



# MHS EARLY COLLEGE

*Earn free college credits at Mishawaka's Early College High School*



## Ivy Tech's New Student Self-Enroll Portal: Dual Enroll

This fall Ivy Tech rolled out a new student self-enrollment portal, DualEnroll, which allows students to apply for Ivy Tech admission as dual-enrolled students and then register themselves in their Mishawaka High School dual-credit classes. The website will also allow students to monitor their assessment information and scores. Mishawaka High School was part of the pilot program for DualEnroll, which will be used across Indiana next year. Because Ivy Tech uses multiple systems to house student assessment reports, grades, and enrollment information, there were some bumps along the way. Due to this, Ivy Tech extended their registration and assessment deadlines for students throughout the fall. The deadline has now passed, and all students who registered and qualified have been enrolled for fall classes.

DualEnroll will be used for spring dual-credit course enrollment. January 31, 2021 is the deadline for online account (Cont. p. 2)

*MHS is the first endorsed Early College High School in St. Joseph County, IN.*

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(Continued from p. 1) and course self-registration. Students must pass the required prerequisite tests or Knowledge Assessment by February 15, 2021 to be enrolled in these dual-credit courses.

Please note that the DualEnroll portal is not the same as MyIvy. MyIvy allows students to view their college grades, monitor and send their Ivy Tech transcript, and track their progress toward the Associate's degree or STGEC.

- <https://ivytech.dualenroll.com/>
- <https://myivy.ivytech.edu/>

## MHS Tracker for the STGEC & Associate's Degree

*Make sure you track your progress.*

MHS's [master course tracking sheet](#) is updated regularly as new dual-credit courses are added. Please refer to this as you make course selections for the coming school year. Early College Juniors and Seniors have a tracking sheet that is managed by their counselor and Mrs. Mann. Students, search your Google Drive to find your tracker! The naming convention is "lastname, firstname Mishawaka STGEC/AGS Pathway Calculations Template."

## Dual Credit German Now at MHS

*Man kann 10 Kredite in Deutsch für die Universität bekommen.*

Mrs. Dambraskaus is now credentialed to teach as an adjunct professor for Indiana University which allows MHS to offer dual credit German. Mishawaka's German III course can now be taken for 4 college credits (German 150) and German IV can be taken for a total of 6 credits for the year (German 200 and 250). Way to go Mrs. Dambraskaus! Thank you for your dedication to the German program!

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# MHS Early College: Cohort Updates & Information

## *Class of 2024: Student Success*

Freshmen Early College students take Student Success (Ivy Tech 111) with Ms. Hannah Curtis as the first class in the Early College pathway. This class is the dual-credit equivalent of College and Careers, and focuses on career exploration and study skills. It is expected that all Early College students take Student Success for college credit, as the course is required by Ivy Tech for the Associate's degree. In the spring, students in Student Success take Personal Finance.

## *Class of 2024: College Entrance Prep*

College Entrance Preparation with Mrs. Herman and Ms. Stillson is taught in tandem with Student Success and Personal Finance (½ of the class periods). This one-credit, year-long elective class uses a product called MyLab Foundations to prepare students for the Accuplacer and other college-entrance exams (e.g. PSAT). Ivy Tech dual credit classes require students to achieve at least a score of 257 on the Accuplacer Reading and Writing, or a 25 on the PSAT Reading and a 26 on the PSAT Writing. Since students do not take the PSAT until October of their sophomore year--after they enroll in fall dual-credit courses--it is essential that they apply themselves and make progress in College Entrance Prep.

## *Class of 2024: Accuplacer*

This October, 328 total freshmen students came to MHS to take the Accuplacer exam. They did very well with 30 students scoring at or above the 257 cut score on both the Reading and Writing tests. Students in the College Entrance Prep class spend time preparing for college-entrance tests including the Accuplacer, which will be given again in the spring. Practice materials are available through the College Board website.

## TESTS TO KNOW:

### *Accuplacer*

#### ***What it is:***

A placement exam used by colleges to determine the level of courses for which a student is ready.

#### ***Why we use it:***

Ivy Tech requires that students must show a certain level of proficiency before they can take dual-credit courses.

### *PSAT*

#### ***What it is:***

A standardized aptitude test that measures a student's proficiency against the test and against other students nationally.

#### ***Why we use it:***

Ivy Tech also accepts PSAT scores as prerequisites for dual-credit courses.

