



MINNETONKA  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS



# THE MINNETONKA EXPERIENCE

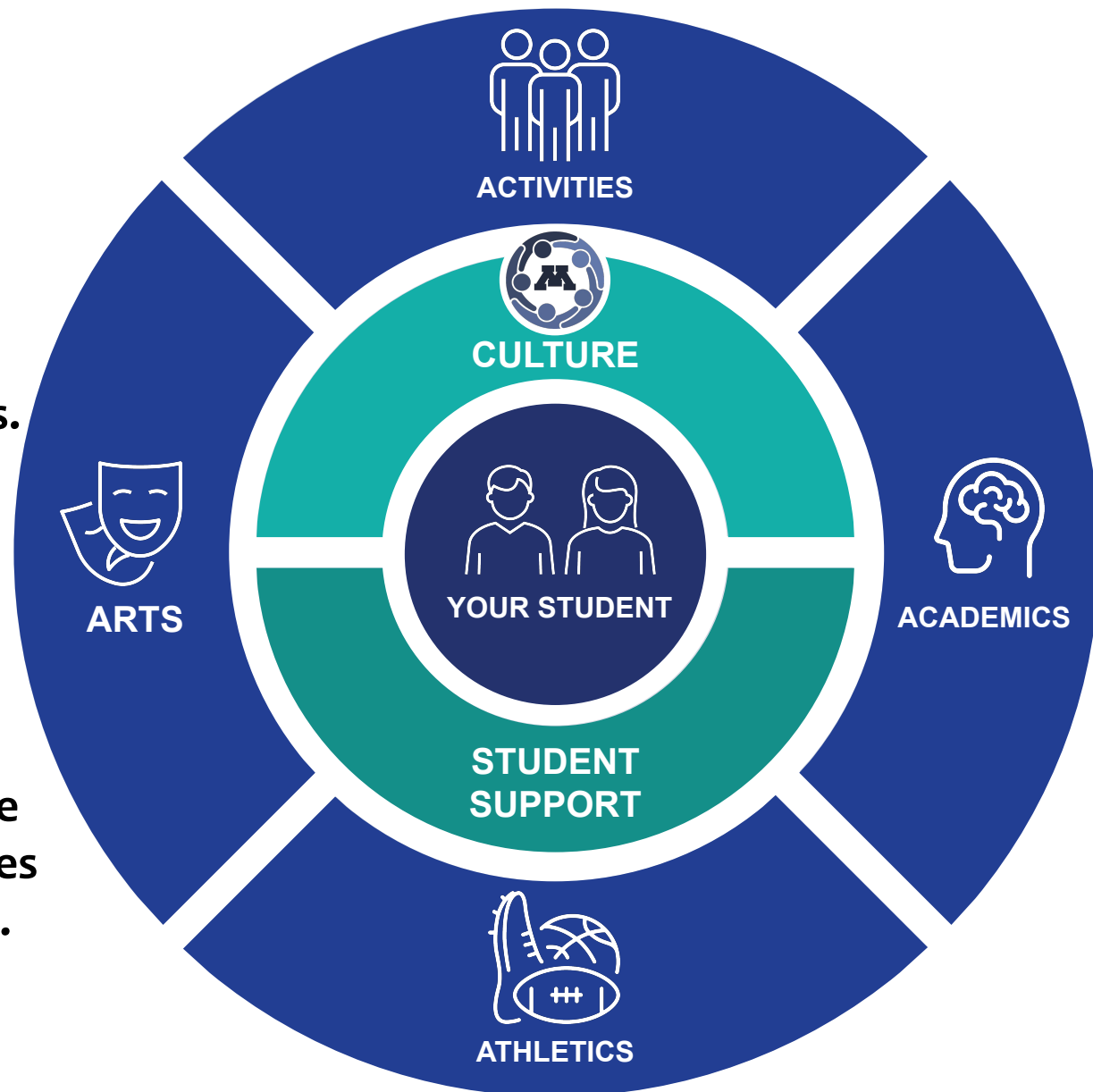


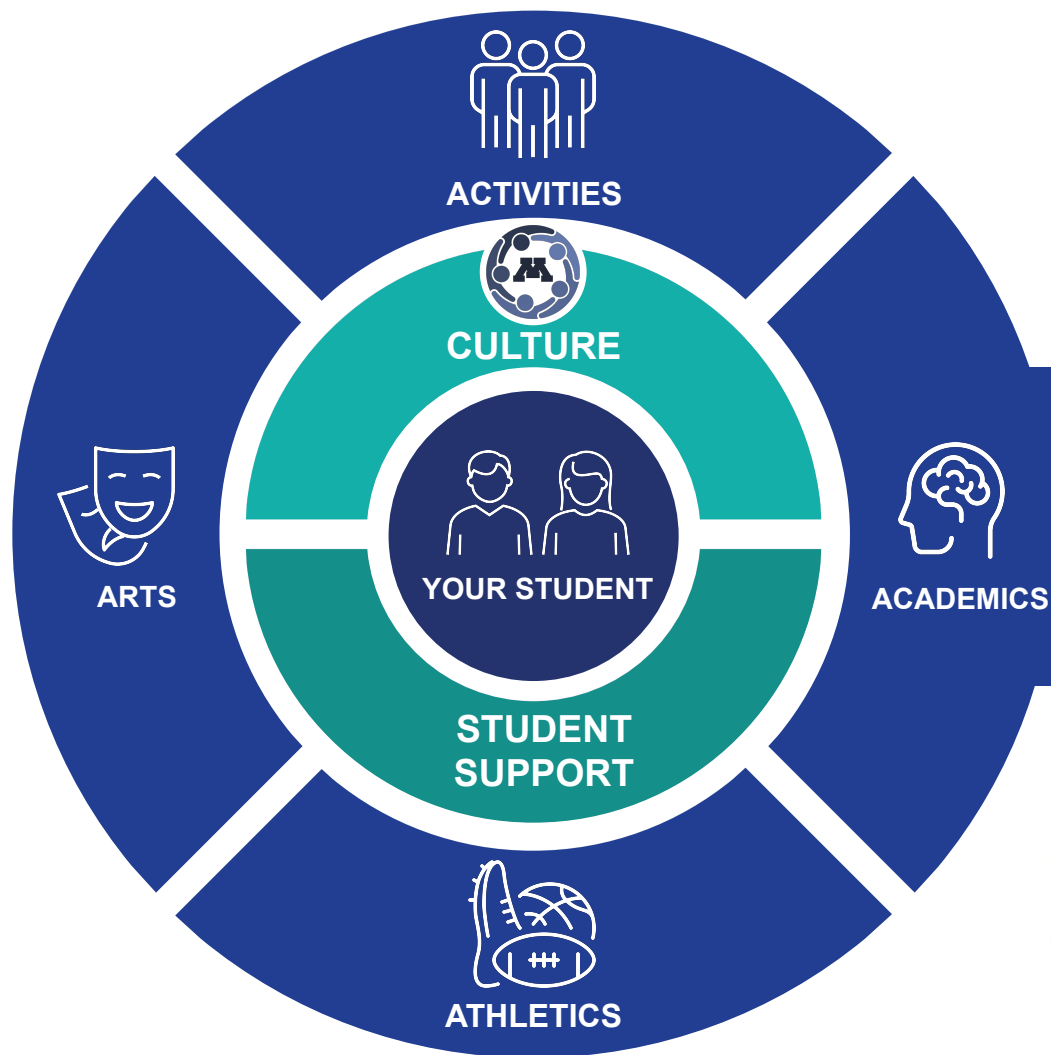
## THE MINNETONKA EXPERIENCE

Students feel a strong sense of inclusion and belonging in the school community that is grounded in respectful and caring relationships.

Students engage in learning environments that promote curiosity, critical thinking, authentic learning, and collaboration.

Students are inspired and challenged to explore their passions through new learning experiences and making connections beyond the classroom.





# A SCHOOL OF OPPORTUNITIES



TonkaOnline







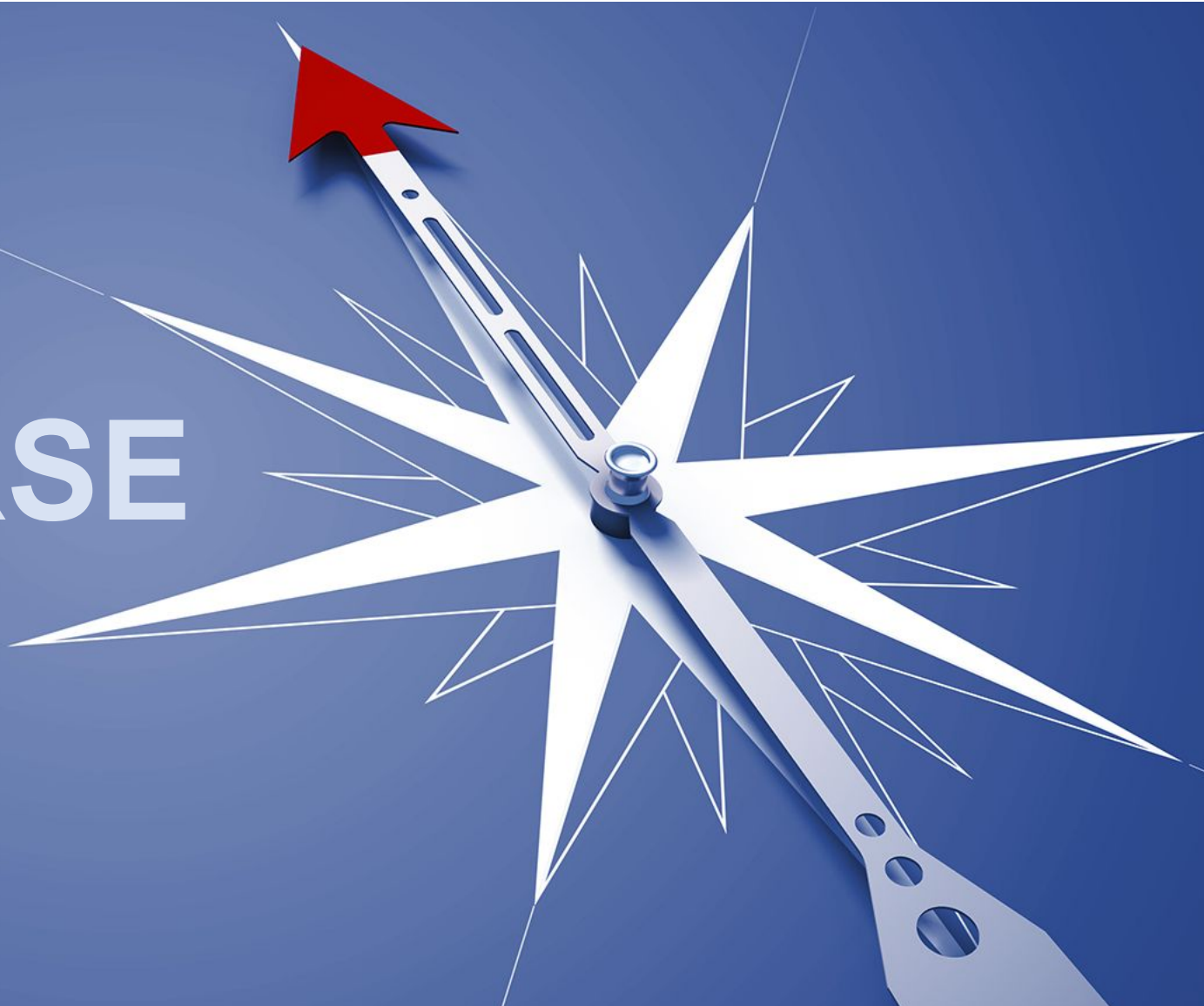
# WHAT IS YOUR PASSION?







