



## **MONSON HIGH SCHOOL**

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### **THE MISSION**

The Monson High School experience is one that prepares its students for living, learning and working in the global community. We challenge all community members to reach their academic, social and civic potential through an engaging curriculum that promotes critical thinking, communication and collaboration. We foster a safe and secure environment where diversity is appreciated to ensure that our students are prepared to be lifelong learners.

### **THE COMMUNITY**

Monson is a residential community with a population of 8,792, located in the greater Springfield area of Hampden County. The school system consists of one high school (7-12), one elementary school (1-6) and one early childhood center (Pre K-K).

### **THE SCHOOL**

Built in 2001, MHS is a comprehensive public school, grades 7-12, with a 500 student capacity. The school is a member of the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference. The school is accredited by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

### **ENROLLMENT**

Enrollment in Grades 7-12 totals **278** students and is distributed as follows:

Grade 7 – 61, Grade 8 – 72, Grade 9 – 37, Grade 10 – 42, Grade 11 – 39, Grade 12 – 37

### **STAFF**

Teachers – 32, Administration – 2, School Counselors – 1, Adjustment Counselor - 1, Nurse -1

### **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

A minimum of 22 credits is required for graduation in addition to the successful completion of the following required subjects: English –4, Social Studies – 3.5, Mathematics – 4, Science – 3, Foreign Language or Arts – 2, Applied Arts – 1, Fine Arts – 1, Health – .5, Physical Education – 1.5.

In the 2022-2023, MHS transitioned to operating under a 6-block schedule in which students take 6 courses (daily) each semester.

This is a change for the previous block schedule with 4 x 84 minute classes per day, in previous school years.

### **INTERPRETATION OF GRADES**

A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79, D = 60-69, F = 0-59, I = Incomplete, W = Withdrawal, SS = Summer School, DE = Dual Enrollment, Virt = Asynchronous Virtual Course

### **COMPUTATION OF RANK IN CLASS**

Students are cumulatively ranked at the end of each semester, including all courses offering credit. A weight of 1.1 is given for purposes of grade point average, rank and honor roll to grades received in AP and Honors courses.

### **AFTER HIGH SCHOOL PLAN INFORMATION**

	<i>Class of 2020</i>	<i>Class of 2021</i>	<i>Class of 2022</i>	<i>Class of 2023</i>
To 4-year college	61%	60%	50%	45%
To 2-year college	20%	30%	39%	26%
Technical School	2%	0%	3%	2%
Military Service	2%	0%	3%	7%
Employment/Other	15%	10%	5%	20%

## COURSE OFFERINGS

(Not every course is offered every year)

### Visual Arts

*Drawing Painting Ceramics Photography Art Portfolio AP Studio Art*

### Business

*Accounting Marketing Personal Finance Entrepreneurship*

### Computer Science

*Computer Programming Computer Applications Multimedia Technology*

### English

*English 9(H) English 10(H) Career & College English AP English Literature AP English Composition Drama  
Sports Literature Creative Writing Film As Literature Mass Media & Speech Psychology in Lit*

### Health/Physical Education

*PE 9 PE 10 PE 11 PE 12 Health 9 Health 10 Child Development  
Family Living Foods & Nutrition*

### Mathematics

*Algebra I Part I (H) Algebra I Part II (H) Geometry (H) Intro to Algebra I Intro to Algebra II  
Algebra II (H) Pre-Calculus Honors Calculus Honors AP Calculus Statistics & Probability*

### Music

*Band I, II, III, IV Chorus I, II, III, IV Music Appreciation Music Studio Technology Intro to Guitar*

### Science

*Integrated Science Advanced Integrated Science Honors Biology (H) Anatomy & Physiology Honors  
Chemistry I & II (H) Physics I & II Honors Environmental Science Forensic Science*

### Social Studies

*World History II U.S. History I & II AP US History Government*

### World Languages

*Spanish I, II, III, IV Honors & V Honors Online French, German, Latin*

### Miscellaneous

*Work-Based Learning Strategy Lab Home Repair Dual Enrollment Independent Study Virtual*

## Colleges Attended By Monson High School Classes of 2018-2024

American International College	Nichols College	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Asnuntuck Comm College	Northeastern University	Western New England University
Assumption College	Norwich University	Westfield State University
Bay Path University	Our Lady of the Elms College	Wheaton College
Becker College	Quinnipiac University	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Bentley University	Quinsigamond Comm College	Worcester State University
Bridgewater State University	Regis College	
College of the Holy Cross	Rivier University	
Columbia College South Caroline	Rochester Institute of Technology	
CT School of Broadcasting	Roger Williams University	
Curry College	Russell Sage College	
Dean College	Sacred Heart University	
Eastern CT State University	Simmons College	
Elmira College	Southern New Hampshire	
Emmanuel College	Springfield College	
Endicott College	Springfield Tech Comm College	
Fitchburg State University	St. Joseph's College Maine	
Framingham State University	St. Michael's College	
Franklin Pierce University	University of Connecticut-Storrs	
Hampshire College	University of Hartford	
Holyoke Community College	UMASS Amherst	
Husson University	UMASS Boston	
Johnson & Wales University	UMASS Dartmouth	
Keene State University	UMASS Lowell	
Lesley University	University of New England	
Marist College	University of New Hampshire	
Mass Bay Community College	University of New Haven	
MA College of Liberal Arts	University of Rhode Island	
MA College of Pharmacy & Health	University of Rochester	
Merrimack College	University of Southern Maine	
Michigan State University	University of South Carolina	
Mitchell College	University of Tampa	
Mount Holyoke College	University of Vermont	