### *SAT*

***What it is:*** Same as the PSAT

***Why we use it:*** The state accepts SAT scores (not PSAT scores) as proof of college readiness (Bucket 3 for graduation).

*Welcome to the over 100 students from the class of 2024 who were accepted into Mishawaka High School's Early College program!*

## HELPFUL WEBSITES

- [Mishawaka's Early College website](#)
- [Detailed information about the STGEC](#)
- The [Indiana Core Transfer Library](#) has all the information you need about transferring college credits to your chosen post-secondary institution.

# MHS Early College: Cohort Updates & Information

## *Class of 2023: PSAT*

On test day in October, 307 sophomore students took the PSAT. Since qualifying scores must be earned before enrollment in dual-credit courses, these scores are good for Spring 2021 and the 2021-2022 school year. On the Reading section, 100 students scored at or above the Ivy Tech prerequisite score of 25. On the Writing section, 61 students scored at or above the Ivy Tech prerequisite score of 26. 13 sophomore students scored at or above the cut score in Math (27), thus qualifying for Math 136; 30 students scored high enough on the Math portion ( $\geq 26$ ) to qualify for Chem 101.

## *Class of 2022: PSAT*

On test day in October, 260 juniors took the PSAT. Since qualifying scores must be earned before enrollment in dual-credit courses, these scores are good for Spring 2021 and the 2021-2022 school year. On the Reading section, 101 students scored at or above the Ivy Tech prerequisite score of 25. On the Writing section, 81 students scored at or above the Ivy Tech prerequisite score of 26. 36 junior students scored at or above the cut score in Math (27), thus qualifying for Math 136; 52 students scored high enough on the Math portion ( $\geq 26$ ) to qualify for Chemistry 101.

## LOCAL COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT:

*Holy Cross College has launched a new program-- Indiana Max--a funding program that allows high achieving, low-income students from Indiana to attend Holy Cross College for \$0 in tuition and fees out of pocket.*

*Students must apply and be accepted to Holy Cross, fill out the FAFSA, and qualify for maximum federal and state aid to qualify.*

*Holy Cross College now offers several pathways to joint degree programs with the University of Notre Dame, including in STEM majors and an accelerated 3+1 Holy Cross BA + Notre Dame master's degree.*

*More information is available on their website.*



## DATES TO REMEMBER:

- January 31
  - Enrollment and Registration deadline for Ivy Tech spring-only classes.
- February 15
  - Assessment qualification deadline for Ivy Tech spring-only classes.
- May 15
  - The deadline to apply for spring Ivy Tech graduation. Apply through MyIvy (student --> advising --> apply to graduate).



# MHS Early College: Senior Year Information

## *Class of 2021*

- Seniors who are aiming for the STGEC certificate must remember to keep track of their numbers:
  - 30 total credits required
  - A minimum of 3 credits per competency
  - 15 credits must come from Ivy Tech
  - A minimum of 1 Ivy Tech course must be taken during senior year
- Seniors who are on track to earn the Associate's degree need to remember to take the required senior courses. They must take both English 215 and the Capstone class with Mrs. Gerber and IU ACP Government with Mr. Blair.
- If you are earning the STGEC or the Associate's degree, you must apply for graduation. The deadline to apply for spring Ivy Tech graduation is May 15. Apply through MyIvy (student-->advising-->apply to graduate). Email Mr. Joyner with questions (jjoyner15@ivytech.edu)
- You must send your IU transcripts and AP scores to Ivy Tech if you're using them to earn a certificate or degree (that's all of you!). Instructions for how to send transcripts can be found [here](#) and are linked from the MHS Early College website.

## **MHS ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE NUMBERS**

*Cohort 2019 - 0*

*Cohort 2020 - 2*

*Cohort 2021 - 18  
(projected)*

*Cohort 2022 - 23  
(projected)*

## **MHS: An Example of Collegiate Gothic Revival**

*The images in this newsletter highlight sculpture found on the MHS facade.*

Collegiate gothic revival architecture was common throughout the US and this area of the Midwest in the late 19th and early 20th century. The style was inspired by buildings at Oxford and Cambridge in England, and was intended to evoke a sense of tradition, scholarship and respect. Built in 1924, Mishawaka High School is adorned with gothic arches, sculptural details reminiscent of gargoyles, playful creatures, and a central clock tower. The donkey and lyre sculpture shown on page 4 refers to the Aesop's fable of that name.

