

Mountain Home High School

Career Academies

School Profile



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COMMUNITY - Mountain Home High School Career Academies is located in Mountain Home, Arkansas. Graduating classes average between 240 – 270 students who receive a diploma each May. The population of the community in 2010 was 12,448 although the zip code area is estimated to be around 29,360. Mountain Home is located in the north central region of Arkansas. The town is situated between two beautiful lakes – Bull Shoals and Norfolk. The Buffalo and White rivers are also nearby. The scenic area with its abundance of outdoor activities, easy atmosphere, and mild climate, make the area attractive to tourists and retirees. Mountain Home was recently listed in the top 20 cities in the U.S. for sportsmen in the current edition of [Outdoor Life](#) magazine, was recently ranked #2 for [Field and Stream's](#) Best Fishing Towns in America. Arkansas State University has a satellite campus in Mountain Home which provides 2-year degrees and the opportunity to achieve 4-year degrees as well as graduate degrees through the Jonesboro ASU campus. It is currently a two-year campus, but has many four-year offerings and some graduate offerings. Currently, its enrollment is around 1,500.

SCHOOL

- MHHS is a wall-to-wall Career Academy school serving grades 10 – 12 with a 9th Grade Freshman Transition Academy. All students select one of the following academies in which to participate: (1) A.C.M.E. – Agriculture, Construction, Manufacturing, and Engineering; (2) C.A.B. – Communications, Art, and Business; or (3) H.H.S. – Health and Human Services. Student academy selection is required for a one year period. Students may opt to change academies or remain in the same academy at the end of each school year. A beginning career exploration readiness and self-discovery course called Keystone is offered in the ninth grade level at our junior high, and a follow-up course called Capstone is offered at the high school for all students in grades 11-12 to transition students from high school to college, vocational training, or the world of work. Internships and Work Study permits are available to qualifying seniors. Students also have the opportunity to take course offerings at the ASUMH technical center such as HVAC, Mechatronics, Welding, and Automotive Systems repair. ASUMH also offers CNA courses for MHHS students on the college campus.
- MHHS Career Academies is accredited by AdvancED and the Arkansas State Department of Education. A.C.M.E, C.A.B, and H.H.S. academies have received Model Status through the National Career Academy Coalition. MHHS Career Academies is also a High Schools That Work site. The high school was also featured on CNBC Education Nation for one of the top 10 schools in the nation for solutions in education.
- **Enrollment** at the high school campus is around 825 - 850 students.
- Our **ACT code** is **041 – 740**
- **Type of schedule:** A/B Block Scheduling (8 periods – odd periods 1,3,5,7 taught on odd calendar days and even periods 2,4,6,8 taught on even calendar days) – each of the four blocks each day are 90 minutes long – more time is devoted to learning time rather than passing times.
- **Credit system:** a full year course that is successfully completed receives **1** credit; a semester course that is successfully completed receives **1/2** credit.
- MHHS Career Academies requires that **24 credits** and a **1.0 grade point** average be completed for a CORE diploma – 21 of those MUST be academic, non-physical education classes. MHHS requires that **26 credits** and a **2.5 grade point average** be completed for a SMART CORE diploma.
- **SMART CORE diplomas** require 4 units of English; 4 units of math (with one math being **higher** in level than algebra II); 3.5 units of social studies which includes 1 unit of Civics/Economics, 1 unit of American History, 1 unit of World History and ½ unit of Contemporary US History; 3 units of science (1 unit of physical science, 1 unit of biology, and 1 unit of either

chemistry or physics); 2 units of the same foreign language; ½ unit of health; ½ unit of speech; ½ unit of fine art; 1 unit of practical art; ½ unit of physical education; six career focus classes, and electives of choice to meet the 26 credit requirement.

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- **HONOR GRADUATES** must be on the SMART Core diploma track; however, in addition, students must include a minimum of 2 advanced placement courses in their elective choices and maintain a 3.5 grade point average.

FACULTY

- Ten of our teachers have Advanced Placement training.
- There is one full-time nurse available for students who need medical attention.
- There is a school resource officer on campus to maintain order, keep the campus secure, and develop a relationship with the youth of Mountain Home and the Mountain Home Police Department.
- **Other services available at MHHS Career Academics** are 1) English as a Second Language Program; 2) Self-Contained Classroom for students who are emotionally/mentally challenged; 3) Deaf-Interpreter program; 4) Community Service program for suspended students – working community service allows students to make up work missed during the suspension; 5) an active Juvenile Service program that offers educational opportunities and assistance; 6) and one Alternative School opportunity – Guy Berry College and Career Academy provides students a way to continue their education in an uninterrupted manner.
- There are a variety of clubs, activities, and sports available from which students may select, and many internships available.

ACADEMIC PROFILE - Approximately **65%** of our students attend a 2-year or 4-year college; **10%** attend a vocation school or training; **3.5%** join the military; **21.5%** go straight into the workforce.

STATE WIDE MARKING SYSTEM

A = 90% - 100%
B = 80% - 89%
C = 70% - 79%
D = 60% - 69%
F = 59% or below (this is failing)

NC = No credit – placed on a transcript when the student loses credit due to excessive absences or when a student retakes a class and replaced the former D or F with a higher mark.
CR = Credit – given when a student brings in home school grades/private school grades from a non-accredited school, but demonstrates proficiency through testing and receives a credit.

LEGEND FOR TRANSCRIPT NOTATIONS

- **JAG** = Jobs for Arkansas Graduates (offered at the Guy Berry campus only)
- **AP** = Advanced Placement classes (the only classes to receive the **5.0 weight**—A = 5.0; B = 4.0; C = 3.0; D = 2.0)
- **Pre-AP** = taken in preparation for upper level AP courses – not weighted
- **SS** = Designates classes taken during the summer – all except driver education would be a credit recovery situation and not a grade replacement
- **ASU** = courses taken through ASU or ASUMH (Mtn. Home campus) either through correspondence or on campus
- **UM** = correspondence courses taken through the University of Missouri Independent Study Program
- **AVHS or VA** = courses taken through Virtual Arkansas
- **BCAS** = courses taken while attending the Baxter County Alternative School – MHHS students receive credit **ONLY** for BCAS classes.
- **ACME (Agriculture; Construction; Manufacturing; Engineering); CAB (Communications; Art; Business); HHS (Health and Human Services)** = these are our three Career Academy designations.
- **GB** = courses take at Guy Berry College and Career Academy (MHHS's alternative campus)

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES (WEIGHTED 5.0)

AP English, AP Calculus, AP Environmental Science, AP Chemistry, AP Biology, AP World History, AP US History

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY MOUNTAIN HOME CONCURRENT CREDIT

College Composition I and II – meets senior English requirements and gives 6 college hours; German II; Human Anatomy and Physiology; College Algebra; AP Calculus; AP Chemistry; AP Biology; Articulated credit at ASUMH includes: Medical Professions Ed, Business and Financial Management.