



PREVIEW NIGHT

2024-2025

Tonight's Agenda:

- Learn about our program and expectations
- Get the straight facts
- Application overview
- Question and Answer Session
- Tour the campus with MCHS students



IS MCHS RIGHT FOR YOU?

Middle College is a highly rigorous academic high school program for students who need a more challenging curriculum and are at risk of not meeting their full academic potential at a traditional high school. This program provides students with the opportunity to graduate with not only a high school diploma, but also the ability to earn transferable college credits.

MCHS requirements:

- WCCUSD resident with 2 years of California residency
- Currently in 8th or 9th grade*
- Exceptional attendance
- Exemplary behavior
- Applicant must be chosen through the review process



*10th & 11th may apply, but space is not guaranteed, and program fit is determined by multiple additional factors

MCHS students tend to:

- be highly self-motivated
- be responsible
- be dedicated to learning
- be eager for a rigorous academic experience
- feel bored or unchallenged in a traditional high school
- plan to continue to college after graduation



STUDENTS: Ask yourself...



- Do I want to be challenged academically, socially and mentally?
- Will I be comfortable in a class with adults and adult content?
- Will I be able to prioritize multiple assignments?
- Am I able to manage my time both during and after school?
- Am I willing to sacrifice social activities in order to make school a priority?
- Am I comfortable speaking to adults in a mature, reasonable way and am not easily offended when I don't get my way?
- Am I comfortable navigating new settings and being flexible with change?
- Am I a good problem solver?
- Do I want to be here? Even if my friends aren't here...

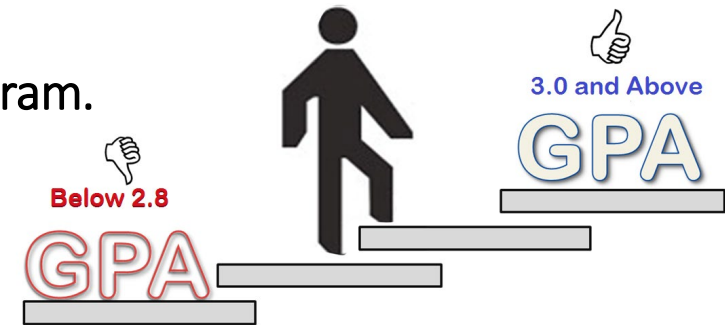
PARENTS: Ask yourself...

- Am I prepared to let my student be challenged in areas I am unfamiliar/uncomfortable with?
- Am I ready to step back and guide and support my student from the sidelines?
- Will I be able to allow my student to make school a priority in my household?
- Will I be able to be compassionate and understanding if my student struggles?
- Am I willing to sacrifice family events/vacations in order to make school a priority for my child?
- Am I comfortable letting my student advocate for themselves?
- Am I ready to see my child grow into a young adult?
- Does my child want to be here or is it my preference?



What it means to be a high school student taking college classes:

- Attendance is mandatory to all high school and college classes.
- Students are expected to behave like adults and manage their time.
 - You will be in college classes with both adult college students and some MCHS students.
 - You will not have “bells” to tell you when classes begin and end.
- Students must maintain a GPA of 2.8 to remain in the program.
- Students must adhere to the MCHS Ed Plan.
- MCHS is a closed campus and students are expected to remain on campus at all times.



- MCHS has no organized sports program. Students who wish to play for their WCCUSD home school must get permission from the principal and maintain a 3.0 GPA.

- Students may join MCHS and CCC clubs and organizations for academic enrichment.

These are just a few:

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| ➤ Leadership | ➤ Tambayan Club |
| ➤ Student Council | ➤ Crochet Club |
| ➤ Music/VAPA Club | ➤ Red Cross Club |
| ➤ Bio Club | ➤ MESA/Robotics |
| ➤ Summer Jewels Club | ➤ Yearbook |
| ➤ Asian American Student Union | ➤ Tutoring Outreach |
| ➤ Black Student Union | ➤ Interact (CCC) |
| ➤ Latinx Club | ➤ The Advocate (CCC newspaper) |
| ➤ Queer Straight Alliance | ➤ Associated Student Union (CCC) |
| ➤ Chess Club | |



Common Misconceptions about MCHS



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MYTH #1 - Middle College High School students will graduate with an AA degree.

