

PROGRAM REQUEST - 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR

*****Due – February 25th to school office*****

As per Harrisburg School Board edict, students matriculating to grades 9-11 in the school year 2015-16, will have a choice of selecting either the normal, traditional format of instruction or the MOD/CL (Modular Schedule/Customized Learning) program of instruction.

The traditional format matches the century-plus long system of Carnegie Units, seven-period 57-minute period, grading scales and general instructional methodology historically offered at the high school level. The MOD/CL program utilizes a flexible scheduling format, individualized assessment and curriculum, maximized technology, and a mastery grading scale. More detailed information can be found on the Harrisburg High School website at <http://highschool.harrisburgdistrict41-2.org/> under the "MOD/CL" dropdown menu.

Both formats spur equally high expectations in all Harrisburg High students. Both programs offer the full HHS menu of required and elective courses. The traditional setting is as it has always been.

The MOD/CL format has many unique aspects. Students and staff report that to be successful within a mastery-learning environment, one which requires student ownership of learning, it is desirable and significant that a student exhibit the following characteristics:

1. Work ethic and accountability
2. Responsibility and maturity
3. Willingness to ask questions of teachers and work with peers
4. Self-awareness and time management skill

All students possess these skills to some degree. MOD/CL students portray these traits as inherent to their academic and social skill and must either possess or develop these skills rapidly for success with the MOD/CL. The MOD/CL format will be in its third year in 2015-16. Currently 306, 9-10th graders are enrolled in the MOD/CL (78 %). Eighty-nine are enrolled in the traditional classroom.

Students and parents/guardians should carefully inventory the work history and present development of the above character traits of the student prior to deciding on the program of choice. **This choice is binding for the 2015-16 school year.** Upon Board approval, each February, students and families will have the choice of format. **Once chosen annually, for staffing and facility planning as well as commitment to the selected program, the choice will not be changed.** Please base the selection on current character and future aspirations for the student's well-being. Most important to the staff of Harrisburg High School is a student reaching potential and becoming an independent learner (HHS Academic Mission). Both programs target the mission with equal aplomb within the protocols and constructs offered. The student and family discernment of the best route to the greatest academic altitude should be the most significant and **only** rationale for this decision.

Please clip and return below portion to office of student's current school by Feb. 25th

I UNDERSTAND MY CHOICE BELOW IS FOR THE ENTIRE 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR.

(Check one) _____ MOD/CL program _____ Traditional program

Print Student Name

Print Parent/Guardian Name

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Circle one, if applicable: North Middle South Middle