# SETTING YOUR COURSE





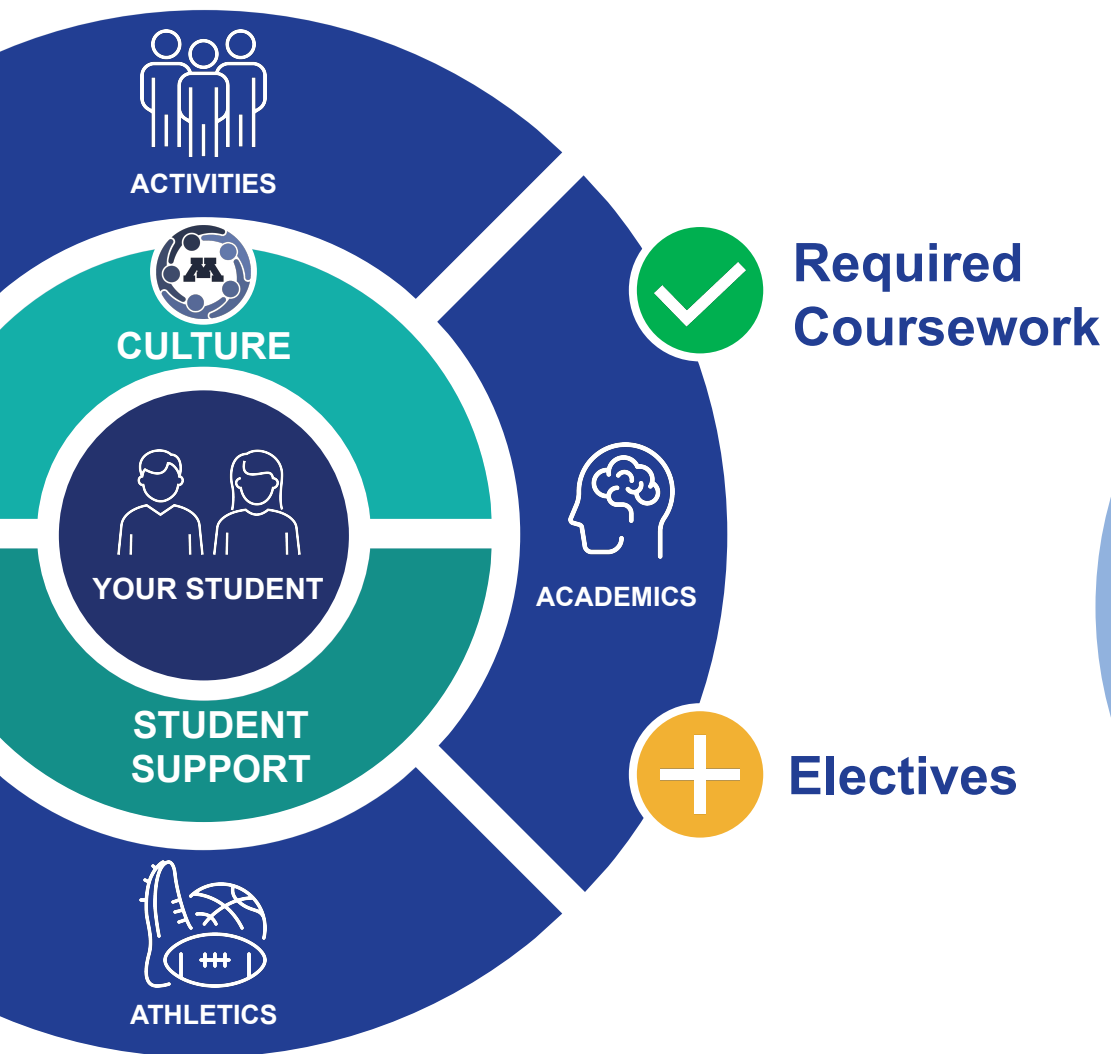
## WHAT ARE YOUR CHILD'S **GRADUATION GOALS?**



MINNETONKA  
Language Immersion

**TonkaOnline**









## Required Coursework



English



4 Credits



Mathematics



3 Credits



Science



3 Credits



Social  
Studies



3.5 Credits

**22.5**  
CREDITS



## English

### Full Year Options:

- IB Language & Literature SL
- IB Language & Performance SL
- IB Literature HL Year 2
- AP Literature & Composition
- AP Seminar
- AP Research
- Vantage Multimedia Communications
- Vantage Global Business (AP Seminar)
- Vantage Public Policy (AP Seminar)
- Vantage International Relations (College Writing)
- Vantage Education (English for the Ed Profession)

### One Semester Options:

- TO AP Language Comp 12
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- Journalism
- Speech Hybrid

# Grade 12 Planning Guide Video



## Mathematics

- Follow course sequence
- Teacher recommendation
- Vantage Business Analytics (AP Stats)



## Science

- Principles of Physics
- Physics
- IB Physics
- AP Physics 1
- AP Physics C - Mechanics
- AP Physics C - Electricity
- Physics of Home Renovation
- IB Sports, Exercise Hlth Science
- Human Anatomy & Physiology
- TO AP Environmental Science
- Earth and Space
- Astronomy
- TO Neuroscience
- Forensic Science
- Vantage Global Sustainability (AP Environmental Science)
- Vantage Health Sciences (Human Anatomy 1 & 2)
- Scientific Research

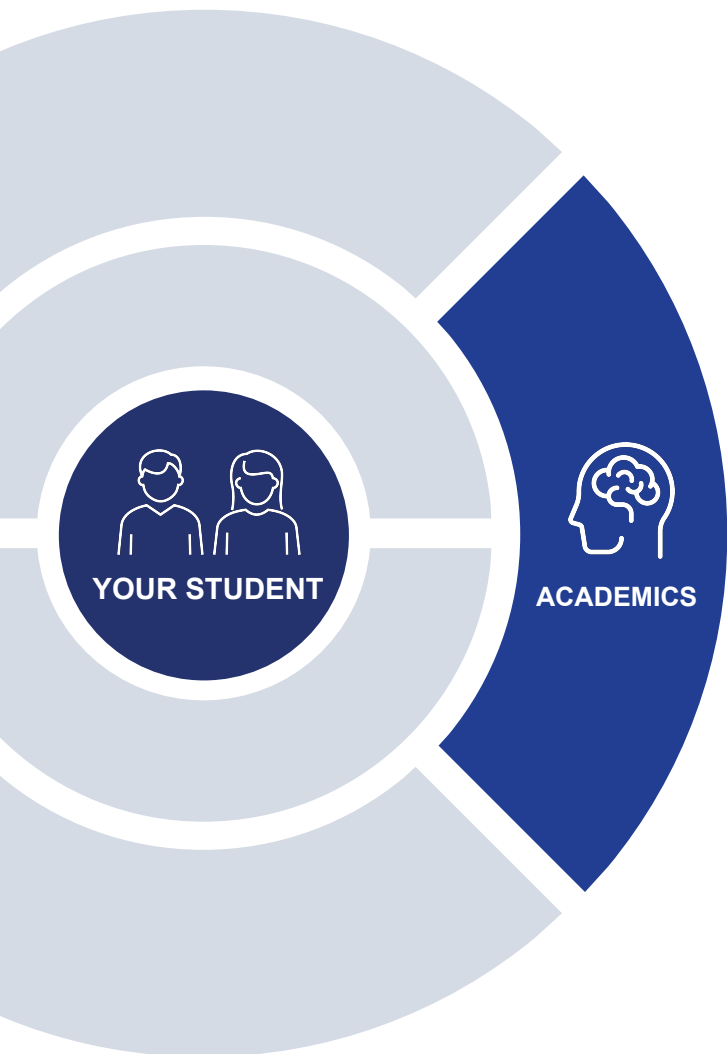


## Social Studies

- Global Studies & Econ
- AP Comparative Gov
- AP Psychology

### Year Long

- IB Economics SL
- IB History HL
- IB Psychology
- Vantage Global Business (AP Microeconomics)
- Vantage Health Sciences (AP Psychology)
- Vantage Public Policy (CIS Political Science)
- Vantage International Relations (IB Global Politics)
- Momentum Trans & Global Commerce (Global Studies & Econ)



## The Arts: 1 credit required in 4 years

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Art



Family &  
Consumer  
Science



Theater



Music



Technology



*Classes available  
on Tonka Online*





## Physical Education: 1 credit required in 4 years

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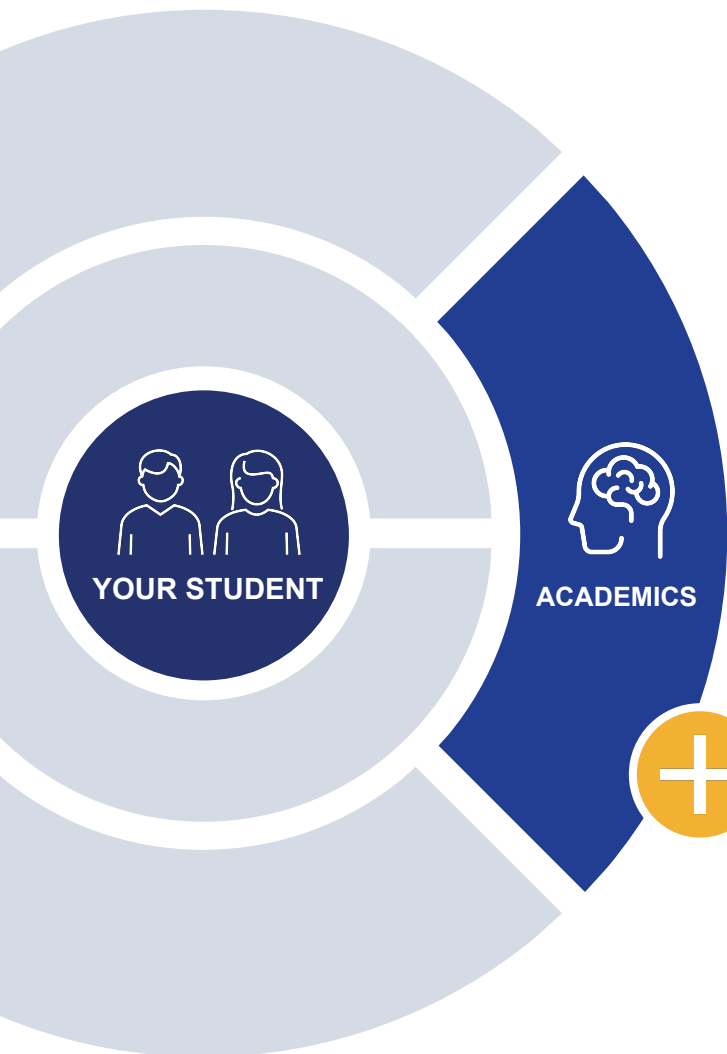