- **FACT-** Students who graduate from MCHS earn a high school diploma with transferable credits to UCs and CSUs. Credits that they earn can be used towards an AA degree in Liberal Arts: Math & Science. Students may also be eligible for a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Certificate.



MYTH #2 – Students who graduate from Middle College are guaranteed to graduate EARLY from a 4-year college or university.

- **FACT-** Although students are guaranteed to graduate from MCHS with transferable credit, many other factors will be considered when applying to a 4-year college or university, such as the college itself, requirements for their major, the number of credits taken each semester, whether or not a major is impacted, etc. The list goes on...



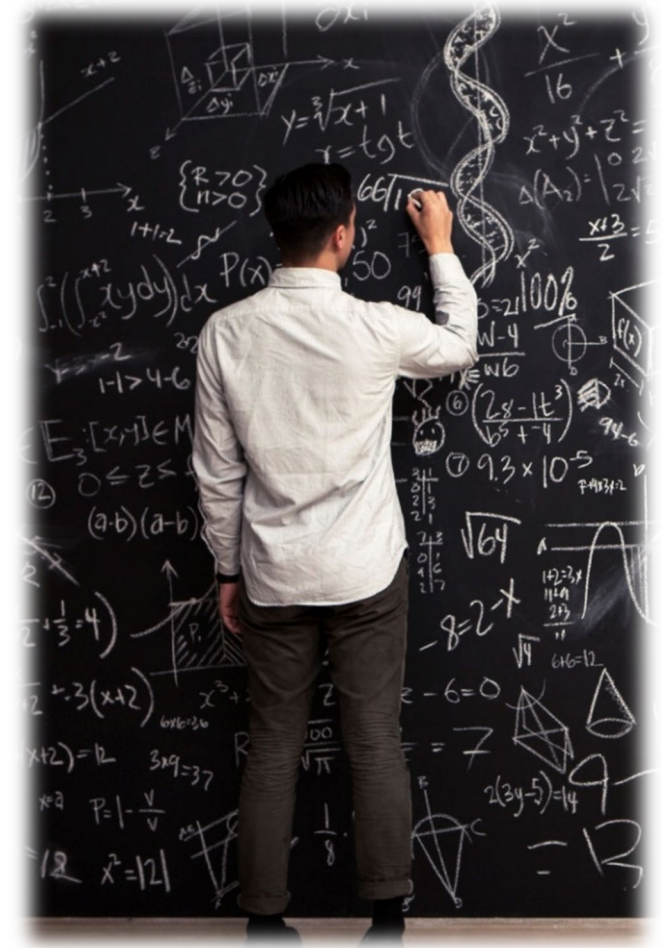
MYTH #3 – MCHS students can take ANY college classes that are offered by Contra Costa College.

- **FACT-** Students are only eligible to take courses approved by MCHS and that adhere to the current Ed Plan. Night, weekend, and online courses are prohibited due to the agreement between MCHS and CCC.



