

CLASS OF 2028 STUDENT SCHEDULING INFORMATION

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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
 - 0.5 for each class you pass each semester
 - 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 (art, band, choir, STEM)
- 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

Required for Graduation (22 Credits)

- 4 Credits of Math (including Alg, Geom, Alg II, math course in the senior year)
- 4 Credits of English
- 3 Credits of Science (*Intro to Physics or Physics, Biology, Chemistry*)
- 3 Credits of Social Studies
 - 1.0 credit World History
 - 1.0 credit US History
 - 0.5 credit Government
 - 0.5 credit Economics
- 2 Credits of World Language
- 1 Credit of VPAA (Visual/Performing/Applied Arts)
- 0.5 Credit of Health
- 0.5 Credit of PE*

*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. Class of 2028 may complete two seasons of Marching Band. AND complete the [PE Waiver Form](#).

Course Options for 9th Grade

REQUIRED COURSES

ENGLISH:

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

SOCIAL STUDIES:

- World History
- Honors World History

MATH:

- Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Honors Algebra 2

SCIENCE: Students choose a 3 year science plan:

- Intro to Physics, Biology, Chemistry
- Physics, Biology, Chemistry

Course Options for 9th Grade

World Language (2 years of the same World Language are required)

- German I or II
- Spanish I or II
- Spanish/ German I or II taken in middle school can count toward this requirement.

ELECTIVE OPTIONS

Health & Physical Education (one semester of Health and one semester of PE* are required for graduation)

- Health
- Lifetime Fitness and Wellness
- 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.

Course Options for 9th Grade

ELECTIVE OPTIONS

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)

Course Options for 9th Grade

ELECTIVE OPTIONS

Business Courses

- Business Law
- Intro to Business

Miscellaneous

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

Honors Classes in 9th Grade

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
- Review of MAP scores

Honors World History

- B+ or higher in both semesters of English 8 and Social Studies 8
- Review of MAP scores

Honors Classes in 9th Grade

Physics in 9th grade

- A/A- in Algebra or Geometry and A/A- in Science 8
- Review of MAP scores
- Desire to take a higher-level Physics course. The course is typically offered to 11th grade students.
- 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

| <u>Course Name</u> | <u>M-W-F</u> | <u>T-Th</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Algebra 1 | 7:55-8:55 | 7:55-8:50 |
| 2 Intro To Acting | 9:00-10:00 | 8:55-9:50 |
| 3 World History | 10:05-11:05 | 9:55-10:50 |
| 4 English 9 | 11:10-12:40 (W/ lunch) | 10:55-12:20 |
| 5 Intro to Physics | 12:45-1:45 | 12:25- 1:20 |
| | | <u>FLEX</u> |
| 6 Spanish II | 1:50-2:50 | 1:25-1:50 |
| | | 1:50-2:50 |

3 lunches with mixed grade levels

2024-2025 Scheduling Process

- 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 8, 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.

2024-2025 Scheduling Process

- Be sure to choose 5 classes (math will be the 6th) and 1 credit of an alternate (plan B in case your first choice is not available)
- Choose your alternate wisely; you may end up taking it!
- Requests must be submitted no later than March 22.

2024-2025 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

Students should email questions to their counselor:

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