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TMCC High School

Information Night
January 2022

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Tonight's Goals

We will look at:

- Overview of TMCC High School
- Benefits of TMCC High School
- Information on academic options
- How to apply & where to find more information



Target Audience

- Families of current 8th, 9th, or 10th graders
- Students can start at TMCC High School at the start of Grade 10 or the start of Grade 11.



Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- TMCC HS Overview
- What to Expect
- Course Sequences
- Finances
- How to Apply



TMCC HS Overview



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College Courses



**College & Career
Ready**



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We Believe

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- Creative, critical and solution-oriented thinking results from a learning community that fosters high expectations for achievement, especially where the educators model and demonstrate expectations for higher-level thinking.
- The success of each student is positively influenced by a commitment to communication and collaboration among administration, staff, students, parents, the college and the community at large.
- The mission of the school and the Accreditation goals align with the Washoe County School District Strategic Plan. We, as a learning community, are committed to “college and career readiness” for all our students.



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clear/high expectations

"college & career readiness"

Core Values

KINDNESS

INTEGRITY

CURIOSITY

SELF-AWARENESS

COURAGE

TENACITY

HUMOR

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TMCC High School Overview

- We are located on the Dandini TMCC campus.
- We are a WCSD school.
- Our high school classes are taught by our WCSD high school teachers.
- College classes are taught by college instructors.
- Students are dually enrolled, meaning they are enrolled as high school students and college students at the same time.



TMCC High School Overview

- Jump Start is not us!
- We are a stand-alone program.
- High school classes are all in-person on the Dandini campus.
- Majority of college classes are also in-person.
- We are not a program for students who are planning to graduate early.
- Student must withdraw from zoned high school and enroll in TMCC High School. No part time students.
- Very few and specific exceptions: ROTC, Band, Orchestra can be taken at zoned school if schedule allows.

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TMCC High School Overview

- Students are immersed in a community college campus while taking college and high school classes.
- Students meet requirements of high school diploma by taking high school classes and college classes that count toward high school graduation.
- Students learn what it takes to be successful in college and life through a supportive environment with high expectations.

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TMCC High School Overview

Benefits:

- Tuition-free college credits
- Mature environment
- Rigorous academics preparing them for further college or career
- Structured supports for students as they start their college careers

Students who are:

- *independent learners*
- *personally motivated*
- *ready for academic rigor*

...will benefit the most!



TMCC High School is

- **A scholarship of ~ \$7,300 (plus lab fees)**
- **A school designed for students who are independent, self-motivated, and are ready to work hard to achieve success at the college level.**
 - Students remain at this high school based on good behavior, positive attitude and solid academic standing.
 - Additional supports provided (i.e., enrichment, math support, probation) for students who persist with academic struggles and/or concerning behaviors.
 - If behavior persists unchanged, student will be counseled to return to zoned school.

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What to Expect



Calendar is a little different!

TMCC HS 21-22 Calendar:

August 9th	High School Classes Begin
August 23rd	College Fall Semester Begins
NO FALL BREAK	
December 17th	Winter Break Begins
January 10th	High School Classes Resume
January 24th	College Spring Semester Begins
March 14th	Spring Break (one week)
May 25th	Last day of school



Schedule is a little different!

- **Monday-Thursday is a “blocked schedule” .**
- **All high school classes meet on Friday.**
- **All high school classes meet between 8:00am and 3:30pm.**
- **Generally, no college classes on Fridays.**
- **Grade 10 college classes also take place between 8:00am and 3:00pm.**
- **Grade 11 and grade 12 students can schedule college classes at times that work best for them, depending on course availability.**
- **For example, grade 11 and 12 students may choose to take a college course in the evening or on Saturday.**
- **Students typically do have classes every day, either high school or college.**



Schedule is a little different!

Weekly Plan For: *Sophomores*

5/3/2021

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Grade 10

	Monday	Tu	W	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6:00						
7:00						
8:00	Enrichment 8-9:20 Mon/Wed OR Tue/Thur					
9:00	Enrichment	Enrichment	Enrichment	Enrichment		W. History or English
10:00	Frml Geom or Stem Algebra 9:30 - 10:50	College EPY 101 or Nutrition 121 9:30 - 10:50	Frml Geom or Stem Algebra 9:30 - 10:50	College EPY 101 or Nutrition 121 9:30 - 10:45		9:15-10:20 English or W. History 10:30 -11:35
11:00	Lunch 11:00 - 12:20	College EPY 101 or Nutrition 121 11:00-12:20	Lunch 11:00 - 12:20	College EPY 101 or Nutrition 121 11:00-12:15		
12:00						lunch 12:00 - 1:00
1:00	World Hist or English 12:30 - 1:50		World Hist or English 12:30 - 1:50	soph math intervention 1230-1:50		Frml Geom or Stem Alg 1:00-2:05
2:00	English or World Hist 2:00-3:20	Nutrition labs 4 times in the semester 1pm to 4 pm	English or World Hist 2:00-3:20			
3:00						
4:00						
5:00						

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Grade 10

For Grade 11 and Grade 12:

- High school classes may be on Mon/Weds/Fri or on Tues/Thurs/Fri.
- Some Grade 11 students may have a high school class every day of the week.

