

WELCOME

Robbinsville High School

8th Grade

Academic Planning 2020

School Counselor Assignment

Class of 2024

A - E	Mrs. Cruz
F - Ka	Mrs. Vavra
Kb - Pa	Ms. Schmid
Pb – Sin	Ms. Richard
Sio - Z	Mrs. Walker

Counselors are assigned to students in 9th grade and remain with the student until graduation.

Student Assistance Counselor: Mrs. Hernandez

RHS Counseling Dept. Secretary: Mrs. Lubbers

Agenda

- ☐ Graduation Requirements
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Graduation Requirements

- ☐ 4 years of English
 - ☐ 3 years of Science:
 - ☐ Physics, Chemistry, & Biology
 - ☐ 3 years of History:
 - ☐ US History I, US History II, World History
 - ☐ 2 years of World Languages (consecutive) Students must choose two World Language options. (one is an alternate)
 - ☐ 1 year of Health/Physical Education for each year enrolled
 - ☐ 3 years of Mathematics
 - ☐ Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, PreCalculus, etc.
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Required Courses for 9th Graders

- ☐ English I or English I Honors
 - ☐ US History I or US I Honors
 - ☐ Physics, Physics Honors, or AP Physics 1
(Based upon Math placement)
 - ☐ Health & PE I
 - ☐ World Language
 - ☐ Math Course – Based upon current placement
 - ☐ Elective Courses – Your choice
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9th Grade Mathematics Placement Requirements

☐ ***Algebra 1 (5 credits) Prerequisites:**

Current Algebra 8, Part 1 assessment average of 74 or less

All current Math 8 students

☐ ***Algebra 1, Part 2 (5 credits) Prerequisites:**

Current Algebra 8, Part 1 assessment average of 75 or more

Current Algebra 8 assessment average of 74 or less

**A passing Algebra 1 NJSLA score is a NJ High School Graduation Requirement .*

**We will offer a math support class named Math Lab 9 (5 credits) for students in Algebra 1 and Algebra 1, Part 2 that demonstrate need.*

9th Grade Mathematics Placement Requirements

☐ Algebra II Prerequisites:

Current Algebra 8 Assessment average of 75-96

Current Algebra 8 Accelerated Assessment average of 70-84

☐ Algebra II Honors Prerequisites:

Current Algebra 8 Assessment average of 97-100

Current Algebra 8 Accelerated Assessment average of 85 – 100

9th Grade Mathematics Placement Requirements

☐ Geometry Prerequisite:

Current Algebra II Honors Assessment Average 84% or less

☐ Geometry Honors* Prerequisite:

Current Algebra II Honors Assessment Average of 85% or higher

*Students placed in Geometry Honors have the option of choosing AP Physics 1 for their science placement.

Option: Doubling Up in Honors Math

- ❑ 8th graders currently in Algebra I Accelerated with an “A+” average have the option to take both Geometry Honors and Algebra II Honors at the same time next year.
 - ❑ Sequence of Math:
 - 9th Grade: Algebra II Honors & Geometry Honors
 - 10th Grade: Pre-calculus Honors
 - 11th Grade: Calculus Honors, AP Calculus AB, or AP Calculus BC
 - 12th Grade: AP Statistics or Multivariable Calculus
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Science Placement based upon Math Placement

- ☐ Algebra 1 & Algebra 1, Part 2 = Physics
 - ☐ Algebra 2 = Physics or Physics Honors
 - ☐ Algebra 2 Honors = Physics or Physics Honors
 - ☐ Geometry = Physics or Physics Honors
 - ☐ Geometry Honors = Physics, Physics Honors, or AP Physics 1
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AP Physics 1 Prerequisite

- ❑ Completion of Algebra 2 Honors in 8th grade with an assessment average of an 85% or higher
 - ❑ We currently have 20 ninth graders enrolled in AP Physics 1 for this year
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Experiences aNd Success!

