

A background image of a graduation ceremony. A large crowd of graduates in black gowns is visible at the bottom, many with their arms raised in celebration. Numerous black graduation caps are seen flying through the air against a light blue sky. The overall scene is festive and celebratory.

# **Dual Degree Program Orientation**

**November 30, 2023  
7:00 pm - WNHS D187  
December 5, 2023  
7:00 pm - WHS LRC**

# Welcome and Introductions



Dr. Justin Smith  
D200 Assistant  
Superintendent for  
Middle School & High  
School Education



Dr. Daniela Broderick  
MCC Associate Vice  
President of Academic  
Affairs



Ms. Cara Schultz  
MCC Director of  
College & Career  
Readiness



Ms. Shannon Landwehr  
Director of School  
Counseling

# Agenda

- Dual Degree Program at a Glance
- Dual Degree Program
  - Courses, Expectations, Benefits
- Four-Year Plan Meetings
- Summer Classes
- Differences between HS and College
- Program Cost
- Placement Exams
- Transferability
- Access & Disability



# The Dual Degree Program at a Glance

**Current Dual Degree Enrollment - 152 Students**

**Class of 2023 - 21 Students (Average - 69 credits)**



**Class of 2024 - 28 Students**

**Class of 2025 - 34 Students**

**Class of 2026 - 41 Students**

**Class of 2027 - 49 Students (80 applied)**



# Dual Degree Program

*Students take courses that counts toward a D200 HS Diploma and MCC Associate Degree.*

## Requirements for D200 HS Diploma

40 credits = English

30 credits = Math

20 credits = Science

30 credits = Social Science/Fin. Literacy

40 credits = PE/Health/Dr. Ed.

62 credits = Electives

**222 credits = D200 HS Diploma**

## Requirements for the Associate in Arts (AA) Degree Requirements

9 credits = English/Communications

9 credits = Humanities & Fine Arts

9 credits = Social & Behavioral Sciences

7 credits = Physical & Life Sciences




3 credits = Mathematics

23 credits = Electives

**60 credits = Associate in Arts Degree\***

\* 2 courses Diversity/Multicultural Studies

# College Credit Opportunities

	<u>College Credit</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>Advanced Placement (AP)</b> 	Exam Score of 3, 4, or 5 (AP Exams - May) <a href="#">AP Credit Policy Search</a>	\$98 AP exam \$146 AP Seminar	D200 High School
<b>Dual Credit Course</b> 	Final grade of "C/D" or higher <a href="#">D200 Curriculum Guide</a>	\$25 per course	D200 High School
<b>MCC Course</b> 	Final grade of "C/D" or higher <a href="#">MCC Course Catalog</a>	$\frac{1}{3}$ the cost of tuition/fees + the cost of textbooks	Virtual or MCC

# Dual Degree Program vs. Dual Credit/AP Courses

	Dual Degree Program	Dual Credit/AP Courses
Increased Academic Time Commitment	X	No
4-Year Planning Meetings	X	No
12 in 200 Recognition	X	Possible
Summer School Courses (required)	X	No
Optional MCC Courses based on Career Plans	X	No
Prorated Cost for MCC Courses	X	No
Associate Degree	X	No

# Dual Degree Program Expectations

- **Commitment to Academics** - you are completing 2 years of college and high school simultaneously.
  - Summer class taken yearly
  - Academic Excellence
- **Communication with Ms. Landwehr** -
  - Minimum once per semester
  - 1:1 meetings, group meetings, email, YouCanBook.Me
- **Plan Ahead** -
  - Individual MCC classes - need to enroll 3 months before
- **Program Costs** -
  - Wait for District 200 to bill you for tuition
  - Pay out of pocket for MCC books



# Next Steps - 4 Year Planning Meetings

- You and your parent(s) will develop a 4-year plan with Ms. Landwehr.
- 50 minute meetings occurring in December and January
- Sign up after today's meeting
- After the Planning Meeting, decide if it's the right program for you.



