

# Morris Community High School Profile

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School: Morris Community High School graduated its first class in 1874. It is a public four-year comprehensive high school situated in a rural community of 14,000 located 65 miles southwest of Chicago on Interstate 80.

Accreditation: M.C.H.S. is fully accredited by the Illinois State Board of Education.

Enrollment is approximately 1000

Graduating Class of 2011: 207

Beginning with the 2011-12 school year, we returned to a school day consisting of seven periods. Each period is 50 to 65 minutes. The school year is divided into two semesters. School is in session for 180 days.

Unit of credit: One-half credit is awarded for semester classes and one-quarter credit is awarded for nine-week classes. One credit per semester is awarded for Grundy Area Vocational Center classes, with the exception of Cosmetology that is worth two credits per semester.

From 1996-97 through 2010-11, we were on a block schedule called 4 X 4. Each of our nine-week terms was the credit equivalent to a semester in a traditional semester program. All classes met every day. The school day consisted of four periods. Each period was 89 minutes. The school year was divided into four terms.

Unit of credit from 1996-97 through 2010-11: One-half credit was awarded for each class taken each of the four terms. Grundy Area Vocational Center (G.A.V.C.) classes were awarded .625 credits each term with some exceptions.

| <u>Graduation Requirements by Class:</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2012</u> | <u>2013</u> | <u>2014</u> | <u>2015</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| English                                  | 3.00        | 4.00        | 4.00        | 4.00        | 4.00        |
| Speech Communication                     | .50         | .50         | .50         | .50         | .25         |
| Mathematics                              | 3.00        | 3.00        | 3.00        | 3.00        | 3.00        |
| Social Science                           |             |             |             |             |             |
| U.S. History                             | 1.00        | 1.00        | 1.00        | 1.00        | 1.00        |
| Western Civilizations                    |             |             |             |             | 1.00        |
| Global Studies                           | .50         | .50         | .50         | .50         |             |
| Social Science Elective                  | .50         | .50         | .50         | .50         |             |
| Science                                  | 2.00        | 2.00        | 2.00        | 2.00        | 2.00        |
| Physical Education                       | 3.50        | 3.50        | 3.50        | 3.50        | 3.50        |
| Health                                   | .50         | .50         | .50         | .50         | .50         |
| Driver Education                         | .50         | .50         | .50         | .25         | .25         |
| Consumer Education                       | .50         | .50         | .50         | .50         | .50         |
| Keyboarding/Word Proc.                   | .50         | .50         | .50         | .50         | .25         |
| Electives                                | 13.00       | 10.00       | 8.00        | 6.25        | 5.75        |
| Total Credits                            | 29.00       | 27.00       | 25.00       | 23.00       | 22.00       |

The State of Illinois requires 30 hours of classroom driver's education. The state law of Illinois requires that an Illinois/US constitution test be passed prior to graduation from high school. Beginning with the Class of 2005, state law requires students to take the Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE). Beginning with the Class of 2003, five hours of community service are required to graduate.

Course Levels: Starting in 1992-93 each course is identified as Honors, Regular, or Basic. Grades receive the following weights:

Beginning in 1995-96

| <u>Grade</u> | <u>Honors</u> | <u>Regular</u> | <u>Basic</u> | <u>English Honors</u> | <u>English College Prep</u> | <u>English Regular</u> |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| A            | 6             | 5              | 4            | 6                     | 5                           | 4                      |
| B            | 5             | 4              | 3            | 5                     | 4                           | 3                      |
| C            | 4             | 3              | 2            | 4                     | 3                           | 2                      |
| D            | 2             | 2              | 1            | 2                     | 2                           | 1                      |
| F            | 0             | 0              | 0            | 0                     | 0                           | 0                      |

Prior to the 1992-93 school year, M.C.H.S. was on a 4.0 grading scale and grades were not weighted. This transition will impact the G.P.A.'s of all students graduating in 1993, 1994 and 1995 because of combined figures from **both** the old and new grading systems.

Grading System:

Grading Scale Beginning 1999/2000:

|   |            |    |                      |        |   |
|---|------------|----|----------------------|--------|---|
| A | Excellent  | M  | Medical Exemption    | 100-92 | A |
| B | Good       | R  | Religious Exemption  | 91-83  | B |
| C | Average    | S  | State P.E. Exemption | 82-74  | C |
| D | Poor       | T  | Audit                | 73-65  | D |
| F | Fail       | WP | Withdrawal Passing   | 64     | F |
| P | Pass       | WF | Withdrawal Failing   |        |   |
| I | Incomplete | W  | Withdrawal           |        |   |

Class Rank: Computed using all grades earned by each student with the exception of summer school. Rank is determined by the cumulative G.P.A. All students are included in this computation except placed-out Special Education students. Students are first ranked at the end of their 10th grade.

Information from the "A.C.T. High School Profile Report":

| <u>Class</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Composite</u> | <u>National</u> | <u>Illinois</u> |
|--------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 2007         | 191           | 21.0             | 21.2            | 20.5            |
| 2008         | 264           | 21.2             | 21.1            | 20.7            |
| 2009         | 223           | 21.1             | 21.1            | 20.8            |
| 2010         | 237           | 20.6             | 21.0            | 20.7            |
| 2011         | 197           | 21.9             | 21.1            | 20.9            |

Starting with the Class of 2002, **all juniors in the state of Illinois** take the ACT during the spring of their junior year. It is part of the Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE).

Post-High School Plans

Class of 2011

|                         | <u>No.</u> | <u>%</u> |
|-------------------------|------------|----------|
| Armed Forces            | 7          | 3.0      |
| Work Full-Time          | 10         | 5.0      |
| Four-Year College/Univ. | 94         | 46.0     |
| Community College       | 79         | 38.0     |
| Trade/Tech. School      | 8          | 4.0      |
| Other                   | 9          | 4.0      |
| Totals                  | 207        | 100.0    |