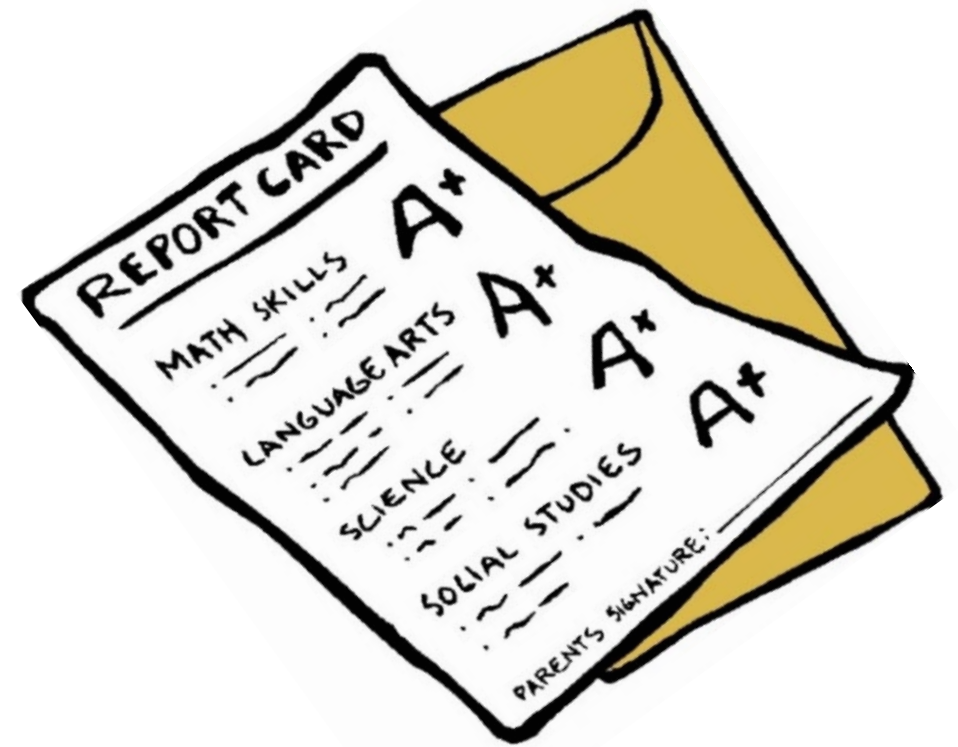
MYTH #4 – Students who have taken Algebra 1 or Geometry at a middle school or high school level are guaranteed to be placed in the next level of math.

- **FACT-** Middle College math standards are different from traditional high schools. Students will be placed in either Algebra 1 or Geometry freshman year based on their middle school math level. Our goal is to perfect their math skills and retention abilities prior to beginning college level math courses.



MYTH #5 – Middle College only accepts straight A / Advanced / etc. students.

- **FACT-** The panel of readers who select students are looking at the whole student to see if they feel like the student will benefit from the program. Many factors are taken into account in assessing whether a student is a “good fit” for the Middle College program. We do look closely at students’ proficiency in English and Math.



MYTH #6 – Students appear less competitive on college applications because Middle College doesn't offer AP courses.

- **FACT-** Our students appear just as competitive, if not more so.
 - Advance Placement (AP) courses are designed to PREPARE students for the rigors of college-level work.
 - Middle College students are ALREADY taking rigorous college-level work.





Other things to keep in mind before applying:

- We do not follow the WCCUSD academic calendar (the MCHS calendar aligns with CCC)
- School starts August 6th and attendance is mandatory or your space will be given away
- School ends for us May 23rd
- Daily start and end times vary from student-to-student, day-to-day, semester-to-semester

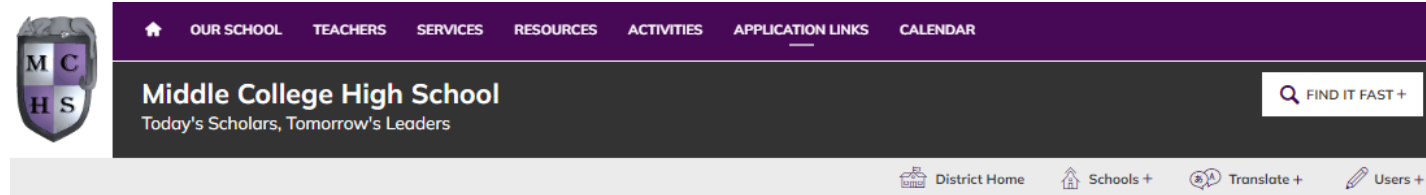
Application Quick Review



***IF SOMETHING IS REPEATED...TAKE NOTE!
IT'S PROBABLY IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO KNOW!***

THE APPLICATION IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE:

<http://www.wccusd.net/middlecollege>



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APPLICATION PROCESS

2024-2025 Application for Admission

[Links to Letters of Recommendation](#)

[Application Attachments](#)

WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR
THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR!



[Middle College 2024-2025 Application for Admission](#)

Click here

We receive a high volume of applications for a small number of available spaces. Part of the selection process is to determine your ability to follow directions.

Failure to follow the directions on the application EXACTLY as they are given will result in your application not being considered.