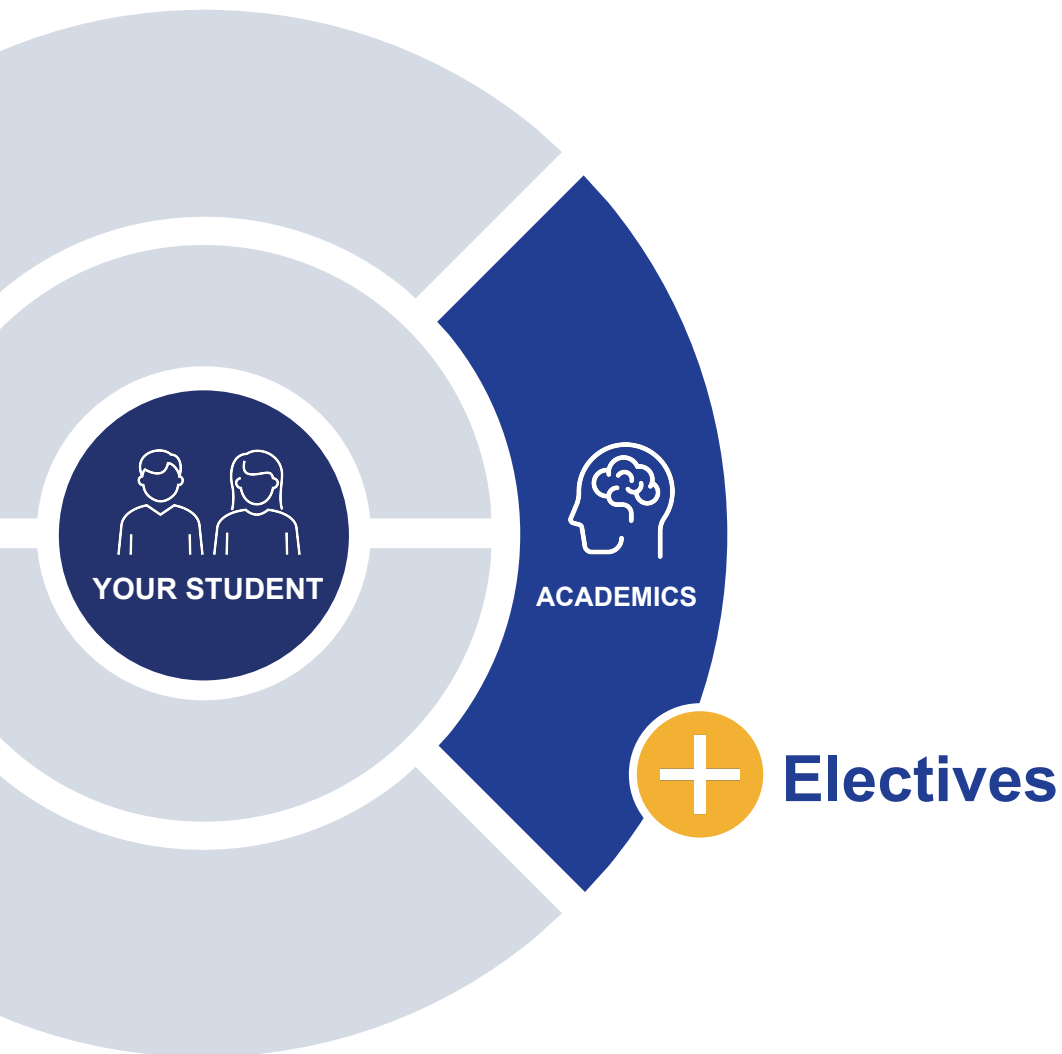
Physical  
Education



Health  
(Embedded)

- **Fitness A (.5) and Wellness B (.5)**





English



Mathematics



Science



Social  
Studies



World Language/  
Immersion



International  
Studies



Physical  
Education



Music



Art



Family &  
Consumer  
Science



Technology



Computer  
Science

PSEO



Business





# New Courses for 2023-24

AP Precalculus

Guitar Ensemble

Introduction to Computing  
Systems (College in the Schools)

Lifetime Sports and Activities

Sports and Entertainment  
Marketing and Management  
(also TO)

TO: Astronomy

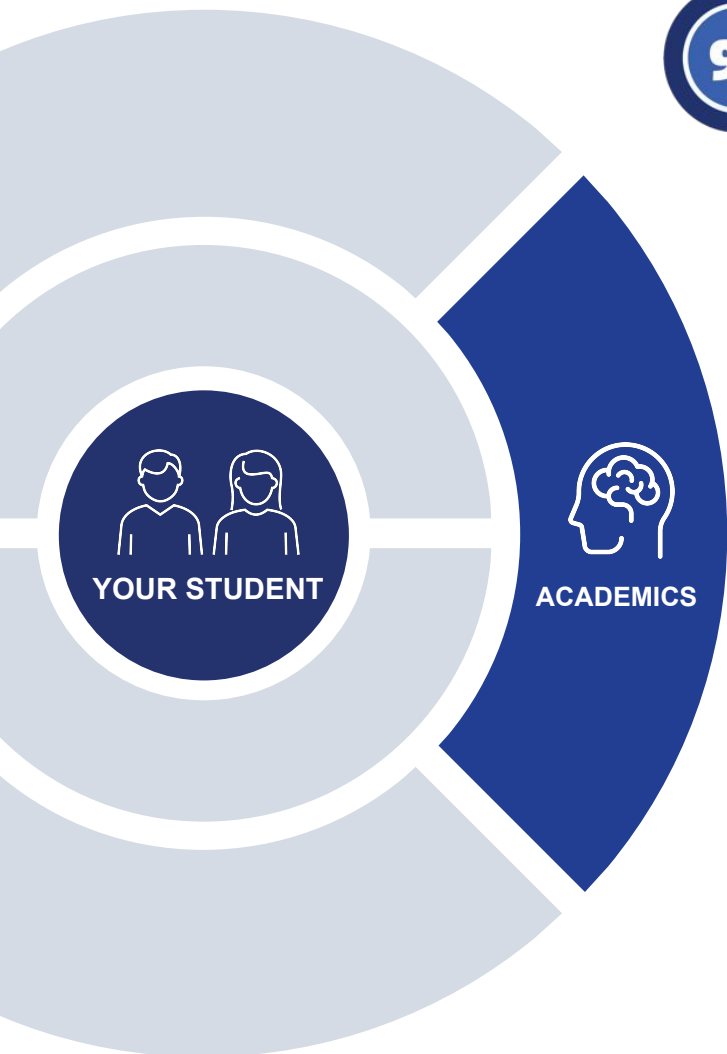
TO: Engineering Design  
Fundamentals

TO: Exploring Science Through  
Literature

Vantage: International Relations

Momentum: Transportation Careers  
and Global Commerce

Momentum: Aviation I and II

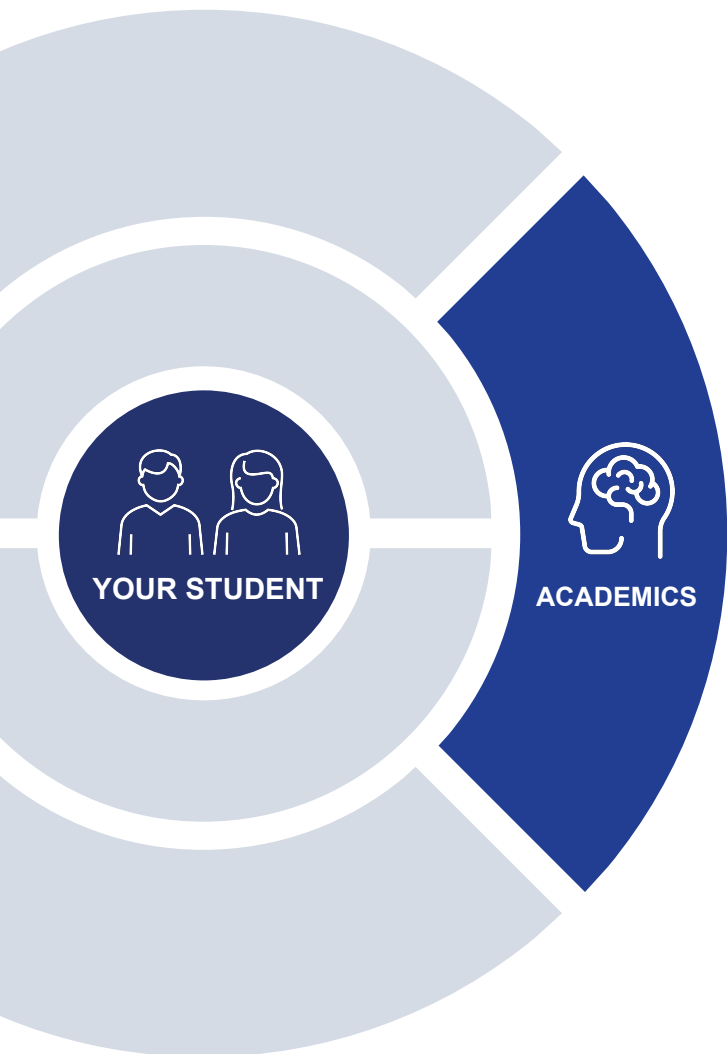


[Tonka Online Video](#)

# TonkaOnline

Engage in a flexible learning environment with Tonka Online. Our innovative program offers 50+ courses taught by Minnetonka teachers experienced in online education.

***Your Time. Your Pace. Your Space.***



## TonkaOnline Signature Experience

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Courses **taught by Minnetonka teachers**, experienced in providing online and traditional education.

