



M P J

**ACADEMY OF
EXCELLENCE**

where Making Progress is a Journey

Fall 2024 Welcome Packet

Welcome to M.P.J. Academy of Excellence, where Making Progress is a Journey!

In 1988, Melba St. Andrews-Prevot, a former chemical engineer, began a career in teaching after starting her own family to ensure she would raise her own children and not the day-care centers. She realized many of the challenges students were having ranging from dis-engaged families, single mothers, teenage pregnancies, and stepparents not bonding with stepchildren; the problems were phenomenal and overwhelming. It was no longer a question why many students had excessive absences, poor grades or just chose to drop out. After serving 20+ impactful years in the public school system, Melba retired and ventured out on her own journey in the private school sector and founded what became M.P.J. Academy of Excellence in 2007. To this day M.P.J. still serves the adult learner seeking a high school diploma. In honor of the legacy set forth by Melba St. Andrews-Prevot, we stand the M.P.J. Bulldogs.

THE JOURNEY STARTS HERE ...

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Prevot', with a large, stylized initial 'P'.

Thank you for trusting MPJAOE,

Paul Prevot

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Calendar of Events

July 01 First Day of School

Oct 04 Founder's Day

Dec 08 Winter Graduation

CMUNITY Orientations Wednesdays

July 3, 17, 31

August 14, 28

Sep 11, 25

Oct 9, 23

Nov 6, 20

Dec 4

Club Orientations Fridays

July 5

Aug 2

Sep 6

Oct 4

Nov 1

Dec

Senior Status Fridays

July 19

Aug 16

Sep 20

Oct 18

Nov 15

Info Session Monday

Aug 5

Sep 2

Oct 7

Nov 4

Technology Guide

Students are expected to provide their own computing or telecommunication device required to access the digital learning school, LMS, and other related resources. System Requirements are listed below.

RESPONSIBLE TECHNOLOGY USE

M.P.J. Academy HS a laptop, or desktop is preferred, however, mobile devices and tablets that meet requirements found at <https://mh.my.site.com/DTS/s/article/McGraw-Hill-System-Requirements?dc=> are deemed as acceptable. Students are required to provide their own computing device

LAPTOP RENTAL PROCESS

Rental Laptops are available for students. Prior to renting laptops, parents/guardians and students will read and sign the *Code of Student Conduct* and MPJ Responsible Technology Use Policy to ensure all policies and procedures are followed. Also, the monthly rental fee is **\$50**, to be included in the cost of tuition.

MONITORING

All M.P.J. Academy and school-related laptop activity is monitored by the M.P.J. Academy

LAPTOP CARE

All laptops, chargers, and cases w/ straps must be always kept together at school. Students are required to pay fees for damage or loss to laptops, charger, and/or the laptop case. Refer to the campus website for fees for damage or loss.

9th grade

ENG I	1
Alg	1
US Hist	1
PhySci	1
LOTE 1	1
PE	1
	6

10th

ENG II	1
Geom	1
Bio	1
US Govt	.5
Eco	.5
LOTE 2	1
F.A.	1
	6

11th

ENG	1
ALG 2	1
Chem	1
Eco	1
ELE 1	1
ELE 2	1
	6

12th

ENG	1
ELE 3	1
ELE 4	1
ELE 5	1
	4

STUDENT LEARNING PLAN

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[REDACTED]		GO	INST INIT		
ENROLLMENT FORM				ACADEMIC ADVISORY SCHEDULE	
V.O.E.			INIT		6/6/2024
ID PICTURE			SEC		7/6/2024
STUDENT HANDBOOK			TRI		8/5/2024
			EXT		9/4/2024
ASSESSMENTS			FIN		10/4/2024
ALGEBRA					
ELA			ELECTIVES S.T.E.M. / FINE ARTS		
				101	
ORIENTATION				102	
C'MUNITY				103	
CLUBS				104	
SENIOR				105	
PRESENTATIONS				FINE ARTS	
9TH PRESENTATION					
10TH PRESENTATION				P.E.	
11TH PRESENTATION					
12TH PRESENTATION					
ANTICIPATED GRADUATION DATE:					9/4/2024

C'MUNITY CLUBS (Electives 11th grade)

All students will get a peek at the fun and exciting journeys our C'MUNITY Clubs have to offer in your 9th & 10th grade packets. Upon entering the 11th grade, students will officially choose their elective path, either S.T.E.M. or Fine Arts. Each elective will have individual projects and C'MUNITY Club members will take trips and compete in their field.

