



**Mountaineer
Path
to Success**



2026-2027 Student & Family Course Selection

Partnering with Families for Student Success
Berlin Middle High School

PTO Presentation
January 14, 2026

Purpose of Tonight's Presentation

We are here to:

1. Explain the course selection process for 2026–2027
2. Highlight the importance of family involvement
3. Briefly review the Course Catalog
4. Answer questions and support informed decision-making

Our Shared Goal

Students First. Always.

- Every decision is grounded in what is best for students—academically, socially, and emotionally.

High Expectations, Real Support

- We challenge every Mountaineer while ensuring the structures are in place for success.

Belonging Fuels Achievement

- When students feel safe, valued, and heard, they rise.

Attendance Matters. Engagement Matters More.

- Students can't succeed if they aren't present—physically and mentally.

Consistency Builds Trust

- Clear expectations, fair practices, and follow-through across classrooms and programs.

Shared Responsibility. Shared Success.

- Student outcomes improve when we work as one school, one team, one Mountaineer community.

What Is the Course Selection Process?

Course selection is a collaborative, thoughtful process that includes:

- Student interests and strengths
- Academic performance and teacher input
- Graduation requirements
- Counselor guidance
- Family conversations and input
- Post-secondary planning

Course Selection Timeline (January - March)

Key Steps in the Process:

- Review the [BMHS Course Catalog 2026-2027](#)
- Classroom presentations and career assembly
- Counselors hold individual meetings with students
- Teacher input is gathered
- Course requests entered and sent home for review
- Family conversations at home
- Schedules finalized over the spring & summer, mailed home at the end of August

Why Family–Counselor Collaboration Matters

Students succeed when adults work together:

- Families know their child best
- Counselors understand graduation requirements and pathways
- Teachers provide academic insight
- Collaboration ensures:
 - Appropriate course rigor
 - Balanced workloads
 - Alignment with student goals

Role of the School Counselor

How counselors support students and families:

- Academic planning and graduation tracking
- College, career, and post-secondary planning
- Individual/small group counseling and ongoing support
- Social Emotional Support and Learning Opportunities
- Problem-Solving with Staff and Students
- Plus snacks!

What Is the Course Catalog?

The Course Catalog is the roadmap:

It includes:

- Graduation requirements
- Core academic courses
- Electives and enrichment options
- Career and technical pathways
- College-level and dual-enrollment opportunities

Understanding Course Levels

Not all courses look the same—and that’s intentional

- Regents-level courses
- General-level courses
- Honors and accelerated options
- Advanced Placement (AP)
- Dual enrollment / HVCC courses

The “right fit” matters more than the label.

What Drives Course Selection for Students?

Course decisions are guided by:

- Academic readiness and performance
- Teacher recommendations
- Student interests and passions
- Future goals (college, career, military, trades)
- Balance and student well-being

How This Ties to Life After High School

Course selection supports post-secondary success

- College and university readiness
- Career and technical pathways
- Workforce skills
- Military preparation
- Dual-credit opportunities

Today's choices open tomorrow's doors.

Avoiding Common Course Selection Pitfalls

What we encourage students and families to avoid:

- Choosing courses based only on friends
- Overloading schedules without balance
- Avoiding challenge out of fear
- Assuming “harder is always better”

Choosing with intentionality is important

How Families Can Support the Process

What we ask of families:

- Review the Course Catalog with your student(s)
- Ask questions and encourage reflection
- Attend information sessions
- Communicate with counselors and teachers
- Support your child's goals—not comparisons

What's Next?

- Counselors and teachers will give course selection presentations
- Students will continue meeting with counselors
- Course requests will be submitted and shared home
- Schedules will be reviewed and adjusted as needed
- Ongoing communication will continue

We remain committed to every student through every decision.

What's Next?

Student conversations continue

- *Counselors and students work together to align interests, goals, and pathways.*

Thoughtful course planning and submission

- *Requests reflect readiness, opportunity, and long-term success.*

Schedules refined with purpose

- *Adjustments are made intentionally to support each learner.*

Ongoing communication and partnership

- *Students and families stay informed every step of the way.*

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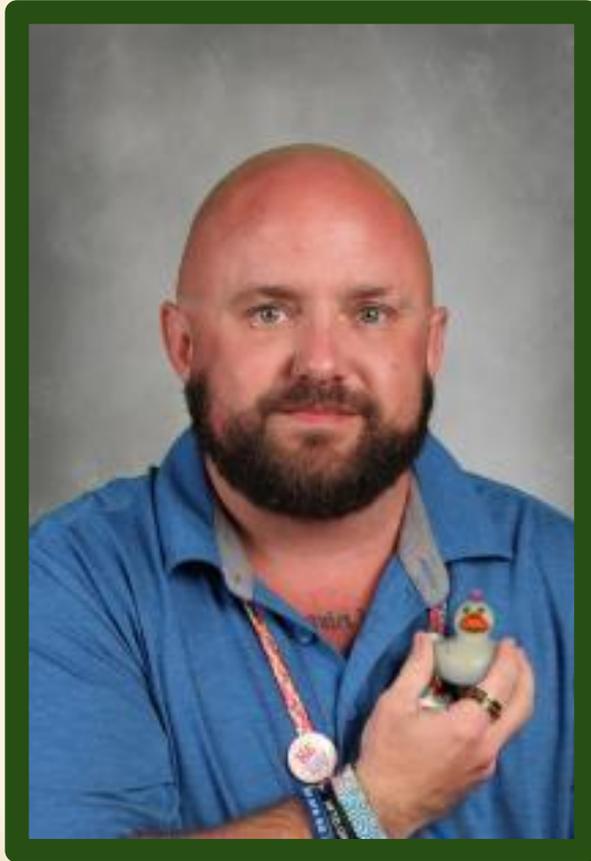
Questions & Answers

Thank you for Supporting Mountaineer Success

- Every conversation, every question, and every decision moves our Mountaineers forward.
- When we work together, our students thrive today and lead tomorrow.
- Together We Rise — Questions Welcome



Please Reach Out!



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