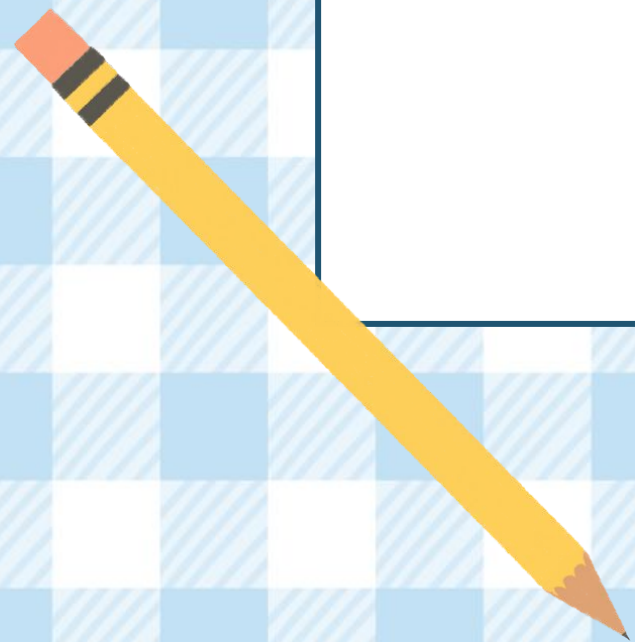




Welcome

Information Session
for 9th/10th Grade



Your Grade Level Counselor

9th
Miss Moorer



10th
Mrs. Smith



What is a credit?

- A credit is what you earn when you pass a class with a 65% or higher
 - For a 9 weeks course you receive a half credit (0.5 credit)
 - For an 18 weeks course you receive a full credit (1.0 credit)
- Students can earn a minimum of 8 credits per school year
 - 4 Fall
 - 4 Spring
- If you took Career Preparedness in 8th grade and passed you will start your high school transcript with 1.0 credit
- After a course is completed, that course will be

What is the grading scale?

What is a passing grade?

A (90-100)

B (80-89)

C (70-79)

D (65-69)

****Anything below a 65 will result in a failed course and no credit earned****

What is my transcript?

- Official record of all high school coursework
- Transcript is cumulative: 9th – 12th grade
- Transcript starts in 9th grade for most students – every course and grade counts!
 - If you took Career Prep in 8th grade that will show on your HS transcript
- Don't be afraid to take courses that challenge you, but always consider your areas of strength/weakness

Course	Grade	Final Grade	Added Value	Credit Earned
24-25 James Clemens High School				
Competition Marching Band, Fall	9	100		1.00
English, Grade 09 (1 cr)	9	99		1.00
Geometry w/Data Analysis, Honors (1 cr)	9	87	1	1.00
Orientation to Health Science	9	99		1.00

Official Transcript

2024-2025

Grade: 9
Student ID:
Expected Graduation:
Graduated: Graduation Date:



Madison City Schools
James Clemens High School
11306 County Line Road
Madison, AL 35756
(256) 216-5313 FAX: (256) 258-8017
Website: <https://jchs.madisoncity.k12.al.us>
Principal: Dr. Kerry Donaldson

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23-24 Liberty Middle School									
Accelerated Mathematics, Gr 8 (full)	8	94		0.00					
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GPA--- What is that?



GPA is how academic achievement is measured in schools.

GPA stands for

Grade

Point

Average

GPA Scale

	Regular	Honors/Pre AP	AP
A	4	5	6
B	3	4	5
C	2	3	4
D	1	2	3
F	0	0	0

What does this mean?

- The grades you make in 9th grade matter just as much as the grades you make your senior year!
- If you take an AP level course and make a B, that would be like making an A in an honors level course.
- The more honors and AP courses you take, the more weight will be added to your GPA over your four years of HS.

Should I take PreAP/Honors and/or AP?

What is the difference?

- Both courses use the same grade level standards, but honors and PreAP courses have additional rigor. The same textbooks will be used, but an honors level course will supplement with additional reading and materials.
- If you're not sure whether to take honors or regular- talk with your current core subject teachers to get their feedback.
- PreAP/Honors courses are noted on the transcript and receive additional weight towards the GPA
- Careful attention should be made when selecting a PreAP/Honors course. Once schedules are built, students are not allowed to drop PreAP/Honors courses.

