



Welcome  
Class of 2022!

*We can't wait to see all of the  
great things you'll do in  
high school!*





# How to Build a Ninth Grade Schedule

Homestead High School  
Class of 2022



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# Ninth Grade Scheduling: The Basics

- o Three diploma pathways (see packet)
  - o Core 40
  - o Core 40 with Academic Honors
  - o Core 40 with Technical Honors
- o Next month we will begin working with students to build their Ninth Grade Schedule.
- o Next October, Ninth Grade students will work with counselors and parents to revise their working four year graduation plan

# Ninth Grade Scheduling: The Basics

- The schedule built for next year will begin students on **any** of the diploma pathways
- Seven course selections per semester, 14 total for the Ninth Grade year
- All students must take **English**, **Mathematics**, and **Science** during their Ninth Grade year

# Ninth Grade Scheduling: The Basics

- A student who takes 6 courses and a study hall or seminar (a not-for-credit course) each semester, every year, will still earn **48 credits by graduation**.
  - 47 credits are required to achieve the Core 40 with Academic Honors
- Students who are involved in **sports or extra/co-curricular activities** may want to consider taking only 6 courses and seminar.



# English

**Two  
Choices**

**English 9A/B  
College Prep  
E101/E102**

**Required Summer  
Reading**

**Honors English  
9A/B**

**E101H/E102H  
Required Summer  
Reading**

# English

- o Students who wish to qualify for Honors English 9 should have a strong academic record in grade 8 English (B+ or higher) and achievement indicative of student talent and diligence.

They must meet ONE of the following qualification criteria:

- o NWEA Language Usage and Reading scores at the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile during grades 7 or 8 OR
- o Pass+ designation on the E/LA ISTEP+ test at the end of grade 7 or grade 8 OR
- o Passing score on High School Honors English Department Exam that is given in the Spring.

Summit Honors English Placement Test: Wed., Feb. 7

Woodside Honors English Placement Test: Thurs. Feb. 8



# English continued...

## ◊ Note:

- ◊ Only students who have achieved the aforementioned criteria will be allowed to select Honors English.
- ◊ There is an appeal process for students who do not automatically qualify for Honors English.

# Mathematics

- Math courses are sequential.
- Students currently taking Algebra in middle school may enroll in **Geometry**.
- Students who are currently in advanced Math (Geometry or Algebra II) will advance to the next step: **Honors Algebra II** or **Honors Pre-Calculus w/ Trigonometry**
- All other students will enroll in **Algebra (M101/M102)**



# Mathematics Continued...

8th Grade

9th Grade

10th Grade

11th Grade

Algebra

Geometry

Algebra II

Pre-Calculus  
w/  
Trigonometry

Geometry

Honors  
Algebra II

Honors Pre-Calculus  
w/ Trigonometry

Honors Pre-Calculus  
with Finite  
**OR**  
AP Statistics  
**OR** Honors Calculus

Algebra II

Honors Pre-  
Calculus w/  
Trigonometry

Honors Pre-calculus  
with Finite  
**OR**  
AP Statistics

Honors Pre-calculus  
with Finite  
**OR**  
AP Calculus

# Mathematics Continued...

- o Students must earn at least **6 credits** in math while in high school.
- o Additionally, all students must be enrolled in a mathematics or quantitative reasoning course each school year in high school.
- o Many universities (including IU and Purdue) require students to complete up through **Pre-Calculus with Trigonometry**.



# Science

o There are 3 options in Science:

Physics First - Placement Only (S191/S192)

Biology (S111/S112)

Honors Biology (S111H/S112H)

o **NOTE:** Students must have a teacher recommendation in order to take **Honors Biology**. (see Science Dept. table for more information)

o Science Elective for 9<sup>th</sup> Graders:

Biomedical Sciences: Science teacher recommendations are helpful for Biomed, as students need to be strong in science and reading to be successful.

# Social Studies

- o All students are required to have two semesters of **World History (SS101/SS102)**, beginning in either 9th or 10th grade.
  - o Reading is a critical component of World History
  - o Recommended for a LA Lab? Consider waiting to take World History
- o To qualify for **AP World History (SS101AP/SS102AP)** in 9th Grade, a student must:
  - o Qualify for Honors English OR take the Social Studies Department Exam
  - o It is recommended that students be concurrently enrolled in Honors English 9



# Social Studies continued...

**AP World History - All sophomores are eligible for AP World History without testing.**

# Health & Physical Education

o Please note that ALL diploma types require:

- ONE semester of Health (HPE103)
- TWO semesters of PE (HPE113/HPE213)
- Summer PE can count as either PE1 or PE2

o Students may elect to enroll in advanced physical education and advanced health after completing the above pre-requisites.



# Physical Education 2- Waiver

Only available for grades 9 and 10

- o Students may earn a **PE2** course credit by participating and completing an entire season(s) in one of the following activities:
  - o Homestead IHSAA Sports
  - o Marching Band
  - o Color Guard or Winter Guard
  - o Dance Team (Junior Varsity or Varsity)
  - o Cheerleading (9<sup>th</sup>, JV, or Varsity- must complete two consecutive seasons.
  - o Show Choir (Elite or Class Royale)
- o Interested students should apply at the start of the semester of their qualifying activity [If they have taken or are scheduled to take PE1](#)
- o Information is emailed to parents/students every semester. Application available on guidance webpage

# World Language

- o Many universities (including IU and Purdue) require students to have **at least two years of a World Language**.
- o To graduate with a Core 40 with Academic Honors Diploma, a student must complete:
  - o 3 years of one language
  - or
  - o 2 years each of two languages.
- o Homestead offers: **French, German, Latin, Spanish, and Spanish for Heritage Speakers**



# Middle School Credits: Math and World Language

- o Do middle school math and world language credits count in high school?
  - o **Yes, they can.** This is a family choice/decision.
- o Grades and credits earned by taking high school courses at the middle school level will automatically transfer to the high school transcript.
  - o Both semesters of the middle school course will be included on your transcript.
  - o If desired, the family must request to have these grades and credits removed from the transcript.