Students are expected to have a TI-83+ or TI-84 graphing calculator, as they are used extensively in each mathematics course, required state testing, and AP Examinations.

Typical Mathematics Course Sequencing

Sequence	9th grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
1	Algebra 1	Algebra 2	Geometry	Probability & Statistics
				Algebra 3/Trig
2	Algebra 1, Part 2	Algebra 2	Geometry	Probability & Statistics
				Algebra 3/Trig
3	Algebra 2	Geometry	Algebra 3/Trig	PreCalculus
			PreCalculus	Probability & Statistics
				Probability & Statistics
4	Algebra 2 Honors	Geometry Honors	PreCalculus Honors *	Calculus Honors*
				AP Calculus AB*
				AP Calculus BC*
5	Geometry Honors and Alg 2 Honors	PreCalculus Honors*	Calculus Honors*	AP Calculus BC*
			AP Calculus AB*	AP Calculus BC*
			AP Calculus BC*	Multivariable Calculus*

*AP Statistics can be taken any time after Geometry Honors or PreCalculus

Elective Graduation Requirements

- ☐ Electives
 - ☐ *1 year or 5 credits in Visual and Performing Arts*
 - ☐ *1 year or 5 credits in 21st Century Skills*
(Family Consumer Science, Business, & Technology)
 - ☐ *1 semester or 2.5 credits Technology*
 - ☐ *1 semester or 2.5 credits Financial Literacy “Personal Finance”*
 - *(Can begin to take in Sophomore Year)*
 - ☐ *Community service requirement of 30 hours*
 - *Students can begin to acquire hours starting in September 2020*
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Elective Graduation Requirements

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Elective Graduation Requirements

The following are courses that meet the visual and performing arts requirement:

Art Fundamentals	RHS Concert Choir	Concert Band
Advanced Art Fundamentals	Chamber Choir	Instrumental Percussion
Drawing I, II	Music in Society	Jazz Ensemble
Painting I, II	Music Theory I, II	Recording Lab
Sculpture I, II	AP Music Theory	Vocal Technique
AP Art History	Theater I, II, III	Theater Design
Portfolio Development	Engineering Design & Fabrication	Digital Fabrication
Digital Design I, II	Engineering Graphics & Design	Web Design I, II
Engineering Principles	Computer Animation	
Homes, Architecture & Interior Design		

The following are courses that meet the technology requirement:

Recording Lab	Digital Design I, II	Engineering Graphics & Design
Computer Animation	Web Design I, II	Engineering Principles
Multimedia	Digital Fabrication	Electronics Engineering
Robotics Engineering I, II	Engineering Design & Fab.	Intro. Computer Science I, II
AP Computer Science A		

The following are courses that meet the 21st century skills requirement:

Digital Design I, II	AP Computer Science A	Engineering Graphics & Design
Computer Animation	Web Design I, II	Engineering Principles
Multimedia	Digital Fabrication	Electronics Engineering
Robotics Engineering I, II	Engineering Design & Fab.	Computer Science I, II
Intro. to Business	Accounting	Business Law
Marketing	Advertising	Virtual Enterprise
Career Exploration	Clothing: Fashion & Fabrics	Culinary Arts
Structured Learning Experience	Childhood Development I, II	Baking

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Bell Schedule

Classes are approximately 85 minutes long and there are 5 minutes in between each block.

