

## **FAQ for 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade Students**

### **What will Manual look like for 10-12 grade students next year?**

#### **The highlights of the first year for 10-12 grade students**

- Smaller class sizes
- Smaller counselor to student ratios and increased career/college counseling
- Staff provided increase opportunities for professional development and teaming.
- Opportunities for students to participate in service learning and leadership development
- Upgraded facility and additional technology
- Stronger partnerships with parents

#### **Highlights of the 2009-2010 school year**

- All of the benefits introduced in 2008-09
- Introduction of the Career Academies and Career Pathways
- College preparatory programming for all students
- Increased number of dual credit classes available
- AP class opportunities
- Leadership Academy opportunities
- Stronger partnerships with parents

### **What are Career Academies?**

Self-contained Career Academies will be formed to enroll students in grades 10, 11, and 12. The Career Academies are developed by the school faculty based on instructional strengths, labor market opportunities, and a mix of Academies to cover the major broad career clusters and student personalities. Each Career Academy offers the same common core of demanding academic courses with an appropriate blend of career applications to match the particular Academy theme, so college entrance as well as entry to work is

possible from every Career Academy. Each has its own separate part of the building with a unique entrance; its own faculty for both basic academic courses and Career-focused electives; and its own management team. Counselors are also assigned to each Career Academy.

Manual may have from two to four Career Academies in phase two of implementation... Each Career Academy develops two or three pathways that provide instruction and internships for more specific sets of occupations within the Academy theme.

**What are the expectations of parents?**

The expectation of parents will be the same as those whose students attend the 7-9 grades. For parents that have students currently enrolled, compacts will not affect re-enrollment.

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**NOTE: Students who are currently in the Manual attendance area and will be in grades 10, 11, or 12 in the fall of 2008 are expected to attend Manual High School.**