

METHACTON HIGH SCHOOL 2019 SUMMER SCHOOL ACCELERATION

Only current Methacton High School – Class of 2020, 2021 & 2022 students may accelerate

Course acceleration allows a student to move more quickly through an established curricular sequence. Students may not accelerate more than one course in a curricular discipline, nor are they permitted to accelerate any honors courses on-line. **All requests for acceleration must be approved in advance. The attached acceleration form must be completed and returned to the School Counseling Office by April 9, 2019.** All expenses are the responsibility of the student.

Acceleration may be accomplished in three different ways:

1. On-Line courses through Methacton’s Summer School provider BVA:

- All on-line acceleration courses are at the academic level
- Courses run June 17 through July 31
- Students have the option of reporting to the high school library to work on their courses one day per week (day TBD) through July 31 where a teacher will be available for assistance.
- Estimated time to complete a 1.0 credit acceleration course is 120 hours
- The class capacity for FCS is 30 and for Health is 60. Rising seniors will receive priority registration.
- Acceleration forms are due **April 9, 2019** to the Counseling Office
- All students accelerating on-line must report to the high school library on or before July 31 at 8am to take the on-line final. Students attempting placement into an honors level math course for 2019-2020 must take an additional Methacton math placement test on August 15, 2019.
- Registration for seniors needing FCS and Health will begin April 2, 2019
- All other registration will begin April 9, 2019
- To register for an online summer school class, please navigate to the high school website and click on the “Registration” link under Summer School Acceleration 2019.
- The deadline for registration is May 1, 2019

2. Private Tutoring:

- Acceleration form due **April 9, 2019**
- Email confirmation from tutor is due to the Counseling Office prior to starting tutoring.
- Students must be tutored by a Pennsylvania certified secondary teacher in the specific subject area of acceleration and must be pre-approved by administration.
- Teacher must follow the Methacton High School approved curriculum for instruction.
- Successful completion of 60 hours of tutoring earns 1.0 credit
- Students who are accelerating a math course and attempting placement into an honors level math course for 2019-2020 must take a Methacton math placement on August 15, 2019.

3. College/University:

- Acceleration form due **April 9, 2019**
- Course outline/content must be screened and approved by the subject department chairperson.
- Confirmation of registration is due to the Counseling Office the week of May 6.
- The Counseling Office must receive a transcript with the final course grade. If the final grade is a letter, the instructor must email the School Counselor with the numeric grade earned.
- Students who are accelerating a math course and attempting placement into an honors level math course for 2019-2020 must take a Methacton math placement test on August 15, 2019.

****Please note that Algebra I is not available for acceleration. If a student wishes to accelerate Biology, he or she must be available to sit for the Biology Keystone Exam as proficiency is mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The tentative date for the summer Biology Keystone is August 1, 2019. If the student is not proficient on the exam when the district receives results in the fall, he/she will be taken out of chemistry and added into a biology class.**

Grading/Credit Guidelines:

On-Line: The grade received by the on-line provider will be the grade earned on the transcript. There will be no additional weighting for on-line classes as they are all at the academic level.

Private Tutoring: the Counseling Office must receive a copy of the grade earned accompanied by a brief narrative of student's academic progress.

College/University: The Counseling Office must receive a transcript with the final course grade. If the final grade is a letter (A, B, etc...), the instructor must email the School Counselor with the numeric grade earned.

If acceleration is successful, credit earned will be recorded on the student's transcript, the grade will be calculated into the student's GPA and the next sequential course will be scheduled according to the requirements provided in the Program Planning Guide.

If acceleration is unsuccessful, credit will not be awarded, transcripts will not reflect the attempted course, and the appropriate course will be scheduled for the school year.

COURSES AVAILABLE FOR ON-LINE ACCELERATION:

COURSE	CREDIT VALUE	COST
Health	.25 credits	\$299
Family and Consumer Science	.25 credits	\$299
Geometry	1.0 credits	\$399
Algebra 2	1.0 credits	\$399
Algebra 2 & Trigonometry	1.0 credits	\$399
Precalculus	1.0 credits	\$399
Calculus	1.0 credits	\$399
Biology	1.0 credits	\$399
Chemistry	1.0 credits	\$399
Physics	1.0 credits	\$399

**All courses are at the academic level. No honors courses may be accelerated through BVA.

**Students may not pursue acceleration and a track change during the same school year.

Course Acceleration Approval Form

****THIS COMPLETED FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO THE COUNSELING OFFICE BY APRIL 3, 2019**

This form is not needed for Health or Family and Consumer Science

Student Name: _____

Date: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Course in which student is seeking acceleration: _____

If acceleration is successful, course in which student is planning to enroll 2019-2020: _____

Which method of acceleration are you seeking? Check one:

Online through BVA

Private Tutoring

Name of Tutor: _____

*Tutor's PA State Certificate MUST be attached to this form if not a Methacton teacher

College/University

Name of School: _____

*Course outline/content must be attached to this form for review by department chair

PERMISSIONS/SIGNATURES

ALL signatures must be attained in order as they appear. Forms will not be accepted if they are incomplete.

1. PARENT/GUARDIAN:

By signing this form, I agree that my son/ daughter will abide by the established guidelines and will be available to take the exam(s) on the designated date(s) noted on the information sheet.

Parent signature: _____

2. CURRENT SUBJECT AREA TEACHER NAME: _____

Current Subject: _____

MP 1 Grade: _____ MP 2 Grade: _____ Midterm Grade: _____ MP 3 Grade: _____

Is this student recommended for acceleration? YES NO

Comments: _____

Teacher Signature: _____

3. DEPARTMENT CHAIR NAME: _____

Is this student recommended for acceleration? YES NO

Department Chair Signature: _____

4. GRADE LEVEL ADMINISTRATOR:

Is the student recommended for acceleration? YES NO

Administrator Signature: _____