Doors Open at 7:20am

Block 1 – 7:30am – 8:54am

Block 2 – 8:59am – 10:28am

Block 3 –

Lunch 1: 10:33am – 11:03am

Class- 11:08am – 12:36pm

Lunch 2: 11:20am – 11:50am

Class – 10:33am – 11:15am/11:55am – 12:36pm

Lunch 3: 12:06pm – 12: 36pm

Class- 10:33am – 12:01pm

Block 4 – 12:41pm - 2:05pm

Bus Dismissal: 2:12pm

Sample 9th Grade Schedule

(Algebra I, Algebra I, Part 2, Algebra II)

A DAY

Block 1A: English I

Block 2A: Health & PE I

Block 3A: Physics

Block 4A: Digital Design

B DAY

Block 1B: Algebra I
Algebra I, Part 2/Algebra II

Block 2B: US History I

Block 3B: Fundamental Art

Block 4B: Italian I

Sample 9th Grade Schedule

(Doubling Up in Math)

A Day

- ☐ Block 1A: English I
- ☐ Block 2A: Health & PE
- ☐ Block 3A: French I
- ☐ Block 4A:
Geometry Honors

B Day

- ☐ Block 1B: Culinary Arts
 - ☐ Block 2B: US History I
 - ☐ Block 3B: Physics Honors
 - ☐ Block 4B:
Algebra II Honors
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New Jersey Student Learning Assessment “NJSLA” Graduation Requirement Class of 2023 (9th Grade) and Beyond

As of July 30, 2019, we have not received any new graduation information from the NJ Department of Education. We are acting on the information we currently have. We will notify you of any new information as we receive it.

The first pathway to demonstrate proficiency is as follows:

- ☐ For the class of 2023 and beyond, students must **pass NJSLA ELA 10** in order to satisfy the graduation requirement for ELA.
- ☐ For math, students must **pass NJSLA Algebra 1** in order to satisfy the graduation requirement for Math.
- ☐ This graduation requirement includes middle school students who take Algebra 1 in 7th or 8th grade.

***This may change as the NJDOE has not officially approved graduation requirements for the Class of 2023 and beyond.**

NJSLA Graduation Requirement

Class of 2023 (9th Grade) and Beyond

- ❑ If students do not pass NJSLA ELA 10 or Algebra 1:
 - Students can demonstrate proficiency through a **2nd Pathway** or passing with an alternate assessment.
 - If students do not pass the first or second pathway, there is a **3rd Pathway**: students will have to submit a NJDOE portfolio appeal.
 - Supports are in place for students that may need this option:
 - ❑ English Lab
 - ❑ Math Lab 12

For more information, please visit:

- <https://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/parents/GraduationAssessmentRequirements.pdf>
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Honors/AP Criteria at RHS

<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Grade</i>
Academic	Honors	A- or higher
Honors	Honors	B- or higher
Honors	AP	A- or higher

Grades/Weighted GPA

<input type="checkbox"/> Standard	A	=	4.0 scale
<input type="checkbox"/> Honors	A	=	4.8 scale
<input type="checkbox"/> AP	A	=	5.0 scale

Note: RHS does not Rank

Honors Criteria

☐ REQUIRED

- Grade

- Teacher Recommendation

 - ☐ Collaboration with 8th grade teachers

What is an AP course?

- ❑ AP = Advanced Placement
 - ❑ AP Physics 1 is the only AP offered to a 9th grader. Students are required to have Algebra 2 Honors completed prior to enrolling
 - ❑ No more than 3 AP Courses per year
 - ❑ Expectations
 - Viewed as a college course
 - Summer assignments
 - Large amount of independent study
 - Examination given through College Board in May
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Honors Appeals Process

- ❑ Waiver Form for Honors Courses
 - Overall Academic Performance including 3rd & 4th marking period grades
 - Standardized Test Scores
 - Teacher Recommendation
 - Attendance/Discipline Record
 - Waiver Forms will be available at your meeting
 - Waiver Forms must be submitted to the **RHS Counseling Department**
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Scheduling Course Selection Meetings (Pond Only)

On *Friday, February 21st*, *Parent Portal will be open at 9am* allowing you to schedule your high school course selection meeting. Parent Portal will shut down at 5pm on Sunday, March 1st.

An email will be sent out to notify you that it is open.

This is same process on how you schedule conferences with your teachers at Pond.

