

MANSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

2009 ~ 2010

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Mansfield is a middle class suburban community of 23,100 residents situated in Southeastern Massachusetts; approximately halfway between Boston and Providence, RI at the crossroads of Routes I-95 and I-495. The town continues to be the scene of unprecedented commercial and residential growth. In the summer of 2005, *Money Magazine* cited Mansfield, MA as one of the "Top 100 Cities/Towns to Live In", in the United States.

Mansfield High School is a four year comprehensive public high school serving 1,540 students. The academic structure from 1996–2008 consisted of a **4x4 modified block schedule with four 85-minute instructional classes** and no study halls. In an effort to better meet the needs of our student body, graduation requirements as well as college admissions the school department elected to **change the delivery of services** first to a **7 period rotating schedule with six 55 minutes classes per day** for the 2008-2009 school year and further modified the schedule for the 2009-2010 school year. The school now has **3 marking terms** as we are using the **trimester system**. Classes are delivered as either 1 trimester, 2 trimesters or for the entire school year. Under this delivery of services courses may be offered continuously or with a trimester off in between. Furthermore the class day was also restructured to a **5 period schedule with 67 minute periods**. The school is fully accredited by the Massachusetts Department of Education and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Advanced Placement courses are offered in the following subjects: English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Calculus, Biology, U.S. History, European History, Spanish, French and Art History. Students are **limited to 6 Advanced Placement courses** during their tenure at Mansfield High School.

Qualified students may select to participate in the Academic Learning Center as tutors or in the teacher's assistant program aiding teachers with classroom preparation and instructional activities. Academic Learning Center students provide academic support services to elementary, middle and high school students. In addition to aiding with day to day classroom work they are instrumental in supporting our students who are preparing for the MCAS comprehensive statewide exams.

Outside the academic offerings students are strongly encouraged to participate in student government, community service, clubs, drama, music and interscholastic athletic teams.



GRADING & RANK

Grading

Students are graded on a 0 to 100 scale with a grade of 65 as passing. The grading scale follows: A 90–100, B 80-89, C 70-79 and D 65–69. Any grade of 64 (failing) or below earns 0.00 credits.

Rank in Class

A weighted rank in class is used to report a student's high school achievement to a college, to determine the valedictorian and salutatorian, and for all other awards that require rank in class. *All* courses reported on the transcript are ranked. Students are ranked annually.

Calculating the weighted GPA required six (6) steps: (1) Convert each final grade to the 4.0 scale, (2) weight grades by level, ie: add .5 in Honors & 1.0 in Advanced Placement (3) Multiply grades by course credits earned (4) total the product of 3 (5) divide total by the number of credits attempted (6) quotient is the student's weighted GPA. *NOTE: The highest possible cumulative point average after six semesters is 4.718. This reflects 97+ averages in 24 courses at the most challenging levels available to the students, including 3 AP classes.*

DISCLOSURE OF DISCIPLINARY RECORDS

The Mansfield Public School system holds a responsibility of trust with regard to reporting disciplinary incidents to colleges, universities, and the armed services. This responsibility of trust requires Mansfield High School to disclose certain disciplinary records when requested. When colleges, universities, or the armed services make such an inquiry, prior to releasing disciplinary records Mansfield High School shall abide by the provisions of the state student record regulations. Once written permission from the parent or legal guardian has been obtained, Mansfield High School shall release only those disciplinary incidents that resulted in an external suspension.

ACADEMIC ELECTIVES

English ~ Research in the 21st Century, Media Studies, Public Speaking & Debate, Journalism, Comedy & Satire, Creative Writing and Film As Literature;

Social Studies ~ Asian Studies, Economics, Psychology, Sociology, Ethics, American Rights in Action, Conflicts in Modern Society, Criminal Justice/ Law;

Mathematics ~ Consumer Mathematics, Statistics with Probability, Intro to Engineering, Visual Basic Programming and JAVA;

Science ~ Anatomy & Physiology, Environmental Science, Chemistry 2, and Earth Science.

SENIOR OPTIONS

Senior Project

This culminating exit project allows a senior to demonstrate his or her mastery of the *MHS Academic Expectations* through a real-world application of skills and knowledge. A student chooses a topic of personal interest and develops an essential question that will be addressed through substantive research and fieldwork. The program requirements include a minimum of 20 hours of fieldwork where the research is conducted. Students submit a thesis-driven research paper and compile a portfolio that documents and reflects upon the senior project experiences. Lastly, the student must give a professional oral presentation to a panel of judges including faculty and community members.

Career Pathways

This program combines service with cooperative career education. Using unpaid internships, paid work-study opportunities, and organized community service projects, the program coordinator develops supervised placements in both the public and private sector. Cooperative education is based upon the principle that what students learn in the workplace or in serving others is a valuable compliment to what they learn in the classroom. This experience addresses life skill competencies, such as reliability, follow-through, punctuality, and responsibility, which are all necessary to be successful in the workplace.

