



"Passport to the World"

MARVIN RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

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SCHOOL PROFILE FOR 2020-2021

SCHOOL COUNSELING STAFF

Laura Markstein - Counselor (A-C) Margaret Trunk – Counselor (D-I)
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OUR SCHOOL: Marvin Ridge High School was established August, 2007, in Waxhaw, NC.

- **Graduation Rates:** 98.4 % for 2019-2020; 99.1 % for 2018-2019; 99.3% for 2017-2018; 100% for 2016-2017; 99.7% for 2015-2016; 99.5% for 2014-2015; 99.4% for 2013-2014; 99.7% for 2012-2013; 100% for 2011-2012; 99.34% for 2010-2011; 97.4% for 2009-2010; 98.1% for 2008-2009
- **North Carolina READY Initiative/Accountability Model Performance Composite Testing Results:** 95% for 2018-2019; 95% for 2017-2018; 96% for 2016-2017; 90% for 2015-2016; 93% for 2014-2015; 85.2% for 2013-2014; 81.1% for 2012-2013
- **Conference Athletic Wells Fargo Cup Winner:** 2007-2008 through 2017- 2019 (twelve consecutive years); **North Carolina Wells Fargo 3A State Cup Winner** 2018-2019, 2016-2017 and 2013-2014; **North Carolina State Cup Runner-up** for 2014-2015, 2015-2016, and 2017-2018.
- **Diverse Student Life program and wide array of extracurricular offerings**
- **The graduating class of 2020 self-reported the following post-graduation plans:** 88% to a 4-year college/university, 9% to a 2-year college, 1.5% to military service, and 1.5% directly to the work force.

VISION STATEMENT: Marvin Ridge High School will provide a diverse educational experience which will empower our students to succeed as citizens in a changing global community.

MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of Marvin Ridge High School is to educate all students in a safe, inspiring, and globally aware environment that promotes respect for diversity, lifelong learning, challenging athletics, and extra-curricular experiences that foster successful living.

COLLEGE PREPARATORY ENVIRONMENT: All students are assigned the **Future Ready** course of study to prepare them for college.

IB WORLD SCHOOL: MRHS offers the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program. International Baccalaureate schools share a common philosophy—a commitment to a high quality, challenging international education.

DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS: Students must graduate with a minimum of 28 Carnegie credit units. Credit requirements for students who transfer to MRHS during their high school years may be fewer.

SCHEDULE: The MRHS curriculum is offered on a 4x4 block schedule for most courses. IB courses, most AP courses, and a select number of other courses are scheduled as year-long on an A-day/B-day schedule. All courses involve approximately 135 instructional hours, earning a maximum one credit per course.

GRADING SCALE: Union County Public Schools requires the following grading scale/ point values. Additional quality points are given for a passing grade (60-100) for specific courses based on the course's academic level.

Numeric Grade	Non-Weighted Point Value
90-100	4.0
80-89	3.0
70-79	2.0
60-69	1.0
0-59	0.0
*PC-19/WC-19	--

Academic Level of Course	Additional Quality Points Given for a Weighted GPA
College Prep	No additional Points
Honors	.5 additional point
Career & College Promise / College Transfer Courses	1 additional point
AP (Advanced Placement)	1 additional point
IB (International Baccalaureate)	1 additional point

*Due to the impact of COVID-19 during the Spring Semester of the 2019-2020 school year, NC Public Schools offered students a GPA neutral grading options¹ of PC-19 (Passing) or WC-19 (Withdrawal). Neither of these grading options involved a GPA point value. PC-19 grades yield course credit. WC-19 grades did not yield course credit.

DISTANCE LEARNING: MRHS offers Distance Learning opportunities to students through the **NC Virtual Public School** (<http://www.ncvps.org/>) and through Union County Virtual on-line courses.

HONORS AND COLLEGE LEVEL COURSES OFFERED AT MRHS

Honors-level courses are offered in the areas of English, Fine Arts, Math, Physical Education, Science, Social Studies, World Language, and Career and Technical Education. Course content, pace, and academic rigor place high expectations on the student and surpass standards specified by Common Core and North Carolina Essential Standards.

HONORS COURSES

Adobe Video Design	Concert Chorus III, IV	Ladies Chorus III, IV	Remember the Holocaust
Accounting I, II	Creative Writing	Marine Science	Robotics Engineering I, II
Advanced Biology Topics	Culinary Arts and Hospitality I	Marketing	Sales I
Advanced Calculus AB	Drafting I, II	Marketing Applications	Spanish III, IV, V
Advanced Chemistry Topics	Earth/Environ Science	Math I, II, III	Sports & Entertainment Mktg. I,II
Advanced Inquiry/Research	English I, II, III, IV	Men's Chorus III, IV	Sports Medicine I, II
American History I, II	Fashion Merchandising	Multicultural Women's Studies	The Cold War
Anatomy & Physiology	Fitness & Nutrition	Mythology	Theatre Arts III, IV
Band III, IV	Forensic Science	Physics	Visual Arts III, IV
Biology I	French III, IV, V	Pre-Calculus	Yearbook III, IV
Business Law Chemistry I	German III, IV, V	Psychology/Sociology	Weightlifting
Chinese III, IV	Global Awareness	Python Programming I, II	World History
Civics & Economics	Health Science I, II		Yearbook III, IV

AP & IB level course content, pace, and academic rigor are college-level as adopted by the College Board and International Baccalaureate Organization. These courses prepare students to take the AP/IB examinations which may lead to college credit.

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

Art-2D Studio	Computer Science A	German	Psychology
Biology	Computer Science Principles	Government & Politics US	Spanish
Calculus AB	English Language	Human Geography	Statistics
Calculus BC	English Literature	Microeconomics	US History
Chemistry	Environmental Science	Macroeconomics	World History
Chinese Language and Culture	French	Physics I, II	

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) COURSES

(These are two year courses for the Junior and Senior years in the IB Diploma Program)

Biology – Higher Level	French – Standard Level	Mathematics – Standard Level
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Chemistry – Higher Level	German – Standard Level	Spanish – Standard Level
Chinese – Standard Level	History of the Americas – Higher Level	Theory of Knowledge
Computer Science – Standard Level	Information Technology in a Global Society – Higher Level	Visual Arts – Standard Level
English – Higher Level	Math Studies – Standard Level	Visual Arts – Higher Level

STUDENT-LED ORGANIZATIONS

African American History Club	Future Investors for America	Maverick Spirit Club	Science National Honor Society
American Red Cross Club	French Club	M-Con	Science & Engineering
Alzheimer's Awareness Club	French Honor Society	Model UN	Science Olympiad
Beta Club	Gay/Straight Alliance	Mu Alpha Theta	Spanish Club
Battle of the Books Club	German Club	National Art Honor Society	Spanish Honor Society
Check! Improv Troupe	German Honor Society	National Chinese Honor Society	Speech & Debate Club
Code Blue	Global Ambassadors	National English Honor Society	Student Council
DECA	HOSA – Future Health Professionals	National Honor Society	Tabletop Club
FBLA – Future Business Leaders of America	International Thespian Society	National Technical Honor Society	Tri-M Music Honor Society
FCA – Fellowship of Christian Athletes	Isabella Santos Foundation	Red Cross Club	Young Life
FCCLA	Literary Magazine	Rho Kappa	
	Maverick Ambassadors	Sports Journalism & Broadcasting	12