

**CLASS OF 2029
STUDENT
SCHEDULING
INFORMATION**

HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Last Names A-E: Mrs. Bartholomy

Last Names F-K: Mrs. Bonnell

Last Names L-R: Mrs. Weaver

Last Names S-Z: Mr. Jackson

What do we do?

- Support students in all areas of life: academics, social emotional, career planning
- Everyone should get to know their counselor! If you ever have a question, or just want to say hi, stop in to our office!

TERMS TO KNOW

Credit

- Every semester class is worth 0.5 credit
- If you don't pass a core class, you must take it again
 - 6 credits per year possible
 - 22 credits to graduate

GPA

- Grade Point Average
- Determined at the end of each semester
 - All courses are included
 - Cumulative throughout high school

Prerequisite

- A requirement that must be met before you can take the course

TERMS TO KNOW

Core Course

-English, Math, Science, Social Studies, World Language, VPAA
(visual/performing/applied arts)

Elective Course

-Balance with core courses
-Each year there is more room for electives

Required Course

-Classes you need in order to graduate

Honors Course

-More rigorous, moves more quickly, more homework

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

22 credits are required for graduation

4 Credits of Math (including Algebra I, Geometry , Algebra II, & a senior year math course)

4 Credits of English

3 Credits of Science (including a Physics course, Biology, & Chemistry)

3 Credits of Social Studies (including World History, US History, Government & Economics)

2 Credits of the same World Language

1 Credit of VPAA (Visual/Performing/Applied Arts)

0.5 Credit of Health

0.5 Credit of PE*

0.5 Credit of Personal Finance

*There are 3 options to meet the PE requirement. 1. Take Lifetime Fitness and Wellness or Lifetime Sports and Wellness before you graduate. 2. Participate in two seasons of a Bulldog Power Sport in grades 9-11. 3. Or complete two seasons of Marching Band. AND complete the PE Waiver Form.

COURSES FOR 9TH GRADE

Required Courses

-English 9 **OR** Honors English 9 (departmental approval)

-World History **OR** Honors World History

-Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Honors Algebra 2 (**determined by your math teacher**)

-Intro to Physics **OR** Physics

COURSES FOR 9TH GRADE

Elective Options

German 1/2 **OR** Spanish 1/2

*Spanish/German I taken in middle school counts toward this requirement.

-Health & Physical Education (.5 credit of each is required for graduation)

-Health

-Lifetime Fitness and Wellness **OR** Lifetime Sports and Wellness

-Bulldog Power (does not meet the high school PE requirement)

*PE Waivers are available for students that participate in two seasons of a qualifying sport in grades 9-11, or who participate in two seasons of marching band.

COURSES FOR 9TH GRADE

Elective Options Continued

Visual/Performing/Applied Arts (VPAA) (one credit required for graduation)

- Foundation of Media, Video & Photo

 - Foundation of Visual Arts

 - Intro to Computer Science

 - STEM (Drafting)

 - Intro to Acting

 - Choir

 - Band

 - Jazz Band

 - Orchestra

 - Jazz Orchestra (by audition)

COURSES FOR 9TH GRADE

Elective Options Continued

- Business Law
- Intro to Business
- Student Life and Leadership
- Success Lab (semester or year-long, counselor approval required)

HONORS CLASSES

Why take Honors in 9th Grade?

- You are ready for a challenge
- You work well independently
- You want to go further in a certain subject area
- Because it is best for you, not because others are doing it

Prerequisites:

- Honors English 9: B+ or higher in both semesters of English 8 AND Review of MAP scores
- Honors World History: B+ or higher in both semesters of English 8 and Social Studies 8 AND Review of MAP scores
- Physics in 9th grade: A/A- in Algebra/Geometry AND A/A- in Science 8 AND Review of MAP scores

HONORS ELA

You should consider taking Honors 9 if...

- You've been successful in 8th grade English with a B+ or better both semesters.
- You're interested in studying and discussing more complex texts.
- You're interested in taking AP English classes later in high school.
- You're considering attending a 4-year college.

You should consider taking English 9 if...

- You're still developing confidence in your reading and writing abilities.
- You need more structured guidance and practice with foundational skills.

Honors 9 and English 9 cover the same standards but approach it in different ways. Honors 9 goes more in-depth and foundational language arts skills and knowledge are assumed.

INTRO TO PHYSICS VS PHYSICS

Math Course Alignment:

- If you are planning to take Algebra 1 as a freshman, you are going to take Intro to Physics.
- If you are planning to take Algebra 2 as a freshman, you should take Physics.
- If you are planning to take Geometry as a freshman, you should consider your work ethic and maturity level.

Additional Questions to Consider:

- Desire to take a higher-level Physics course.
- Physics could be a good fit for those planning to pursue a career that requires physics (engineering, medical, IT, data analysis, astronomy).

Science sequence options:

Intro to Physics > Biology > Chemistry

Physics > Biology > Chemistry

SAMPLE SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULE

Course Name	M-W-F		T-Th
Algebra 1	7:55-8:55		7:55-8:50
Intro To Acting	9:00-10:00		8:55-9:50
World History	10:05-11:05		9:55-10:50
English 9	11:10-12:40	(with lunch)	10:55-12:20
Intro to Physics	12:45-1:45		12:25- 1:20
			FLEX 1:25-1:50
Spanish II	1:50-2:50		1:50-2:50

SCHEDULING PROCESS

2025-2026

You will receive several documents to assist you in scheduling:

- Request form (does not need to be turned in)
 - Instructions for online scheduling
 - Curriculum Guide (sent via email)
- Starting **March 6th**, you may enter your course requests in PowerSchool following the instructions on your request form.
- Using the request form you received will help you complete this process, we encourage you to fill it out before requesting your courses online.

SCHEDULING PROCESS

2025-2026

- Be sure to choose **5 classes** (math will be the 6th class which will be input for you) and **1 credit of an alternate** (“plan B” in case your first choice is not available).
- Choose your alternate(s) wisely; you may end up taking it!
- Requests must be submitted no later than **March 28th at 3:00pm.**

SCHEDULING POLICIES

- Once requests are submitted, they cannot be changed.
- Requests for courses where the prerequisite has not been met will be removed from the student's schedule.
- Requests for teachers, hours, or lunches cannot be accommodated
- Schedules given at registration are considered final. This means no changes to your class during the school year.
- Year long classes cannot be dropped at the semester.**

QUESTIONS?

Please out to your Middle School Counselor first with questions!

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