MCS Graduation Requirements



Core Subject Areas: 16 credits total

English: 4 credits

- English 9 (Regular or Honors/PreAP)
- English 10 (Regular or Honors/PreAP)
- English 11 (Regular, Honors, or AP)
- English 12 (Regular, Honors, or AP)

If you plan to take AP English in 11th/12th grade I strongly advise taking English honors for 9th and 10th.

Math: 4 credits

- Geometry w/ Data Analysis (Regular or Honors)
- Algebra I w/ Probability (Regular only)
 - If you completed Adv. 7 & 8 math in MS you will move straight to Algebra II w/ Statistics after Geometry w/ Data Analysis
- Algebra II w/ Statistics (Regular or Honors)

If math is an area of struggle, we do offer support courses for Geometry, Algebra I, and Algebra II to be taken in conjunction with the core course.

Science: 4 credits

- Biology (Regular or Honors)
- A Physical Science
 - Chemistry (Regular or Honors)
 - Physical Science (Regular only)
- 3rd Science
- 4th Science

3rd and 4th science credits are student choice as long as they have completed the necessary prerequisites

Social Science: 4 credits

- World History (Regular or AP)
- United States History I (Regular or AP)
- United States History II (Regular or AP)
- United States Government
 - Regular (0.5 credits)
 - AP (1.0 credits)
- Economics

MCS Graduation Requirements cont'd...

Electives: 10+ credits total (5.5 of which are specific courses)

Required Electives: 5.5 total

Career Preparedness (1.0 credit)

- If taken at Liberty or Journey it will meet this requirement

Beginning Kinesiology (1.0 credit)

- Team Sports (with the exception of basketball cheer)
- Marching Band
- JROTC 1b
- Beginning Kinesiology (the PE class offered at school)

Health Education (0.5 credits)

- Health Education (0.5 credit)
- Foundations of Health Science (1.0 credit)

Career Tech, World Language, Fine Art

(2 credits required)

Any courses that you take beyond what is required will go towards your general credit count.

Additional Graduation Requirements

• **Financial Literacy Test**

- This is completed when a student takes Career Prep. Career Prep through ACCESS does not include the literacy test. Students will have to complete the test through the Schoology course. The access code for the course is

M3SP-VWDQ-HJXZ9

• **Civics Exam**

- This is completed when a student takes US Government (usually senior year)
- US Government through ACCESS does not include the civics exam. Students will have to complete the test through the Schoology course. The access code for the course will be sent out at a later date.

• **CCR (College and Career Readiness)**

- CCRI (College and Career Readiness Indicator)





How does a student earn their CCRI?



To be College and Career Ready (CCR), A student must earn a credential in at least one of the eight indicators listed below per the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE)

Indicator

Criteria

Indicator

Criteria

Benchmark score on any section of the ACT test

ACT

English (18), Reading (22), Math (22), Science (23)

Qualifying score on an AP or IB exam

AP

AP score of 3 or higher
IB score of 4 or higher

College or post secondary credit

College Credit

Minimum of 1 credit
Minimum final grade of D"

Silver Certificate (score of 4 or higher on all subtests)

ACT Work Keys

Subtests include Graphic Literacy, Applied Math, and Workplace Documents

Enlist in a branch of the military before graduating high school

Military Enlistment

Required: Official letter from the recruiter stating the student has enlisted

3 or more credits in one CTE Academy with a "C" or higher in each course

CTE Completer

1.0 Foundational course, 1.0 Completer course, 1.0 Pathway Project Course

Earn an industry recognized credential through a CTE academy

CTE Credential

MCS offers more than 15 industry credentials through CTE academies

Completion of the requirements for in-school youth apprenticeship

Apprenticeship

As defined by the Alabama Office of Apprenticeship

Math

If you are rising 9th your math options are the following:

- Geometry w/ Data Analysis (1.0 credit)
- Geometry w/ Data Analysis PreAP/Honors (1.0 credit)
- Geometry w/ Data Analysis

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|----|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | Q3 | Geometry
w/Data
Analysis (1 cr)
02073G1000.16
Zhang, Claire L
Room: D102
2(A) S2 | Spanish 1 (1
cr)
24052G1000.3
Vess, Felisa A
Room: A118
2(A) S2 | Geometry
w/Data
Analysis
Workshop
Elec
02996G10aa.2
Bergquist,
Adrianne J
Room: D111
3(A) S2 | English, Grade
09 (1 cr)
01001G1000.7
May, Lindsey K
Room: A205
4(A) S2 |
| S2 | Q4 | | | | |