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**Fully accredited** by the Minnesota Department of Education and the NCAA.

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Flexibility allows students to **engage with courses on their schedule**, take courses that align with interests and maximizes their potential.

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Challenge students with **access to AP courses** that extend their learning. Take core and elective courses year-round.





[Momentum Video](#)

## Our Vision:

- With MOMENTUM, we are driven to build skills bound, career connected students.

## Our Goals:

- Hands on, applied and experiential learning.
- Labs not lectures.
- Career-oriented - Doing what you enjoy.
- Allow for creativity.



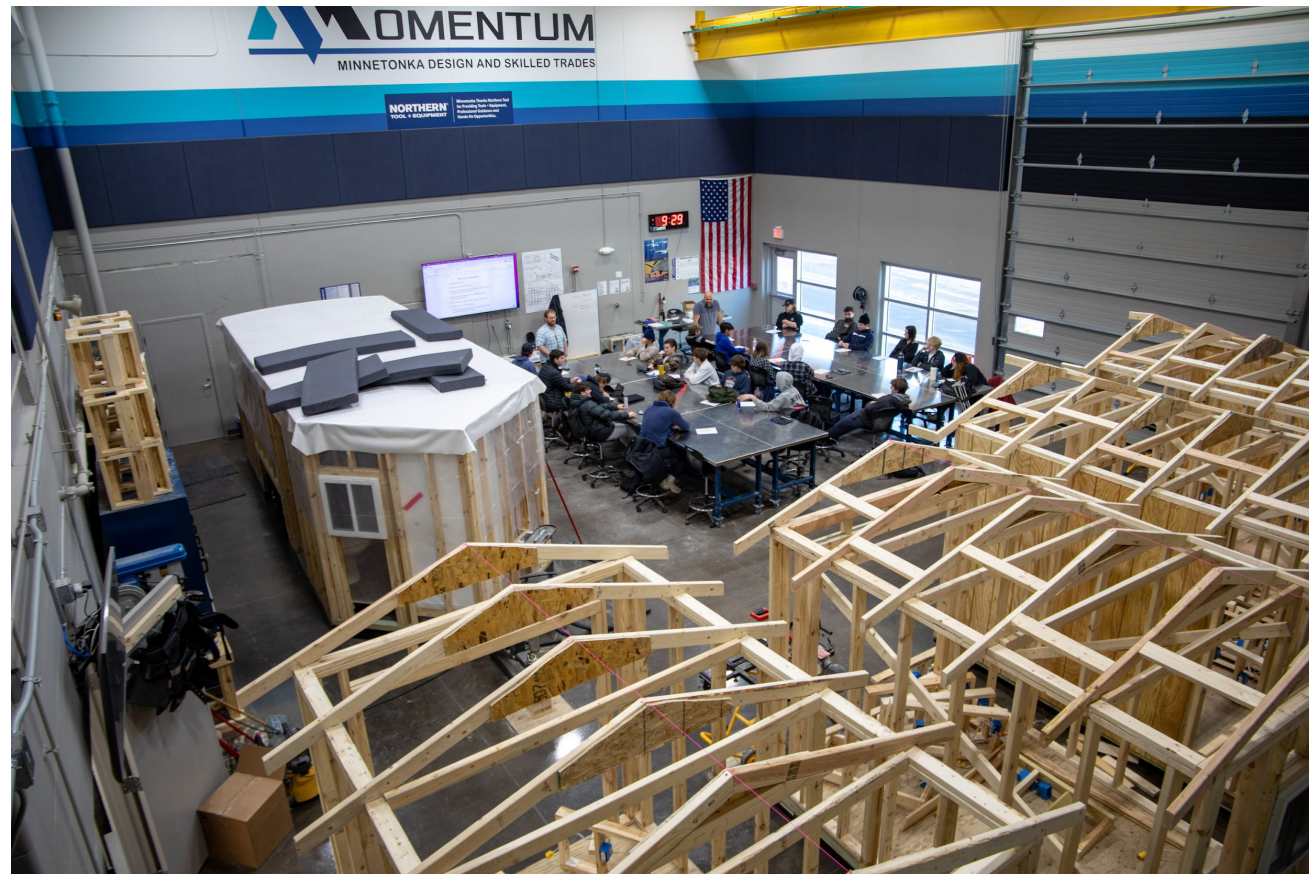
*MOMENTUM is an experiential exploration of the trades, empowering students to follow their curiosity and build indispensable skills.*





# What indispensable, “buildership skills” are we targeting?

- Technical Proficiency
- Teaming
- Growth Mindset
- Work Ethic
- Creative Problem Solver
- Professionalism



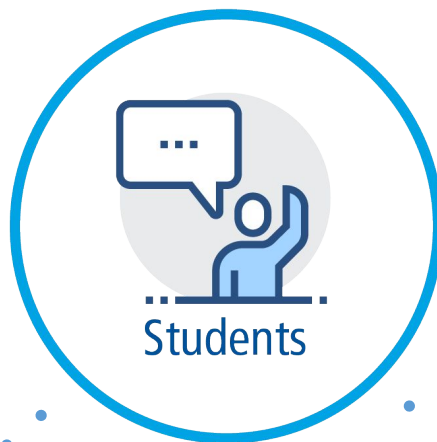




# MODEL



Guest  
Instruction



Students



Site Visits +  
Events +  
Post  
Secondary



Real World  
Application



Youth Mini Apprenticeship



MHS  
Teachers



## Pathways in the Trades



Construction  
Systems



Manufacturing



Transportation



Engineering



Design

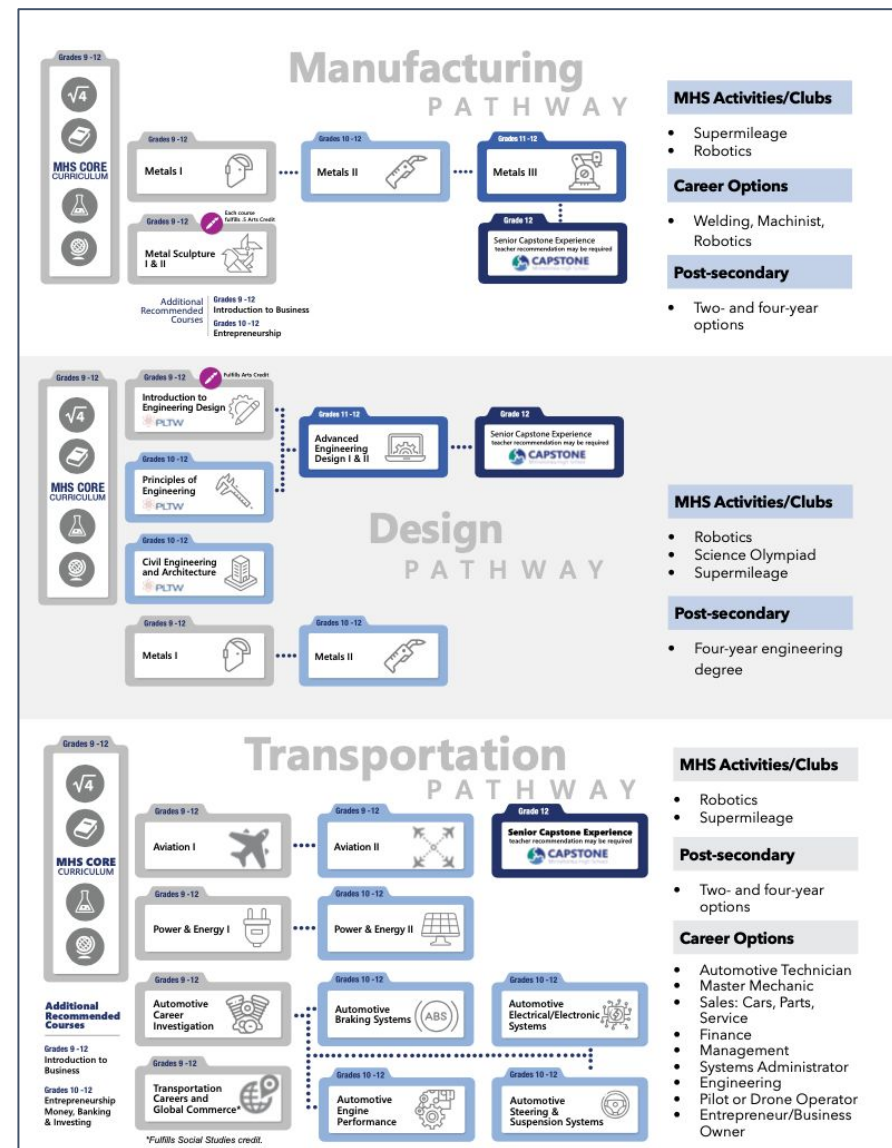
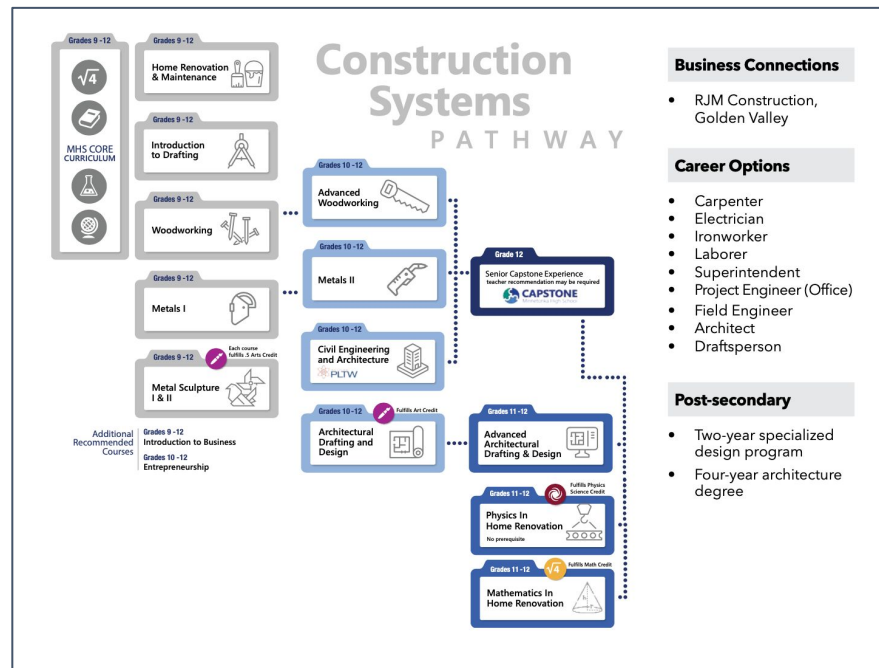




ALL MOMENTUM  
PATHWAYS SEEN  
ON  
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YOUR STUDENT

ACADEMICS





# New for 2023-24

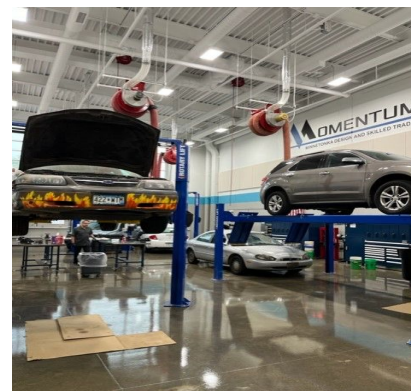
## Aviation I and II

- Take as 9th grader or later at MHS
- Elective credit



## Transportation Careers and Global Commerce

- Take as a 11th or 12th grader
- Elective and Social Studies credit - two hour, one semester course





[Project Lead The Way Video](#)

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY  
**PLTW**



# PROJECT LEAD THE WAY

Pre-Engineering and Architectural Design  
Pathway. Students **may earn college credit**  
with end of course exam scores.



