

MHS Freshman Parent Survival Guide



Class of 2022



Success @ MHS

MHS Blue & Gold Rules

- Do the Right Thing!
- Do Your Best!
- Treat Everyone with Respect and Dignity!

Are You on Track...

- For Graduation?
- For Your Post-Secondary Education and Goals?

Graduation Requirements	Graduation Pathway Options
<p>1) High School Diploma (Students must complete the course requirements of one of the following.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core 40 designation; • Academic Honors designation; • Technical Honors designation; • General designation.
<p>1) Learn and Demonstrate Employability Skills (Students must complete <i>at least one</i> of the following.)</p>	<p>Learn employability skills standards through locally developed programs. Employability skills are demonstrated by <u>one</u> the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project-Based Learning Experience; OR • Service-Based Learning Experience; OR • Work-Based Learning Experience.
<p>1) Postsecondary-Ready Competencies (Students must complete <i>at least one</i> of the following.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honors Designation: Fulfill all requirements of either the Academic or Technical Honors designation; OR • ACT: College-ready benchmarks; OR • SAT: College-ready benchmarks; OR • ASVAB: Earn at least a minimum AFQT score to qualify for placement into one of the branches of the US military; OR • State- and Industry-recognized Credential or Certification; OR • Federally-recognized Apprenticeship; OR • Career-Technical Education Concentrator: Must earn a <u>C average</u> or higher in at least 6 high school credits in a career sequence; OR • AP/IB/Dual Credit/Cambridge International courses or CLEP Exams: Must earn a <u>C average</u> or higher in at least three courses; OR • Locally Created Pathway that meets the framework from and earns the approval of the State Board of Education.

