



Mendota High School

Excellence in Education

October 7, 2026

Superintendent, Denise Aughenbaugh
Principal, Joe Masini
Assistant Principal, Nicole Cromwell
Athletic Director, Chance Blumhorst

By the Numbers

511

CURRENT ENROLLMENT

430

PROJECTED 10-YEAR
ENROLLMENT

16:1

TEACHER TO STUDENT RATIO

18

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

15 min

DISTANCE FROM LA MOILLE

150

COURSE OPTIONS & CTE
OFFERINGS



Financial Health & Facilities

Fiscal Responsibility and Infrastructure Excellence

\$15.2M

FUND BALANCES

Strong cash reserves maintained as of June 30, 2026.

4.0 / 4.0

PROFILE SCORE

Highest designation of Financial Recognition achieved.

\$0 Debt

DEBT STATUS

No existing or current debt obligations with balanced annual report.

\$18,020

OPERATING EXPENSE PER PUPIL

Dedicated operational investment per pupil for quality education.

State-of-the-Art Educational Facilities

Modern infrastructure designed to support comprehensive academic and vocational programs for Mendota High School students.

140,000 SF — Main High School Building (Built 2003)

12,920 SF — Dedicated Vocational Building



Career & Technical Education

Preparing Students for Workforce and Postsecondary Success



Business & Entrepreneurship Computer Science, marketing, and digital design fundamentals



Agricultural Sciences Agribusiness, animal science, Horticulture—using the MHS Greenhouse, land management



Digital Art & Graphic Design Creative technology, visual design, and media arts



Driver Education Safe driving fundamentals and Illinois licensure preparation



Journalism & Media Communications Writing, broadcasting, and digital media production



Vocational Trades Applied technical and industrial skills training



Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS) Nutrition, child development, and life-skills preparation



Hands-On Technical Training and Industrial Arts Coursework at MHS

Woods & Metals

Foundational materials processing, precision measurement, woodworking techniques, and metal fabrication skills.

Welding & Small Engines

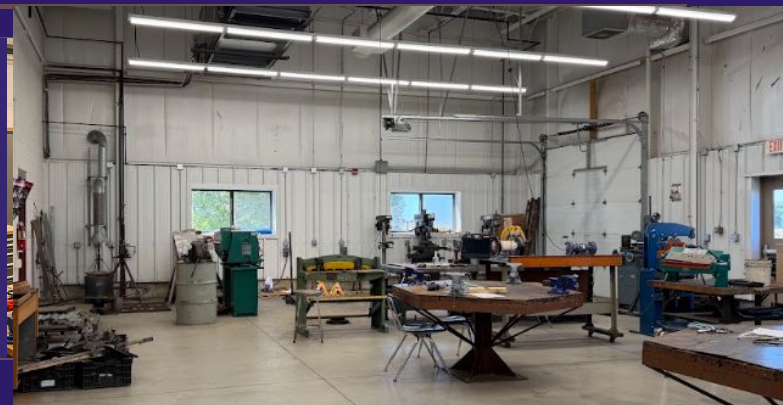
Applied thermal joining processes, engine diagnostics, mechanical repair, and system troubleshooting hands-on experience.

Drafting & Industrial Tech

Technical drawing, computer-aided design, manufacturing principles, and modern industrial technology fundamentals.

Seamless Transition to Area Career Center

Our comprehensive CTE pipeline equips Mendota High School students with core technical skills, safety certifications, and practical experience needed to excel in advanced programs at the Area Career Center.





Haas Machine in Metals

Introductory, hands-on courses at MHS and advanced coursework is optional at IVCC.



Woods Shop



Welding

Comprehensive Spanish Language Pathways

Developing Global Communication, Cultural Competency, and Heritage Fluency

Spanish I & II

Foundational grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, and introductory conversational skills for novice speakers.

Spanish III and AP Spanish IV

Advanced syntax, literary analysis, complex conversational fluency, and Hispanic cultural studies.

AP Spanish Language

College-level course preparing students for the AP examination and rigorous bilingual academic environments.