TMCC HS vs. Traditional HS

- Smaller class sizes (approx. 20-27)
- Personalized Academic Advising
- Less time in class but more independent and group work outside of class
- Like minded-students
- No bells, passing time or lunch
- No transportation (RTC is available)



TMCC HS vs. Traditional HS

Student must withdraw from zoned high school and enroll in TMCC High School. No part time students.

Zoned school athletics and/or extra curricular activities are possible if...

- Zoned school principal approves
- You can manage transportation
- Scheduling allows. There is not much flexibility with Sophomore classes. We will do our best to accommodate.

Other zoned school options:

- ROTC, Band, Orchestra, Dances (guest passes)



TMCC HS vs. Traditional HS

Campus Life / Clubs / Activities

TMCC High School: Yearbook, Leadership Class, National Honors Society, Jam Band (club), other student led clubs, Prom

The College: Student Government Association, variety of campus clubs (international club, gardening, etc.)

Note: High school students are not able to participate in college athletics.



TMCC HS vs. Traditional HS

We are a 1-1 school for technology.

- Students are strongly encouraged to have their own laptop, which they will use on a regular basis for both their college and high school classes.
- For high school classes, laptops are used daily.
 - WCSD Email
 - Microsoft Teams
- Our school does partner with the college to loan laptops to students who do not have their own.



All School Meetings

All School Meetings are the one time each month that our entire TMCC High School student body gathers.

- Monthly, usually first Friday of the month
- Student facilitated
- Participatory
- Informative
- Community-building
- Mandatory, missing *will* affect senior course scheduling



WCSD Policies

- Attendance
- Bullying/ Student Safety
- Dress code
- Tobacco & E-cigarettes, Alcohol, Drugs
- Weapons
- **TMCC High School is a WCSD school!**



WCSD Policies

Dress code

- WCSD dress code does apply for our students.
- Not as strictly enforced as on a WCSD campus, but concerns will be addressed.
- Remember that we are guests on this campus and how we dress makes an impression with college instructors and adult students. You never know who may offer you an internship!

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College Expectations

All campus expectations apply:

Enrollment Requirements

- This includes immunization requirements

Student Conduct Information

- NSHE Code of Student Conduct
- <https://www.tmcc.edu/vpsd/student-conduct>

Attending classes with adults

- <https://www.tmcc.edu/police>

Communication with the college

- <https://www.tmcc.edu/jump-start-program/student-roles-and-responsibilities>

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Course Sequences

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Pathways

Students pursue one of the following:

- an Associate of Science or Associate of Arts
- a Skills Certificate or Certificate of Achievement

Note: "pursuing" does not always equal "completing". Many students take another semester or year to complete their program after graduating from TMCC HS. About 60% of TMCC HS graduating seniors will have also completed their Associate's Degree.

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“Typical” G10 Class Schedule

1. **Enrichment**
2. **Sophomore English**
3. **World History**
4. **Math (high school or college)**
5. **Nutrition 121 / Chemistry 100 (college*)**
6. **EPY 101 / Communications 113 (college*)**

***TMCC High School Grade 10 Students attend these college classes as a cohort.**

Note: A typical day for Grade 10 students is 8:00am – 3:30pm.



Enrichment Class

- TMCC High School elective course
- Required for all new students
- Planning and success skills
- Independent and collaborative work time
- Assistance, clarification, advising
- Testing information
- Exposure to college resources



- **EPY 101** – Educational Leadership and Psychology
- EPY 101 is a college elective course that is required for all students new to TMCC High School.
- **Course Description:** This course provides a foundation for student success by introducing proven strategies in communication, critical thinking, and college success methods. Study skills, career exploration and personal development will also be explored.

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“Typical” G11 Class Schedule

- 1. Enrichment**
- 2. Junior English**
- 3. U.S. History**
- 4. Math (high school or college)**
- 5. Elective (college class)**
- 6. EPY 101 (college class)**



“Typical” G12 Class Schedule

Student A:

(more college focused)

- HS Courses
 - Senior Seminar
 - Math Support
- College Courses (examples)
 - CPR and First Aid
 - Calculus
 - Political Science 101
 - Biology 191
 - Digital Photography

Student B:

(more high school support)

- HS Courses
 - Senior Academic Success
 - Government
 - Math Support
- College Courses
 - English 101
 - College math course
 - College elective



History/Gov Sequence

- World History (high school course)
- US History (high school course)
- Government (high school course)

Note: High performing seniors may have the option to take college courses that replace the high school government course.