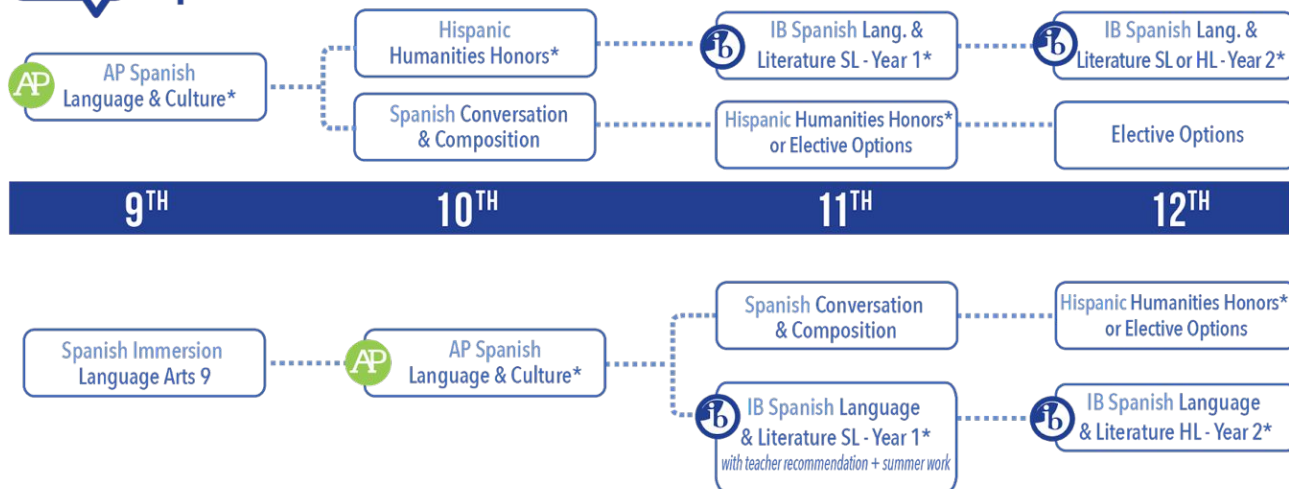
## LANGUAGE IMMERSION

Language Immersion for students who have been in the **Language Immersion program since elementary school or heritage speakers.** May take two hours per day in Chinese or Spanish.



## LANGUAGE IMMERSION

### ¡Hola! Spanish Immersion



#### Other Spanish Immersion Opportunities

##### World Language/Social Studies

(one-semester - ala carte electives - Gr: 9-12)

- Spanish Film & Culture
- Spanish Film & Culture (Tonka Online)
- Spanish Immersion Careers & Professions
- Introduction to Hispanic Linguistics & Culture
- Introduction to Latin American Politics

**NEW!** Contemporary Arts and Culture: Spain, Central America and Caribbean and/or South America (Gr: 10-12)

##### Social Studies - (Full year)

- Spanish Immersion Human Geography & Civics 9
- IB Global Politics SL 11-12 (fulfills economics requirement)

##### World Language - 3<sup>rd</sup> Language

- ASL/French/German (all grades)
- IB Ab Initio French/German (Gr: 11-12)

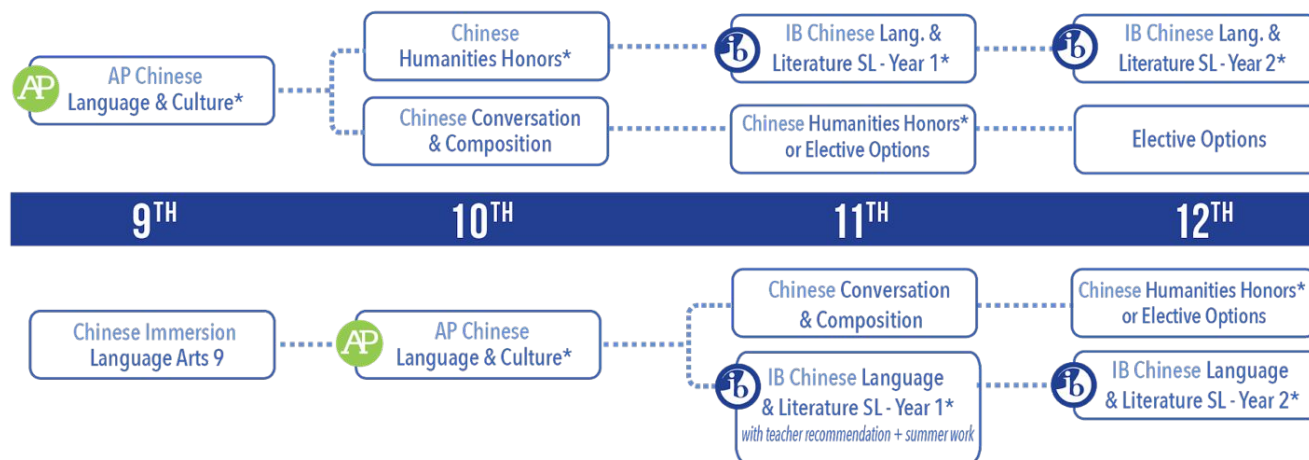
\*weighted grade





## LANGUAGE IMMERSION

### 你好 Chinese Immersion



#### Other Chinese Immersion Opportunities

##### World Language/Social Studies (one-semester - ala carte electives - Gr: 9-12)

Chinese Film & Culture  
Chinese Film & Culture (Tonka Online)  
Chinese Immersion Careers & Professions  
Introduction to Chinese Politics

##### Social Studies - (Full year)

Chinese Immersion  
Human Geography & Civics 9

##### World Language - 3<sup>rd</sup> Language

ASL/French/German/Spanish  
(all grades)  
IB Ab Initio French/German/Spanish  
(Grades 11 & 12 only)

\*weighted grade



# ADVANCED PLACEMENT

College-level courses in high school.  
It is possible to **earn college credit** or  
higher placement based on exam  
scores and college/university policy.



[AP Video](#)



[IB Diploma Video](#)



# International Baccalaureate

An international standard of excellence, **intellectual rigor** and a **well-rounded academic experience**.

Eligible for **college credit**. Full IB Diploma Programme or individual IB courses.

**IB Information Meeting:**  
**February 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00pm GoogleMeet**



# 82%

Minnetonka Seniors have taken an **AP** or **IB** course to prepare for college.



# 95%

PASS RATE



# 83%

PASS RATE





# LAUNCH:

## Strategies for Success

**Begin the year equipped with strategies for success in advanced courses!**

- Time management
- Organization
- Study skills
- Wellness
- And more!

**Late August 23, 2022**

Workshop details and registration info to follow!





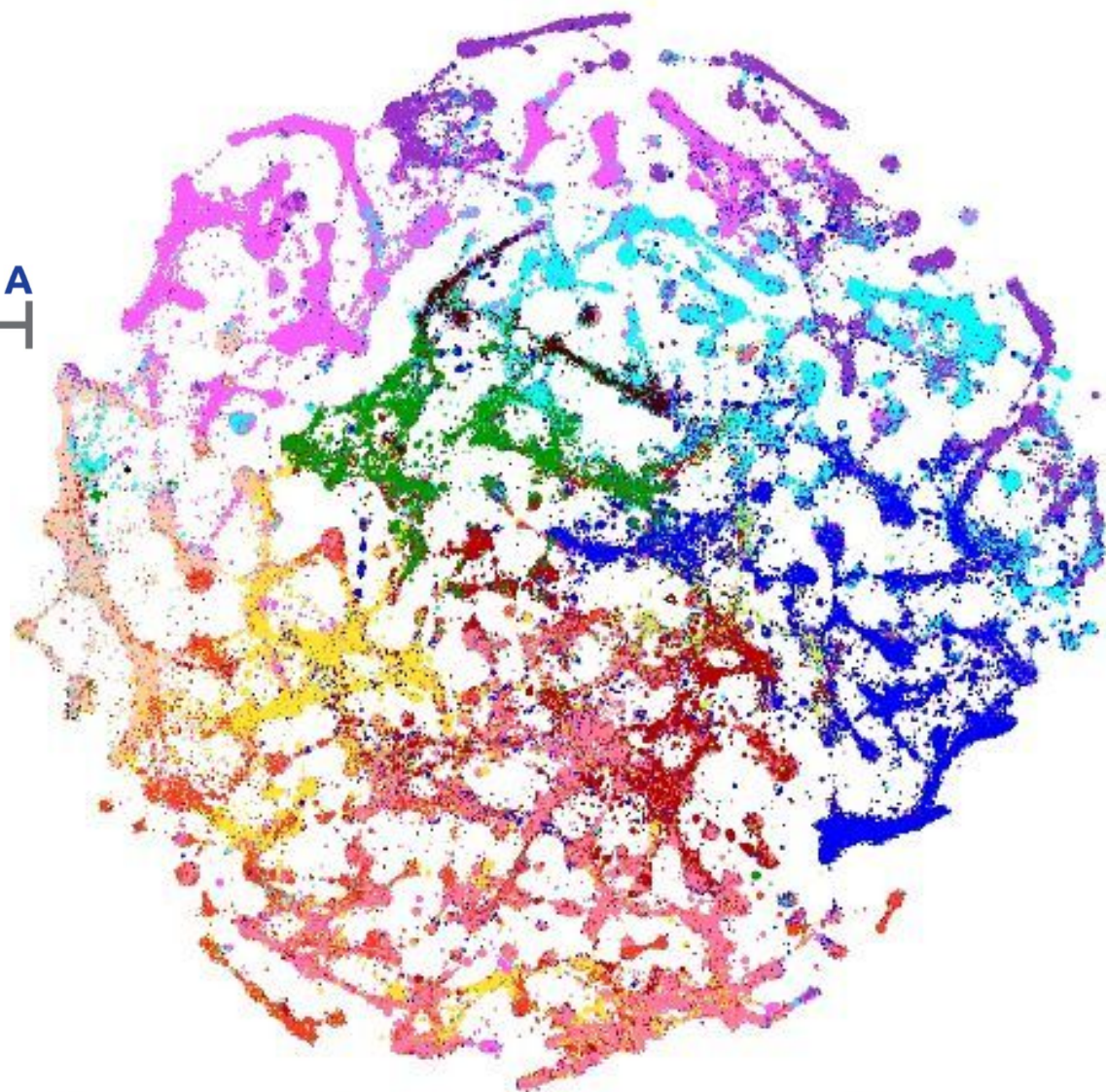
## Minnetonka Research Video



Authentic research driven by students' own questions and interests. For students who have a passion for independent work and have already **completed AP or IB coursework.**