# What do I need to prepare for my 4-year planning meeting?

Complete the questions on this Google Form:

- Career goals
- Educational goals
- Any colleges or programs you plan to apply to
- What extracurricular activities do you participate in



*Review the [Associate in Arts Degree requirements](#) before the meeting*

# Summer Courses

## Cohort 2027 (Current 9th Grade Students)

During the 2024 Summer Cohort 2027 will be taking  
***MCC 101 THE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE and PDV 110 CAREER DEVELOPMENT***

**Dates:** 6/3/24 - 6/28/24

**Days:** Monday - Thursday

**Time:** 8:00 - 10:00 am

**Type of Instruction:** First two weeks synchronous remote via Zoom, second two weeks asynchronous via Canvas.

**Cost:** TBA (Families will be billed for the cost of the classes in the summer.) approx. \$100

**Credits:** 1.0 per course

## How do I sign up for summer classes?

Student names will be submitted by Ms. Landwehr to MCC for summer classes. In early May, Ms. Landwehr and Ms. Schultz will schedule a time to work together with the cohort to provide students everything they need to be ready for their summer classes.

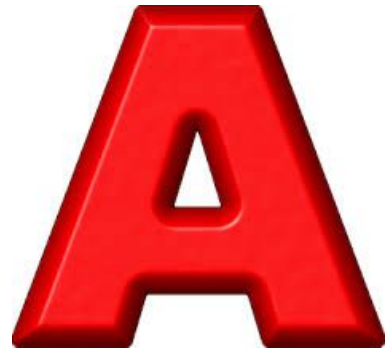
# How do I support my student during their summer courses?

- A student has access to their MCC course grades.
- Parents **don't have** access to their student's MCC grades as they are officially college students.
- College professors will not be contacting parents to provide updates on each students' progress. It is the student's responsibility to talk with their professors and advocate for themselves if they need extra help.



# Differences Between High School and College

- Grading
  - You are starting your college transcript
  - Your dual credit grades will follow you
  - Your dual credit GPA can impact your future financial aid
  - YOU MUST STAY IN GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING!
    - 2.0 GPA is required for graduation from MCC
    - MCC does not use “+” and “-”, only letter grades



# Program Cost

- Program costs are charge to families as they are incurred. **(NOT all up front)**
  - **Dual Credit courses** have a \$25 fee which is billed to families from MCC each semester. Parents pay this fee directly to MCC.
  - **MCC courses** - pay  $\frac{1}{3}$  of tuition + Fees
    - Parents will be billed the  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the tuition costs from D200 and pay this cost to D200.
    - **Purchasing books for MCC courses are the responsibility and cost of the student/family.\*\***
  - **Fee Waiver** - Those qualified for Free/Reduced Lunch will have the \$25 dual credit course fee and tuition/fee costs waived (still need to pay cost of books). Fee reductions will be handled by D200.

\*\*Low cost books can be found on chegg.com or amazon.com.

Be sure to compare prices to those at MCC's bookstore before buying\*\*

# Will I have to take placement exams for MCC courses?

Possibly. Students need a cumulative weighted GPA of 2.6 during the Fall of their freshman year to enroll in DC Chemistry. If a student does not possess a 2.6 GPA they will need to pass a math placement test. Information will be made available in February regarding the testing process.

Note:

If a placement test is required, it would be the responsibility of the student to schedule and take the placement exam.

Testing Center (815) 455-8984



# Transferability

- Where can the Associates of Arts transfer?
- How will I know if my credits will transfer?
- [McHenry County College Transfer Website](#)
- [Transferology](#)



# Access & Disability Services (ADS)

- IEP or 504 needs
- Contact ADS for an intake appointment
  - 815-455-8766



# Sign Up for a 50 Minute Counselor Meeting

Please make an appointment before you leave tonight,  
or contact Ms. Landwehr to find an agreed upon time.

Shannon Landwehr

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WHS 815-206-2256

North 815-334-2453

# Question and Answer Time

