



# McHenry Community High School District 156

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Dear Parents and Students!

I hope this letter finds you enjoying success and fulfillment during your eighth-grade year. As the second semester gets underway, we at District #156 are looking forward to course selection for the 2022 - 2023 school year in just a few weeks. With that in mind, please take a few minutes to read this letter as it contains information about how to access scores from the October PSAT and also the course selection process.

## **PSAT TEST RESULTS**

In October, all 8th graders took the PSAT8 assessment. The PSAT8 is a common measure that we use to gauge student progress and as a main consideration for placement in appropriate courses. This test provides a glimpse of student skills and is a baseline for their growth for the SAT test they will take during junior year. The results for this October assessment can be accessed online at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) by creating a free College Board student account. We highly encourage all students to go to College Board online and review their full PSAT 8/9 score report. Students and parents/guardians can also access additional resources including insights on the score report at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9/scores>.

## **COURSE SELECTION**

In the next couple of weeks District #156 will be sending out information and paperwork associated with the course selection process. Be on the lookout for these documents in both regular mail and email as there are several important deadlines that must be met to ensure your student is properly scheduled into classes for the 2022-2023 school year. In addition, we will be hosting our annual Course Selection Seminar on February 8th & 9th at 6pm. This presentation will provide an in depth overview of the process. Families A-L should attend on February 8th. Families L-Z should attend on February 9th.

## **COURSE PLACEMENT**

**Your student's placement in required courses is driven by a variety of data and determined by high school content specialists and administrators.** The data that is used to determine this placement includes PSAT8 performance, 8<sup>th</sup> grade grades, 7<sup>th</sup> grade IAR performance, and the recommendation of 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers. The goal of MCHS is for your student to be placed in the most rigorous but appropriate courses. In choosing elective courses, we encourage students to choose from the variety of pathways that provide opportunities to explore and prepare for college and career. We are pleased to offer pathways in engineering, computer science, biomedical science from Project Lead the Way (PLTW) and an expansive selection of electives in CTE, Fine Arts, English, and Social Science.

Thank you for your time. We look forward to meeting with all students and parents through the course registration and orientation process that will occur in the upcoming months.

Sincerely,  
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Associate Principal - Freshman Campus

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