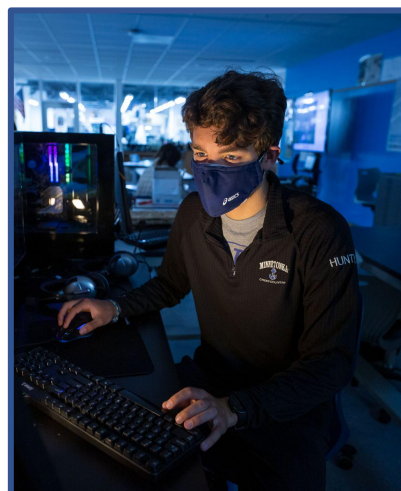
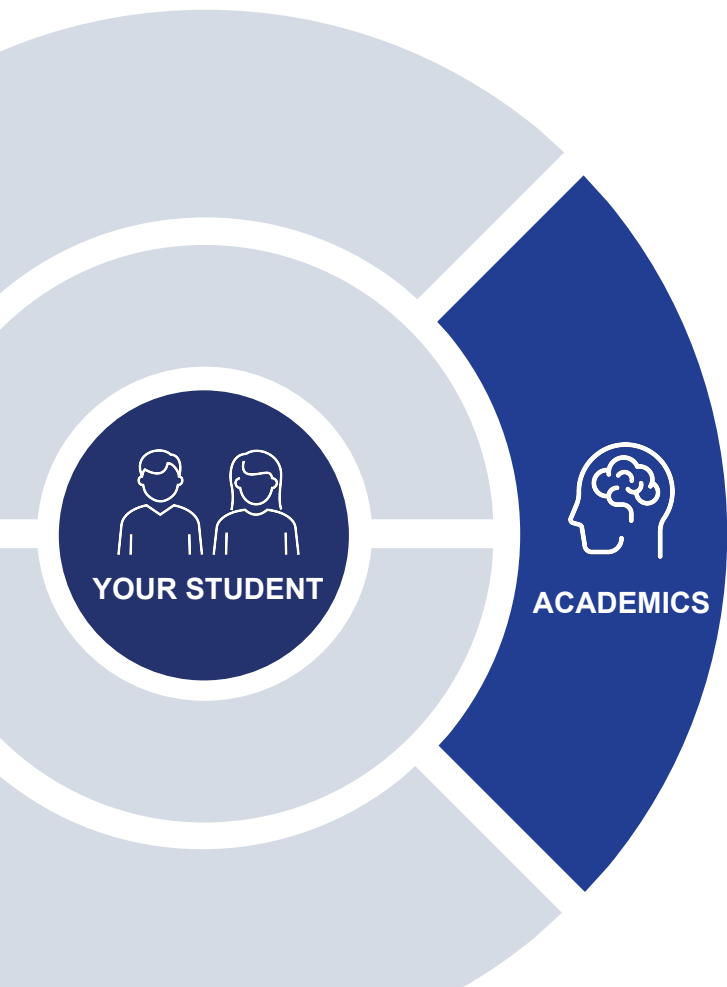


Students are able to select and design projects and work within a diverse set of fields



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|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| ● Computer Sciences | ● Earth Science | ● Infectious Disease  | ● Brain Research  |
| ● Math / Physics    | ● Biology       | ● Medical Specialties | ● Humanities      |
| ● Chemistry         | ● Biotechnology | ● Health Sciences     | ● Social Sciences |
| ● Engineering       |                 |                       |                   |





1 to 1 Mentors, access to advanced lab, authentic experiences, and focused instruction all help students develop skills essential to maximizing future opportunities.

**Communication**

**Professional  
Skills**

**Research  
Process**

**Scientific  
Knowledge**



## VANTAGE Video

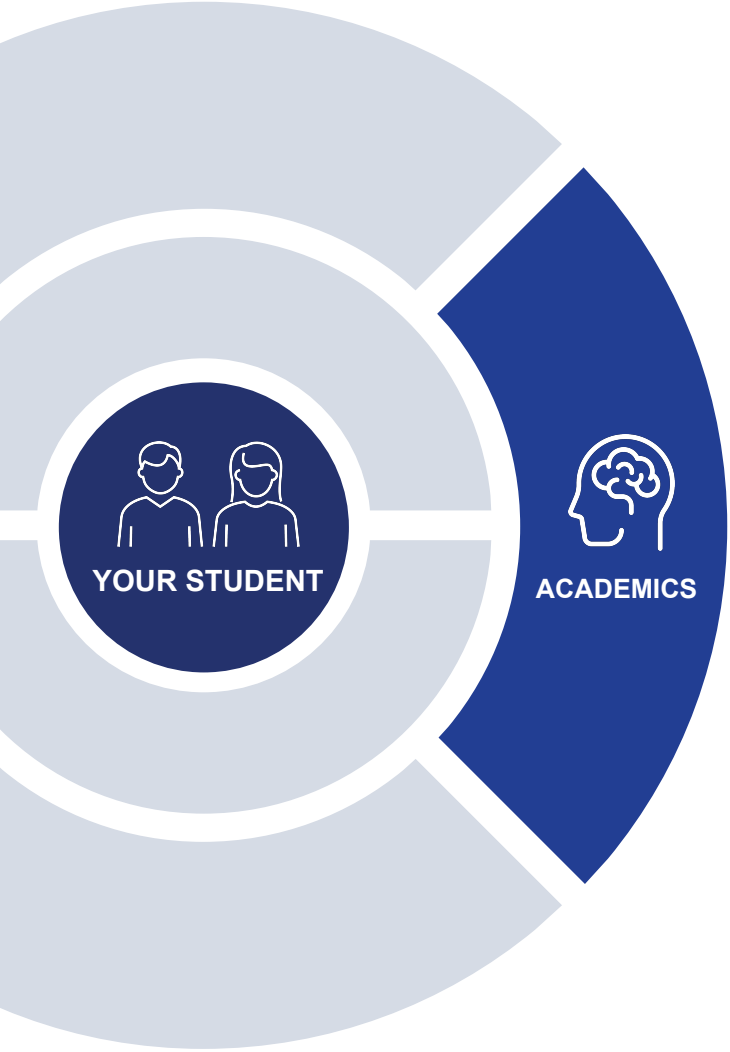


Real-world projects, expert guest instruction, 1-to-1 mentors, events, and site visits are layered on to create a uniquely engaging experience.

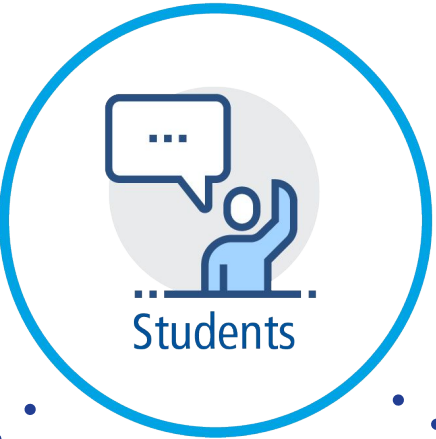
**[tonkavantage.com](https://tonkavantage.com)**



# MODEL



**Guest  
Instruction**



**Site Visits  
+ Events**



**MHS  
Teachers**



**Mentors**



**Company  
Projects**





# STRANDS



Business Analytics



Design + Marketing



Global Business



Global Sustainability



Health Sciences



International Relations



Multimedia Communications



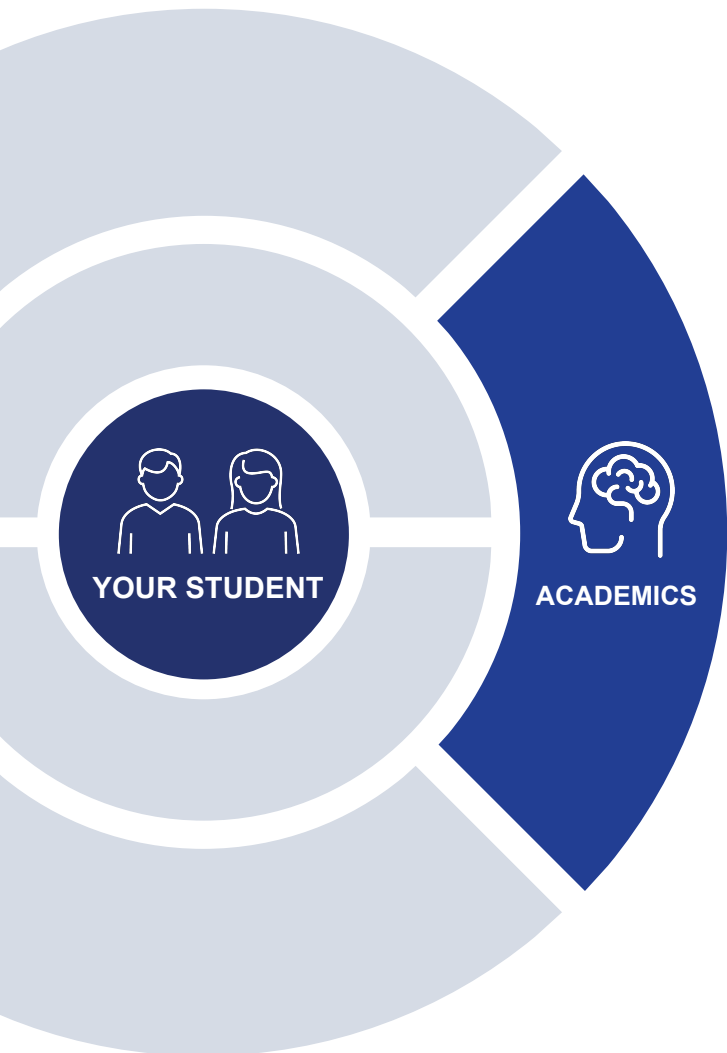
Public Policy



UX Design



VANTAGE Education



# IMPACT



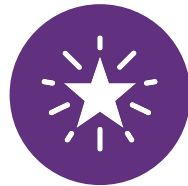
## Confident Young Adults Ready to Excel in Professional Environments



Teamwork



Problem Solving



Leadership

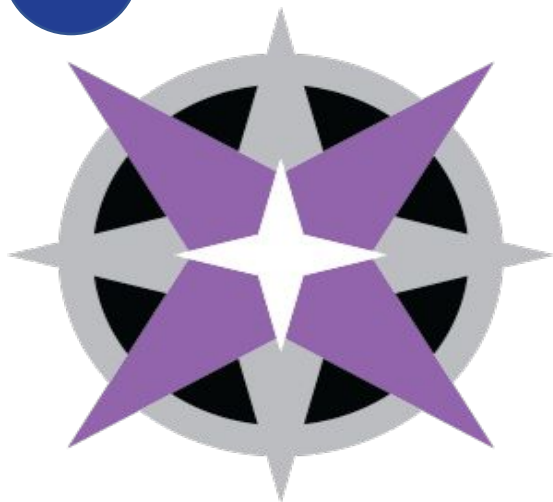


Effective Communication



Professionalism





# Southwest Metro Intermediate District 288

## Classes

- Nursing assistant
- Cosmetology
- Computer Repair
- Computer Networking
- EMT
- EMR
- Criminal Justice

For more information and a registration form, please see your counselor.  
Please note these classes are offered at the Chaska or Shakopee location.