All students interested in applying to Middle College High School must complete the [MCHS Application for Admission 2024-2025](#). Only online applications will be accepted. Paper applications or documentation will NOT be accepted.

or here

REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY:

- You must be a WCCUSD resident
- You must have an exceptional attendance record (less than 70 periods/10 days/2 weeks, and few tardies)
- You must have an exemplary behavior record

READ EVERYTHING CAREFULLY


STEPS FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

Please follow the steps below for completing the online application. Read all the steps before beginning the application.

1. Email your current English teacher, current Math teacher, and your counselor, asking them to complete their recommendation form. You will need to provide them with the corresponding link below and ask them to submit their recommendation BEFORE the March 31st deadline. You can also direct them to our website to click on the section to the left: Links to Letters of Recommendation.

- **English Teacher Recommendation link:** <https://forms.gle/bXvrTZGHZVsmzWAX9>
- **Math Teacher Recommendation link:** <https://forms.gle/dsxxuYSmBNNJu28t7>
- **Counselor Recommendation link:** <https://forms.gle/2eE1MrxVdycKZ4wZ9>

- *The counselor will be asked to upload your current grades, attendance and behavior records, along with test scores, and other relevant information.*
 - **If there is no counselor at your school, the Principal, Vice Principal, or Principal Designee may complete this form.*
2. Read the instructions on the application thoroughly. If you are having trouble viewing and/or printing the admission information or essay attachment found within the application itself, you can download them using the link to the left of this page entitled "Application Attachments".
 3. Use the checklist on page 3 to help ensure you have everything you need.
 4. For the student essay on page 6, you will need to print the essay page and complete the essay in your own handwriting. You will need to upload your completed essay on page 9. Ask a counselor, teacher, or parent for help printing and uploading if needed.
 5. Answer all questions honestly and to the best of your ability.
 6. When uploading the requested documents, the following formats will be accepted: pdf, doc, docx, xls, xlsx, csv, txt, rtf, html, zip, mp3, wma, mpg, flv, avi, jpg, jpeg, png, gif. Ask a counselor, teacher, or parent for help uploading. If you are unable to upload the requested documents, you can email them to us at admission.mchs@wccusd.net.
 7. A photo of the applicant is appreciated. If you do not have a camera to take an instant photo, click the Take Photo button and you will be given the option to upload a saved photo from your files.
 8. If your teachers or counselor refuse to submit a recommendation, please include their email address so that we may reach out. It happens and is not a reflection on you if they refuse. However, if we reach out to them, and they say you never requested it, you will be automatically declined. Honesty and integrity are important traits for a Middle College student.
 9. Click here for the application: [MCHS 2024-2025 Application for Admission](#).

 You can also click here to access the application

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED FOR THE APPLICATION

Please note the documentation you will need. Your school may have some of this information on file if you do not.

- **Birth Certificate/Passport** — formal documentation showing student's legal name (photocopy is acceptable)
- **Immunization Record** — must show complete up-to-date immunizations, including TDap.
- **COVID-19 vaccination card** — optional, but recommended
- **Proof of 2 Years of Enrollment in California Schools*** — verification that the student has been enrolled in California schools for the last 2 years must be attached. Acceptable documentation can be: a report card, transcript (unofficial is okay), or letter from school official. If you have taken college classes, you can upload a copy of your unofficial transcript here.
- **Proof of WCCUSD Residency** — verification that the student resides in the WCCUSD area must be attached. Submit (with current address visible) a copy of a current utility bill (PG&E, EBMUD, Richmond Sanitary, etc.) dated within the last 45 days in the parent's name, or a lease/rental agreement in the parent's name stating that utilities are included in the rent. If the student resides with another family, or the family is unable to provide proof of residence, please contact the district Transfer Office for assistance.
- **Parent Identification (Photocopy of Parent's State Issued CA Driver's License or State ID)** — this is required to show intent to reside in California in order to be coded as a resident by the college, and to avoid non-resident fees. If you are unable to provide this, please include a note with your application explaining your situation.

* If your counselor is providing your transcript with their recommendation form, and you have been at your current school for 2 years, you do not need to upload your transcript.

