



parent education program

# Learning Platforms & Course Options

*ideal for students entering grades 9 - 12  
for the 2017-2018 school year*

- Career Center options
- blended classroom
- Virtual Learning
- PAP & AP options
- G/T options
- Dual Credit courses
- AVID elective
- Q & A session

**WED. JANUARY 11, 2017: 6:00 - 7:00PM**  
**MARCUS 9 CAFETERIA**

# Career Center Classes:

- ✓ Great course options that tie in w/college majors
- ✓ Innovative electives not offered at home campus
- ✓ 4th Science/Math classes available
- ✓ Numerous certification programs available
- ✓ Scheduled for two periods/two credits per semester
- ✓ Practicums available
- ✓ Busses available; students eat lunch at their home campus
- ✓ Career Center East: <http://lisd.net/cce>
- ✓ Dale Jackson Career Center: <http://lisd.net/djcc>

**Grades 9 - 12**

# blendED Classroom:

- ✓ Available in a growing number of courses & grade levels
- ✓ Offers personalized learning & support
- ✓ Students can work from home on “out days” & attend class on face to face days
- ✓ Offers flexible mobility for non-class days
- ✓ Fosters ongoing communication w/teacher & promotes time management

**Grades 9 - 12**

# Virtual Learning Academy:

- ✓ Tuition-based, online learning for core & electives
- ✓ Fosters time management & being a self-directed student
- ✓ Good summer option to open up schedule during the academic year
- ✓ Counts in student GPA & impacts UIL eligibility
- ✓ Available year round
- ✓ Requires pre-approval by counselor
- ✓ See [www.vla.lisd.net](http://www.vla.lisd.net) for course listing

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# Pre-AP & AP courses:

- ✓ creates a climate of academically motivated students
- ✓ goes deeper into the TEKS but has same curriculum as regular class
- ✓ frequently uses higher order thinking to demonstrate knowledge
- ✓ can expect more study time outside of class
- ✓ carries a weighted multiplier towards GPA:

AP- Level 3

P/AP- Level 2

Regular- Level 1

- ✓ students should weigh overall schedule/activities & determine specifically in which core classes they are well-suited for P/AP or AP courses
- ✓ has a Level-Down Policy if needed (after 3 weeks or 9 weeks)
- ✓ AP courses offer an AP test at the end of the course for approx \$100 for college credit, depending on student's score

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# G/T course options:

- ✓ for students identified as gifted learners in LISD
- ✓ access to core classes designated solely for GT students
- ✓ taught by teachers who are highly trained to best meet the unique needs of GT learners
- ✓ allows GT students to effectively communicate & collaborate
- ✓ offers atmosphere that promotes creativity & innovation
- ✓ promotes self-awareness & social consciousness
- ✓ encourages scholarly behaviors that discover, develop, & leverage capacity
- ✓ weighted same as their respective P/AP or AP course.

**Grades 9 - 12**

# Dual Credit Classes:

- ✓ Students can earn credit/hours at MHS & NCTC
- ✓ Recommended 3.0 GPA to enroll
- ✓ Courses available during school year and/or summer
- ✓ Excellent value!
- ✓ Grades post to NCTC transcript
- ✓ Counts as additional multiplier in GPA
- ✓ Full and half credits courses available
- ✓ See counselor for approved list of courses

**Grades 11 & 12**

# AVID elective:

- ✓ a college preparation elective class for grades 9 - 12
- ✓ teaches study skills & organization to optimize success
- ✓ infuses college knowledge throughout the course
- ✓ provides a sense of community- AVID “family”
- ✓ designed for the academic middle, first generation college student, or first time PAP student
- ✓ Requires application & interview
- ✓ partners with PAP/AP English
- ✓ See [www.avid.org](http://www.avid.org) for national website

**Grades 9 - 12**



# Upcoming Registration Dates:

Feb 3 - 7: 8th to 9th gr packets go home

Feb 8: 6 - 8pm; 8th grade, Marcus At-a-Glance  
electives fair & parent meeting- Marcus Arena

Feb. 20: 8th gr turn in paperwork to MS campus

Feb 22: 9th to 10th gr packets go home

March 1: Marcus9 students turn in 10th gr. paperwork

*Other dates to be determined*

# Healthy Families Healthy Kids

Feb 1, 2017  
6:00 - 8:15 PM



Local business and services join Marcus HS to support the social, emotional, and physical health of our families.

**Location: Marcus Ninth Grade Campus**