

# METHACTON HIGH SCHOOL

## 2024 SUMMER SCHOOL ACCELERATION

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 sent to counselor for approval prior to registration.** 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 Brandywine Virtual Academy:

- All on-line acceleration courses are at the academic level. ***There are no honors courses accelerated through BVA.***
- Courses run June 17th through July 25th
- 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 (located below) must be sent to counselors for approval by April 26th.
- Registration for upcoming Seniors will begin on April 8, 2024.
- Registration for all other grade levels will begin on April 15, 2024.
- 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 2024.
- Cancellation of a BVA class must take place within **10** days of the initial enrollment, in order to receive a refund from BVA.

### 2. Private 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
- Private Tutoring for Science is **not** offered.
- Students must present a description of the curriculum covered and the method of assessment must be provided by the tutor.

### 3. College/University:

- Course outline/content must be screened and approved by the subject department chairperson.
  - Confirmation of registration and acceleration form is due to the Counseling Office the week of May 15th.
  - The Counseling Office must receive an official 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.
  - Submit a copy of course description from the College/University website with application.
  - Please have College/University professor email final numerical grade to [llopez@methacton.org](mailto:llopez@methacton.org)
- \*\*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 Biology Keystone Exam will be over the summer and will be determined at a later date. 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.*

### Finals:

Finals for BVA acceleration courses will be **in person** at Methacton High School and is an on-line final exam on July 25th at 9am. There will be no extensions. If a student finishes the course earlier than July 25th, you will need to make arrangements with Melissa Wychunis, Summer School Coordinator, **in advance**, to come into the building to take the online final. ( Student will need to give multiple dates and times to Mrs. Wychunis to coordinate a meeting date/time.)

## **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.

\*\*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.

**Math Specific Guidelines:** Students desiring to move to the honors levels from the regular academic curriculum need to meet the Math department requirements and test into the course with approval from the department coordinator. Testing is offered during the last week of school or immediately after the school year concludes and is coordinated through the Math Department Coordinator. The only students eligible to take this test must have earned a 90% or better in the regular course. Students with a 90% average may take a placement test in order to change from an academic to honors level. Students would be required to earn an 83% or higher on the placement exam in order to go into honors.

## **COURSES AVAILABLE FOR ON-LINE ACCELERATION( through BVA):**

### **COURSE CREDIT VALUE COST**

Health .25 credits \$500

Family and Consumer Science .25 credits \$500

Geometry 1.0 credits \$600

Algebra 2 1.0 credits \$600

Algebra 2 & Trigonometry 1.0 credits \$600

Precalculus 1.0 credits \$600

Calculus 1.0 credits \$600

Biology 1.0 credits \$600

Chemistry 1.0 credits \$600

Physics 1.0 credits \$600

## Course Acceleration Approval Form

**\*\*THIS COMPLETED FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO THEIR COUNSELOR BY April 26th\*\***

**\*\*\* You may take a picture of this form (with signatures and/or copies of emails with teacher approvals) and send it to counselor if you do not have access to a scanner.**

**\*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 2024-2025: \_\_\_\_\_

Which method of acceleration are you seeking? Check one:

Online through BVA

Private Tutoring

Name of Tutor: \_\_\_\_\_

Tutors email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*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:** \_\_\_\_\_ 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. SCHOOL COUNSELOR NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Is the student recommended for acceleration? YES NO

Counselor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_