Completed applications must be submitted by 11:59 pm on March 31, 2024. Late submissions will not be accepted, as the application submission window will be disabled at 12 am April 1, 2024.

DO NOT submit applications via email, in person, or by fax. They will NOT be accepted.

We will NOT accept late or incomplete applications.



2024-2025 APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

DEADLINE TO APPLY: March 31, 2024

Please read the application thoroughly and answer ALL questions.

You are responsible for submitting all documentation requested.

Applications that are incomplete or submitted after the deadline WILL NOT be accepted.

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take your time



Don't rush

BUT DON'T WAIT FOR THE LAST MINUTE EITHER!

*Try to get your application in **BEFORE** the deadline in case you have issues submitting and need time to get help!*



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please read carefully before submitting your application. All applications must be submitted online. Paper applications will not be accepted. No exceptions. Part of our selection process is to see if you are able to follow instructions completely and accurately.

1. Please make sure you have emailed your counselor, current English teacher and current Math teacher before completing this application. You will need to email them their respective links to their Recommendation Forms, asking them to complete the forms BEFORE the deadline. The links to the forms can be found on our website at www.wccusd.net/mchsapplication. If they refuse to complete the recommendation, please enter their email address in the box on page 9 so that we may reach out to them.
2. Please make sure you read and answer everything thoroughly.
3. Answer all questions to the best of your ability. There are no right or wrong answers. We want you to be honest and open so that we can get a good sense of who you are and what you want out of our program.
4. You are responsible for making sure your application is complete and all documentation* is included.

* If you do not have access to a scanner here are some options for you:

- ANDROID USERS: You can download a free scanner app from the Google Playstore [here](#)
- IPHONE USERS: You can use the scanner app in the Notes section of your iPhone
- ALL USERS: Take a photo on your phone, email it to yourself, save it to your computer, upload the image

If you are unable to upload your documents, you can email them to:

admission.mchs@wccusd.net. Make sure to include the student's name in the subject line, and include the date you submitted the rest of the application. Failure to submit required documentation correctly, with the requested information, will render your application as incomplete and will not be accepted.

Acceptance and non-acceptance emails will be sent on **May 3rd**, once all applications have been reviewed and our panel decides on their final selections.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Submissions will not be allowed after 11:59 pm on Sunday, March 31st.

Please read carefully before continuing. You will be asked to answer a question about what you have read.

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DOCUMENTS YOU WILL NEED

Please gather all documentation before continuing.

Use this checklist to help ensure you have all documentation required.

- ☐ Birth Certificate/Passport
- ☐ Immunization Record (must include proof of Tdap booster)
- ☐ COVID-19 Vaccination Record (optional)
- ☐ Proof of Enrollment in CA Schools for the last 2 years (unofficial transcript, report cards, etc.)
- ☐ Proof of WCCUSD Residency dated w/in 45 days in parent/guardian name (i.e.: utility bill - PG&E, Richmond Sanitary, EBMUD, cable, etc. or lease agreement showing utilities included in rent) Address must be visible.

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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Part 1: Student Information

We have intentionally not marked everything with the red required * even though you are required to answer ALL of the questions as they apply to you.

Part of our process is to see who follows instructions and submits a COMPLETE application.

Do not leave anything blank unless it does not apply to you at all or is optional.

Student's Full Legal Name (as it appears on the birth certificate/passport/other legal documentation) *

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix

Preferred Name

First Name

Grade Level You Are Applying For *

Please Select ▼

Student's Birthdate *

mm/dd/yyyy

Birthplace *

City/State/Country

If born outside of the US, please indicate date of entry into the US:

mm/dd/yyyy

Your WCCUSD Resident High School *

Please Select ▼

If you do not know your resident high school, please enter your address here to find out:
<http://apps.schoolsitelocator.com/index.html?districtCode=32073>

Current Grade Level *

Please Select ▼

Current School *

Name of the school you are currently attending

Gender (Preferred)

- ☐ Male
☐ Female
☐ Non-binary
☐ Other

Date of Tdap booster: *

mm/dd/yyyy

PROVIDE YOUR PRIMARY PERSONAL EMAIL!



