



Incoming 9th Grade FAQ's

Morro Bay High School Academic Requirements:

Knowing your ultimate goal post graduation will help motivate you to reach your academic plan towards post graduation as well as help you to make the most of your high school experience.

There are two main categories to keep in mind when considering what classes to take at the high school level.

- Completing Graduation Requirements
- Meeting a-g requirements to be able to apply to a 4-year college from MBHS.

What courses need to be taken in order to receive a MBHS diploma?

- Subject Areas and Elective Credits needed towards Graduation:

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

Total Credits: 230

I want to go to a 4-year college after graduating high school. How do I meet the requirements?

- Students must complete a-g courses to meet UC and CSU requirements for freshman admissions.

What are the a-g courses that need to be completed at MBHS?

- a-g Requirements

A - History	2 years / 4 semesters
B - English	4 years (College Prep or higher)
C - Math	3 years (4 recommended) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algebra, Geometry, Algebra II
D - Science	2 years (3 recommended) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. It is always best to research colleges since some are more competitive than others as well as particular majors. For those colleges that are more competitive it is encouraged to go beyond the minimum requirement in areas of personal strength.
- Researching your school is very important.

Honors and Advancement Placement

What is an honors level class in high school?

- An honors/AP class is more rigorous and goes more in depth into the subject area.
- It is appropriate to take an honors class when you excel in that subject area and are genuinely interested in the particular subject.
- There are no prerequisites to taking an honors or AP course, however receiving a “B” or higher in the subsequent college preparatory course is highly recommended.
- Honors and AP courses are calculated on a 5 point scale. Therefore a student receives an extra point or weighted GPA.

Career Technical Education Pathways

What is a CTE pathway?

- Morro Bay High School offers 8 Career Technical Education pathways for students..
- CTE provides students of all ages with the academic and technical skills, knowledge and training necessary to succeed in future careers.
- CTE prepares students for a wide range of high-wage, high skill, high-demand careers so they are able to gain entry level experience.

Physical Education / Athletics

What is the PE requirement in high school?

- California Education Code has all high school students taking 2 years of PE.

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

- If a student completes a season of a sport it exempts the student from having to take a semester of PE.
- Completing 4 seasons of a sport exempts having to take PE and meets the PE requirement.

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.

Get Involved

Colleges look for involvement and consistency within students via steady volunteer work/jobs/extracurriculars etc. More importantly, it's a great way for students to learn about themselves and their interests and connect with fellow students or members of the community.