



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 learning 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. The school system is comprised of one high school (7-12), one elementary school (1-6) and one early childhood center (PreK-K).

THE SCHOOL

Built in 2001, MHS is a comprehensive four-year public school, 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.

CORONAVIRUS IMPACT

Monson High School ceased in-person instruction on 3/12/2020 and transitioned to distance learning on 3/16/2020. During the remainder of the 2019-20 school year, students learned asynchronously from home. The school uses a semester block schedule and all grades were pass/fail for the third quarter. Students had the choice of either numerical grades or pass/fail for the fourth quarter and final grade. For the 2020-2021 academic year, MHS plans to have in-person instruction two days a week with distance learning available for the other three days and students unable to attend in-person. In the distance learning option, students will be attending synchronously via live streaming and are expected to be active participants. Our numerical grading policy will be in place this academic year, along with our entire college preparatory curriculum.

ENROLLMENT

Enrollment in Grades 7-12 totals 343 and is distributed as follows:

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| Grade 7 | 73 | Grade 8 | 58 |
| Grade 9 | 47 | Grade 10 | 40 |
| Grade 11 ... | 66 | Grade 12 | 59 |

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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

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| English: | 20 credits |
| Social Studies: | 20 credits |
| Mathematics: | 20 credits |
| Science: | 15 credits |
| Foreign Language or Arts: | 10 credits |
| Applied Arts: | 10 credits |
| Fine Arts: | 10 credits |
| Health: | 5 credits |
| Physical Education: | 15 credits |

The school operates under a 4x4 extended block schedule in which students must take 4 courses 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

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 Advanced Placement and Honors courses.

STAFF

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

AFTER HIGH SCHOOL PLAN INFORMATION

| | Class of 2019 | Class of 2020 |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| To 4-year college | 45% | 61% |
| To 2-year college | 44% | 20% |
| Technical School | 0% | 2% |
| Military service | 8% | 2% |
| Employed/Other | 3% | 15% |

SAT REASONING TEST INFORMATION CLASS of 2020

% Testing - 44%

| Evidence Based Reading & Writing | | Math | |
|----------------------------------|-----|-------|-----|
| Mean | 553 | Mean | 531 |
| 50th % | 530 | 50th% | 530 |

COURSE OFFERINGS

(NOTE: Courses in italics are considered College Preparatory. Not every course is offered every year.)

Art

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|-----------|------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Drawing I | Painting I | Ceramics | Art Portfolio | Photography | <i>AP Studio Art</i> |
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Business

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| Accounting I | Marketing | Personal Finance | Entrepreneurship |
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Computer Science

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| Computer Programming | Computer Applications |
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English

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| English 9 & 10 | English 9 & 10 Honors | AP English Literature | AP English Language |
| <i>Drama</i> | <i>Career & College English</i> | <i>Creative Writing</i> | <i>English Language Honors</i> |
| <i>Journalism</i> | <i>Film as Literature</i> | <i>Sports Literature</i> | <i>English Literature Honors</i> |
| <i>World Mythology</i> | <i>Mass Media/Speech</i> | | |

Health/Physical Education

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| Health 9 & 10 | PE 9, 10, & 11/12 | Child Development | Foods & Nutrition |
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Mathematics

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Intro to Algebra | Algebra I Part I | Algebra I Part I Honors | Algebra I Part II | Geometry |
| <i>Algebra I Part II Honors</i> | | <i>Geometry Honors</i> | <i>Intro Algebra II</i> | <i>Algebra II</i> |
| <i>Algebra II Honors</i> | <i>Precalculus Honors</i> | <i>Statistics & Probability</i> | <i>Calculus Honors</i> | <i>AP Calculus</i> |

Music

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|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Band I, II, III & IV | Chorus I, II, III & IV | Intro to Guitar | Music Appreciation | Music Studio Technology |
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Science

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| Integrated Science | Integrated Science Honors | Biology I & Biology Honors | Chemistry I |
| <i>AP Chemistry</i> | <i>Chemistry I & II Honors</i> | <i>Physics I & II Honors</i> | <i>Environmental Science</i> |
| <i>Forensic Science</i> | <i>Anatomy & Physiology (Honors)</i> | | |
| <i>(All science courses are considered to be lab sciences)</i> | | | |

Social Studies

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

World Languages

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

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| Internship | Strategy Lab | Home Repair | Dual Enrollment | Independent Study | Senior Capstone |
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Colleges Attended By Monson High School Classes of 2016-2020

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| *American International College | Franklin Pierce University | Northeastern University | University of Louisville |
| American University | Hampshire College | Norwich University | *UMASS Amherst |
| Assumption College | Hofstra University | Porter & Chester Institute | UMASS Boston |
| Bakersfield College | *Holyoke Community College | *Purchase College | UMASS Dartmouth |
| Bay Path University | Husson University | Quinnipiac University | UMASS Lowell |
| Becker College | Johnson & Wales University | Quinsigamond Comm. College | University of New England |
| Bentley University | Johnson State College | Regis College | *University of New Hampshire |
| *Bridgewater State University | Jolie Beauty Academy | *Rivier University | University of New Haven |
| *Bryant University | *Keene State College | Rochester Institute of Technology | University of Pittsburgh |
| College of the Holy Cross | Lesley University | Roger Williams University | University of Rhode Island |
| Columbia College South Carolina | Lyndon State College | *Russell Sage College | University of Rochester |
| *CT School of Broadcasting | Marist College | Sacred Heart University | University of South Carolina |
| Dean College | Mass Bay Community College | *Salem State University | *University of Southern Maine |
| East Carolina University | MA College of Art & Design | *Simmons College | University of Vermont |
| Eastern CT State University | MA College of Liberal Arts | *Springfield College | Utica College |
| Elizabethtown College | MA College of Pharmacy & Health | *Springfield Tech. Comm. College | Wentworth Inst. of Technology |
| Elms College | Merrimack College | St. Joseph's College of Maine | *Western New England University |
| Emmanuel College | Michigan State University | St. Michael's College | *Westfield State University |
| Endicott College | Mitchell College | University at Albany | Worcester Polytechnic Institute |
| Fitchburg State University | Mount Holyoke College | University of Connecticut | *Worcester State University |
| Framingham State University | Nazareth College | University of Hartford | |

*Indicates an institution attended by a 2020 graduate