High School Counselor Assignments are in Parent Portal

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On Friday, February 28th, Mrs. Rotondo will attend all math classes at Pond to answer any questions students may have as they prepare for their course selection meetings.

Course Selection Meetings

Only for Pond Road Students

All meetings are held at Pond Road. All meetings will take place in the media center.

Meeting Dates:

- ☐ **Wednesday, March 4th**
- ☐ **Thursday, March 5th**
- ☐ **Tuesday, March 10th**
- ☐ **Wednesday, March 11th**

Meetings are held every 15minutes starting at 8am through 2pm. Parent Portal will allow you to reserve your time once you select a date. If parents are unable to attend, we will meet with students individually.

Unable to make your appointment?

- ☐ If you need to change your appointment time, please call/email **Mrs. Karen Lubbers, RHS Counseling Department Secretary:**
609.632.0950 x.3029 or
lubbers@robbinsville.k12.nj.us
 - ☐ If needed, we will meet with the eighth student by themselves.
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Spanish Assessment/Placement

☐ Pond Road 8th Grade Students:

- On March 18th and 19th, RHS Spanish teachers will conduct a speaking assessment for 8th grade students at Pond Road. If students would like to continue with Spanish as their world language choice, please note “Spanish” on your course selection form. The RHS teachers will let your school counselor know what Spanish course best fits your needs. A written assessment will be conducted as well. Your 8th grade Spanish teachers will let you know your Spanish course level for next year.

☐ 8th Graders New to District:

- This summer, RHS Spanish teachers will assess students who wish to continue with Spanish as their world language choice. If the student has not taken any Spanish courses, they will be placed into Spanish I.
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Spanish Course Placement Options:

- ☐ Spanish Placement Options:
 - Spanish I
 - Intermediate Spanish I/II
 - Spanish II
 - Spanish III
 - Spanish III Honors
 - ☐ If a student is choosing a new language: Chinese, French, or Italian, an assessment is not required.
 - ☐ *Please note your intended language on your course selection form.*
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New Families to District

New Families to the District need to first register through the central registration office. Once you register, we will make an appointment for you to meet with your RHS school counselor at the RHS Counseling Dept. to complete course selection.

- ☐ Please come prepared with all forms completed and required documents in hand.
 - ☐ New Student Registration is accessed online through the Student Registration Portal. **The online registration portal will open at 9am on Monday, March 2, 2020.**
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Registration is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

Please complete **each of the three steps listed below** in order for the registration to be complete at the time of your appointment.

Step 1: Online Registration Portal

Click on the link to access the **Student Registration Portal**.

The Student Registration Portal is easy to navigate, however, we have provided an option below to access a set of step by step instructions.

Step by Step Student Registration Portal Guide

Step 2: Supplemental Registration Packets

Please complete a Supplemental Registration Packet for each child that you would like to register.

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Genesis Parent Portal

- ☐ Live Teacher Grade Book
 - ☐ Login and Password will remain the same
 - Families new to the district will receive an email once you register with a login and password.
 - ☐ Check grades regularly
 - ☐ View Class Schedule at the end of August
 - ☐ Your Pond login will remain the same at RHS
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Schedule Change

- ☐ Schedules will be available to view through Parent Portal at the end of August.
 - ☐ Convenience or teacher preference will not be considered
 - ☐ Course requests do not guarantee placement in that course
 - ☐ Junior/Senior preference
 - ☐ Some courses may not run
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Activities

□ GET INVOLVED!!!!

