

To Parents, Guardians and Mentors:

The Michigan Youth Challenge Academy offers young people an opportunity to change their lives and make a future for them. MYCA is a 22-week residential program. The program incorporates classroom instruction provided by the Marshall Public Schools to prepare cadets for the G.E.D. exam. Many of the G.E.D. standards also correlate to Michigan Merit Curriculum Standards completed in an integrated approach. The cadets also participate in vocational/technical courses through the Calhoun Area Career Center. Students will also receive articulated credits from Kellogg Community College.

There are eight Core Components which include: academic excellence, job skills, physical fitness, leadership/followership, health/nutrition, life coping skills, responsible citizenship, and service to the community. These components are designed to develop the cadets into well-rounded and responsible members of society.

Marshall Public Schools grants credit for the following MPS/MYCA Core courses completed during the school day:

- .5 Integrated Math
- .5 English
- .5 Integrated Science
- .5 Integrated Social Studies
- .5 CIS (Keyboarding/Microsoft)
- 1.5 Calhoun Area Career Center specific program

High School Credit is also granted for the following courses completed during the school day as well as outside of the school day. Courses are offered as a part of the 8 Core Components provided by both MYCA teachers and MYCA staff.

- .5 Experiential Credit/SERV 200
- .5 General Physical Education/WPE102
- .5 Health and Hygiene/WPE101
- .5 Independent Physical Training/WPE253
- .5 Job Skills/100
- .5 Prin. Fitness and Health/WPE101

MPS/MYCA also provides Kellogg Community College credits through an articulation agreement for the 8 Core Component courses. The courses and Kellogg Community College credits are as follows:

- 4.0 CIS Microsoft Office/OIT 160
- 2.0 Principles of Fitness and Health/PEHL 140
- 2.0 Health and Hygiene/PEP 293
- 2.0 Independent Physical Training/PEP 296
- 2.0 General Physical Education/PE 189
- 3.0 Job Skills/BUAD 100
- 3.0 Experiential Credit/SERV 200

With successful completion of all courses, a student will earn **four (4)** high school core course credits, **three (3)** 8 Core Component high school credits and up to **eighteen (18)** KCC articulated college credits.

All classes are based on Michigan Merit Curriculum.

It is up to the enrolling high school to determine how the credits will be used toward graduation. The percentage of time spent in each area is approximated below.

English - Reasoning through Language Arts addressed both the reading and writing as a combined approach.

- Reading
 - 75% Informational Text
 - 25% Literature
- Writing
 - 15% Organization
 - 30% Sentence Structure
 - 30% Usage
 - 25% Mechanics

Math – Mathematical Reasoning (number operations, measurement and Geometry, data analysis, statistics, probability, algebra)

- 45% Quantitative problem solving
- 55% Algebraic problem solving

Science – (textual analysis and understanding data representation and inference skills, as well as, problem solving with science content)

- 40% Physics
- 40% Chemistry
- 20% Biology

Social Studies – (applying social studies reasoning skills, inference skills, analyzing source documents, and interpreting data)

- 50% Civics and Government
- 20% US History
- 15% Economics
- 15% Geography and the world