Student Contact Email (please use the personal email account you check most frequently) *

example@example.com

This email address will be used to inform you of your acceptance or non-acceptance. DO NOT use a school assigned email address as it might not be valid after school has ended.

Alternate Contact Email

example@example.com

This email address may also be used to inform you of your acceptance or non-acceptance.

This is where we will send the email saying whether or not you have been offered a space at Middle College High School for the 2024-2025 school year.



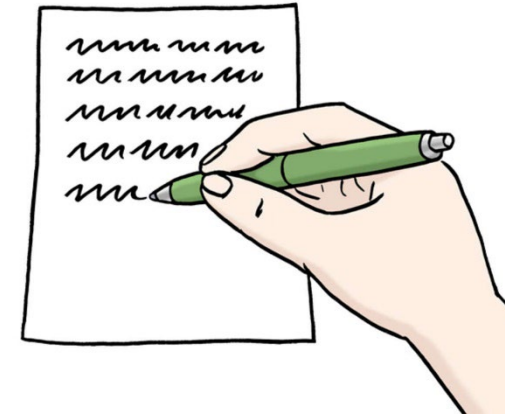
STUDENT ESSAY

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Download and print the student essay document below.
2. In your own words, handwritten in your own writing, please answer one of the prompts provided. DO NOT TYPE!
3. If you need a second page, you can use the lined page included with the document. DO NOT ADD MORE THAN WHAT HAS BEEN PROVIDED.
4. Once you have completed the essay, upload it with the other required documents on page 9.

We want you to hand write your essay so that we can see your penmanship, your word and sentence structure and attention to detail without artificial auto-corrects in a typed document. We are not looking for perfection. Your writing is a reflection of you, so this is our way of getting to know you. Please use your own words and ideas.

Essays beyond two pages, not submitted on the page(s) provided, or that have typed responses will be discarded and your application will be considered incomplete. Incomplete applications will be automatically declined.



STUDENT ESSAY

Students: In your own handwriting, in your own words, please answer ONE of the following essay prompts. Use blue or black ink only. You may use the next page if additional space is needed. When you are finished, upload your essay to the application.

- **PROMPT #1:** Smartphones, tablet PCs, social media, and constant connectivity are changing the ways that people live, think, work, and connect. How do these technologies shape your life? Are you plugged in or tuned out? Why? Explain the ways that you connect digitally and predict how people will connect in the future.
- **PROMPT #2:** We often look back on the past and wonder why people did what they did, ate what they ate, believed what they believed. What things will people in the future say about how we live now?



STUDENT PAGE

Students: Please answer each of the following questions in your own words. We are looking for you to be able to get your point across clearly and concisely.

How did you hear about MCHS? Who and/or what encouraged your decision to apply?

0/300

Imagine you are a Middle College student on a Thursday. For the following week you have a college math midterm on Monday, a 10-page college research paper due on Tuesday, and a high school assignment due to be submitted online by 11:59 pm Monday night. You only have 5 pages done on your research paper and haven't started the high school assignment yet. Tell us what you would do to prioritize and complete all assignments.

Please tell us what you think about the attendance policy and enrollment agreements in the PDF located on page 2 of this application and why.

OPTIONAL - Please use this space to tell us anything else that you would like us to consider in reviewing your application.

0/200

Please select the statement that most closely fits your desire to attend Middle College. Please be as honest as possible. *

- ☐ I really, really want to attend MCHS, and I hope I get selected
- ☐ I would love to get in, but I understand you can't accept everyone
- ☐ MCHS is one of my options, but I haven't totally decided yet
- ☐ I want to go to MCHS, but only if my friends get accepted, too
- ☐ I'm not 100% sure about it, but I am filling out the application just in case
- ☐ I'm not really sure I want to go to MCHS, but my parents really want me to
- ☐ My parents are making me fill this out and I really hope you don't pick me

By signing below, you understand that you must follow the MCHS EdPlan, including the math placement as designated by the MCHS admin. You understand that you will be placed in high school Algebra 1 or Geometry the first semester unless proof of college-level credit is attached to this application. You also agree, that if you are accepted into the MCHS program, you may not take any college-level courses during the summer, or you may get your acceptance revoked. You are also attesting that the above responses were all composed, written, and selected by you.