Dual Enrollment/On-Line Classes

Dual Enrollment allows seniors to simultaneously earn college credit toward a post-secondary diploma at a local community college that will also count as credit toward a high school diploma.

On Line Classes allow a student to enroll in both semester-long and year-long online courses. Courses will be at both the high school and college levels and may be selected from a pre-approved list of providers. Courses taken must be classes that are not being offered at MHS. This option is for a mature student who has a high degree of self-motivation, self-discipline, and independence.

2010 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

134 credits which include:

English ~ 4 units

Mathematics ~ 3 units

Social Studies ~ 3 units

Science ~ 3 units

Physical Education ~ 2 units

NOTE: Students must also pass the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System in ELA, Mathematics & Biology.

MCAS TESTING RESULTS

Grade 10 English:

	MANSFIELD		STATE	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
Advanced	42%	44%	23%	29%
Proficient	45%	50%	51%	52%
Needs Improvement	11%	6%	22%	15%
Failing	0%	0%	3%	4%

Grade 10 Math:

	MANSFIELD		STATE	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
Advanced	60%	65%	43%	47%
Proficient	24%	24%	29%	28%
Needs Improvement	12%	8%	20%	18%
Failing	3%	2%	7%	8%

Grade 10 Biology:

	MANSFIELD		STATE	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
Advanced	20%	26%	14%	12%
Proficient	58%	60%	43%	46%
Needs Improvement	19%	12%	31%	26%
Failing	3%	2%	12%	16%

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2009

SAT Mean Scores *:

Number of Seniors taking exam:

Critical Reading Score:	548
Math Score:	566
Writing Score:	548

Students attending 4 year colleges/universities:

Critical Reading Score:	565
Math Score:	584
Writing Score:	569

Students who tested in both SAT Reasoning and SAT Subject Tests:

Critical Reading Score:	648
Math Score:	654
Writing Score:	647

* Reflects highest score regardless of test date

Statistics:

Size:	321
Four-Year Colleges:	77%
Two-Year Colleges And Specialized Programs:	14%
Military Service:	2%
Full-Time Employment:	7%
National Merit Finalists:	1
National Merit Commended Scholar:	15

Advanced Placements Exams:

National AP Scholar: *	1
AP Scholars with Distinction:**	19
AP Scholars with Honors:***	9
AP Scholars:****	29

* average of at least 4 or higher on eight or more AP exams;

** average grade of at least 4.4 on all AP exams taken;

*** average grade of 3.9 on all AP exams taken;

**** average grade of 3.36 on all AP exams taken.

SAT Score Distributions:

(# of students)

	CR	Math	Writing
700-800	19	21	20
600-690	63	76	60
500-590	81	86	85
400-490	65	47	61
300-390	12	11	12
200-290	1	0	3