English Sequence

- English 3/4 (10th grade high school honors course)
- English 5/6 (11th grade high school honors course)
- College English Course (12th grade)

Note: Juniors who qualify for English 101 (college course) have the option to take it concurrently with high school English 5/6.



Math Sequence

- Formal Geometry (high school honors course)
- Algebra 2 or Honors Algebra 2 (high school course)
- College math courses after completing Alg 2 (Could start in 10th grade if students have already completed Alg 2.)

Note: Student who are enrolled in a college math course are required to take Math Support with a TMCC High School teacher.



Math Support is a required course for all TMCC HS students who are enrolled in a college math course:

- TMCC HS Elective Course
- If you are successful in your college math course, you will only need to check-in once a week for Math Support (10-15 minutes, not for credit).
- Students who need extra support and/or who are not checking-in will be switched into the credit bearing **Math Intervention** class that meets 80 minutes every week.
- Failure to attend will affect senior class scheduling.



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WCSD will pay for:

- **Tuition for college courses that are part of a student's approved graduation plan is fully paid for by WCSD.**

Graduation Plan:

- Each year students and parents/guardians will meet together with the TMCC HS Counselor (academic advising) to go over the student's graduation plan.
- Academic advising meetings take place during fall semester for juniors and seniors and during spring semester for sophomores.



WCSD will NOT pay for:

- **Failed college courses**
- **Dropped college courses**
- **Textbooks / supplies**

Note: Students may apply for textbook and meal assistance on the college campus.



Fee Breakdown

10 th Grade	
Book Deposit	\$20
Portfolio	\$6
Student Activity	\$34

11 th Grade	
Book Deposit	\$20
Portfolio	\$6
Student Activity	\$34

Electives	
Leadership Year 1	\$45
Leadership Year 2	\$30

Returning Students		
Grade	Fee	Cost
11th	Student Activity	\$30
12th	Student Activity	\$15
12th	Graduation	\$20

Various Costs
TMCC Apparel
Senior Ads
College Textbooks
Yearbook (\$30-\$50)

Calculator Rental	
Calculator Deposit	\$10
Calculator Use	\$15

*Fees may be adjusted annually

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Minimum Sophomore Requirements

- 2.5 minimum GPA
- Earn 6 credits in 9th grade to include:
 - English 1-2
 - Algebra 1 or Geometry
 - Biology (preferred) or another natural science
 - Computer lit (strongly recommended)
 - Two semesters of PE (strongly recommended)

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Minimum Junior Requirements

- 2.5 minimum GPA
- Earn 12 credits in 9th & 10th grade to include:
 - English 1-2 and 3-4
 - Algebra 1 and Geometry
 - Biology (preferred) and another natural science
 - World History 1 - 2
 - Computer lit (strongly recommended)
 - Three semesters of PE (strongly recommended)



Steps to Apply

- 1) The application is electronic and will be posted on the TMCC High School Website by the end of this current fall semester.
- 2) Applications are due at the end of February 2022.
- 3) The application includes two writing prompts and submitting three recommendations (two core teacher, one counselor).
- 4) Qualified students receive conditional acceptance in March and must then complete the college application process, including taking the Accuplacer test.
- 5) Interviews for Sophomores will take place in early April.
- 6) Final acceptance notification via e-mail & mail sent out at the end of April
- 7) Fully admitted students will be notified of the Orientation dates for Juniors and Sophomores.



Student Selection Considerations

- TMCC High School may not be the best option for every student, even one with a 4.0 GPA.
- The focus is selecting students based on the “right fit.”
- It is not definite that a student with a higher GPA will be selected over a student with a lower GPA.
- If you have behavior, attendance, or credit issues, please explain on your application. You will be considered.



Determining the “Right Fit”

A complete application which includes:

GPA, attendance, recommendations, essay, credit completion

Accuplacer scores:

Placement into foundational English and Math college courses. The test verifies Algebra 1 and Grade 9 English skills.

Student interview (Sophomores):

Interview panel looks for personal accountability in learning, independence in learning, social-emotional maturity, career & college graduation goals.



Selection Process

- For grade 10 applicants, the interview committee will select 50 students.
- Additional qualified applicants who are not selected will be placed on a wait list. These students will have priority enrollment for their junior year.



Acceptance Rates

- This is a frequently asked question! The answer changes every year depending on how many students apply.
- Our agreement with the college specifies that we enroll 50 sophomores and 50 juniors.
- For the 21-22 school year, we had about 100 students apply for the 50 sophomore spots.
- Remember, fully qualified applicants who are not selected for grade 10 will have priority enrollment for their junior year.
- Junior year is typically less competitive. The vast majority of qualified applicants are accepted. A lottery is used if necessary.

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What Should I Do Now?

- PE
- Comp/Sci
- Look for application to go live right before Winter Break.
- Think about the writing prompts and teacher recommendations.



How to find us

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Thank you! Questions?



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