

FAQs for 8th Grade Students / Incoming 9th Grade Students

Course Requirements at MBHS

There are several different types of requirements in high school. There are graduation requirements, Subject Area / Department course requirements, and College Entrance A - G Requirements. What does all this mean?

Graduation Requirements

Students must have 230 credits to graduate from Morro Bay High School.

Subject Area Required Credits to Graduate

English	40
Social Science	30
Mathematics	30
Physical Education	20
Science	20
Foreign Language, Fine Arts, Career Technical Ed. (CTE)	10
Health	5
Minimum Elective credits	75

College A - G Requirements

These are in the next section.

University of California / California State University

What do I need to do to be University of California / California State University ready?

There are minimum requirements for the UC/CSU universities. These are called a-g requirements. You need to complete these to be considered for admission.

A - History	2 years / 4 semesters
B - English	4 years (College Prep or higher)
C - Math	3 years (4 recommended) • Algebra, Geometry, Algebra II
D - Science	2 years (3 recommended) • 1 year Life Science • 1 year Physical Science
E - Foreign Language	2 years (3 recommended)
F - Visual/Performing Arts	1 year
G - College Prep Electives	1 year

What is the difference between minimum requirements and recommended requirements?

Minimum requirements meet the UC/CSU admission requirements. Often times these schools are highly competitive, so there are recommended requirements. These often require another year of coursework. The entrance requirements for UC Berkeley are much higher than say UC Riverside.

What if I want to attend a 'highly competitive' university such as Cal Poly or an Ivy League school?

Many of these schools have courses of study that students who are trying to gain entrance should follow in high school. The best way to find this out is to contact the schools directly about their "highly competitive" requirements.

Honors / Advancement Placement

How do I get into an honors class in high school?

There are two types of honor classes in high school. Honors classes which you request on your

schedule to take. Typically you should be doing well in your current class, which helps justify why you would like honors. There are also Advanced Placement classes which you can request also, but they typically have a prerequisite.

I heard that honors helps my GPA. How does this work?

Advanced Placement courses count on a 5 point scale. Therefore an A=5 points, where regular courses are on the traditional 4 point scale.

Career Technical Education Pathways

What is a CTE pathway?

Morro Bay High School has 8 Career Technical Education pathways for students. Each student is required to complete a pathway to graduate. The courses in the pathways also meet a students a-g course requirements that are needed to be college ready.

Do I need to complete a pathway?

Each student needs to complete at least one CTE pathway prior to graduation.

If I start a pathway am I required to complete it?

You are not required to complete a pathway you start, but you need to complete a single pathway prior to graduation.

Physical Education / Athletics

Do I need to take PE in high school?

California Education Code has all high school students taking 2 years of PE. Typically this is done in the freshman and sophomore years.

If I am in sports so I still need to take PE?

If you are in a sports PE course, you would not have to take PE for the semesters that your sport is in session.

How do I find out the schedule for a specific sport?

Sports schedules are on the Morro Bay High School website. Look under the Athletics tab.

Foreign Language

If I am taking foreign language in middle school where do I start in high school?

You would take the next course in succession when you start your freshman year. This would also be based on teacher recommendation. In some cases the teacher will recommend the next course and in other cases it might be best, based on the level of understanding to take that course again in high school.

If I completed Spanish I and II in middle school, do I still need to take Spanish in High School?

If you complete Spanish I and II in middle school you have essentially completed your language component for the A-G requirements. Most competitive schools suggest 3 years of language in high school. In this case you would only need to take Spanish III to have all of your middle school work count for credit.

Scheduling

How or when will I know what is being offered Zero period?

At the time we begin our 4 years plans, Morro Bay high school will have given us a list of their courses for the upcoming school year.