Student Signature: Signature *

**READ ABOVE
BEFORE SIGNING**

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PARENT PAGE

Parents: Please answer the following questions.

How will you support your child in a program that includes taking college courses with adult college students, as well as taking high school courses in a college setting?

0/500

Student schedules will have various start and end times each day, and sometimes students will be required to stay late (10 pm or later) for some events and productions? How will you support your student in meeting this type of scheduling?

0/500

Describe and explain two examples of how your child fits the profile of a Middle College High School/Contra Costa College student. (How your child demonstrates the ability to make mature, independent, productive choices; their willingness to be challenged intellectually; their desire to make education a priority over social and recreational interests; etc.)

OPTIONAL - If there is anything on your student's academic, discipline, or attendance record that you would like to address, please do so here.

By signing below, you understand that your student must follow the MCHS EdPlan, including the math placement as designated by the MCHS admin. You understand that your student will be placed in high school Algebra 1 or Geometry the first semester, unless proof of college-level credit is attached to this application. You also agree, that if your student is accepted into the MCHS program, they may not take any college-level courses during the summer, or they may get their acceptance revoked.

Did you receive help from anyone with responses to this page? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, who was it that helped you? Type a label

Parent Signature: Signature  

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REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Upload your documents below. Missing documents will render your application incomplete and will not be accepted.


Student Essay



Browse Files
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Upload your completed essay from page 6


Birth Certificate/Passport



Browse Files
Drag and drop files here

Upload a copy of your birth certificate/passport or other legally identifying document


Immunization Record



Browse Files
Drag and drop files here

Upload a copy of your most recent immunizations


COVID-19 Vaccination Record (OPTIONAL)



Browse Files
Drag and drop files here

Upload a copy of your completed COVID-19 vaccination card


Proof of 2 Years of Enrollment in CA Schools



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Upload a copy of your current unofficial transcript or copy of complete grades from the last 2 years. If you have a college transcript, please load it here as well.


Proof of WCCUSD Residency (dated w/in 45 days in parent/guardian name)



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Ex: utility bill - PG&E, Richmond Sanitary, EBMUD, cable, etc.; phone bill; insurance bill; lease agreement showing utilities included in rent; etc. Address must be visible.

Parent Identification



Browse Files
Drag and drop files here

Photocopy of state issued Driver's License, State ID, etc.

Photo of Applicant (OPTIONAL)

 **Take Photo**

Recommendations

Each applicant is required to submit 3 recommendations:

1. Current English Teacher
2. Current Math Teacher
3. Counselor (or Administrator/Designee)

You should have already emailed each of them asking that they complete the recommendation form you provided. The links to the forms are available on our website at www.wccusd.net/mchsapplication.

English Teacher: First Name ^{*} Last Name ^{*}

If the teacher ^{*}refused to supply a recommendation, please enter their email below:

Email

Math Teacher: First Name ^{*} Last Name ^{*}

If the teacher ^{*}refused to supply a recommendation, please enter their email below:

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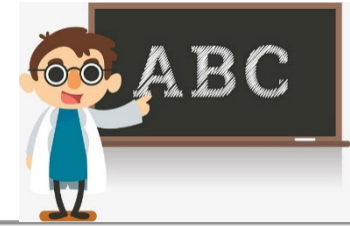
Counselor (or Administrator/Designee): First Name ^{*} Last Name ^{*}

Title: Please Select ^{*} ▼

If the counselor/administrator refused to supply a recommendation, please enter their email below:

Email

ENGLISH



MATH



PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU INCLUDE EVERYTHING REQUESTED!!!

STUDENTS: Before you hit submit, **save** and go back to make sure you have answered all of the questions to the best of your ability.

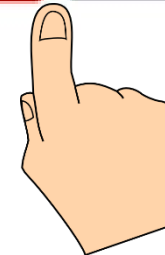
REMEMBER... We are selecting **75 - 80** students from approximately **400** applications!

Failure to answer one question or neglect to provide one piece of documentation could be the deciding factor between you and someone else!

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Thank You!

Your submission has been received.

