

MBX Summer School Questions & Answers

Q- What types of summer school classes do you offer?

A - MBX offers traditional, in class summer school, flex summer school, Cyber High (remediation only) and athletic programs. A variety of courses are available for initial credit and remediation.

Course lists and detailed information is available on the MBX website:

mbxfoundation.org/summer-school/course-offerings/

Q - Is MBX WASC Accredited and UC/CSU approved.

A - Yes, MBX summer school is WASC Accredited (last visit in 2019)

Courses are UC/CSU approved when grades are put on the Costa transcript.

Approval is by Principal Certification, which is standard for foundation run summer school programs.

Q- Why does MBX charge tuition? Isn't public education free?

A - MBUSD does not receive public funds to run summer school and is not allowed to charge for education. Summer school is not required to graduate from Mira Costa High School. As an independent, private foundation, MBX does not receive any public funds to run summer school. Tuition is required to fund the program. Net proceeds are donated to MBUSD.

Q - What academic classes are open to Freshmen?

A - Health/Online Health, Biology, Geometry and Art, as well as Spanish 1 (Flex only) are open to Freshmen.

Q - Does my student have to take Health in the summer?

A - Students who are also student athletes must take Health to graduate from Mira Costa. It is not necessary to take it at MBX Summer School as Mira Costa also offers the 1 semester course. Students who are not student athletes do not need to take Health. They take Fitness and Nutrition during the school year to achieve their PE credit and Health curriculum.

Incoming Freshmen benefit from taking Health in the summer because it eliminates the need to “fit it in” to their schedule at Mira Costa and if they enroll in “in class” Health, they become familiar with the Mira Costa campus over the summer prior to entering in the fall.

Q - Can my incoming freshmen take Online Health?

A - Online Health enrollment is prioritized for juniors and seniors. However, incoming freshmen may enroll pending available space. Students who have taken Online Health in the past have expressed the course seemed “harder” than in class health, possibly because online curriculum requires more focused and mature study habits.

Q - How does Online Health work?

A - Students must be physically present at summer school on the first and last day of class in each session. Students must login to their course every 24 hours. Please see the MBX website for more information.

Q - How many days can my student be absent from class?

A - Students enrolled in traditional summer school, including “in class” Health, can miss no more than 1 day of class in 1 semester courses and 2 days of class in 2 semester courses. “Tardies” and “Lates” combine to accrue absences. Please read the MBX Summer School tardy policy carefully. Students who exceed the allowed absences (1 day, plus a 5 min tardy) will be dropped from class with no refund.

Q - What is Flex?

A - Flex classes offer “flexible” schedule courses in a 1:1, 1:2, or 1:3; teacher: student ratio. Students meet with an instructor for 20 sessions, with approximately 2-4 hours of homework completed in between sessions. Course materials are provided online via Edmentum, a WASC, CSU/UC approved curriculum provider. History, Geometry, Algebra and Spanish classes meet for 2-hour sessions and Science, Pre-Calculus and Art meet for 3-hour sessions. Additional information is available on our website: mbxfoundation.org/summer-school/mbx-flex-summer-school/.

- Q - My student is going out for a sport at Mira Costa? Does he/she need to enroll in summer athletics? Is PE credit given?
- A - MBX offers students summer workout programs, coached by Mira Costa coaches. For fall sports, these tend to be the pre-season workouts prior to the fall season and are extremely helpful for ensuring students are in shape by fall. For winter and spring sports, summer workouts provide an opportunity for students to try a sport and get to know the coach to see if the sport is right for them. Summer athletics are not required. Students who meet attendance requirements may earn PE credit towards graduation at Mira Costa.
- Q – Can my student athlete sign up for more than one summer sport?
- A - Yes, if the practice times do not conflict. Football/Baseball and Football/Soccer will alternate. See the MBX website for specific schedules and locations: mbxfoundation.org/summer-school/athletics-activity-course-offerings/
- Q - Are scholarships available for summer school?
- A - Need based scholarships are available for traditional summer school classes and Cyber High remedial classes. Please see your Mira Costa counselor for more information. Need based scholarships are available for athletic programs. Please reach out to the booster president for the individual sport. Booster contact information is available on our website under each individual club. All requests are confidential.
- Q - Can my student enroll in more than one class?
- A - MBX summer school courses provide a rigorous, condensed, fast-paced curriculum. A full year curriculum is provided in 6 weeks (traditional) or 20 sessions (Flex).
Students who are also enrolled in sports will have even more time pressures. It is not recommended that students take more than one 2 semester summer school class.
However, students may enroll in two, 1 semester classes, one following the other. Students may enroll in Online Health and a second class during regular summer school hours. This is only advised for juniors or seniors.
Students should not enroll in more than one 2 semester Flex class.

