

## Newtown High School Transition Class of 2025

Preparing for High School is a very exciting time and there are several important dates to note!

\*On **February 3**, a video will be available for incoming 9th grade families to view. It will include clips from NHS teachers, athletics, counselors, and more! The video will be available at 7pm and can be viewed [here](#).

\*On **February 11** the NHS HAWKS Honors Society students will be virtually attending all 8th grade classes! The HAWKS students will speak about life at NHS, electives, sports, and clubs, as well as answer students' questions. This Q&A will be a live virtual session held during school hours.

\*On **February 17**, students and parents will be able to log into PowerSchool's parent portal to view recommendations for 9th grade courses. 8th grade cluster and world language teachers' recommendations are based on a rubric that is provided by NHS. To view the rubric, please click on the image below:

### Criteria for 9th Grade Academic Course Recommendations

#### English Courses

All incoming freshmen will be recommended for **College Prep English I** unless they meet the following criteria. Students with an average of 95 or above in 8<sup>th</sup> grade English who have demonstrated they are avid readers and are self-directed, self-motivated, independent thinkers who consistently complete homework (at least 95% of the time), who have consistently scored at or above the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile on the NWEA Reading assessment, and who demonstrate skilled writing ability across multiple genres will be recommended for **Honors English I**.


Students interested in enrolling in **Journalism** in 9th grade must meet the criteria for **Honors English I** listed above and must seek a recommendation from their 8th grade Language Arts teacher by February 26, 2018. A successful Journalism student possesses strong writing skills, strong interpersonal skills, and an ability to meet deadlines 100 percent of the time. The course relies on these traits to produce a monthly edition of The Hawkeye, the NHS school newspaper. Furthermore, the course requires students work as part of a team to complete tasks.

\*Starting **March 1**, the NHS school counselors will meet virtually with all middle school students to begin creating their schedules for next year. **All students will have their own individual 10 minute pre-scheduled appointment. Students should prepare by reviewing the online program of studies and selecting 5 electives they would like to take.** Prior to March 1, school counselors will go to 8th grade learning labs to answer students' questions about the transition and help them prepare for the high school meetings. Click the image below to view the entire program of studies:

**NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL**



**2021-2022  
PROGRAM OF STUDIES**

The program of studies contains links you can click on. Download the program of studies by clicking the down arrow  on the top right of the screen for the clickable links. If on a Chromebook, download and then choose to open the document in folder on the bottom right of the screen.

\*Click the image below for a Course Offerings Cheat Sheet. This sheet has all available classes at NHS in one place so you can quickly see what you can take as a 9th grader.



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's middle school counselor Mrs. Broccolo (8 Green & 8 Purple) or Ms. Underberger (8 Blue & 8 Red) or the NHS Counseling Department at (203) 426-7651.

All of this information and more can be found in the Incoming & Current Freshman section on the NHS School Counseling Webpage, found here:

<https://sites.google.com/newtown.k12.ct.us/school-counseling-office/incoming-freshman>