- The Geometry Workshop is an additional support course- it will serve as an addition to a student's concurrent Geometry course
 - Completed in the same semester, but two different credits

	Geometry w/Data Analysis (1 cr) 02073G1000.16 Zhang, Claire L Room: D102 1(A) S2	Spanish 1 (1 cr) 24052G1000.3 Vess, Felisa A Room: A118 2(A) S2	Geometry w/Data Analysis Workshop Elec 02996G10aa.2 Bergquist, Adrienne J Room: D111 3(A) S2	English, Grade 09 (1 cr) 01001G1000.7 May, Lindsey K Room: A205 4(A) S2
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If you are rising 10th your math options are the following:

- If you took regular math 7 and 8 in middle school:
 - **Algebra I w/ Probability**
- If you took advanced 7 and 8 math in middle school:
 - **Algebra II w/ Statistics (regular or honors)**

- A student can double up in math should they choose to. An example would be:
 - Taking Geometry in semester 1 and then taking Algebra I or II (depending on your middle school math) in semester 2
 - Where it says “Other” is where you would write your additional math course
- | Terms | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|-------|----|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 24-25 | S1 | Q1 | World History, AP
04057E1000.2
Stoecker, Kimberly C
Room: A202
1(A) S1 | Geometry w/Data Analysis, Honors (1 cr)
02073H1000.5
Hunt, Travis Wayne
Room: C113
2(A) S1 | Beginning Kinesiology (1 cr)
08017G1000.2
Sullivan, Frankie L
Room: Gym
3(A) S1 | Business Software Applications I (1 cr)
10005G1001.1
Rich, Lanny T
Room: B119
4(A) S1 |
| | | Q2 | | | | |
| | S2 | Q3 | Latin 2 (1 cr)
24343G1000.2
Shratter, Allison
Room: C220
1(A) S2 | English, Grade 09, Honors (1 cr)
01001H1000.12
Wilson, Kimberly D
Room: A119
2(A) S2 | Algebra II w/Statistics, Honors (1 cr)
02056H1000.9
Breland, Rebecca Jean
Room: B205
3(A) S2 | Biology, Honors (1 cr)
03051H1000.2
Haley, Amy R
Room: C210
4(A) S2 |
| | | Q4 | | | | |

- Taking Geometry in semester 1 and then taking Algebra I or II (depending on your middle school math) in semester 2
- Where it says “Other” is where you would write your additional math course

Terms			1	2	3	4
24-25	S1	Q1	World History, AP 04057E1000.2 Stoecker, Kimberly C Room: A202 1(A) S1	Geometry w/Data Analysis, Honors (1 cr) 02073H1000.5 Hunt, Travis Wayne Room: C113 2(A) S1	Beginning Kinesiology (1 cr) 08017G1000.2 Sullivan, Frankie L Room: Gym 3(A) S1	Business Software Applications I (1 cr) 10005G1001.1 Rich, Lanny T Room: B119 4(A) S1
		Q2				
	S2	Q3	Latin 2 (1 cr) 24343G1000.2 Shratter, Allison Room: C220 1(A) S2	English, Grade 09, Honors (1 cr) 01001H1000.12 Wilson, Kimberly D Room: A119 2(A) S2	Algebra II w/Statistics, Honors (1 cr) 02056H1000.9 Breland, Rebecca Jean Room: B205 3(A) S2	Biology, Honors (1 cr) 03051H1000.2 Haley, Amy R Room: C210 4(A) S2
		Q4				

Between Career Tech, Fine Arts, and World Languages there are so many to consider! Make sure you look over your options in the registration packet. You can read course descriptions of each course in the curriculum catalog. I highly encourage taking the time to read through and see what peaks your interest before filling out your course request form!

Elective Choices

When choosing electives....

- Many courses have prerequisites. Please make sure you are reading course descriptions before writing down your elective choices.
- **You MUST list alternate elective choices.** It is not guaranteed that you will be placed in your first choice electives
- Make sure all electives are listed in order of preference on your form
- Most sports take up elective blocks so if you play a sport that requires 1 or 2 blocks, make sure you list them (see example to the left)
- Although it is not required to graduate from high school, many four year colleges in state require at least 1 language credit and a lot of out of state schools require two. Just something to keep in mind when planning for post secondary plans!

