



## MONSON HIGH SCHOOL

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### THE MISSION

The Monson High School experience is one that prepares its students for living, learning and working in the global community. We challenge all community members to reach their academic, social and civic potential through an engaging curriculum that promotes critical thinking, communication and collaboration. We foster a safe and secure environment where diversity is appreciated to ensure that our students are prepared to be lifelong learners.

### THE COMMUNITY

Monson is a residential community with a population of 8,792, located in the greater Springfield area of Hampden County. The school system consists of one high school (7-12), one elementary school (1-6) and one early childhood center (Pre K-K).

### THE SCHOOL

Built in 2001, MHS is a comprehensive public school, grades 7-12, with a 500 student capacity. The school is a member of the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference. The school is accredited by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

### COVID-19 IMPACT

Monson High School ceased in-person instruction on 3/12/2020 and transitioned to distance learning, with students working asynchronously from home for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. All grades were pass/fail for the third quarter and students had the choice of either numerical grades or pass/fail grades for the fourth quarter and final grade. For the 2020-2021 academic year, MHS participated in a combination of distance, hybrid and in person learning with students having the option of remaining remote, attending synchronously via live stream and actively participating in the class setting. Our numerical grading policy was in place all school year, along with our entire college preparatory curriculum. For the 2021-2022 academic year, MHS plans to have full-day, five days a week, in person instruction for all students.

### ENROLLMENT

Enrollment in Grades 7-12 totals **328** students and is distributed as follows:

Grade 7 – 69, Grade 8 – 70, Grade 9 – 36, Grade 10 – 44, Grade 11 – 41, Grade 12 – 62

### STAFF

Teachers – 34, Administration – 2, School Counselors – 2, Nurse -1, School-to-Career Coordinator – 1, Library/Media - 1

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 140 credits is required for graduation in addition to the successful completion of the following required subjects:

English – 20, Social Studies – 20, Mathematics – 20, Science – 15, Foreign Language or Arts – 10, Applied Arts – 10, Fine Arts – 10, Health – 5, Physical Education – 15.

MHS currently operates under a 4x4 extended block schedule in which students take 4 courses (daily) each semester.

### INTERPRETATION OF GRADES

A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79, D = 60-69, F = 0-59, I = Incomplete, W = Withdrawal, SS = Summer School, DE = Dual Enrollment, Virt = Asynchronous Virtual Course

### COMPUTATION OF RANK IN CLASS

Students are cumulatively ranked at the end of each semester, including all courses offering credit. A weight of 1.1 is given for purposes of grade point average, rank and honor roll to grades received in AP and Honors courses.

### AFTER HIGH SCHOOL PLAN INFORMATION

	<i>Class of 2019</i>	<i>Class of 2020</i>	<i>Class of 2021</i>
To 4-year college	45%	61%	60%
To 2-year college	44%	20%	30%
Technical School	0%	2%	0%
Military Service	8%	2%	0%
Employment/Other	3%	15%	10%

## COURSE OFFERINGS

(Not every course is offered every year)

### Visual Arts

Drawing Painting Ceramics      Photography      Art Portfolio      AP Studio Art

### Business

Accounting      Marketing      Personal Finance      Entrepreneurship

### Computer Science

Computer Programming      Computer Applications      Multimedia Technology

### English

English 9(H)      English 10(H)      Career & College English      AP English Literature      AP English Composition      Drama  
Sports Literature      Creative Writing      Film As Literature      Mass Media & Speech      Psychology in Lit

### Health/Physical Education

PE 9      PE 10      PE 11      PE 12      Health 9      Health 10      Child Development  
Foods & Nutrition

### Mathematics

Algebra I Part I (H)      Algebra I Part II (H)      Geometry (H)      Intro to Algebra I      Intro to Algebra II  
Algebra II (H)      Pre-Calculus Honors      Calculus Honors      AP Calculus      Statistics & Probability

### Music

Band I, II, III, IV      Chorus I, II, III, IV      Music Appreciation      Music Studio Technology      Intro to Guitar

### Science

Integrated Science      Advanced Integrated Science Honors      Biology (H)      Anatomy & Physiology Honors  
Chemistry I & II (H)      Physics I & II Honors      Environmental Science      Forensic Science

### Social Studies

World History II      U.S. History I & II      AP US History      Government      AP American Government  
The 20<sup>th</sup> Century      Psychology/Sociology      Sports Psychology

### World Languages

Spanish I, II, III, IV Honors & V Honors      Online French, German, Latin

### Miscellaneous

Work-Based Learning      Strategy Lab      Home Repair      Dual Enrollment      Independent Study      Virtual

## Colleges Attended By Monson High School Classes of 2017-2021

\*Indicates an institution attended by a 2021 graduate

American International College  
American University  
\*Arizona State University  
Asnuntuck Comm College  
Assumption College  
Bay Path University  
Becker College  
Bentley University  
\*Bridgewater State University  
College of the Holy Cross  
\*Colorado Mountain College  
Columbia College South Caroline  
CT School of Broadcasting  
\*Curry College  
Dean College  
Eastern CT State University  
Emmanuel College  
Endicott College  
Fitchburg State University  
Framingham State University  
Franklin Pierce University  
Hampshire College  
\*Holyoke Community College  
Husson University  
Johnson & Wales University  
Keene State University  
Lesley University

Lyndon State College  
Marist College  
Mass Bay Community College  
MA College of Art & Design  
MA College of Liberal Arts  
MA College of Pharmacy & Health  
\*Merrimack College  
Michigan State University  
Mitchell College  
Mount Holyoke College  
Nazareth College  
\*Nicols College  
Northeastern University  
\*Norwich University  
Our Lady of the Elms College  
Purchase College  
\*Quinnipiac University  
\*Quinsigamond Comm College  
Regis College  
Rivier University  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Roger Williams University  
Russell Sage College  
Sacred Heart University  
Salem State University  
\*Sienna College  
Simmons College

\*Southern New Hampshire  
Springfield College  
\*Springfield Tech Comm College  
St. Joseph's College Maine  
St. Michael's College  
\*University of Hartford  
University of Louisville  
\*UMASS Amherst  
\*UMASS Boston  
UMASS Dartmouth  
UMASS Lowell  
University of New England  
University of New Hampshire  
University of New Haven  
\*University of Rhode Island  
University of Rochester  
University of Southern Maine  
University of Tampa  
\*University of Vermont  
Utica College  
Wentworth Institute of Technology  
\*Western New England University  
\*Westfield State University  
\*Wheaton College  
\*Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
\*Worcester State University