

## Enrollment Information

### Admission and Enrollment

If your child is between six and 18 years of age, or if your child is under age six but has been enrolled in kindergarten, he or she is "of compulsory school age" in Ohio.

Admission to The Mahoning Co High School ("the School") is open to any individual between the ages of five and 22 who is entitled to attend school under state law. To attend kindergarten at the School, a child must be five years old by August 1 or September 30 of the year of admission. Children under the age of five may be admitted under certain circumstances provided under Ohio law. If your child is not five years old by August 1 or September 30, your child may be admitted if he or she has been recommended in accordance with the School's acceleration policy. The child shall be evaluated for early admittance upon referral by the child's parent or guardian, an educator employed by the School, a preschool educator who knows the child, or a pediatrician or psychologist who knows the child. The School's referral form is available at Form 3512.1, Early Entrance to Kindergarten.

The School will not deny a transferring student admission, based on the student's age, if the student had been admitted to kindergarten by another school.

In making admission decisions, the School shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, or disabling condition. The School will comply with all federal and state laws regarding the education of students with disabilities.

The School does not limit admission to students on the basis of intellectual ability, measures of achievement or aptitude, or athletic ability. The School will not offer or give any monetary payment or in-kind gift to any student or student's family as an incentive for the student to enroll in the School.

The School restricts admission to students who reside in Ohio. The Parent or Guardian of the Student or Student (age 18 or over), shall notify the School when there is a change in the Parent/Guardian or Student's primary residence.

If the number of applicants exceeds the capacity restrictions of the School, students will be admitted based on a lottery system, with the following students given preference:

- students who attended the School the previous year;
- siblings of students attending the School the previous year;

- students who are the children of full-time staff members employed by the School, provided the total number of students receiving this preference is less than 5% of the School's total enrollment; and
- students who reside in the district in which the School is located.

The lottery system adopted by the School functions as described below.

- Each applicant exceeding the capacity of the School shall be assigned a number.
- A neutral third party will randomly select numbers, and as each number is selected, the respective student is placed on the permanent waiting list. Once placed on the permanent waiting list, the student retains the position from year-to-year unless the student is no longer an eligible student, is no longer interested in admission, or is selected for admission and thereby removed from the permanent waiting list.
- The School may, in its sole discretion, decide to institute one lottery system and permanent waiting list, or may decide to institute separate lottery systems and permanent waiting lists for each age or grade.

#### Records and Documentation

Upon admission into the School, all students shall be required to provide the following:

- any records from the public or nonpublic elementary or secondary school the student most recently attended;
- if issued and applicable, a certified copy of an order or decree, or modification of such an order or decree, allocating parental rights and responsibilities for the care of a child and designating a residential parent and legal custodian of the child<sup>1</sup>;
- a copy of a power of attorney or caretaker authorization affidavit, if either has been executed with respect to the child; and
- a birth certificate or one of the following comparable documents: (1) a certification of birth; (2) Passport or attested transcript of a passport filed with a registrar of passports at a point of entry of the United States showing the date and place of birth of the child; (3) An attested transcript of the certificate of birth; (4) An attested transcript of the certificate of baptism or other religious record showing the date and place of birth of the child; (5)

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<sup>1</sup> After enrollment, whenever there is a modification of any order or decree allocating parental rights and responsibilities for the care of a child and designating a residential parent and legal custodian of the child that has been submitted to the School, the residential parent shall provide the School with a certified copy of the order or decree that makes the modification.

An attested transcript of a hospital record showing the date and place of birth of the child;  
(6) A birth affidavit.

Upon enrolling a student, the School will request records within 24 hours from the school your student most recently attended. If the records are not received within seven days, a second request will be made and the Head Administrator shall directly contact the school.

You or your student must notify the School if the student is under the care of a shelter for victims of domestic violence at the time of initial enrollment. Upon being so informed, the School will inform the elementary or secondary school from which it requests the student's records of that fact.

If the school your student claims to have most recently attended indicates that it has no record of the student's attendance or the records are not received within 14 days of the date of request, or if the student does not present a birth certificate or comparable document (listed above), the Head Administrator shall notify the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction in the area where the student resides of this fact and of the possibility that the student may be a missing child.

A student who has been discharged or released from the custody of the department of youth services under R.C. 5139.51 just prior to requesting admission to the School will not be admitted until the records described in R.C. 2152.18 (D)(4)(a) to (d) have been received by the Head Administrator.

The School will not deny admission to a protected child placed in a foster home or residential facility (as defined in the Ohio Revised Code) solely because the protected child does not present a birth certificate or comparable document. However, the protected child or the protected child's parent, custodian, or guardian shall present a birth certificate or comparable document (listed above) within 90 days after the protected child's entry to the School.

The School will comply with all records requests within two business days, make copies of the student's records, and keep the records on file.

If an order or decree allocating parental rights and responsibilities for the care of a child and designating a residential parent and legal custodian of the child, including a temporary order, is issued resulting from an action of divorce, alimony, annulment, or dissolution of marriage, and the order or decree pertains to a child enrolled in the School, the residential parent of the child shall provide the School with a certified copy of the order or decree.

#### School Performance Notification

As part of the admissions process, you are entitled to receive the enclosed copy of the most recent report card for the School.