



Muscatine High School

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MHS Students and Families,

We can all agree that the last few months have been crazy. To add to the upheaval, we discovered that when PowerSchool turned over to the new school year (after a great graduation ceremony last week for the Class of 2020), all schedules became viewable. We did not realize this would happen.

We do our best to adjust schedules under the guidelines laid out in the MHS Curriculum Guidebook and this year will be no exception. However, our dilemma is that we are still working out the details of what schedules will look like for the coming school year. Our Return to Learn committees are working hard to provide our district guidelines which will steer us to the coming school year.

With this in mind, the Student Services Team will not be addressing schedules until the first of August. It would be premature for us to adjust a schedule only to have to make more adjustments based on the recommendations for us to Return to Learn. Please be patient as we are all moving forward on this journey together.

Lastly, to add to the craziness, we had two counselors leave MHS Student Services at the end of the year. Mr. Mueller and Ms. Beran both took jobs outside of our district and we will have some new faces who will need to be welcomed and shown the Muskie Way.

Please feel free to email us your concerns, but understand we will not be addressing schedules until we return in August.

Take care and stay safe,

MHS Student Services

Class of 2021 - Ms. Wolfe

Class of 2022 - Mr. Mauck

Class of 2023 - Mr. Welsch

Class of 2024 - Mr. Kulland

College and Career Readiness/Class of 2021 - Ms. Hawkins

From the MHS Curriculum Guidebook regarding class changes:

Course Requests

Each spring Muscatine High School works to create a schedule of classes for the following academic year that best meets the needs of our students, while still staying within the parameters of staffing requirements (i.e. number of teachers, class size, teaching schedules, state and federal mandates). We work very hard to accommodate student requests; however, due to the complexity of the scheduling process, sometimes student schedules may need to be adjusted. Please keep in mind that changes in course request or class assignments will not be accepted for any of the following reasons:

- To accommodate a job schedule
- To change teachers
- To change classes to be with friends
- To have first or last period free
- To accommodate a change of mind

Acceptable reasons for schedule changes may include:

- Computer input error
- Scheduling conflicts
- Failure or near failure in a previous semester or year course
- Failure to meet a prerequisite for a course
- Teacher and administrative recommendation
- Successful completion of a summer school class

Dropping a Course

Students wishing to drop a course must first discuss it with their parents, teacher and counselor. After a parent/guardian signs the request to drop a course, the teacher, and administrator will sign the request as well. A grade of "F" will be reflected on the transcript of a student who chooses to drop a course after the first week of a semester. Student enrolled in yearlong courses will not be allowed to drop at the end of first semester unless the department recommends it and it is approved by an administrator.