



"Passport to the World"

# MARVIN RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

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## SCHOOL PROFILE FOR 2015-16

### SCHOOL COUNSELING STAFF

Lori Sgan – Counselor – All Grades (A-G)  
Ann Ennis – Counselor – All Grades (P-Z and IB)

Lisa Stipp – Counselor – All Grades (H-O)  
Jessica Pierce – Student Support Counselor

Dianna Weir – Student Records Coordinator

**OUR SCHOOL:** Marvin Ridge High School was established August, 2007, in Waxhaw, NC. Some attributes of MRHS are:

- Graduation Rates: 99.5% for 2014-2015; 99.4% for 2013-2014; 99.7% for 2012-13; 100% for 2011-12; 99.34% for 2010-11; 97.4% for 2009-2010; 98.1% for 2008-2009
- North Carolina READY Initiative/Accountability Model Performance Composite Testing Results: 91.1% for 2014-2015; 85.2% for 2013-2014; 81.1% for 2012-2013
- Conference Athletic Wells Fargo Cup Winner: 2007-2008 through 2014-2015 (eight consecutive years)
- Diverse Student Life Program and wide array of extracurricular offerings

**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 participates in 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 are scheduled as year-long on an A-day/B-day schedule. All students receive daily instruction in four ninety-minute classes, 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 as of 2015-2016	Non-Weighted Point Value
90-100	4.0
80-89	3.0
70-79	2.0
60-69	1.0
0-69	0.0

Academic Level of Course	Additional Quality Points Given for a Weighted GPA
College Prep	No additional points
Honors	1 additional point
AP (Advanced Placement)	2 additional points
IB (International Baccalaureate)	2 additional points

**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

Accounting I, II	Chinese III, IV	German III, IV, V	Remember the Holocaust
Advanced Biology Topics	Civics & Economics	Global Awareness	Spanish III, IV, V
Advanced Calculus AB	Computer Programming I, II	Health Science I	Sports and Entertainment Marketing I, II
Advanced Chemistry Topics	Concert Chorus III, IV	Ladies Chorus III, IV	Sports Medicine
Advanced Inquiry/Research	Discrete Math	Marine Science	The Cold War
Advanced Statistics Topics	Earth Science	Marketing	Theatre Arts III, IV
American History I, II	English I, II, III, IV	Marketing Management	Visual Arts III, IV
Anatomy & Physiology	Film Studio I, II	Math II, III	Yearbook III, IV
Band III, IV	Fitness & Nutrition	Men's Chorus III, IV	World History
Biology I	Foods II	Physics	
Business Law	Forensic Science	Pre-Calculus	
Chemistry I	French III, IV, V	Psychology/Sociology	

**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.

### AP (ADVANCED PLACEMENT) COURSES

Art-2D Studio	Computer Science	Government-US	Physics I, II
Art History	English III, IV	Human Geography	Psychology
Biology	Environmental Science	Latin	Spanish
Calculus AB	European History	Micro Economics	Statistics
Calculus BC	French	Macro Economics	US History
Chemistry	German	Music Theory	World History

### IB (INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE) COURSES

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

Biology – Higher Level	French <i>ab initio</i> – Standard Level	Physics – Standard Level
Biology – Standard Level	German – Standard Level	Spanish – Standard Level
Chemistry – Standard Level	History of the Americas – Higher Level	Theory of Knowledge
Chinese – Standard Level	Information Technology in a Global Society – Higher Level	Visual Arts – Standard Level
Computer Science – Standard Level	Math Studies – Standard Level	Visual Arts - Higher Level
English – Higher Level	Mathematics – Standard Level	
French – Standard Level		

### STUDENT LED ORGANIZATIONS

African American Association	German Club	Philosophy Club
Anime Club	German Honor Society	Photography Club
Art Club	Global Awareness Club	Ping Pong Club
Asian Culture Club	Guitar Club	Recycling Club
Beta Club	HOSA	Red Cross Club
Book Club	Humane Society	Robotics Club
Check!	Interact Club	Science National Honor Society
Chess Club	International Thespian Society	Science Olympiad
DECA	Key Club	Spanish Honor Society
Drama Club	Maverick Spirit Club	Special Olympics Partners Club
FBLA – Future Business Leaders of America	Maverick Science and Engineering Fair Team	Speech & Debate Club
FCA – Fellowship of Christian Athletes	Mavs-2-Mavs Tutoring	Student Council
Family, Career & Community Leaders of America	Mu Alpha Theta	Students Seeking Service Club
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	National Art Honor Society	Walk for Water
Film Club	National Chinese Honor Society	Young Democrats
Future Investors for America	National English Honor Society	Young Republicans
French Club	National Honor Society	
French Honor Society	Odyssey of the Mind	