# Post Secondary Educational Options (PSEO)

**Schedule a meeting with Counselor no later than May 30th**

*Checklist in Counseling Office*

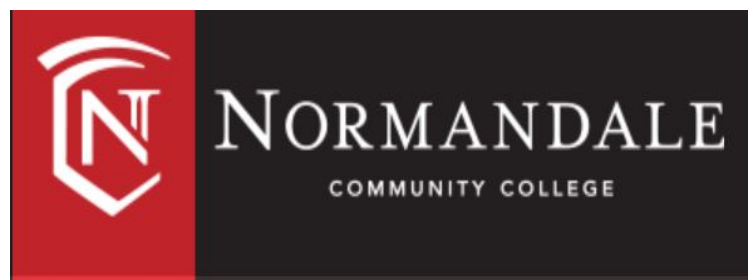
[MHS PSEO Web Page](#)

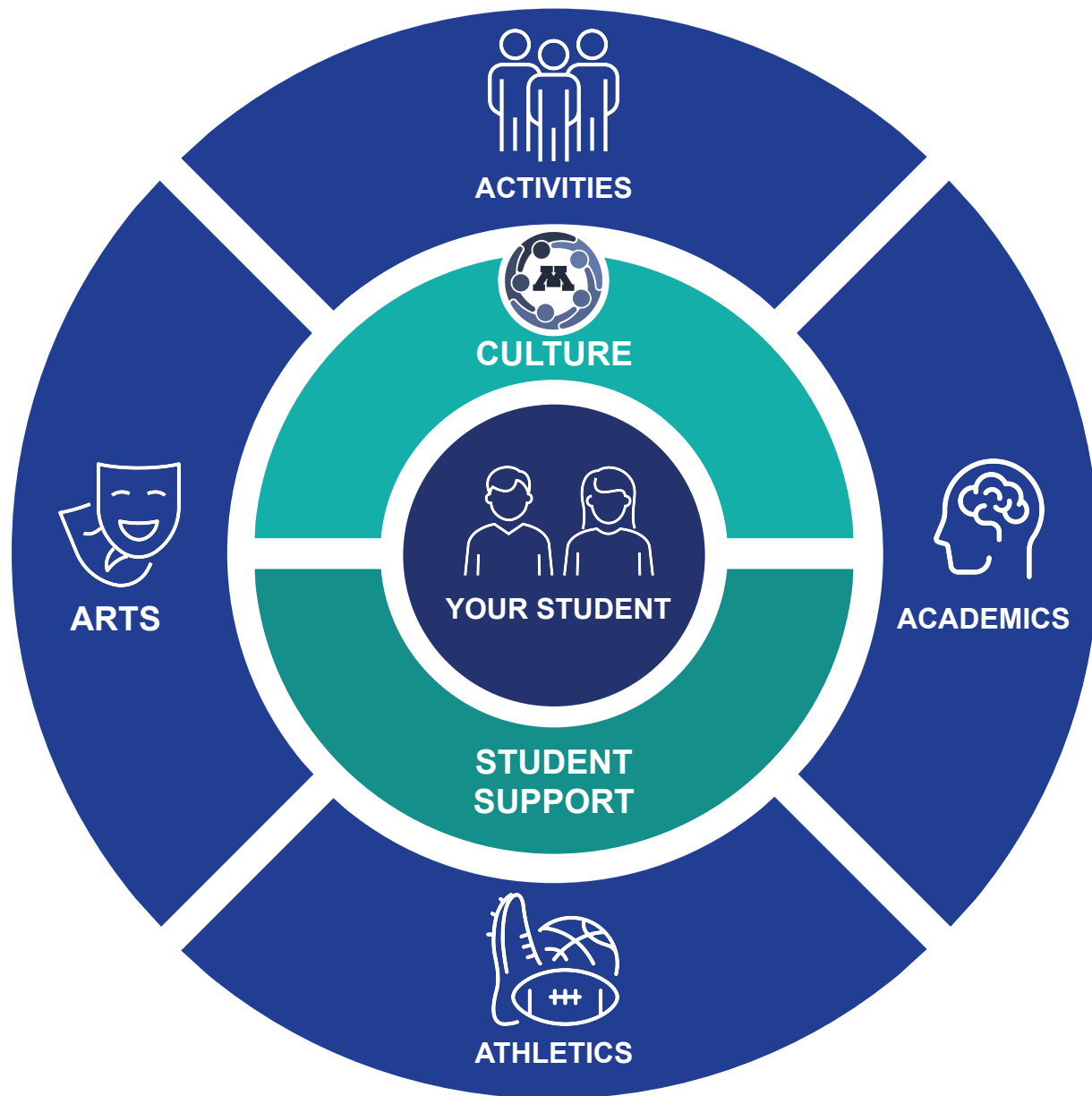
[Apply online through university website](#)

[State Funding Form](#)

[Balance sheet some colleges Require](#)

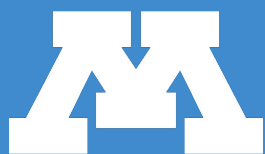
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## THE WHOLE STUDENT





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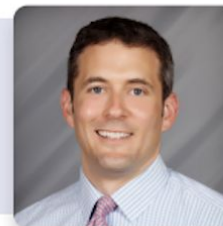
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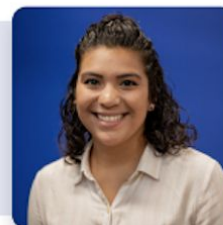
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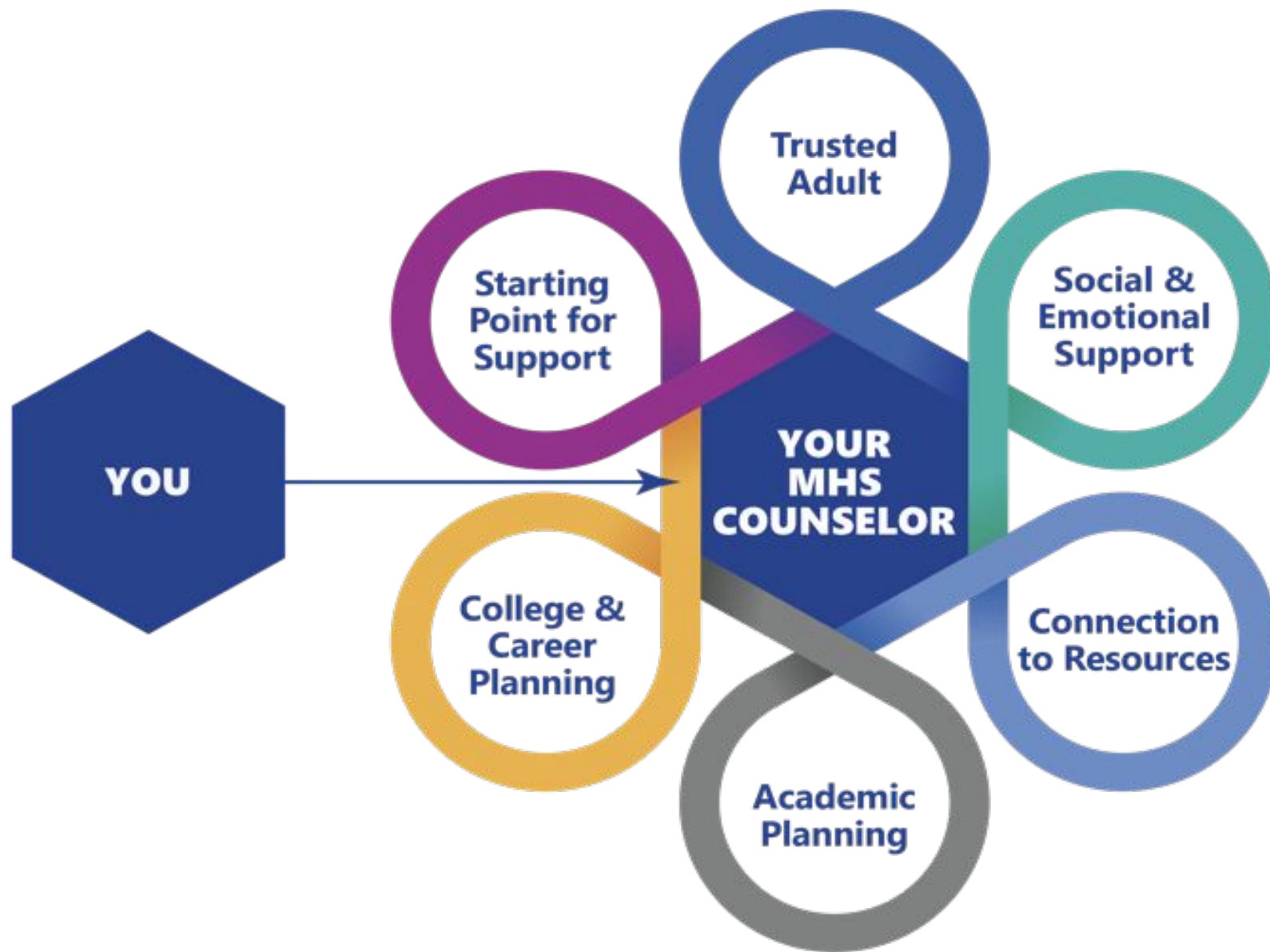
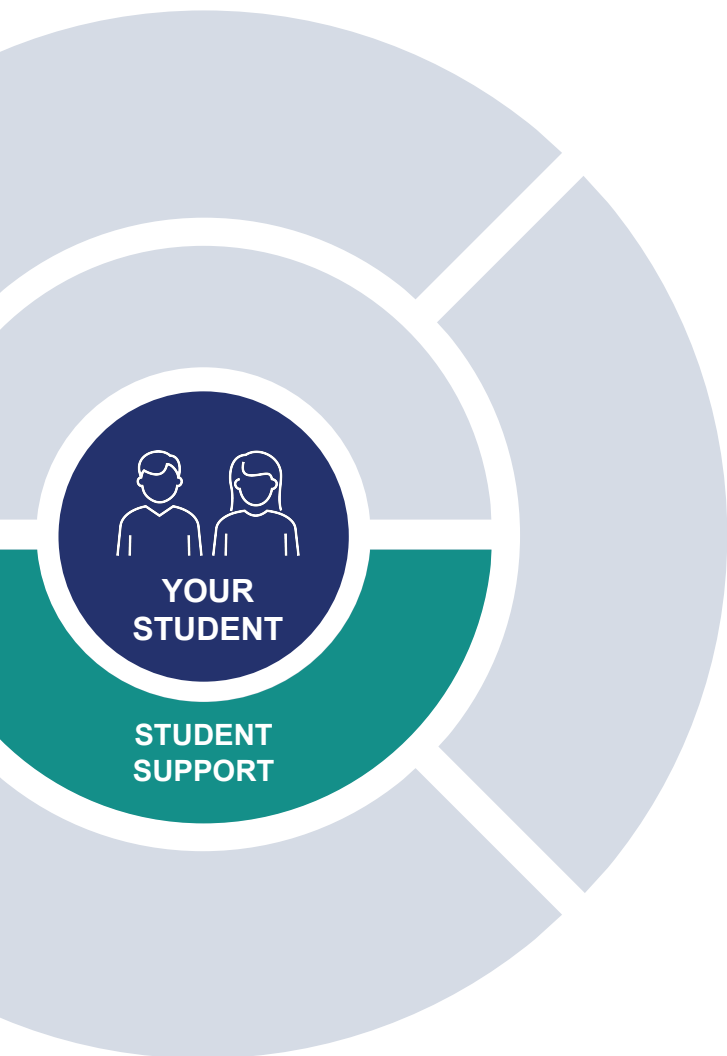


