ACADEMIC INFORMATION

MODIFIED BLOCK SCHEDULING

The Mount Gilead modified block schedule is an innovative scheduling system, which focuses energy on academic motivation and performance. In this system, the year is divided into two semesters. The school day consists of four 84-minute blocks and one 42-minute block, thus allowing students the options of completing traditional yearlong courses in one semester or as a yearlong class.

The schedule has a number of advantages:
1. Students can complete a full year's course in a semester, allowing more flexibility for remediation and acceleration of study;
2. Teacher/Pupil load is decreased;
3. Without increasing staff, more course offerings are available;
4. More continuous time in class facilitates hands-on projects and group work.

Some courses will be offered as a yearlong classes in order to help with presentation of curriculum and statewide testing. The staff and administration at Mount Gilead High School are committed to continually evaluate options, which are best for the achievement and educational needs of our students and community.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to graduate from Mt. Gilead High School, students must complete a program of study equivalent to 24 credits toward graduation. In addition to accumulating the 16.5 course requirements listed below, students must complete 7.5 additional credits of electives.

Course Requirements:

English	4
Math	4*
Science	3
Soc. Studies	3
Health	.5
Phys. Ed.	.5
Transitions	.5***
Fine Arts	1**
Total Course Requirements =	16.5 Credits
Elective Courses Required =	+7.5 Credits
Total Graduation Credits Required =	24 Credits*

Must include 1 unit of Algebra II
**Must have 1 credit of Fine Arts except students in a career technical course of study*
***Financial Literacy graduation requirement included within curriculum*

Beginning with the Class of 2018 and beyond, students will be required to earn a cumulative passing score of 18 points on seven end-of-course exams, in addition to the above graduation requirements.