- Q - Can I get a refund if our schedule changes or we change our mind?
- A - Full refunds granted prior to June 1. 60% refund granted between June 1 and June 14 (or day before start of Flex classes).
No refunds after June 14 (start of Flex classes). Transfers to other courses are honored dependent upon availability
- Q - Where are my student's grades posted?
- A - Student's grades will be posted on an MBX Aeries account, which will be provided specific to MBX. This is NOT the Mira Costa login and is not linked to MBUSD. Provide an email address during registration to use for this Aeries account.
- Q - My student is on a wait list for a class? What are the chances a slot will become available?
- A - It is MBX goal to accommodate all students wanting to enroll in summer school. For traditional summer school or online health, students on wait lists for 1 semester courses will, pending available space, be offered a position in the other session. For 2 semester classes, MBX will move students from wait lists once instructors are hired. For Flex classes, wait lists will form for certain ratios of classes, with space available in other ratios. Please sign up for the wait list for the desired ratio and course. You will be contacted, and your student will be moved off the wait list when an instructor is confirmed.
- Q - Does my student need a computer for class?
- A - Students are asked to bring a laptop, Chromebook or notebook computer to class (as well as a charger). Students who do not have one will be provided one for daily use while in class.

- Q - My student has special needs? Will you make accommodations?
- A - MBX receives no Federal or California state funding and operates solely using tuition paid. MBX is committed to ensuring all students enrolled have a positive experience and we make every effort to provide accommodations as outlined in Individualized Education Plans (IEPs). And in accordance with state law, we will always uphold all 504 Accommodation Plans when provided to us.
- If your student has a 504 Plan or IEP, please submit a copy of your student's plan via email to kathy@mbxfoundation.org
- A copy will confidentially be provided to your student's teacher.

- Q - How will my student know where to go on the first day?
- A - For traditional summer school, Teacher and room assignments will be posted to your MBX Aeries account on the Friday prior to the start of summer school (6/12 and 7/2).
- Rosters will be posted on the North windows of the Math/Science Building (facing the teacher parking lot).
- For Flex, schedules will be confirmed via email as soon as instructors are secured. Teachers and room assignments will be posted on the first day of class outside of the summer school officer – Room 242 in the Math/Science Building.

- Q - My student got a D+ in a class. Can he/she remediate this class in the summer?

- A - Mira Costa students earning a D+ or lower may remediate a class. Students enroll only for the semester they need to remediate. Traditional summer school is session specific.

Remedial Classes are available:

Traditional Summer School

Flex

Cyber High

Classes only available for remediation

Spanish 2 (Flex only)

Algebra 1 and 2 (Flex or Cyber High only)

English 9, 10, 11, 12 (traditional or Cyber High)

Q - My student only needs one more year of Spanish to meet UC applications requirements? Can it be taken at MBX Summer School?

A - Spanish 3 is offered in MBX Flex only. It is offered to meet the UC foreign language requirement only. It should not be taken to advance to Spanish 4 at Mira Costa.

Q - When is it appropriate to take Spanish 1?

A - Spanish 1 is offered in MBX Flex only. It is offered for students who want to advance to Spanish 2 at Mira Costa and may have had one year of Spanish in middle school or for students who may have received less than a B in middle school Spanish. Students who take this course and want to enroll in Spanish 2, should contact Mira Costa counselors to arrange for a fluency test upon completion of Spanish 1 in MBX Summer School prior to enrolling in Spanish 2.