

Incoming 9th Graders

BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL
COURSE SELECTION FORM: 2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

STUDENT NAME: _____ HOMEROOM: _____

TEACHERS' RECOMMENDATIONS:

Course descriptions can be found in the Program of Studies at <http://www.belmont.k12.ma.us/bps/bhs/School-Information/Program-of-Studies>

CP – College Placement H – Honors NL – No Level

DEPARTMENT	COURSE NAME	COURSE #	LEVEL (Circle)	CREDITS	TEACHER'S INITIALS
English	English 9		CP (110) H (112)	5	
Foreign Language			CP H	5	
Mathematics			CP H	5	
Science	Physics		CP (504) H (503)	5	
Social Studies	World History		CP (610) H (612)	5	
PE/Health	Wellness I	905	NL	2	REQUIRED
Library	Digital Citizenship	023	NL	1	REQUIRED

ELECTIVE CHOICES:

Incoming 9th graders can select from the courses listed in the table below. Please put a 1, 2 or 3 next to your first, second and third choice electives. You must sign up for a total of 5 credits in electives (one 5 credit course or two 2.5 credit courses).

DEPARTMENT	COURSE NAME	COURSE # (Circle)	CREDITS
Visual and Performing Arts	— Drawing and Painting 1 (CP)	CP (801)	5
	— 3D Art 1 (CP)	CP (845)	5
	— Photography 1 (CP)	CP (815)	5
	— Freshman Women's Choir (H)	H (720)	5
	— Men's Chorale (H)	H (834)	5
	— Concert Orchestra (H)	H (893)	5
	— Chamber Orchestra (H) – <u>requires teacher's initials and audition</u>	H (899)	5
	— Symphonic Band (H)	H (894)	5
	— Acting 1	CP (818)	5
	— Electronic Music (CP)	CP (863)	2.5
	— Guitar	CP (836)	2.5
	— Animation 1	CP (849)	2.5
	— Digital Art 1	CP (851)	2.5
Science	— Intro. to Robotics	H (737)	5

Parents: Please review the teachers' recommendations prior to signing the form. If you have any questions, please contact the specific teacher.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

If applicable, course placement review form(s) must be completed and submitted together with this course selection form. In addition to a parent/guardian's signature on the form, parent/guardians must have a conversation with the teacher.

COURSE SELECTION PROCESS

- Students *must* register for the equivalent of six full year courses, as well as two credits of Wellness.
- Please refer to the Program of Studies for information about prerequisites and course descriptions; the Program of Studies and course placement review forms can be found at: <http://www.belmont.k12.ma.us/bps/bhs/Departments/Guidance/Course-Selection>
- **Teachers will recommend all core courses by writing in the course number, circling the appropriate level (college preparatory or honors), and signing their initials.**
- Students must submit the completed form (including parent's/guardian's signature) **no later than March 22, 2018; completed forms can be turned in during homeroom. If applicable, completed course placement review forms must be turned in at the same time.**

ONCE THE SCHOOL YEAR HAS BEGUN

Course selection changes must be initiated by the deadline of March 22, 2018, changes after this deadline cannot be considered.

There is no Add/Drop period at the high school. Course changes will only be considered for students who are misplaced in terms of their ability relative to the level of the course in which they are currently enrolled. To move down, misplacement will be evidenced by a lack of academic progress despite consistent effort and regular attendance at extra help sessions. To move up, students will have to demonstrate mastery of course material; for example, achieving an A+ for the first quarter grade in their current class. In addition:

- Course changes will only be considered during the two weeks following the end of first quarter.
- Must meet the approval of the current teacher and associated director.
- May not be granted if moving the student causes sections to be over or under enrolled.

Note: Changes outside the two week period will only be considered for extreme circumstances and must bear administrative approval.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- **Ninth-grade students must take Wellness I (905) to fulfill their physical education requirements. Students will be assigned to either a full year (2 x week) or semester (4 x week) Wellness class.**

LIBRARY

- All ninth-grade students are also placed into a one quarter Digital Citizenship Course.

ELECTIVES

- **Students will mark their first, second and third choices for an elective on the front of this sheet.**
- While every effort is made to give students their first choice, conflict can happen between electives and required courses and course enrollment must be balanced out. We asked you to rate your electives in an effort to expedite the scheduling process. This will allow the counselor to substitute one of these choices immediately. Failure to choose additional choices could mean getting an elective you would not choose.