Scope and Purpose of the Fine Arts Program at M.P.J. Academy of Excellence

Scope:

The Fine Arts program at M.P.J. Academy of Excellence encompasses a broad range of artistic disciplines, providing students with a comprehensive exploration of visual, digital, musical, and performing arts. The program spans five courses (Fine Arts 101-105), each focusing on different aspects of artistic expression and creation. The curriculum is designed to progress from foundational skills to more advanced and integrated artistic practices, suitable for middle and high school students.

Purpose:

The purpose of the Fine Arts program at M.P.J. Academy of Excellence is to:

1. **Foster Creativity and Self-Expression:** Provide students with various mediums and techniques to express their ideas, emotions, and perspectives through art.
2. **Develop Technical Skills:** Equip students with practical skills in drawing, digital design, music production, performance, and multimedia creation.
3. **Enhance Critical Thinking:** Encourage students to analyze, interpret, and evaluate artistic works, developing their critical thinking and problem-solving abilities.
4. **Promote Cultural Awareness:** Expose students to diverse artistic traditions and contemporary practices, fostering an appreciation for cultural diversity.
5. **Integrate Technology:** Incorporate modern digital tools and technologies in artistic creation, preparing students for contemporary art practices.
6. **Build Confidence:** Empower students to take creative risks, present their work, and receive constructive feedback.
7. **Encourage Collaboration:** Provide opportunities for students to work together on artistic projects, developing teamwork and communication skills.

8. Connect Art to Other Disciplines: Demonstrate the interconnectedness of art with other academic subjects and real-world applications.

9. Prepare for Future Opportunities: Introduce students to potential career paths in the arts and creative industries.

10. Foster Lifelong Appreciation: Cultivate a lasting appreciation for the arts that extends beyond the classroom.

Through this program, M.P.J. Academy of Excellence aims to provide a well-rounded education that recognizes the vital role of the arts in personal development, cultural understanding, and academic success. The Fine Arts program is designed to be accessible and engaging for all students, regardless of their prior artistic experience, while also challenging those who wish to pursue the arts more seriously.

Scope and Purpose of the S.T.E.M. Program at M.P.J. Academy of Excellence

Scope:

The S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) program at M.P.J. Academy of Excellence offers a comprehensive, interdisciplinary approach to learning. The program spans five courses (S.T.E.M. 101-105), progressing from foundational concepts to advanced applications. It covers a wide range of topics including but not limited to electronics repair, cybersecurity, robotics, environmental science, data analysis, and emerging technologies. The curriculum is designed to be hands-on, project-based, and relevant to real-world applications, catering to middle and high school students.

Purpose:

The purpose of the S.T.E.M. program at M.P.J. Academy of Excellence is to:

1. **Develop Critical Thinking Skills:** Foster analytical thinking, problem-solving abilities, and logical reasoning through scientific inquiry and mathematical analysis.
2. **Promote Technological Literacy:** Equip students with the knowledge and skills to understand, use, and create with various technologies, preparing them for a digitally-driven world.
3. **Encourage Innovation:** Stimulate creativity and innovative thinking by challenging students to design solutions to real-world problems.

4. Build Practical Skills: Provide hands-on experience with tools, software, and methodologies used in S.T.E.M. fields.

5. Foster Interdisciplinary Understanding: Demonstrate the interconnectedness of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, and their applications across various fields.

6. Develop Collaboration Skills: Encourage teamwork through group projects, mirroring real-world S.T.E.M. environments.

7. Promote Environmental Awareness: Increase understanding of environmental issues and sustainable technologies, fostering responsible citizenship.

8. Enhance Data Literacy: Develop skills in collecting, analyzing, and interpreting data, essential in many modern careers.

9. Prepare for Future Careers: Introduce students to potential career paths in S.T.E.M. fields and develop skills highly valued in the modern job market.

10. Cultivate Ethical Awareness: Discuss ethical considerations in science and technology, promoting responsible innovation.

11. Develop Computational Thinking: Introduce programming concepts and algorithmic thinking applicable across various disciplines.

12. Encourage Lifelong Learning: Foster curiosity and a passion for continuous learning in S.T.E.M. fields.

Through this program, M.P.J. Academy of Excellence aims to prepare students for the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century. The S.T.E.M. program is designed to be accessible to all students, providing a strong foundation for those who may pursue S.T.E.M. careers while also developing valuable skills for all students regardless of their future career paths. By integrating project-based learning, real-world applications, and cutting-edge topics, the program seeks to make S.T.E.M. education engaging, relevant, and impactful for all students.