

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Scheduling Instructions

If you were unable to attend the 8<sup>th</sup> grade scheduling meeting or the parent meeting, you can follow the directions that follow to complete the 9<sup>th</sup> grade Course Selection Form.

Students entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade must request a minimum of 7 credits. Those courses include one each in English, History, Science and Math, which are already filled in on the Course Selection Form. Those course requests are based on the grades the student earned in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade WOLA courses. All students will also have Health/PE on their schedule. Those 4.5 credits are core courses every student must take. The remaining 2.5-3.5 credits are considered elective courses that students can choose from the courses listed in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade Course Selection Book. When selecting elective classes, please make sure you look at the courses available in 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades and that you are registering for any prerequisites, if needed.

When you complete your Course Selection Form, please place your name and phone number at the top. Next to each Core Course area, enter the course number, course name and credit value (1 or .5). It is essential that the course number is accurate; if it is entered incorrectly on the form, it will be entered incorrectly in the system and you will have the wrong course on your schedule. In the Elective area, enter the courses you would most like to take next year in the same way you completed the core courses. Lastly, add the number of credits you would like to take and place that number in the bottom right corner next to the area labeled TOTAL. You must request a minimum of 7 credits and a maximum of 8 credits. If you take 7 credits, you will have 2 study halls and if you take 8 credits, you will have one study hall.

When you have completed the form, discuss your selections with your parents or guardian and email the form to Mr. Kelleher ([dkelleher@athensasd.k12.pa.us](mailto:dkelleher@athensasd.k12.pa.us)). If that is a problem, you can drop the form off in the front lobby at the high school between 8AM and 4PM, Monday through Friday.

### Important information

We use a 4 day cycle at the high school (Days 1, 2, 3, 4 instead of Monday through Friday). Algebra IA and IB have double periods two out of the four days so students in those classes should request no more than 7 credits in order to have a study hall every day.

Foreign Language is not a graduation requirement for our high school. You do not have to take Spanish but, if there is a possibility that your career plans would require you to go to a four year college program, you might need to have two years of a language to gain admission.

Microsoft Office is available to freshmen for Dual Enrollment credit through Keystone College. Please keep in mind that Dual Enrollment courses can be taken without receiving college credit. More information can be found on page VIII of the Course Selection Catalog.

Marching Band and Band Front will still be after school during the first semester (.5) credit.

Concert Band and Orchestra will continue to meet every other day all year (.5).

Concert Choir and Reflections will also meet every other day all year (.5)

Jazz Band (.5) will meet every day in the spring semester. Must be in Band or Orchestra and pass your audition with Mr. Wagaman.

All Northern Tier Career Center (NTCC) programs begin junior year with the exception of Cosmetology, which begins in 10<sup>th</sup> grade. You must finish tenth grade with a minimum of 12 credits to be eligible to attend an NTCC program in 11<sup>th</sup> grade.