

METHACTON HIGH SCHOOL

2020 SUMMER SCHOOL ACCELERATION

Only current Methacton High School 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 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 BVA:

- All on-line acceleration courses are at the academic level
- **Courses run June 16 through July 30**
- Students have the option of reporting to the high school library to work on their courses two days per week (TBD) through July 30 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 (even if they are missing signatures) must be sent to counselors for approval prior to registration.**
- All students accelerating on-line must report to the high school library on or before July 30 at 9am to take the on-line final (pending Gov. Wolf instructions). Students attempting placement into an honors level math course for 2020-2022 must take an additional Methacton math placement test on August 15, 2020.
- Registration for seniors needing FCS and Health will need to email their counselors.
- All other registration is presently open.
- 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 2020.
- The deadline for registration is May 15, 2020.
- 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:

- Acceleration form must be sent to counselor for approval.
- 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 2020-2022 must take a Methacton math placement on August 13th, 2020.

3. College/University:

- Acceleration form must be sent to counselor for approval.
- Course outline/content must be screened and approved by the subject department chairperson.
- Confirmation of registration is due to the Counseling Office the week on May 15th.
- 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 13, 2020.

****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. At this time, we are unsure if the Biology Keystone will be taking place. If it is, **the tentative date for the****

summer Biology Keystone is July 29th, 2020. 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 PRIOR TO REGISTRATION!**

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 2020-2021: _____

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: _____ 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: _____

5. GRADE LEVEL ADMINISTRATOR NAME: _____

Is the student recommended for acceleration? YES NO

Administrator Signature: _____