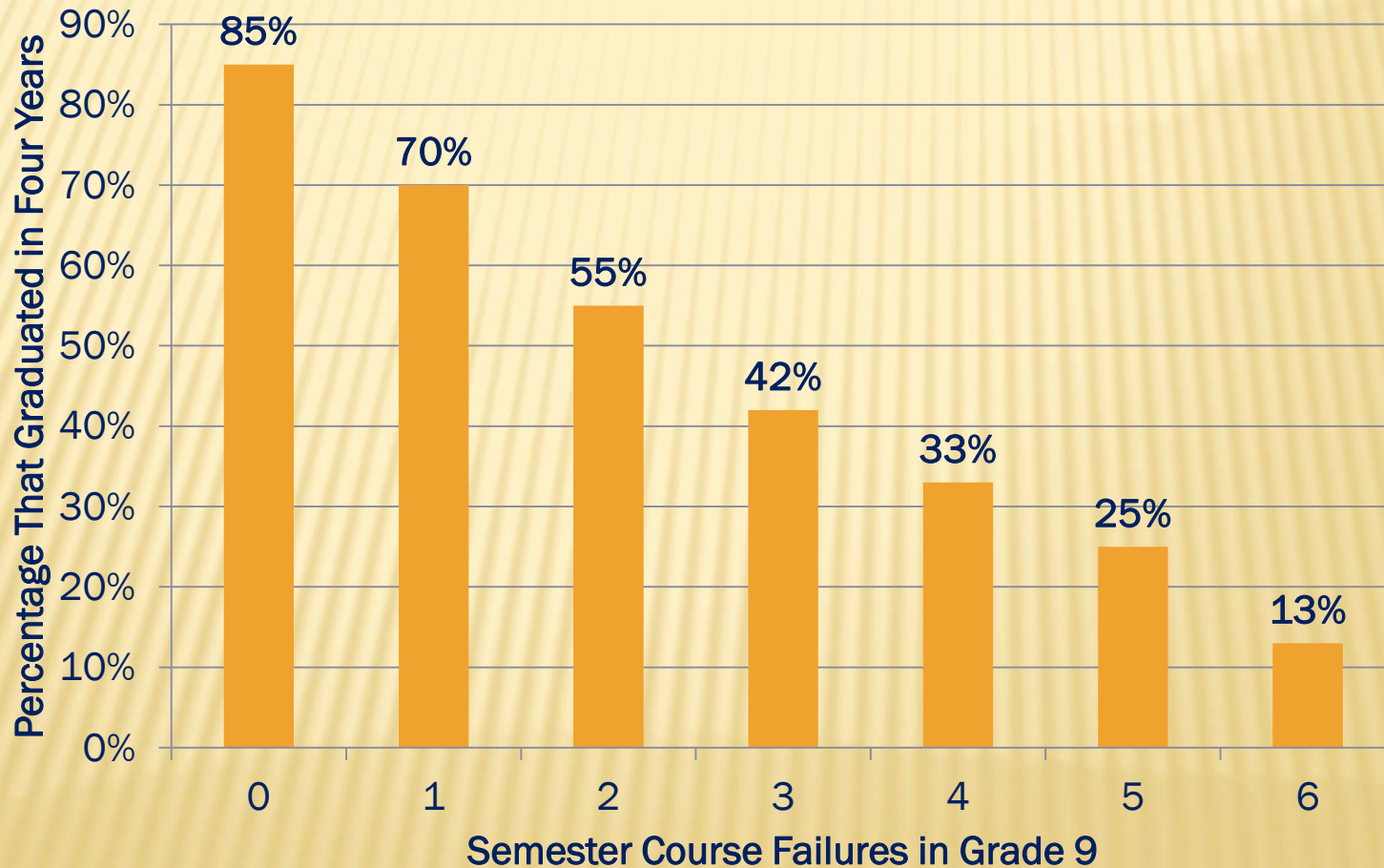


Survival Tip #1

- **Tip #1: The Freshman year matters and may be the most important**
- We can't stress enough the importance of the freshman year!
 - Attendance and grades matter to your child's academic success at MHS and leads to their post-secondary success.

