

CURRENT 8th Grade Registration

School year: 2018 - 2019

Thoughts About High School

- Excited
- Nervous
- Confused
- High School tour in the spring, 9th grade orientation before school starts in the summer

Terms

“Term” = “Quarter”

Transcripts

- Transcript starts day 1 of 9th grade
- What is on your transcript?
 - **Permanent academic record**
 - GPA, (12.0, not 4.0) Class rank (1/145), Classes, Grades, Credits
 - Each quarter it updates
- You will have to make up any required failed classes it sets you back from taking classes you want to take

Credits / Blocks

- What is a credit?
- How many credits do I need to graduate?
- How does the block system work?
 - 90 min classes ... you can take a year of classes in half a year
- What is a skinny class?
 - 45 mins classes (Choir / Band / 9th grade Alg 1 / 9th grade Social Studies). Year long (just like it is in the MS)

EHS requirements vs. 4 Year College Requirements

- 3 years of math (some require 4 years)
 - 3.5 years of social studies
 - 4 years of English
 - 3 years of science, inc. a lab (Chem/Anat)
 - 2 years of Spanish (not required to graduate from HS)
 - .5 Relationships
 - .5 Personal Finance or Independent Living
 - .5 Health (8th grade Health for most)
- ***“Year” = half a year with the block system

2 Year College Bound Students

- Same requirements to graduate from high school, except some health programs require up through chemistry and/or anatomy.
- Every college is different. When in doubt, check the college's website.

Music Students

- Must register for entire year of music.
 - This will take up 4 lines.
 - If in band and choir - only use 4 lines; not 8
- Single music students
 - Intro to Theatre, Art 1, Comp 1, Personal Finance
 - Write the study hall or skinny class on a music line (since it combines to make one full block)
 - So, total the single music and study hall will only take up 4 lines

Study Hall

Cannot register for study halls except single music students.

If you end up with a block study hall in your schedule- it means you need to come to the counseling office and choose another class.

PLTW

- PLTW classes are for students who are strong in math and science and are interested in an engineering field.
- You can take Intro to Eng in 9th grade along with biology (instead of int science 9).
- Then you need to register for Princ of Eng during your 10th grade year to get the science credit you missed.

Earning College Credit

- Advanced Placement Classes
 - Cannot take any as a 9th grader
- PLTW classes
 - Intro to Engineering
- College level classes (more rigorous)
- Earn college credit (saves time and money)

Earning College Credit

- Transcribed Classes available to 9th graders:
 - Plant Science (9-12) (also a science credit)
 - Sales and Marketing / Advertising (9-12)
 - Horse/Dairy/Livestock (9-12)
- *Transcribed Credit* - Direct credit from CVTC. Upon successful completion, grades are posted to an official transcript from the college and tabulated into your college GPA. Generally transferrable to other colleges.
- *Advanced Standing* - Credit is delayed until you apply to CVTC or another technical school in WI. You can earn the credit, but the grade does not apply to your college GPA. Must earn a B or better.

Signatures

- Parent
- Math
- Science teacher if you are taking any PLTW classes
- We will not allow you to register without all signatures

Classes that Run Longer Than 1 Quarter

- If a class runs longer than 1 quarter, it will have 1 number with A - D after each term
 - Math, Spanish, Science, AP
 - Alg 1A, Alg 1B (225-SA & B)
 - Span. 1A, Span. 1B
 - These classes need 2 lines
 - Choir/Band needs 4 lines

Math & Social Studies

- If in Algebra 1 or Algebra 1 CORE, you'll be in a 3rd block skinny opposite Social Studies
- If in Geometry, you will not have a 3rd block skinny and should register for the block Social Studies classes (different course numbers)

Skinny: World Geography- #412A Social Studies Essentials- #413

Block: World Geography- #410 Social Studies Essentials-#411

Fees / Pre-Reqs

- Be aware that there are fees for some classes (check the course description book)
- A pre-requisite is a class that you have to take before you can take a certain class (check the book)

Career Plans of Study

- If you aren't sure what elective classes to take, refer to the career plans of study in the course description book.
 - Example - A career in the Human Services career cluster - what classes would be recommended to take in HS? (Psychology, Child Care, etc)

Plan, Plan, Plan

- Give this some thought. It is not always easy for us to make schedule changes (domino effect)
- You also need many signatures to add or drop a class
- Only get the first two days of the current quarter to make schedule changes. Make schedule changes ahead of time

Options

- You will have more options as you progress throughout high school
- Freshmen have the most required classes
- Look through your course description books. It will give you all the info you'll need to make informed decisions about classes

Next Steps

- **Promo Fair**- Jan 3rd from 1-5pm
- When is your registration sheet due? **January 5** to Mrs. Helgeson
- **How will you register?** In school, online. Registration forms must be filled out and include all signatures- on Jan 19
- Need help? Mrs. Kylo is here to help
- You'll come visit the high school in April for a tour
- You'll receive your schedules at the August Orientation