



McHenry Community High School District #156 The 10-12 Campus Concept: One School Community

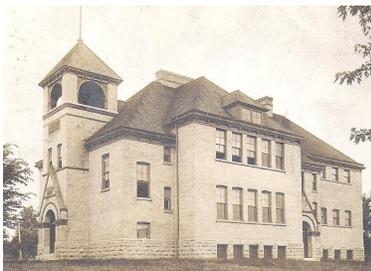
A Brief Educational History of McHenry High School

One Community - One School

Since the beginning of public education in McHenry, the community has enjoyed a “one school” persona. Early education in McHenry was delivered in a small, two-story building on north



Richmond Road from the late 1850s until 1894. That year, Landmark School opened and housed education for several decades until the opening of the community’s first high school on Green Street in 1925. McHenry High School operated as a grade 9-12 facility until population growth necessitated the building of West Campus on Crystal Lake Road in 1968. When West Campus opened in 1968-1969, MCHS operated the East Campus for grades 9-10 and West Campus as a “new” facility for grades 11-12. All students continued the one-school, “Warrior” identity. This structure continued until the departure of Johnsburg students with the opening of Johnsburg High School in 1979.



With reduction of enrollment, McHenry High School switched its structure to two grade 9-12 high schools. Through the 1980s and 1990s, the schools grew to capacity as McHenry County was one of the fastest growing counties in the United States during the boom of the 1990s. After several failed referenda attempts in the late 1990s, a question to expand West Campus and improve facilities at East passed in 2000. West Campus was expanded to have a capacity of close to 1,600 with East remaining around 950. Following the opening of the new addition at West Campus, boundaries were then changed to reflect this added facility space.



Rationale for the 1-3 Campus Concept in the Context of the McHenry Community

Since the completion of the 2003 expansion of West Campus, inequities between East and West have been growing. The complex master schedule of MCHS is greatly complicated by the travelling of students and teachers to reduce the replication of instructional programs. During the last ten years, McHenry High School has developed over 20 Advanced Placement courses and a variety of dynamic, 21st century electives. Many of these courses have represented a significant investment of resources that cannot be replicated in two schools. As our curriculum

offerings become more modern and advanced, East students have increasingly been forced to travel to West or select other opportunities. About a quarter of all MCHS students travel and about 23% of teachers. The district currently operates 47 shuttles a day and 7,800 shuttles annually to meet these needs. The vast majority of East Campus students have to travel at some point during high school and many find themselves attending multiple classes at West during the school day.

Rationale for the 1-3 Campus Model

- McHenry High School has been “one school” since the very beginning of its history.
- Recent facilities assessments concluded that both MCHS buildings are sound educational facilities, if needed remediation and improvements take place.
- Modernize our educational environment and provide all students and families in McHenry with the **same 9-12th grade shared educational experience**.
- Eliminates issues related to student population disparities at both campuses.
- Eliminates academic inequities between East and West students.
- Eliminates 95% of the travel between campuses during the school day.
- All students will have access to the vital courses and resources that will prepare them for the careers of the future.
- The 9th grade campus can be focused on the transition and curricular needs of freshmen.
- The culture and activities of the 9th grade campus can be focused on the developmental needs of the students and 9th grade success.

Efficacy of a 10-12th Grade Campus

- The planned expansion of West Campus to accommodate 200-250 more students can focus on advanced courses, capstone experiences, adding modern lab and resource space to support higher level curricular and elective opportunities (Center for Science, Technology, and Industry).
- All students will have access to all classes specific to the curricular needs of their grade level.
- All 1,800+ 10-12th grade students will have equal access to advanced courses, facilities, and resources.



West Campus - 10/11/12th Grade Educational Facility

Approximate Number of Students:
1,700-1,800

West Campus is a logical home for an upper level educational facility. Even though the building is nearly 50 years old, much of West Campus was

improved or constructed less than twenty years ago. Many of MCHS' advanced courses and programs currently exist at West Campus. A facility expansion is once again needed at West because not only is the school approaching capacity, but the eight 26-yr-old mobile classrooms are approaching retirement and will soon need to be replaced. Additional space is required in the form of an extension to bring all 10th, 11th, and 12th grade levels to West Campus. The expansion would also address all life safety and facility issues and completely eliminate the aging mobile classrooms. An expansion would allow the opportunity to also add state-of-the-art classroom and lab space including a center for science, technology, and industry programming.

