

GUIDELINES FOR PASS/FAIL OPTION

Our district offers the pass/fail option to encourage students to consider taking courses they might benefit from, or simply enjoy, but which they might avoid because of a concern about grades.

There may be some unintended drawbacks to the pass/fail choice. Students need to be aware that if they are planning to go to college, most colleges do not recognize a course taken as pass/fail. In addition, a pass/fail grade will affect NCAA athletic eligibility. It is the student's responsibility to check on the impact of pass/fail regarding these issues.

To take a course pass/fail, a student needs to get an Application Form from the course teacher or the Counseling Center. The next step is to get a parent signature. Then, return the signed form to the teacher of the pass/fail class.

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- Dual Enrollment courses are not eligible for pass/fail option.
- Courses "passed" under the pass/fail will receive credit toward graduation, but no honor points. These grades will not affect GPA or class rank.
- Parents must sign the permission form.
- Courses must be on the approved course list.
- Pass/fail selections are limited to 4 credits during the high school experience.
- Students are allowed **one** pass/fail course each semester.
- The decision to take a course pass/fail must be made by the ninth week of the semester.
- The standard to "pass" is 75%.
- Grade reports will indicate a "G" for pass or an "H" for fail. Teachers will evaluate student work in the traditional way, with grades and comments. Only the report card and transcript grade will show pass (G) or fail (H).
- If space in a class is limited, seniors needing the class for credit to graduate will be given priority.

The pass/fail option has merit for some students in certain situations. Be sure to give it careful consideration.

Approved List of MPS Courses for Pass/Fail Status

English	All courses beyond the required graduation credits
Mathematics	All courses beyond the required graduation credits, except .4 courses
Science	All courses beyond the required graduation credits
Social Studies	All courses beyond the required graduation credits
Art	Beginning Art and Intermediate Art
Career & Technical Education	All courses (including Work-based learning / CTE Capstone)
Health	Health/Wellness, Health Care Technology 1
Music	All courses
Physical Education	All courses
World Language	All courses beyond the required graduation credits, except .3 and .4 courses