



Preparing for the MCC – Maple Woods Monarchs Collegiate Academy

During your 8th and 9th grade years:

- Start working closely with your counselors in middle school and especially in 9th grade. Let your counselor(s) know that you are considering the MCC- Monarchs Collegiate Academy. They will help you to select classes that will prepare you for the demands of the Monarchs Collegiate Academy.
- Take challenging classes – AP, IB, Honors, and Dual Credit – these are predictors of success.
- Maintain a grade point average (GPA) of at least a 3.0
- Follow the Gold Medallion Diploma course requirements to choose your 9th and 10th grade classes
- Start taking a foreign language in 9th grade
- When enrolling for 10th grade, choose an AP course
- Learn more about careers by shadowing or interviewing adults at their jobs. Adults love to talk about the work they do, how they got into their career and what they wish they had known when they were younger. Many careers today are becoming more competitive and students are learning that they need to get started now by completing internships and shadowing experiences that will make them more competitive to get into college and to get into certain careers.
- Tour a college campus during summer vacation. There are colleges and universities across the country that love to have young students visit. Schedule visits by contacting an admissions office.

During your Sophomore year:

- Familiarize yourself with COMPASS (Placement exam used by MCC). Information regarding COMPASS is available on <http://www.act.org/compass/sample>. Note: You may also have the option to take the ACT. Your counselor will be able to advise you on what is best for you.
- Look for updates on the MCC- Monarchs Collegiate Academy from your high school, MCC- Maple Woods and the MCA website: www.mcckc.edu/mwmca.
- Prepare to apply in February of your Sophomore year to the MCC- Monarchs Collegiate Academy.