ELECTIVE COURSES - Auditions/Applications must be completed for courses requiring them			
<input type="checkbox"/>	22153G1000	Career Preparedness (Required for graduation)	1.0
High Priority		Freshman Football	
↓		Varsity Football Spring	
↓			
Low Priority			

Total Credits (must be 8.0):

ALTERNATE ELECTIVES – Select additional alternate courses. Primary elective requests are not guaranteed			
High Priority			
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Low Priority			

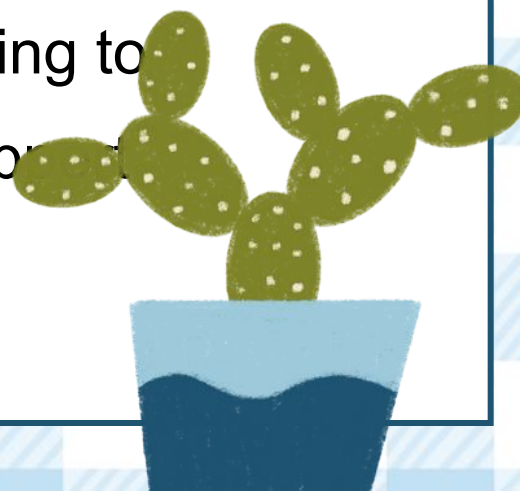
SAMPLE SCHEDULE

What will my day look like?

High School Block Schedule:

- Semester 1 (August-December)
 - You will see those four classes every day from August-December
- Semester 2 (January-May)
 - You will see those four classes every day from January-May
- Each block lasts about 1 hour and 45 minutes
- When is Refuel? (aka...LUNCH!)
 - In between 2nd and 3rd block
 - Lasts 1 hour
 - Catch up on missed assignments/tests/quizzes
 - Meet with your teachers if you are struggling to understand content/material to get 1:1 support
 - Study
 - Eat with friends and socialize

Terms		1	2	3	4
Semester 1 (August-December)	Q1	Career Preparedness (1 cr) 22153G1000.5 Johnson, John T Room: C113 1(A) S1	English, Grade 09, Honors (1 cr) 01001H1000.6 Lanza, Courtney B Room: D218 2(A) S1	Biology, Honors (1 cr) 03051H1000.6 Williams, Patricia A Room: B210 3(A) S1	Theater 2 (Intermediate) 05052G10A2.1 Patel, Amy P Room: F148 4(A) S1
	Q2				
Semester 2 (January-May)	Q3	Creative Writing, Gr 9-12 (1 cr) 01104G1000.2 Miller, Elizabeth Ann Room: A220 1(A) S2	Beginning Kinesiology (1 cr) 08017G1000.1 Sullivan, Frankie L Room: Gym 2(A) S2	World History, AP 04057E1000.5 Stoecker, Kimberly C Room: A202 3(A) S2	Geometry w/Data Analysis, Honors (1 cr) 02073H1000.10 Bergquist, Adrienne J Room: D111 4(A) S2
	Q4				



What about summer school?

9th

The only course a rising 9th grader can take in summer school is:

Career Preparedness

****If you are choosing to take this course in summer school DO NOT list it on your course registration sheet****

10th

Summer school options include:

- Beginning Kinesiology
- Career Preparedness
- Health Education (0.5 credit)
- Driver's Ed (0.5 credit)

****If you are choosing to take any of these courses in summer school DO NOT list it them your course registration sheet****

Summer school registration will open up in May on the James Clemens website! You will register your child for summer school through that link- it is separate from the registration we are doing right now.

Registration Process

Madison City Schools 2025-2026 Course Request Form: Cohort 2029 (9th Grade)

9th

Students are requesting courses for both fall 2025 and spring 2026. Please request courses and alternate courses carefully, as these requests will help guide your schedule for next year.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Student Email: _____ Student Cell #: _____