- There is something for everyone
 - There will be a club fair during the first two weeks of school for new students to sign up during lunch
 - Mr. Brettell, our athletic director, conducts an information session for new students/parents about RHS sports in June 2020 prior to your arrival. An email will be forthcoming.
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RHS Clubs

Student Council:

Freshman Class, Sophomore Class, Junior Class, Senior Class

Executive Council

Project Unify

Drama

Improv

Unicef

Film

Math League

Model United Nations

Environmental

National Honor Society

Robotics Club

Science Olympiad

Multicultural Club

Chinese Club

Math League

Dance Team

Debate

Interact

Friends of Rachel

Literary Magazine

Yearbook

Gay Straight Alliance

Students Against Destructive Decisions

Future Medical Leaders of America

Human Rights/Amnesty

Naviance Student

<http://connection.naviance.com/robbinsville>

- ☐ Career/College Search Database for Robbinsville School District
 - ☐ Get your password and introduction tutorial at Pond with your middle school counselors.
 - ☐ Link to Naviance Student can be found on the main page of the Pond Road website and also on the RHS website. Your login information will remain the same at RHS. New students to district will obtain their Naviance Student login at your course selection meeting.
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Senior Class Welcome

Welcome to Family Connection! You can use this program to explore your personality, colleges, compare colleges, and track your applications and transcripts. Your counselor will share access to your "Family Connection" screen. Therefore, your first task will be to complete is "My Profile". Be sure to add at least one parent's email address. Counselors are able to email parents through this database. Your next task is to complete the personality inventory called "Do What You Are" from the "My Personality" section on this

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Do What You Are

STEP 1 Intro STEP 2 Take Assessment STEP 3 View Results

This tool will reveal your true personality and provide tips to achieve success, in a way that works for you.

This usually takes less than 20 minutes. To get the best results:

- Relax, there are no right or wrong answers
- Just choose the options that are most like you
- Don't be influenced by what others may expect of you

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Do What You Are

Strengths Explorer

Career Cluster Finder

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Attendance Procedures

The Board of Education requires that the pupils enrolled in the school district attend school regularly in accordance with the laws of the state.

Robbinsville High School reinforces the attendance policy.

Full Year Courses: Maximum of 8 unexcused absences per course

Half Year/Semester Courses: Maximum of 4 unexcused absences per course

Three Unexcused Tardies to a course = 1 Unexcused Absence for that course

Attendance is taken by course not by date. If students go over the allotted days, they will lose credit from their courses even if they have a passing grade. The attendance office will send warning letters home. Attendance hearings are held monthly with an Attendance Committee.

Organizational Tips

- Get an A-Day & B-Day Book Bag
 - Do your homework on the same day it is given
 - A-Day: Do A-Day Homework
 - B-Day: Do B-Day Homework
 - Teachers are in the classroom from 2:05pm – 2:35pm every day to assist students
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Safety/Security Protocols

- ❑ All students, faculty, staff are required to wear their ID cards at all times.
 - It is a \$5.00 to purchase a new ID if you lose one.
 - ❑ Clear bag for PE clothing (**Bags can be purchased in the Main Office for \$5.00**)
 - ❑ Students may carry a clear pencil case.
 - ❑ Students may carry 8.5x5.5 small purse/bag throughout the day.
 - ❑ Students may bring their book bag to school, but they must immediately be stored in the school assigned locker.
 - ❑ Books, notebooks, electronic devices, and water bottles may be carried throughout the day.
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New Student Orientation

- ☐ New Student Orientation is highly encouraged.
 - ☐ Students will receive their homeroom, locker number/combination & print out of their schedule.
 - ☐ **Wednesday, September 2nd** is New Student Orientation. The time is 7:30am – 9:00am.
 - ☐ **Thursday, September 3rd** is the first day of school.
 - ☐ Students will receive bus transportation to/from orientation if they are slated to receive it throughout the school year.
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Course Selection Final Thoughts

- ☐ Take the correct level of course work that is appropriate for *you*. You want to be challenged and successful.
 - ☐ Find the balance among academics, extracurricular activities, and self-care (sleep is very important).
 - ☐ Pursue interests and explore new options.
 - ☐ Plan ahead.
 - ☐ Partner with your school counselor. Ask questions.
 - ☐ Take a deep breath and enjoy this time.
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Thank You

We look forward to working with you over the
next four years!