



# MANISTEE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear MAPS families & staff,

As we look forward in preparation for the 2026/27 school year, we are reviewing data and evaluating our educational offerings. We strive to make a full spectrum of learning options available to engage all students in coursework that supports their individual goals.

At the MHS level (9th–12th grade), we provide a traditional face-to-face curriculum, career and technical training through a partnership with Summit Tech Center, dual enrollment in collaboration with West Shore Community College, and an early middle college program through ASM Tech High School. Students also have access to a variety of courses through Michigan Virtual online learning. Some AP courses are available in person at MMHS, while others are accessible online through Michigan Virtual. Each of these pathways provides valuable learning opportunities.

In recent years, we have seen a decline in enrollment to our AP courses. We currently offer 7 AP classes, which have seen an average enrollment of 13 students per course over the last 2 years. Our projections for the 2026/27 school year currently have an average of 5 students per course. Therefore, we are reflecting on our offerings and working toward solutions for maintaining a commitment to advanced learning options.

We recognize the value of providing diverse educational offerings and want to be sure all students have access to courses that will help them meet their post-secondary goals. On Tuesday, April 21, 2026, we will be hosting an information night at the MMHS auditorium at 5:00 pm for high school students and their families. During this presentation we will share information about each of the learning pathways mentioned above and may hear first-hand accounts from students who have enrolled in each of these programs.

At the April 22nd Board of Education work study session at 6:00 pm in the MMHS Media Center, we will be presenting tentative recommendations to the Board for course offerings for the upcoming school year. We would appreciate hearing any questions or concerns from you and/or your student prior to that meeting.

We hope you will join us for the information night on Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. We value the input we receive from our students and families in making decisions that are supportive of all educational endeavors.

Sincerely,

Morgan Nowicki, Principal  
Manistee Middle High School