Academic Program Focused on College and Career Readiness and Post-Secondary Success

- 20 Advanced Placement Courses
- Upper level honors and required courses
- Advanced Placement Social Science and upper level courses
- Advanced Placement Science and upper level Science and Electives
- Upper Class PE, Advanced PE Elective, and Driver's Education
- Advanced World Language as well as sections of Spanish I, French I, and German I
- Advanced Art and Music
- Advanced PLTW courses
- Advanced Career Pathway Course Electives

Upper Level Programming Focused on Student Health and Well-being and College and Career Access

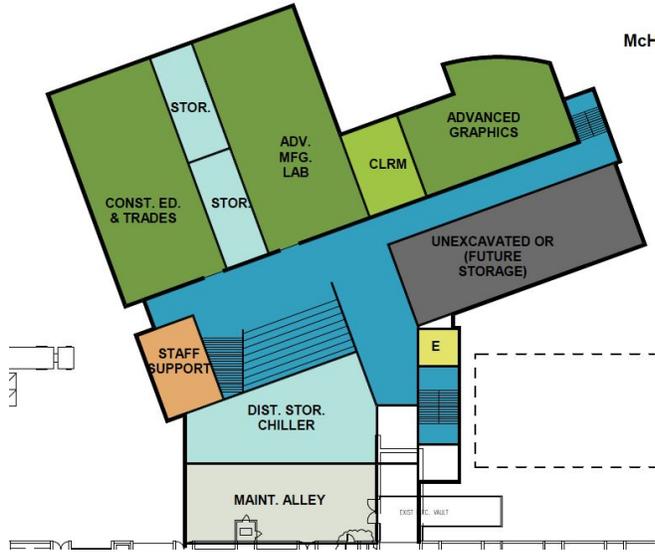
- Principal Team and Administrators
- Upper level academic Counseling Team
- College and Career Counselor
- College Prep Studies and SAT Prep Programming
- Social Emotional Supports - Social worker and Psychologist Team
- Special Education Case Managers and supports
- Academic Support Resource Center
- Math Resource Center
- Robust Student Activities and Clubs
- MCHS Athletics Department

West Campus Expansion Project

McHenry Community High School Center for Science, Technology, and Industry



**Option 2: Latest Architectural Rendition
of Three-Story Center for Science,
Technology, and Industry**

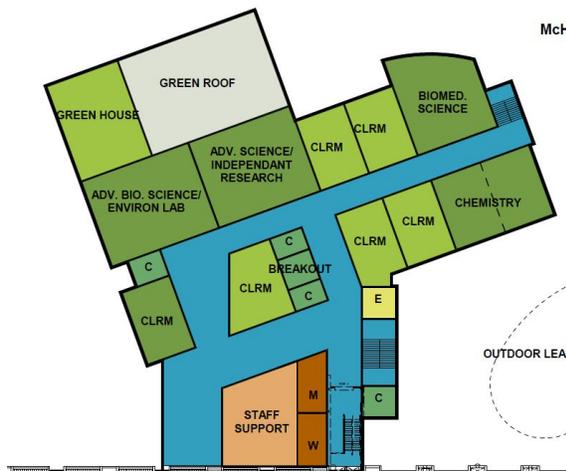
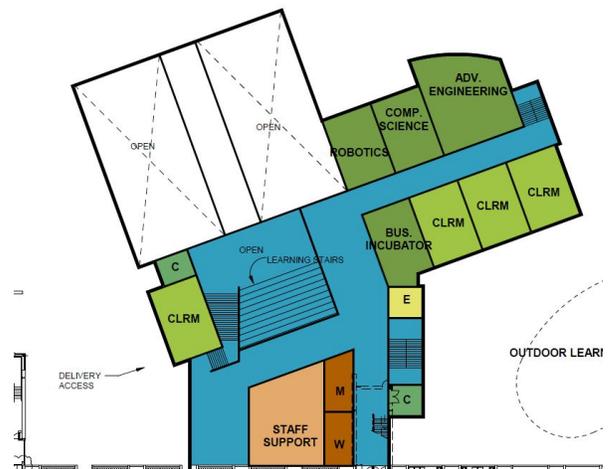


100 Level

Advanced manufacturing, construction/building trades, and advanced graphics and production on the 100 level with ground access.

200 Level

Advanced engineering, computer science, robotics, business INCubatoredu, and a variety of other classroom space overlooking our two story manufacturing and construction laboratories.



300 Level

Advanced scientific and research labs as well as a variety of general classroom space with modern design and flexible seating.