

NPSD 2021-22 COURSE ADVANCEMENT STUDENT/FAMILY INFORMATION

Course Advancement Overview

Course advancement provides NPSD students an opportunity to accelerate through certain course sequences. By successfully completing the course advancement curriculum, students will be able to access additional options in the high school curriculum. This challenging and rigorous coursework is offered through the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit's online learning platform, Montgomery Virtual Program (MVP).

The ultimate responsibility for successful course advancement rests with the student and his/her parents/guardians who must determine the work schedule, complete course requirements, and assume the financial responsibility. Students who are successful in this endeavor typically possess the following qualities:

- strong grades (A) in the highest levels of classes offered ;
- independent work habits, self-motivation, strong work ethic;
- an ability to quickly acquire new material and to easily retain and apply new concepts

Course Advancement Expectations

- Courses eligible for course advancement and their corresponding minimum grade requirement are: Geometry - Grade must be **90% or above**; Introduction to Physical Science - Grade must be **85% or above**; World Language - Grade must be **85% or above**
- All coursework must be completed during the specified time period - **May 28 through July 23, 2021** - through the MVP. Extensions **will not be granted**; all coursework **must** be completed by midnight **July 23, 2021**. Students should plan to dedicate 5-8 hours daily, five days a week during the eight week period.
- **The cost is \$399.00 per course. Once payment has been made to MVP no refunds will be granted.**
- Current 9th through 11th grade students will receive credit toward their high school graduation requirements for successful course advancement. Course credit(s) will appear on their transcript. The grade report will be in their cumulative file. Course advancement grades will not count toward a student's cumulative GPA or class rank.
- During the Course Selection period for 2021-22, students should select courses based on successfully course advancing. If the student is not successful, then an updated schedule will be created for the student.

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Directions for Course Advancement

To learn more about course advancement, a Course Advancement Information Meeting for students and their families will be held virtually on **February 4, 2021 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** **Registration for this meeting is required. Please follow this [link](#) to register.**

Students interested in completing the course advancement process must complete the following steps:

1. Review course advancement literature and meet with their school counselor to better understand the process and any future scheduling needs and concerns. Also, meetings with teachers can help the student decide whether to pursue this path.
2. To receive approval to enroll in course advancement, complete the **NPSD required on-line application by March 26, 2021.** This application is located on the NPSD district website: **For Families, Course Advancement.**
3. After receiving approval from the school counselor, students must then register for the course through the **MVP website - www.mvp.mciu.org.** and submit payment. The NPSD application will not enroll a student in a course. MVP open enrollment begins **April 5, 2021 and ends on May 7, 2021.** MVP only accepts credit card payments. Scholarship opportunities are available for recommended students participating in the FRM Program.
4. Attend a mandatory orientation on **May 25, 2021** at either **3:30-4:15** or **4:30-5:15.** **Details will be communicated to students enrolled in the program.**
5. **A final grade of 90% or better for Geometry and 85% or better for all other courses is required to course advance.**