



Academy Overview and Course Descriptions: Murphy University Center

The two pathways in this academy are for the highly motivated student that has a record of academic ability from middle school. Both pathways are highly competitive and are by application admission only.

Early College

Murphy High School strongly believes in offering students the opportunity to earn college credit while still enrolled in high school. Because of this belief, students at MHS have the opportunity to enroll with the University of Alabama or Bishop State Community College through the University Center their junior year. Both colleges work to provide students with the highest level of education through their high school classroom settings.

Partnerships with both the University of Alabama and Bishop State Community College are in place in order for students to earn college credit their junior and senior years. In the spring of their sophomore year, the top 40 students enrolled in the Early College program will be selected to participate in the UA Early College program. This selection will be based off GPA, ACT scores, and teacher recommendations. Students not eligible to participate with UA will continue the Early College experience with Bishop State Community College. All students in Early College will take dual enrollment through an accredited program.

Students can elect to take Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate classes in addition to their dual enrollment college classes.

Course Sequences

Grade	Early College	International Baccalaureate
9th	Writing Lab	Pre- IB Curriculum
10th	College Test Prep	Pre- IB Curriculum
11th	2 Dual Enrollment Courses	Full IB Curriculum
12th	2 Dual Enrollment Courses	Full IB Curriculum

*Students may select ANY DE class and may take more than 2 per academic year.

International Baccalaureate

The International Baccalaureate program is a two year program taught in Grades 11 and 12. The prerequisite curriculum is taught in Grades 9 and 10 and is labeled Pre-IB. In Pre-IB, students take core classes and electives that are the foundation of the IB curriculum. These courses are taught on an advanced level, in fact, some of the courses are Advanced Placement courses. The Pre-IB curriculum is necessary to not only develop the knowledge and skill set required for future study but is essential in the formation of time management principles, study habits, confidence and motivation. The IB curriculum follows the guidelines set by the International Baccalaureate Organization.