RESEARCH REVIEW: FRESHMAN PERFORMANCE MATTERS

Relationship Between Number of Semester Course Failures and Graduation

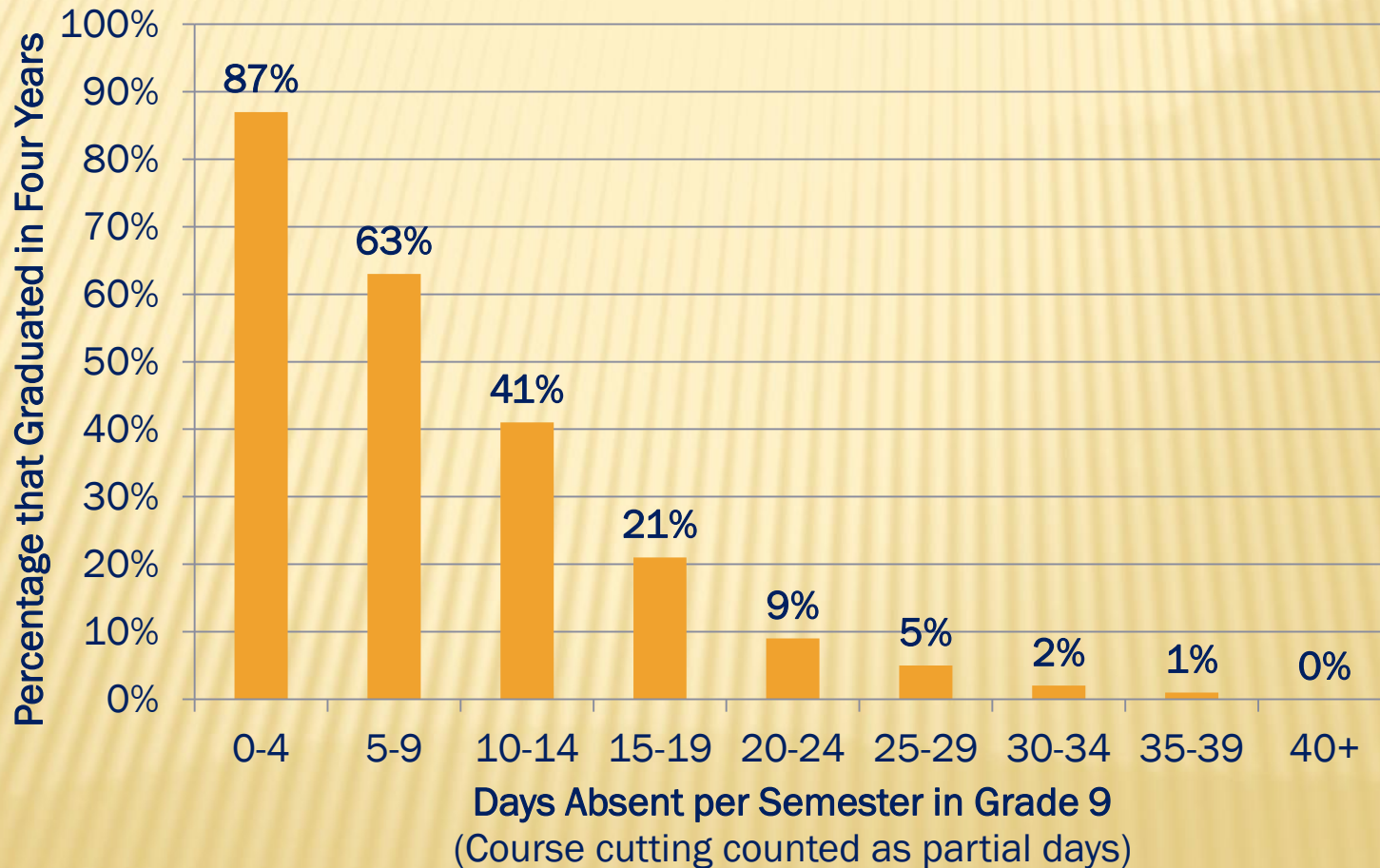


Source: Allensworth & Easton, 2007

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Relationship Between Absences and Graduation



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Survival Tip #2

- **Tip #2: Know the MHS administrative team**
- We are here to help you and your child have a successful year and overall high school experience. Please contact us if you need assistance:
 - Dr. Brian Disney – MHS Principal
 - Mrs. Chrissy Owens – Assistant Principal
 - Mr. Wes Upton – Assistant Principal
 - Mrs. Sarah Melone – Attendance Officer and Dean
 - Mr. Mike Mossbrucker – Athletic Director



Survival Tip #3

- **Tip #3: Know the MHS School Counseling Staff**
- Our guidance counselors are available to assist you in making academic decisions for your child that will benefit them throughout their four years at MHS and into their post-secondary careers.
 - Mrs. Michelle Mitchel, Last Names: A-Fe
 - Mrs. Amy Colbert, Last Names: Fi-Mc
 - Mrs. Sarah Iams, Last Names: Me-Te
 - Mrs. Laura Mikesell, Guidance Director, Last Names: Th-Z



Survival Tip #4

- **Tip #4: If your student is absent or needs to leave early, please call MHS at 831-9203 select option 2 to report their absence.**
 - If have to schedule appointments during the school day; please have your student turn in doctor's note or funeral notices to Mrs. Bischoff, our attendance secretary.



Survival Tip #5

- **Tip #5: Utilize Skyward**
- Skyward is our student management system, from Skyward you can access:
 - homework assignments
 - assignment summaries
 - attendance
 - discipline referrals



Survival Tip #6

- **Tip #6: Chromebooks, Canvas, & Google Docs**
- Every student has a Chromebook (laptop) that they can use to complete their school work.
- Teachers will share materials through Canvas and/or Google Docs
 - Both Google Docs and Canvas are educational platforms where students can complete their school work.



Survival Tip #7

- **Tip 7#:** Know where your students are online
- Social media is a wonderful tool but it can have devastating consequences if used incorrectly.
- Friend your child on Facebook
- Follow them on Twitter, Instagram, and SnapChat
- Know what is on your child's phone



Survival Tip #8

- **Tip #8: Get involved**
- There is a place for everyone to belong at MHS, whether that is in athletics, performing arts or a club- GET INVOLVED!
- Encourage your student to find a place where they belong and make MHS a great place to learn and grow.
- List of Clubs on Website & Club Fair on 8/15



Survival Tip #9

- **Tip #9: Never Too Early to Plan for Post-Secondary Education**
- Most future careers will require some post-secondary education.
- There are many opportunities for students and parents to prepare for post-secondary education (AP, Dual Credit, Area 31, etc.).
- It's also never too early to plan for paying for post-secondary education.



Survival Tip #10

- **Tip #10: Caring staff**
- MHS is filled with a staff that wants the very best for you and your child.
- High school is a journey. We are glad that your child is here and are excited to be a part of their journey to success.



Important Dates

8/16 – Class Ring Presentation

8/23 – Class Ring Order (11:30-1:00 & 2:30-7:00)

8/31 – Mid-Term ends

9/3 – Labor Day

9/13 – Friends of Rachel Convocation
Community Night

9/21 – Homecoming

10/2-10/4 – 1st Quarter Exams

10/12-10/19 – Fall Break