

COMMUNICATIONS HIGH SCHOOL

Monmouth County Vocational School District

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CLASS OF 2021 PROFILE

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MISSION STATEMENT

Communications High School, a personalized academy with a career focus, provides a rigorous theme-based curriculum in conjunction with community, industry and higher education partnerships. Monmouth County students acquire knowledge, skills and professional ethics while utilizing the latest technology related to their communication field.

BACKGROUND

The Monmouth County Vocational School District (MCVSD) prepares students for higher education and the evolving workplace. MCVSD administers Communications High School (CHS), one of five career academies in Monmouth County. As a highly competitive specialized school, CHS selects 80 students through a competitive application process from applicants enrolled in public and private schools across Monmouth County. Students apply as eighth graders and are accepted based on multiple criteria, including middle school grades and performance on district developed assessments.

CHS provides a college preparatory honors program with a communications focus that serves the community by providing exemplary learning experiences in areas such as Digital Video, Journalism and Publishing, Commercial Art, Computer Programming and TV/Radio Broadcasting. Every course is offered at the honors level. Students must enroll and successfully complete 40 credits of course work per year to graduate.

Opened in 2000, the CHS community continues to foster a collaborative work environment for students, parents, faculty members, and administrators. Going forward, CHS will actively recruit students from Monmouth County, provide a rigorous curriculum of both academic and theme related courses, and graduate young men and women prepared to meet the rigors of college.

Communications High School exemplifies learning, community, and excellence in Monmouth County, New Jersey.

QUICK FACTS

Class 2021: 73 Students

PSAT Mean: Evidence Based Reading and Writing - 650; Mathematics - 620

SAT Mean: Evidence Based Reading and Writing - 665; Mathematics - 665

All students follow the same rigorous course of study. The majority of our students earn grades that are considered superior proficiency. We believe that our students' levels of achievement are not fully communicated by using class rank as a transcript statistic. In accordance with Monmouth County Vocational School District board policy, we do not rank our students.

Communications High School was recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a National Blue Ribbon School in 2012 and 2019 and is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

COVID Statement

As a result of COVID-19 during the Spring semester of 2020 Communications High School continued to instruct all classes online. Our grading policy was not substantially modified and numerical grades were issued.

The Monmouth County Vocational School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender, religion, disability, or socioeconomic status.

COURSE OF STUDY

FRESHMAN YEAR

Algebra, Geometry or Algebra II/Trig	5.0
Biology	5.0
English I	5.0
Fitness	3.0
Health	2.0
Spanish I/II	5.0
World History	5.0

Theme Courses

Effective Speech	2.5
Introduction to Digital Video	2.5
Communication Technology	2.5
Mass Media	2.5

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Geometry, Algebra II/Trig or Pre-Calculus	5.0
English II	5.0
Fitness	3.0
Health	2.0
Physics	5.0
Spanish II/III	5.0
US History I	5.0

Theme Courses

Introduction to Programming	2.5
Introduction to TV/Radio	2.5
Introduction to Design	5.0

JUNIOR YEAR

Algebra II/Trig, Pre-Calculus or Calculus	5.0
Chemistry	5.0
English III	5.0
Junior Seminar	3.0
Fitness Option II	2.75
Health	1.0
Spanish III/*IV	5.0
US History II	5.0

Theme Courses

Animation	5.0
Digital Video II	5.0
Graphic Arts	5.0
• Illustration and Design	5.0
Introduction to Photography	5.0
Java Programming	5.0
Live Studio Production - Radio/TV	5.0
Web Design / Social Media Marketing	5.0
• Visual Mass Media	5.0

BLOCK SCHEDULE

There are four class periods each day.
A 5.0 credit class is taught for one-half of the school year and a 2.5 credit class is taught for one marking period.

GRADING PROCEDURE

100-92	Superior Proficiency
91-85	Above Average Proficiency
84-77	Proficient
76-70	Partial Proficient
69-55	Not Proficient/ No Credit

GRADE POINT AVERAGE AND GRADING SYSTEM

Students are NOT RANKED because of the selectivity in the admissions process. Grade point averages are calculated yearly based on the final grade attained in each course. Cumulative GPA is an unweighted calculation which includes all courses.

SENIOR YEAR

English

* English IV - Creative Writing	5.0
Research Paper	2.5

Math

Pre-Calculus or	5.0
* Calculus or	5.0
AP Calculus	5.0
Statistics	5.0

Science

Advanced Physics or	5.0
Advanced Biology or	5.0
Forensic Science	5.0
Mentorship	4.5
Fitness/ Health Option II	3.75
Financial Literacy	2.5

Theme Courses

* • Advertising Design	5.0
Advanced Digital Video	5.0
Advanced Java Programming	5.0
Advanced Graphic Arts	5.0
• Advanced Mass Media	5.0
Advanced Studio Production - Radio	5.0
Advanced Studio Production - TV	5.0
Advanced Web Design	5.0
AP Studio Art: 2-D Design	5.0
Digital Photography	5.0
Film Studies	5.0
Modern History Through Film	5.0
Public Relations	5.0
* Spanish IV or Spanish Communication	5.0

MENTORSHIP

All seniors devote a marking period to an individualized mentorship experience. Students receive (4.5) academic credits for this supervised graduation requirement. Employers throughout Monmouth County offer experiential learning opportunities in PR firms, radio stations, non-profit organizations, government agencies, major corporations and small businesses.

* Articulated with Seton Hall University

1201 - Core English I (3 Credits)
1401 - Calculus I (4 Credits)
2001 - Intermediate Spanish I (3 Credits)
2002 - Intermediate Spanish II (3 Credits)
3001 - Intermediate Spanish III (3 Credits)
1223 - 2D Design and Color (3 Credits)

Articulation Agreement with Monmouth University and Communications High School for Advanced Standing and the potential to earn up to 30 Credits.

Articulation Agreement with Brookdale Community College to attend college level classes with approved release time.

• Concurrent Enrollment Program with Ramapo College