# Middle School Credits: Math and World Language

- If a student chooses to repeat a course in high school that was taken in middle school, the highest grade will be placed on the transcript
- It is recommended that students retake a course if they receive lower than a B in a middle school course that provides high school credit.



# Personal Finance Requirement - Option 1

- The state of Indiana requires all students to demonstrate personal financial literacy prior to graduation
- Homestead courses that meet this requirement :
  - FC103 Adult Roles and Responsibility
  - B243 Personal Financial Responsibility
  - B113 Preparing for College and Careers

# Personal Finance

## Test-out Option 2

Students will be afforded the opportunity to **test out** of a personal finance course during their **9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade year**.

- Students will have access to study materials via Canvas and will be encouraged to study and prepare for the exam
- Students must earn an 85% on the test to pass
- **This test-out is optional**
- Schedule changes **will not** be honored as a result of testing out of the class



# Electives Overview

There are some courses which a student should start as a freshmen in order to participate in the advanced levels of study or opportunities.

## Intro Classes to Consider:

- o Journalism 1 & 2 - will lead to Newspaper, Yearbook
- o Intro to Radio & TV- can lead to either Radio Broadcasting or TV Broadcasting
- o Intro level art courses, such as Intro 2D Art and Intro 3D Art - Allow students to choose advanced drawing and painting courses
- o Engineering Project Lead The Way: PLTW I through PLTW IV
- o Biomedical Project Lead The Way: Biomedical I through Biomedical IV
- o Computer Science Project Lead the Way
- o Child Development and Advanced Child Development: Future Teachers



# FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Adult Roles and Responsibilities

Intro to Fashion and Textiles (1 & 2)

Intro to Housing and Interior Design

Education Professions (1 & 2)

Nutrition & Wellness: Foods 1

Adv. Nutrition & Wellness: World Cultures  
& Cuisine

Adv. Nutrition & Wellness: Baking

Adv. Life Sciences: Foods

Child Development

Advanced Child Development





# Performing & Visual Arts

# Performing

- o Theatre Arts
- o Tech. Theatre
- o Applied Music: Guitar
- o Beg. Concert Choir
- o Beg. Concert Band
- o Jazz Ensembles
- o Beg. Orchestra
- o Music Theory & Composition  
(1 & 2)
- o Dance Performance (Aux.-Guard)
- o Dance Performance (I, II, and III)

# Visual





# Business

- ✓ Intro. to Business
- ✓ Personal Financial Responsibility
- ✓ Principles of Marketing
- ✓ Prep. for College & Careers
- ✓ Digital Apps & Responsibility
- ✓ Computer Science 1 (PLTW)
- ✓ Radio & TV
- ✓ Website Design
- ✓ Accounting





# Engineering & Technology



- Intro to Engineering Design (PLTW-1 )
- Women in Engineering (PLTW 1)
- Transportation Systems
- Intro. to Manufacturing
- Intro. To Advanced Manufacturing
- Construction Systems

# Sample 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule

- English 9
- Algebra
- Biology
- Elective or World History
- Elective or World Language
- Elective or PE/Health/Prep for College and Careers (one semester each)
- Elective or Seminar



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# Next Step for Students

- o Refer to Ninth Grade Academy Course Description Guide
  - o <http://homestead.sacs.k12.in.us/Guidance>
- o Email your counselor with remaining questions
  - o [abraman@sacs.k12.in.us](mailto:abraman@sacs.k12.in.us)
  - o [jscheiber@sacs.k12.in.us](mailto:jscheiber@sacs.k12.in.us)
- o Complete the **Course Selection Worksheet** including **teacher signatures** for recommendation
- o Review course selection sheet with 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselors and be prepared to turn them in on the following dates:
  - Summit: Feb 13 & 14
  - Woodside: Feb 15 & 16



# Important Information

- Ø Requests for course changes cannot be honored after June 6, 2018 at 2:45 PM. Teacher assignments and enrollments are determined by student course selection.
- Ø HHS does not allow for students or parents to request a specific teacher. Schedules are determined by course request through automated computer scheduling.

# **Important Dates**

## **Mark your calendar!**

**Final Exam dates for 2018-2019 - plan ahead!**

**Taking final exams, prior to the assigned dates below, will not be permitted.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Semester Exams: Dec. 19, 20, 21**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Exams: May 24, 28, 29**

**Ninth Grade Orientation – for all students!**

**Thursday, August 9, 2018**



**Welcome Parents of  
Homestead High School's  
Class of 2022**



**Jennifer Bay  
Assistant Principal**

# We will work together to prepare your son/daughter for tomorrow's opportunities!



## Communicate Intentionally and Respectfully:

- Support Opportunities that challenge YOUR son/daughter!
- Ensure that you Stay Connected!
- Build Trust!



# Tonight you will gain

Increased awareness /personal understanding of the opportunities at Homestead High School.

## Reminders:

- Visit Resource Tables
- Cherish Every Moment
- Take Time to Talk



# Begin the transition NOW:

- Summer Reading
- Organizational Skills – planner? YES!
- Timeliness – get there on time/turn it in on time
- Goal Setting – short and long term
- Study Habits – build strategies

## Contact US and Stay Connected:

Phone

School Website

Email

Facebook

Twitter

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