



## **MONSON HIGH SCHOOL**

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### **THE MISSION**

The Monson High School experience is one that prepares its students for living, learning and working in the global community. We challenge all community members to reach their academic, social and civic potential through an engaging curriculum that promotes critical thinking, communication and collaboration. We foster a safe and secure environment where diversity is appreciated to ensure that our students are prepared to be lifelong learners.

### **THE COMMUNITY**

Monson is a residential community with a population of 8,792, located in the greater Springfield area of Hampden County. The school system consists of one high school (7-12), one elementary school (1-6) and one early childhood center (Pre K-K).

### **THE SCHOOL**

Built in 2001, MHS is a comprehensive public school, grades 7-12, with a 500 student capacity. The school is a member of the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference. The school is accredited by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

### **COVID-19 IMPACT**

Monson High School ceased in-person instruction on 3/12/2020 and transitioned to distance learning, with students working asynchronously from home for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. All grades were pass/fail for the third quarter and students had the choice of either numerical grades or pass/fail grades for the fourth quarter and final grade. For the 2020-2021 academic year, MHS participated in a combination of distance, hybrid and in person learning with students having the option of remaining remote, attending synchronously via live stream and actively participating in the class setting. Our numerical grading policy was in place all school year, along with our entire college preparatory curriculum. For the 2021-2022 academic year, and currently, MHS has resumed full-day, five days a week, in person instruction for all students.

### **ENROLLMENT**

Enrollment in Grades 7-12 totals **295** students and is distributed as follows:

Grade 7 – 69, Grade 8 – 70, Grade 9 – 45, Grade 10 – 31, Grade 11 – 43, Grade 12 – 37

### **STAFF**

Teachers – 38, Administration – 2, School Counselors – 3, Nurse -1, School-to-Career Coordinator – 1

### **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

A minimum of 22 credits is required for graduation in addition to the successful completion of the following required subjects: English –4, Social Studies – 3.5, Mathematics – 4, Science – 3, Foreign Language or Arts – 2, Applied Arts – 1, Fine Arts – 1, Health – .5, Physical Education – 1.5.

In the 2022-2023, MHS is currently operating under a 6-block schedule in which students take 6 courses (daily) each semester. This is a change for the previous block schedule with 4 x 84 minute classes per day, in previous school years.

### **INTERPRETATION OF GRADES**

A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79, D = 60-69, F = 0-59, I = Incomplete, W = Withdrawal, SS = Summer School,

DE = Dual Enrollment, Virt = Asynchronous Virtual Course

### **COMPUTATION OF RANK IN CLASS**

Students are cumulatively ranked at the end of each semester, including all courses offering credit. A weight of 1.1 is given for purposes of grade point average, rank and honor roll to grades received in AP and Honors courses.

### **AFTER HIGH SCHOOL PLAN INFORMATION**

	<i>Class of 2020</i>	<i>Class of 2021</i>	<i>Class of 2022</i>
To 4-year college	61%	60%	50%
To 2-year college	20%	30%	39%
Technical School	2%	0%	3%
Military Service	2%	0%	3%
Employment/Other	15%	10%	5%

## COURSE OFFERINGS

*(Not every course is offered every year)*

### Visual Arts

*Drawing Painting Ceramics Photography Art Portfolio AP Studio Art*

### Business

*Accounting Marketing Personal Finance Entrepreneurship*

### Computer Science

*Computer Programming Computer Applications Multimedia Technology*

### English

*English 9(H) English 10(H) Career & College English AP English Literature AP English Composition Drama  
Sports Literature Creative Writing Film As Literature Mass Media & Speech Psychology in Lit*

### Health/Physical Education

*PE 9 PE 10 PE 11 PE 12 Health 9 Health 10 Child Development  
Foods & Nutrition*

### Mathematics

*Algebra I Part I (H) Algebra I Part II (H) Geometry (H) Intro to Algebra I Intro to Algebra II  
Algebra II (H) Pre-Calculus Honors Calculus Honors AP Calculus Statistics & Probability*

### Music

*Band I, II, III, IV Chorus I, II, III, IV Music Appreciation Music Studio Technology Intro to Guitar*

### Science

*Integrated Science Advanced Integrated Science Honors Biology (H) Anatomy & Physiology Honors  
Chemistry I & II (H) Physics I & II Honors Environmental Science Forensic Science*

### Social Studies

*World History II U.S. History I & II AP US History Government AP American Government  
The 20<sup>th</sup> Century Psychology/Sociology Sports Psychology*

### World Languages

*Spanish I, II, III, IV Honors & V Honors Online French, German, Latin*

### Miscellaneous

*Work-Based Learning Strategy Lab Home Repair Dual Enrollment Independent Study Virtual*

## Colleges Attended By Monson High School Classes of 2017-2022

*\*Indicates an institution attended by a 2022 graduate*

*American International College	Mass Bay Community College	University of Hartford
American University	MA College of Art & Design	University of Louisville
Arizona State University	MA College of Liberal Arts	*UMASS Amherst
*Asnuntuck Comm College	MA College of Pharmacy & Health	UMASS Boston
*Assumption College	Merrimack College	UMASS Dartmouth
*Bay Path University	Michigan State University	UMASS Lowell
Becker College	Mitchell College	*University of New England
Bentley University	Mount Holyoke College	University of New Hampshire
*Bridgewater State University	Nazareth College	University of New Haven
College of the Holy Cross	Nicols College	*University of Rhode Island
Colorado Mountain College	Northeastern University	University of Rochester
Columbia College South Carolina	*Norwich University	University of Southern Maine
CT School of Broadcasting	Our Lady of the Elms College	*University of South Carolina
Curry College	Purchase College	University of Tampa
Dean College	Quinnipiac University	University of Vermont
Eastern CT State University	Quinsigamond Comm College	Utica College
*Elms College	Regis College	Wentworth Institute of Technology
*Elmira College	Rivier University	*Western New England University
Emmanuel College	Rochester Institute of Technology	*Westfield State University
Endicott College	Roger Williams University	*Wheaton College
Fitchburg State University	Russell Sage College	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Framingham State University	Sacred Heart University	*Worcester State University
Franklin Pierce University	*Salem State University	
Hampshire College	Sienna College	
*Holyoke Community College	Simmons College	
*Husson University	Southern New Hampshire	
Johnson & Wales University	*Springfield College	
*Keene State University	*Springfield Tech Comm College	
Lesley University	St. Joseph's College Maine	
Lyndon State College	St. Michael's College	
Marist College	*University of Connecticut-Storrs	