State Seal of Biliteracy Pathway

Mendota High School recognizes graduating seniors who have attained a high level of proficiency in English and Spanish. Earning the Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy provides official recognition on diplomas and transcripts, unlocking college credit and career advantages.



Rigorous Academic Pathways

Multiple Levels of Core Content Across All Disciplines



Tiered Course Offerings: Special Needs, Basic, Standard, Honors, and Dual Credit Levels

Core subjects offered at multiple academic levels to challenge every learner and meet individual needs



AP Biology & AP Spanish: College-Board Authorized Advanced Science & Language

Lab-intensive, rigorous coursework preparing students for the AP exam and college-level scientific inquiry



In-Person IVCC Courses: English, Mathematics, Humanities & Music

College faculty deliver Illinois Valley Community College coursework directly on the MHS campus



Dual Credit via IVCC: Earn College Credit While Enrolled in High School

Students graduate with transferable college credits — reducing time and cost on the path to a degree



College-Level Learning Begins at MHS

A Formal Partnership with Illinois Valley Community College (IVCC)



English & Speech

- IVCC English 101 & 102
- IVCC Speech



College Mathematics

- IVCC Statistics
- IVCC Pre-Calculus



Humanities

- IVCC Women Studies



Music

- IVCC Music Appreciation

RISE Network Interactive Classroom—We can receive classes into our building from IVCC or other locations.



Students graduate with transferable college credits — reducing time and cost to degree completion.

Learning Beyond the Classroom



OUTDOOR FIELD STATION

Lake Kakusha Science Labs and MHS Greenhouse

Mendota High School conducts **outdoor, hands-on science instruction** at Lake Kakusha, providing students with field-based environmental and biological inquiry. **Science Students—including Physics Boat Regatta--** conduct real fieldwork in ecology and water biology.

At the **MHS Greenhouse**, horticulture students gain hands-on experience learning through the annual FFA Plant Sale.



Facilities & Environment

Full Gymnasium, Auxiliary Gym & Athletic Facilities

Competition-ready gym and auxiliary gym. Updated field turf stadium with 8-lane track, practice soccer/football field, tennis courts, baseball and softball fields with batting cages.

Dedicated Strength & Conditioning Suite

Weight room and training space for all athletes

Performing Arts Spaces

Choral and instrumental rehearsal rooms

CTE Labs & Vocational Workshops

Hands-on career and technical program spaces

Digital Media Lab

Technology-equipped creative studio for digital arts



Comprehensive Student Support Programs

Every student is seen, supported, and set up to succeed.



CHOICES Program

Individualized transition and life-skills programming for students with special needs, fostering independence and personal growth.



Transitions Program

Structured post-secondary preparation supporting students with disabilities toward employment and independence in adult life.



Special Education Services

Full continuum of IEP-based supports seamlessly integrated within a comprehensive high school environment for all learners.



Personalized Attention

A 10:1 student-to-certified-staff ratio ensures individualized academic and social-emotional support for every student, every day.



A Full Athletic and Physical Education Program

THREE SEASONS · MULTIPLE SPORTS · STUDENT WELLNESS



IHSA-sanctioned athletics across fall, winter, and spring seasons



Dedicated PE and Strength & Conditioning courses for all students



Fall Sports: Football, Cross Country, Volleyball, Golf, Soccer, Tennis, Cheerleading



Winter Sports: Basketball, Wrestling, Bowling, Cheerleading



Spring Sports: Track & Field, Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Soccer

MENDOTA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL
HOME OF THE TROJANS

UPCOMING EVENTS
Week of October 5 – October 11
10/05/2024

LATEST NEWS
Mendota Township High School | August 26, 2024
2024 FALL SCHEDULES
Mendota Township High School | August 26, 2024
2024 FALL BUSTERS

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	DETAILS
10/5/2024	7:00 PM	GOLF (BOYS V) - @ IHSA SECTIONALS (A)	DETAILS
10/5/2024	7:00 PM	GOLF (GIRLS V) - @ IHSA SECTIONAL (A)	DETAILS
10/5/2024	4:30 PM	TENNIS (GIRLS V) - ST RODE ACADEMY - PERU (A)	DETAILS
10/5/2024	4:30 PM	SOCCER (BOYS V) - STRETTON TWP HIGH SCHOOL (H)	DETAILS
10/5/2024	5:30 PM	FOOTBALL (JV) - PRINCETON HIGH SCHOOL (A)	DETAILS

Clubs & Student Activities at Mendota High School

Empowering students through leadership, academics, arts, and community service.

