

NPSD 2020 COURSE ADVANCEMENT - STUDENT/FAMILY INFORMATION

Course Advancement Overview

The purpose of course advancement is to provide students the opportunity to accelerate through the course sequence which will then give them access to additional options at the high school level. This challenging online coursework is offered through the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit and their online learning platform, Montgomery Virtual Program (MVP).

The ultimate responsibility for successful course advancement lies with the student and his/her parents/guardians who must determine the work schedule, complete the course requirements, and assume the financial responsibility. Students who are successful with course advancement typically demonstrate the following characteristics:

- 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 Guidelines

1. The following courses are eligible for course advancement. There is a minimum grade requirement that must be met.
 - Geometry - Grade must be **90% or above**
 - Introduction to Physical Science - Grade must be 85% or above
 - World Language: Contact school counselor for further information - Grade must be 85% or above
2. All coursework must be completed in eight (8) weeks through the MVP. The window for each course is **May 29, 2020 through July 24, 2020**. Please note that extensions **will not be granted**; all coursework **must** be completed by midnight **July 24, 2020**. [As a general guideline, students should expect to dedicate approximately 5-8 hours daily, five (5) days a week during the eight (8) weeks to complete the course.]
3. **The cost is \$399.00 per course. Once payment has been made to MVP no refunds will be granted.**
4. Current 9th through 11th grade students who successfully course advance will receive credit toward high school graduation requirements. The credit will appear on the transcript and the

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grade report will be maintained in the student's cumulative file. However, grades for course advancement courses will not be counted toward a student's cumulative GPA or class rank.

5. During the Course Selection period for 2020-21, students should select courses as though they were successful with course advancing. If the student is not successful, then an updated schedule will be created for the student.
6. Each student is required to complete an [NPSD application](#). Students must follow the application and building-level recommendation process through NPSD to participate in course advancement.

Directions for Course Advancement

To learn more about course advancement, a Course Advancement Information Meeting for students and their families will be held on **January 22, 2020 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at North Penn High School Audion.**

Students interested in completing the course advancement process will 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 27, 2020**. This application is located on the NPSD district website: **For Families, Course Advancement**.
3. After receiving approval from the school counselor, students must enroll through the **Montgomery Virtual Program (MVP) website - www.mvp.mciu.org**. Complete the MVP registration form and submit payment. MVP open enrollment begins **April 6, 2020 and ends on May 8, 2020**. MVP only accepts payment in the form of a credit card. Scholarship opportunities are available for recommended students on the Free/Reduced Lunch Program.
4. Complete a mandatory orientation either in-person at **Penndale IMC** or on-line in their home. The in-person orientation will take place on **May 27, 2020** at either **3:30-4:15** or **4:30-5:15**.
5. After completing the course, a **Grade Report demonstrating a final grade of 90% or better for Geometry and 85% or better for all other courses is required to course advance**.