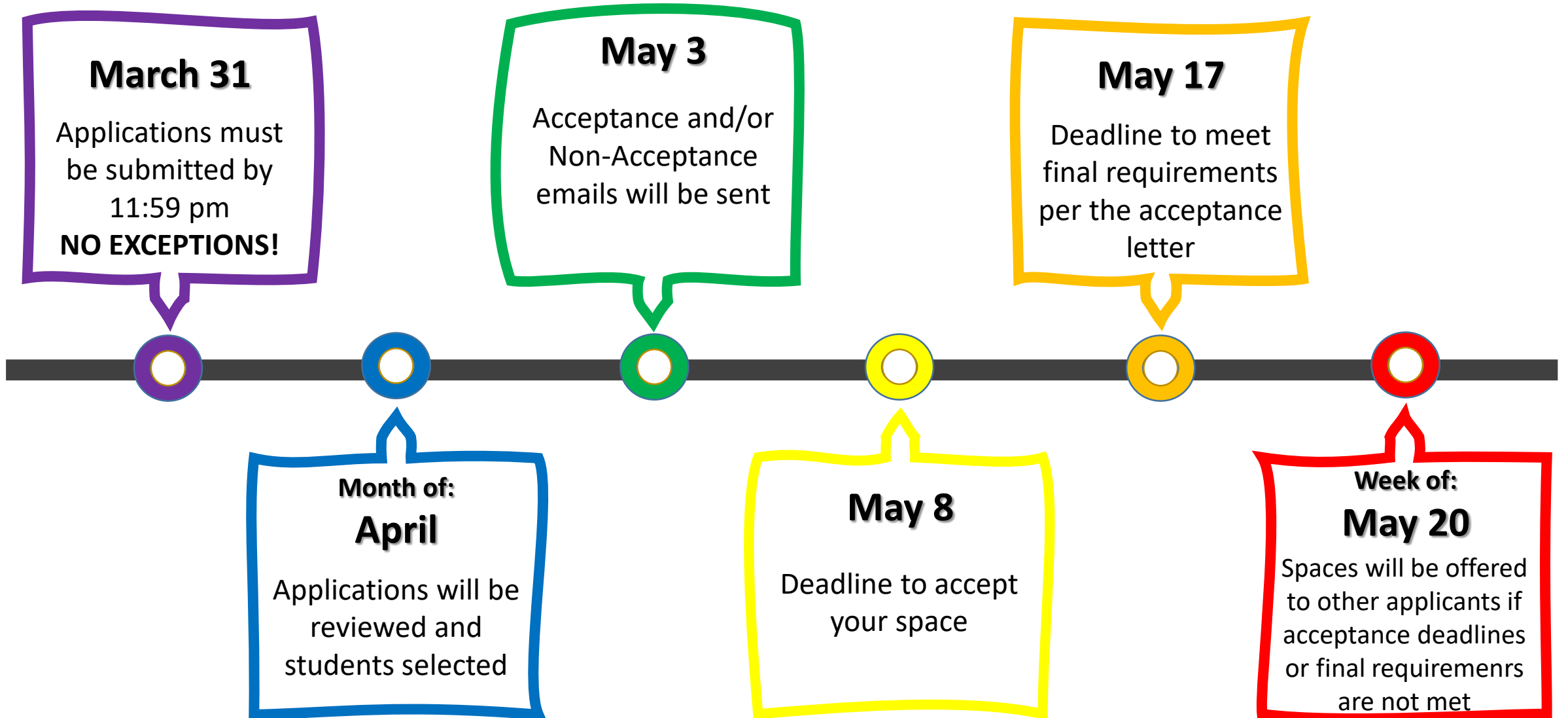
Acceptance and non-acceptance emails will be sent to you at the email provided in the application on May 3rd.

You will have until May 8th to accept or decline your spot if you are accepted.

Please make sure to allow emails from admission.mchs@wccusd.net

If you do not receive an email by May 7th, please email us at middlecollege@wccusd.net

Application Timeline





PLEASE



There is no “waitlist”



THERE IS NO APPEAL

We can not tell you why your student

GOOD LUCK!

GENERAL QUESTIONS?



**If you have any questions after tonight
about MCHS or the application, please
send an email to:**

middlecollege@wccusd.net