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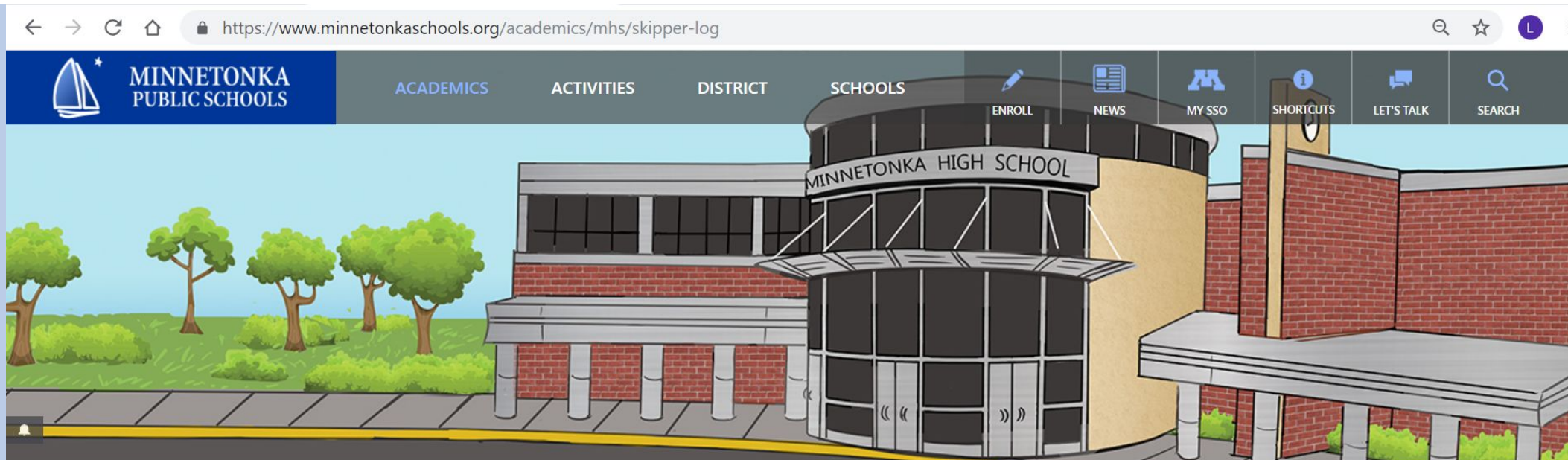
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Get to know your counselor! *Virtual & In-Person Assistance | Appointments | Whole-Student Support*







Minnetonka Public Schools / Academics / High School (9-12) / Skipper Log (Course Catalog)

## Skipper Log (Course Catalog)

Serving students well and inspiring them to reach their highest levels of personal and academic achievement is the essence of our quest to be a world-class high school. Toward that end, all learning experiences, curriculum offerings, supplemental programs, enrichment opportunities, staffing models, facility designs and usage, and co-curricular activities will support student success and lifelong learning.

— Minnetonka School Board Vision

### HOW TO USE THE SKIPPER LOG

### SKIPPER LOG NAVIGATION

- [Skipper Log Home](#)
- [Counseling Office](#)
- [Graduation Requirements](#)
- [Registration Planning Worksheet](#)
- [Registration Guide and Info Sessions](#)

Registration is open from March 1-10, 2019



Minnnetonka Public Schools / Academics / High School (9-12) / Skipper Log (Course Catalog) / Art

## Art

All visual art courses strive to nurture innovative thinking, creativity, problem solving and to improve skills in communication. Courses teach forms of artistic expression through the four disciplines of the visual arts:

- Art Production: Making art
- Art Criticism: Describing, analyzing, interpreting and evaluating art
- Art History: Understanding art in relationship to culture
- Aesthetics: Recognizing important features of visual arts and responding to them

Students taking visual art classes have an opportunity for production experiences with a variety of art media. For those wishing to concentrate in a particular art medium, level two and three classes are offered. Level two courses are more in depth and level three courses are designed for students wishing to develop a college portfolio and/or pursue a career in the visual arts. All art courses on this page earn credit toward completing the art credit graduation requirement.

- + [Printable Course List](#)
- + [Arts Credit \(graduation requirement\)](#)
- + [Art Course Fees](#)

## SKIPPER LOG NAVIGATION

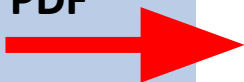
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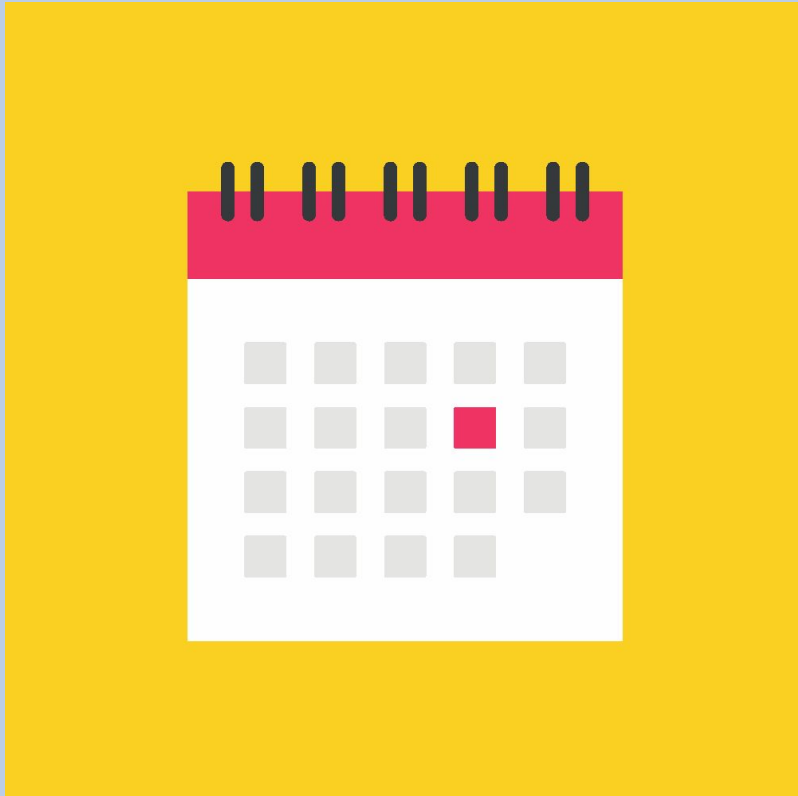
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## COURSE LIST

- [Advanced Placement](#)
- [Art](#)
- [Business](#)
- [Computer Science](#)
- [English](#)
- [English Language Learner Program](#)
- [Family & Consumer Sciences](#)
- [Health](#)

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# Registration through SKYWARD

**February 21 - February 28**

[Registration Web Page](#)





# Experience Minnetonka

February 9  
5:30-8:00pm



- Tour all the academic opportunities at MHS
- Department presentations
- Q & A sessions



# Registration Considerations

- **Pick electives based on your interests**- similar registration does not mean similar schedules
- Make sure to enter alternative electives
- **There are no schedule changes**

example: for lunch or changing teachers

- Now is the time to select the classes you want to take, we build the schedule based on your registration.
- Juniors are not permitted to leave campus for lunch or open hours
- Summer classes: register now



## Complete the Counseling Assignment in Schoology:

- \* Courses - Counseling Office: 2022-2023
- \* Class of 2024
- \* Registration Planning Guide





## English

### Full Year Options:

- IB Language & Literature SL
- IB Language & Performance SL
- IB Literature HL Year 2
- AP Literature & Composition
- AP Seminar
- AP Research
- Vantage Multimedia Communications
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- Vantage International Relations (College Writing)
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### One Semester Options:

- TO AP Language Comp 12
- Comparative Biblical Literature
- TO Composition for College
- Creative Writing
- English Fall (TO)
- English Winter (TO)
- Journalism
- Speech Hybrid

# Grade 12 Planning Guide Video



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- Principles of Physics
- Physics
- IB Physics
- AP Physics 1
- AP Physics C - Mechanics
- AP Physics C - Electricity
- Physics of Home Renovation
- IB Sports, Exercise Hlth Science
- Human Anatomy & Physiology
- TO AP Environmental Science
- Earth and Space
- Astronomy
- TO Neuroscience
- Forensic Science
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- Scientific Research



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