Leadership & Service

- Student Council
- National Honor Society
- Interact Club
- FFA
- FCA Club

Academic & Competition

- Academic Challenge
- Scholastic Bowl
- Math Team
- Spanish Honor Society

Music & Performing Arts

- Drama
- Jazz Band
- Pep Band
- Madrigals

Culture, Arts & Interest

- Spanish Club
- GSA Club
- TRAC Art Show
- Yearbook Club

MUSIC, FINE ARTS & PERFORMING ARTS



"Music and the performing arts are not extras at Mendota High School — they are a cornerstone of student development."

Robust Choir Program

Instrumental Band

IVCC College Music
Credit

Students may earn college-level music credit through MHS's IVCC partnership while participating in award-winning choral and instrumental programs.



Mendota High School Band

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Proximity, Access, and Community Connection

15 min

DRIVE TIME FROM
LA MOILLE TO MHS

**La Salle
County**

SHARED REGIONAL
COMMUNITY & VALUES

Established

COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS
FOR FAMILIES

- ✕ **Mendota High School is less than 15 minutes from La Moille** — making daily transportation practical, efficient, and sustainable for families. MHS maintains robust communication systems including automated alerts, school messaging platforms, and parent notification protocols — ensuring families are always informed and connected.

✕ MENDOTA HIGH SCHOOL · LA SALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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BusRight

GREAT NEWS, PARENTS!
BUSRIGHT IS NOW LIVE!

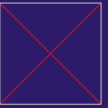
We're excited to announce that BusRight is now live for Woodhaven-Brownstown families! The BusRight Parent App gives you real-time visibility into your child's bus ride—right from your smartphone.

WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH BUSRIGHT:

- VIEW YOUR CHILD'S ROUTES**
Switch routes to view morning and afternoon runs or routes for multiple children.
- KNOW WHERE THE BUS IS**
View the real-time ETA to your child's stop.
- RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS**
Manage notification settings to receive alerts when your child's bus starts its trip and arrives at their stop.
- EASY FOR FAMILIES**
Easily switch between routes if you have multiple children riding the bus.

HOW TO GET STARTED
Parents should download the BusRight Parent App using the app store on your smartphone. When setting up your account, please use the email address associated with your child's bus. Once logged in, you'll be able to access your child's transportation information and follow their bus route directly from your smartphone.

More than a ride. A COMMITMENT TO SAFETY, RELIABILITY, AND CARE.
Our transportation team works hard every day to ensure everything gets you and your child safely, on time, and ready to learn. Thank you for trusting us with what matters most.



Why Mendota High School?

A Summary for the Board of Education

Rigorous academics with multiple course levels, AP, and dual-credit pathways through IVCC

Comprehensive special education supports including CHOICES and Transitions programs

Robust music, choir, and fine arts programming with IVCC college credit available

CTE program areas connecting students to career-ready skills

Full athletic program across three seasons plus dedicated PE and Strength & Conditioning

English Language Learners/Bilingual Program and Full State Seal of Biliteracy--(strong support and diverse instruction for language learners, native speakers and Spanish as a World Language study



Mendota High School

The Right Choice for Students, Families, and Community



MHS is a comprehensive, accredited Illinois high school offering academic rigor, extensive electives, meaningful extracurriculars, and deep student supports — all within 15 minutes of La Moille. We invite you to welcome MHS as the receiving district of choice.

• We Welcome Every Student. • We Support Every Learner. • We Celebrate Every Success. •

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Visit us on October 19 or 21 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM for a tour and/or just to walk around.