2005 ~ 2009 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Academy of Art University	*Cornell University	*James Madison University	*Nichols College	*Suffolk University	University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
Acadia University	*Curry College	Jacksonville University	North Carolina State University	SUNY – Albany	University of Nevada - Las Vegas
*Adelphi University	Creighton University	Johns Hopkins University	*Northeastern University	*SUNY - Binghamton	University of Nevada - Reno
Albany College of Pharmacy	Dalhousie University	*Johnson and Wales University	Northwestern University	SUNY– Morrisville College	*University of New England
Alfred University	Daniel-Webster College	Johnson State College	*Norwich University	SUNY– Oneonta	*University of New Hampshire
Allegheny College	Dartmouth College	*Keene State College	*Nova Southeastern University	*Syracuse University	*University of New Haven
American International College	*Dean College	Kent State College	Nyack College	Temple University	University of N. Carolina - Chapel Hill
American University	DePaul University	Kenyon College	Oberlin College	The Art Inst. of Boston	University of N. Carolina - Charlotte
*Amherst College	Dickinson College	Knox College	Pace University	The Catholic Univ. of America	University of N. Carolina - Greensboro
*Anna Maria College	Drake University	Lafayette College	*Penn State Univ.–University Park	The College of the Holy Cross	University of N. Carolina - Wilmington
*Assumption College	Drew University	*Lasell College	Pepperdine University	*The College of William & Mary	University of North Dakota
Arcadia University	Drexel University	LaSalle University	Philadelphia University	*The George Washington University	University of Pennsylvania
Arizona State University	Duke University	Lehigh University	*Plymouth State College	The University of Tampa	University of Pittsburg
Auburn University	Duquesne University	*Lesley University	Pratt Institute	Towson University	*University of Rhode Island
Bates College	*East Carolina University	*Long Island University	Princeton University	Trinity College	University of Richmond
Bay State College	Eastern New Mexico University	Louisiana State University	*Providence College	Trinity College - Dublin	*University of Rochester
*Becker College	Eckerd College	Loyola - Chicago	Purdue University	Tufts University	University of San Diego
*Bentley College	Elmira College	Loyola College of Maryland	Quincy College	Tulane University	University of San Francisco
*Berklee College of Music	Els College	Lynchburg College	*Quinnipiac University	U. S. Coast Guard Academy	*University of South Carolina
Bloomsburg University	*Elon College	Lyndon State College	Radford College	Union College	University of South Florida
Boston College	*Emmanuel College	*Macalester College	*Regis College	Unity College	University of Southern California
*Boston Conservatory	*Endicott College	Maine College of Art	*Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University College Dublin	University of Southern Indiana
*Boston University	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical U. - FL	Maine Maritime Academy	*Rhode Island College	University of Arizona	University of Southern Maine
Bowdoin College	Emerson College	Manhattan College	Rider University	University of British Columbia	University of St. Andrews - Scotland
*Brandeis University	Fairfield University	Manhattanville College	Rivier College	University of California - Davis	University of Texas-Austin
*Bridgewater State College	*Fisher College	*Marist College	*Rochester Institute of Technology	University of California - San Diego	University of the South
Brown University	*Fitchburg State College	Marquette University	*Roger Williams University	Uni. of California - Santa Barbara	University of Utah
*Bryant University	*Florida Gulf Coast University	Marshall University	*Rutgers University	University of California - Santa Cruz	*University of Vermont
Bucknell University	Florida Atlantic University	Maryland Institute College of Art	Sacred Heart University	*University of Central Florida	University of Virginia
California Polytechnic Institute	Florida Institute of Technology	Marymount Manhattan College	*Salem State College	University of Chicago	*University of Wisconsin - Madison
California State Univ. -Bakersfield	Florida State University	Marymount University	Salve Regina University	University of Cincinnati	University of Wyoming
California State University-Fullerton	Fordham University	*Mass College of Pharmacy	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Colorado—Boulder	Ursinus College
California State University-LA	*Framingham State College	*Mass Maritime Academy	Savannah College of Art& Design	Uni. of Colorado—Colorado Springs	Utica College
Campbell University	*Franklin Pierce College	*Massachusetts College of Art	School of the MFA - Boston	University of Colorado—Denver	*Villanova University
Carnegie Mellon University	Frostburg State University	McGill University	Scripps College	*University of Connecticut	*Virginia Commonwealth University
Castleton State College	Furman University	*Merrimack College	Seattle Pacific University	University of Dayton	VA Polytechnic Inst. & State Univ.
Cazenovia College	George Mason University	Mercyhurst College	Seattle University	*University of Delaware	Wagner College
Central Conn. State University	Georgetown University	Miami University, Oxford	*Seton Hall University	University of Edinburgh	Wake Forest College
*Champlain College	Georgia Institute of Technology	Michigan State University	Siena College	University of Glasgow	Washington and Lee University
Clark University	Georgia Southern University	Middlebury College	Simmons College	University of Hartford	Wellesley College
Clarkson University	Gettysburg College	MIT	Skidmore College	University of Hawaii	*Wentworth Institute of Technology
Clemson University	Gordon College	Monmouth University	Southern New Hampshire Univ.	University of IL—Champagne Urbana	Weslyan University
Coastal Carolina University	Green Mountain College	Montclair State University	Southern Vermont College	University of Kansas	West Virginia University
Colby College	Hamilton College	*Montserrat College of Art	Springfield College	University of Leeds	Western Conn. State University
Colby-Sawyer College	Hampshire College	Mount Allison University	*St. Anselm College	University of Maine	*Western New England College
Colgate University	*Harvard University	Mount Holyoke College	*St. John's College	University of Maine - Farmington	*Westfield State College
*College of Mt. St. Vincent	High Point University	*Mount Ida College	St. John's University	University of Mary Washington	Wheaton College
College of Charleston	Hobart & William Smith	Muhlenburg College	St. Joseph's College of Maine	*University of Maryland - College Park	Wheelock College
College of the South	Hofstra University	New England Art Institute	St. Joseph's University	*Uni. of Massachusetts - Amherst	Widener University
College of Wooster	Howard University	New England College	St. Michael's College	*University of Massachusetts - Boston	*Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Colorado State College	Husson College	New Hampshire Institute of Art	Stanford University	*University of Massachusetts – Dart.	*Worcester State College
*Columbia College of Chicago	Illinois Institute of Technology	New York University	*Stonehill College	*University of Massachusetts – Lowell	York College
Concordia University	Iona College	Newbury College	Stony Brook University	University of Miami	Youngstown State College
Connecticut College	*Ithaca College			University of Michigan	

* Class of 2009 Currently Enrolled