

MHS Upper House

Class Offerings and Course Preferences 2011-2012

OVERVIEW

The Upper House at Millennium High School is designed to allow students to choose their classes while fulfilling all graduation requirements. As a rising junior or senior, you will use the guidelines listed below and the attached request form to select your academic program for the 2011-12 school year.

Your completed form, with signatures from you, your advisor, and a parent, must be turned in to your advisor no later than Monday, June 13, 2011.

SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

All students are required to complete eight (8) credits in each of the following disciplines: Science, Math, English, and History. That means taking, and passing, a class in each of those areas every semester of your high school career. Students must also complete three (3) years of language study, complete four (4) additional credits of electives, and earn four (4) credits for Advisory. In addition, there are some specific graduation requirements that are detailed below.

Graduation Requirements and Guidelines

SCIENCE: You **MUST** complete at least one course in physics – either Physics I or Physics Elective before you graduate. *If you plan to take Advanced Physics as a senior, you MUST take a Physics or Physics Elective class as a junior.*

MATH: You **MUST** complete Algebra II (or an equivalent math course) before you graduate.

HISTORY: You **MUST** complete a year of U.S. History as well as Economics AND Government before you graduate. *Juniors MUST take the U.S. History Survey.*

ELECTIVES: Juniors are required to complete their language study by taking Spanish III or Mandarin III as one of their electives. Seniors who have completed three years of language, and who have satisfied all other academic requirements, may have a free period. *Electives may only be used to make up for missing credits during senior year.*

USING THE REQUEST FORM

On the back of this page you will find a model of the course request form. Classes have been grouped into bands (Band I, Band II, et cetera), and each band has its own range of course options. *By choosing a band, you commit to taking the courses offered in that band. Please read carefully before choosing.*

When you get your course preference form, you will find the bands, a checklist, and an area for notes. Be sure to:

1. **Rank each band, and the courses within those bands.** Number each band in order of preference (1-4) and then number each set of classes (1-2 or 1-3) in order of preference. If you have taken a class, or are not yet eligible to take a class, mark the box with an "X."
2. **Rank all electives in order of preference.** Number all electives in order of preference. *Juniors MUST rank Spanish III or Mandarin III as their first choice.*

Full descriptions of each course are available at www.millenniumhs.org (under academics).