

# METHACTON HIGH SCHOOL

## SUMMER SCHOOL MATH AND SCIENCE ACCELERATION

**\*Only current high school students may accelerate\***

**\*Acceleration is not available for current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students\***

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.

**All requests for acceleration must be approved in advance. The attached acceleration form must be completed and returned to the Counseling Office by March 15, 2017.** 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:**

- Acceleration forms are due **March 15, 2017** to the Counseling Office
- All on-line acceleration courses are at the academic level
- Students have the option of reporting to the high school library to work on their courses Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 8am and 12pm through July 27 where teachers will be available for assistance.
- Estimated time to complete a 1.0 credit acceleration course is 120 hours
- Courses run June 19 through July 27. There will be no extensions under any circumstances.
- All students accelerating on-line must report to the high school library on or before July 27 at 8am to take the on-line final. Students attempting placement into an honors level math course for 2017-2018 must take an additional Methacton math placement test after the on-line final on July 27.
- To register for an online summer school class, please navigate to the high school website and click on the summer school "RegWerks" link.
- Registration will begin April 10, 2017
- The deadline for registration is May 1, 2017

**2. Private Tutoring:**

- Acceleration form due to the Counseling Office **March 15, 2017**
- Confirmation of tutoring/registration is due to the Counseling Office between **May 10 - May 17**. Email confirmation from tutor will suffice.
- 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 2017-2018 must take a Methacton math placement test on July 27.

**3. College/University:**

- Acceleration form due to the Counseling Office **March 15, 2017**
- Course outline/content from the institution must be screened and approved by the department chairperson of the subject; please attach to acceleration form.
- Confirmation of registration is due to the Counseling Office between May 10 - May 17.
- Student must enroll, attend and successfully complete the course at the designated college/university by July 27.
- Students who are accelerating a math course and attempting placement into an honors level math course for 2017-2018 must take a Methacton math placement test on July 27.

**\*\*Please note that Algebra I is not available for acceleration. If a student wishes to accelerate Biology, he or she must be available on August 2, 2017 to sit for the Biology Keystone Exam as proficiency is mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. 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 ACCELERATION (ON-LINE):**

<b>COURSE</b>	<b>CREDIT VALUE</b>	<b>COST</b>
Health	.50 credits	\$299
Family and Consumer Science	.50 credits	\$299
Geometry	1.0 credits	\$399
Algebra 2	1.0 credits	\$399
Trigonometry	.50 credits	\$299
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.

## Course Acceleration Approval Form

**\*\*THIS COMPLETED FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO THE COUNSELING OFFICE BY MARCH 15, 2017\*\***

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

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Course in which student is seeking acceleration: \_\_\_\_\_

Which method of acceleration are you seeking? Check one:

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

Online

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_**

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: \_\_\_\_\_