar services to the currently written IEP. If you are from out-of-state, within 30 days, we will review both the MFE and IEP to determine if either has to be updated or changed.

Health:

Q: My student has a health condition the school should be aware of. How can I be sure the teachers know?

A: You may wish to discuss this with either the school nurse, Mrs. Jane Fender, or your student's guidance counselor. Medical notes can be put on the PowerSchool teacher portal.

Q: My student needs medication during the school day. What do I need to do about this?

A: Students are never permitted to carry prescription medications.

Non-prescription (over-the-counter) medications can be carried under certain conditions as stated below:

1. *Prescription Medications* – Must be stored and administered in the front office in accordance with the rules stated in Board Policy 5330.
2. *Non-Prescription (over-the-counter) Medications* – Students may carry and self-administer these so long as the parent fills out the proper form (5330 F1)

Changes in address, phone number, custody, residency:

Q: I have a change in address, phone number, email address or custody. How do I make sure that the school has my new information?

A: It is your responsibility to keep the school up-to-date in any of these changes. Contact a secretary at MHS to record updates as needed.

Change in custody - The documentation must be provided to the office, it must be court-stamped to be valid. This would include other court orders that would affect the student.

Change of address - A parent must immediately notify the school and provide required residency documents. A list of required documents can be found at <http://www.maumee.k12.oh.us/parents/forms.php>

Change of phone number, place of employment or email - Call the school and provide this information to the secretary.

After School Tutoring, Homework Assistance, quiet study time

Q: Does MHS offer after school academic assistance programming to all students?

A: Yes. Free, teacher-staffed, daily after-school academic services are offered everyday from 2:30 - 3:40 pm. Services include tutoring, homework assistance and quiet homework/study time. A bus will be available for students to get home after this program.

Graduation Information & Senior Class Information

Q: Where can I find information about graduation and information specific to the senior class?

A: There is a link on the Maumee High School website called "Graduation Information". All items specific to the senior class are included here.

More Questions?

The student planner is a good source of school information and guidelines. Please review with your student and refer to this to answer many of your school-related questions. The Maumee High School office phone number is 419-893-8778.