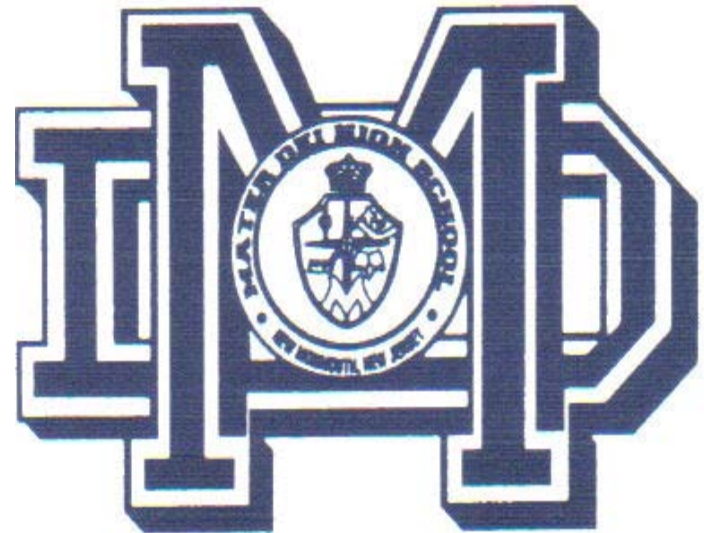


# Mater Dei High School



Freshman Course  
Information  
2010-2011

## General Information

Your high school years will be as valuable as you make them. This pamphlet is to serve as a guide in your selection of courses for your freshman year at Mater Dei High School. Course level will be recommended after reviewing the results of the High School Placement Test, Standardized Tests, and junior high school grades with a Student Services Counselor at your course selection appointment.

You are urged to choose your program of studies for next year carefully and, while you do so, to keep in mind the following guidelines:

1. It is important for you to make firm decisions about courses you wish to take.
2. With the help of parents, counselors, and teachers, you will choose courses that will be most helpful in preparing for the goals you wish to attain upon graduation.
3. You must realize that students do not always get what they request. This occurs because of one or more of the following:
  - a) sometimes two electives fall at the same period of the day.
  - b) sometimes students do not meet the prerequisite for the class.
  - c) sometimes there are not enough requests for that course to warrant a class.
4. Having chosen your courses for next year, you are not expected to request a change of schedule without a serious reason. All course change requests must be made by the end of the first week of class. Changes are made for sound educational reasons. If the change is granted, the student must obtain signatures from their parents, teachers, and counselor.

## Requirements for Graduation

1. 4 Years of Religion including a required yearly retreat and eighty hours of Community Service  
4 Years of English  
2 Years of U.S. History  
1 Year of World History  
3 Years of Science including Biology  
3 Years of Mathematics  
2 Years of the same World Language  
1 Year of Fine, Visual/Performing, and/or Practical Arts  
1 Year of Physical Education  
1 Year of Health / Driver Theory
2. A total of 120 credits.

## Grade Equivalents

To obtain letter grades for quarter marks and exams, the following system is used:

97 - 100 = A+	75 - 79 = C
93 - 96 = A	73 - 74 = D+
89 - 92 = B+	70 - 72 = D
85 - 88 = B	0 - 69 = F
80 - 84 = C+	

## Course Offerings for Grade 9

All freshmen are required to take:

Catholic Christianity 101

Twenty hours of Christian Service

Physical Education and/or Dance 101 (one quarter)

Family Living 101 (one quarter)

Prior to your course selection appointment, a Student Services Counselor will make recommendations as to placement in the following subject areas:

English:	Fundamentals of Writing 099, Literature: Genre 101, Literature: Genre 202, American Literature 202
Mathematics:	Fundamentals of Algebraic Problem Solving 099, Algebra 101, Advanced Algebra 1 201, Algebra 2 202, Advanced Algebra 2 302
Science:	Physical Science 099, Fundamentals of Biology 101, Biology 2 202, Advanced Biology 202, Environmental Studies 202, Chemistry 202, Physics 202
Social Studies:	World History 101, Western Civilization 202
World Language:	Introduction to French 099, French 101, French 202, French 303, French 404, Introduction to Spanish 099, Spanish 101, Spanish 202, Advanced Spanish 303, Spanish 303, Spanish 404
Fine and Performing Arts Electives:	Art Fundamentals 101, Art Fundamentals 102, Applied Arts 101 Painting 101, Photography 101, Printmaking 101, Sculpture 101, Chorus 101, Music Appreciation 101, Musical Ensemble 101, Musical Theatre Workshop 101, Play Production 101, Beginning Piano 101, The History of Rock Music 101,

Non-Academic Mini Courses: Media Production 101, Applied Technology 101