MCA Scheduling Options for Senior Year!

Mount Carmel Area Jr./Sr. High School offers several flexible opportunities for seniors to earn college credits, gain workplace experience, and prepare for life after graduation while completing their high school requirements. These options allow students to individualize their schedules based on their academic goals, career interests, and readiness for increased independence.

Full-Day Dual Enrollment
Seniors may choose to attend college full-time and follow a completely college-based schedule. Students enrolled full-time must take a minimum of 9 college credits per semester.

Students may take classes (online or in-person) through any of the following:

- Lackawanna College (Sunbury)
- Commonwealth University (Bloomsburg/LHU/Mansfield)
- Luzerne County Community College (Northumberland Campus)

Approved college courses may be used to fulfill and replace Mount Carmel core graduation requirements such as English, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Students selecting this option may complete their entire schedule through the college and will not report to Mount Carmel Area Jr/Sr HS.

Full Day Vo-Tech
Students attend the Career and Technical Center for the entire school day to focus on their chosen technical program as long as graduation requirements will be met.

Vo-Tech + Co-Op
Students attend their Career and Technical program and participate in a co-op work experience arranged through the Vo-Tech program, gaining hands-on, real-world employment experience in their field. Please contact Dr Catino at the VT for more info.

Half Day Vo-Tech + Half Day MCA
Students who previously attended Vo-Tech for half days may continue with a half-day Vo-Tech schedule and return to MCA for the remainder of the day to complete graduation requirements or electives.

Half-Day Dual Enrollment + MCA or Votech
Suggested schedule options:

- MCA or VT classes in the morning (7:30–10:30) with college coursework after
- College coursework in the morning with MCA or VT classes from 10:30–2:20

College courses may be scheduled online or in person at various times. The designated half-day windows are encouraged as dedicated time for completing coursework, studying, and assignments.

Half-Day Dual Enrollment + Co-Op
Students take 6 college credits (2 classes) per semester and participate in a co-op (work-based learning) placement

Co-op positions are based on eligibility, academic requirements, and administrative approval. Minimum weekly hours required. Student will receive elective credit towards graduation. Please contact Mrs Sheehe (sheehet@mca.k12.pa.us) for more info.

Half-Day MCA + Co-Op
Students attend Mount Carmel for half of the day and participate in a co-op (work-based learning) placement through Mount Carmel.

LCCC Course @ MCAHS
Through our partnership with Luzerne County Community College (LCCC), seniors may take a college course on our campus during 1st period.

- Taught by an LCCC professor
- Students will earn 3 college credits and 1 Mount Carmel credit per semester/per class

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Important Information for Families

- Tuition is based on each college's dual enrollment rate
- Transportation to off-campus campuses is the responsibility of the family
- Each college requires a minimum GPA for enrollment
- Students are enrolled as college students and must meet college-level expectations
- **MCA does not communicate with college professors and does not have access to students' college coursework, assignments, or grades.**
- Students must independently manage deadlines, communication, and academic responsibilities
- All courses, schedules, and placements must be approved by administration and the school counselor

ADDITIONAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Should be completed by the end of your 11th grade year!

- **Job Shadowing:** 5 hours
    - Can be completed anytime from 9th–12th grade, must be approved and have paperwork submitted to be considered complete.
    - It is the student's responsibility to secure placement

- **Senior Project/Community Service:** 10 hours
    - Can be completed anytime from 9th–12th grade, must be approved and have paperwork submitted to be considered complete.
    - It is the student's responsibility to secure placement

    Suggested locations:

    - **Mt. Carmel Nursing Home** - (570)339-2501

    - **Mt. Carmel Borough** - 50 West 3rd Street
    Call (570)339-4486 and ask for Ed Cuff. He will have projects you can help with around town — especially during snow days, when extra help is often needed.

- **Pathway Requirements:** Must meet designated pathway for graduation. See Guidance Office with any questions.