✓	Course #	Course Name	Credits
ENGLISH CORE			
<input type="checkbox"/>	01001G1000	English 9	1.0
<input type="checkbox"/>	22153G1000	English 9 Honors	1.0
MATH CORE			
<input type="checkbox"/>	02073G1000	Geometry w/ Data Analysis	1.0 Math Core
<input type="checkbox"/>	02996G10aa	Geometry w/ Data Analysis Workshop Elective (Provides instructional support to assist in the core course. The elective will be in the same semester as the core course.)	1.0 Elective Credit (NOT Required)
<input type="checkbox"/>	02073H1000	PreAP Geometry w/ Data Analysis (Honors)	1.0
<input type="checkbox"/>	02073E10MT	PreAP Geometry w/ Data Analysis Math Team	1.0
<input type="checkbox"/>		Other:	
SCIENCE CORE			
<input type="checkbox"/>	03051G1000	Biology	1.0
<input type="checkbox"/>	03151H1000	Biology Honors	1.0
SOCIAL SCIENCE CORE			
<input type="checkbox"/>	04053G1000	World History	1.0
<input type="checkbox"/>	04057E1000	AP World History	1.0
ELECTIVE COURSES - Auditions/Applications must be completed for courses requiring them			
<input type="checkbox"/>	22153G1000	Career Preparedness (Required for graduation)	1.0
High Priority			
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Low Priority			
Total Credits (must be 8.0):			

ALTERNATE ELECTIVES – Select additional alternate courses. Primary elective requests are not guaranteed

High Priority			
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Low Priority			

- When choosing elective courses as a 9th grader, please read the course descriptions with prerequisite courses listed. Students are removed from all courses where the prerequisites are not fulfilled.
- Elective choices are not guaranteed. Therefore, alternate elective choices must be provided.
- All course requests must be entered online through PowerSchool. Please visit the James Clemens High School website under "Registration" for directions.
- We cannot guarantee 9th graders will be placed in their first choice electives. Please be certain to select alternate electives wisely and place them in order of preference on your course request form.
- Advanced Placement (AP) classes are the most rigorous courses offered at the high school level. College-level work will be assigned and expected of students enrolled. No requests for schedule changes or AP class drops will be honored after March 7, 2025. Paying for and taking the AP exam is a requirement for each AP course.

I have reviewed the above course selections for the 2025-2026 school year. I approve the courses my child has requested and understand that there are NO schedule changes after March 7, 2025, even if my child changes his/her mind about a course. I understand that my child cannot drop an Honors or AP course once scheduled and paying/taking the AP exam is a requirement for AP courses.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Email Address: _____

Parent Phone: _____

Registration Steps

Step 1: Course Request Forms

- Students will receive these on February 19th (paper copy)
 - 10th grade: you will fill out your form and return to the guidance office
 - 9th graders you will turn yours in at the middle school and then Ms. Moorer will come and collect them.

Step 2: Put your requests in Power School

- You must log in to PowerSchool and complete registration online. Directions can be found on the JC website under “Registration”
- 9th grade students- you can do this on your own or you can wait till the counselors come to your school to assist with this process.

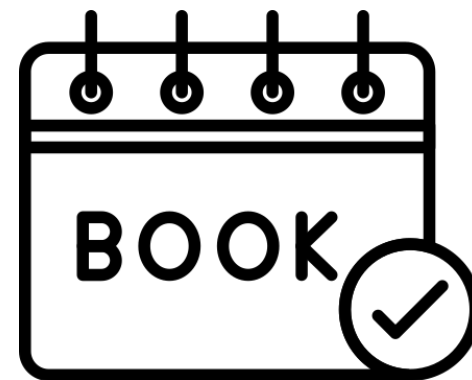
Important Dates

- **February 19th- Packets distributed to students**
- **February 24th: Curriculum Night (5-7 pm)**
 - Advanced Placement (AP) Informational Fair
 - JC Cafeteria @ 5:15
 - *NEW* State Requirements for Graduation
 - JC Auditorium @ 5:45
 - College and Career Presentation
 - JC Auditorium @ 6:15
- **February 27th: Flight of the Jets**
 - Rising 9th graders will tour James Clemens and hear information about what to expect at JCHS!
- **February 10th-March 7th: Registration meetings with grade level counselors**
 - See next slide to scan a code and book your appointment slot!
- **March 4th: JC Counselors at Journey MS**
- **March 5th-6th: JC Counselors at Liberty MS**
 - For these dates, PLEASE make sure your child has their paper copy filled out so that we can help them easily transfer their requests into Power School
- **March 7th: Registration Closes!**
 - Every student **MUST** register for classes online through Power School **AND** submit their course request form.

****Students are requesting courses for both fall 2025 and spring 2026. Please**

Would you like to schedule a meeting to talk through your child's registration?

We would love to meet with you!



You can also email us with your questions:

Ms. Moorer (9th): jkmoorer@madisoncity.k12.al.us

Mrs. Smith (10th): rdsmith@madisoncity.k12.al.us