MVHS Electives Overview 2024-2025

Creative Writing Credit: 1/2 Grades: 9 -12 Prerequisite: N/A: This course focuses on developing voice and tone through a series of creative writing experiences. Students will write in the following genres: poetry, nonfiction, and fiction and will compile a portfolio to showcase their writings.

Journalism 1 & 2 Credit: 1 Grades: 9 -12 Prerequisite: Courses are taken in sequential order. This course introduces students to basic reporting and newswriting skills, including interviewing, researching, and maintaining accuracy. Techniques, methods, and models guiding the contemporary practice of journalism will be given particular emphasis.

Speech Credits: 1/2 Grades: 9 -12 Prerequisite: N/A: This course will help students develop the basic fundamentals of speech and non-verbal communication, as well as understand core group dynamics and communication. Students will learn speech development through discussion and proper research, as well as the proper technique for developing an opinion and delivery of that through the proper technique.

Literature Studies in Role Playing Games Credits: 1 Grades: 9-12 Students will be able to interact with existing fantasy and science-fiction role playing games in order to comprehend rules, roles, and other types of technical writing ie. charts, tables, graphs, etc.; read biographies, mythologies, and other historical narratives in order to analyze the process of character and world building; and synthesize creative writing, digital media, with the knowledge and skills they need to successfully participate and create change in their communities.

Film Studies Credits: 1 Grades: 9-12 Students will study film (movies), perform story and visual analysis, and the importance of film history to our culture.

African American Studies Credit: 1 Grades: 10-12 Prerequisite: N/A: This course is designed to help students gain an understanding of the significant contributions made by African Americans to the economic, social, political, and cultural development of the United States.

Media Technology 1, 2, 3 Credits: 1 or 2 Grades: 10 -12 Prerequisite: No prerequisite for Media Tech. 1; courses must be taken sequentially. Students will explore the general field of communications and will focus primarily on audio and motion media industries. Students will also learn about related fields such as radio, graphic design, computer graphics, animation, special effects, online media development, advertising, public relations, and corporate communications. Students will get hands-on experience in basic production techniques for audio, video, and film. They will learn how to use industry-standard equipment and will develop skills including writing, directing, producing, and editing video pieces of increasing complexity.

Teacher Cadet Credit: 1 Grades: 11 - 12 Prerequisites: GPA (Grade Point Average) of 3.0 or higher/teacher recommendation. This is an innovative approach designed to attract talented young people to the teaching profession through a challenging introduction to teaching. The program seeks to provide high school students insight into the nature of teaching, the problems of schooling, and the critical