

# COMPLETING THE COURSE SELECTION CARD FOR 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Every student will receive a Course Selection card with this instruction sheet.  
**High School Course Description Book information can be found on the web at:**  
<https://www.rochester.k12.mi.us/academics/curriculum/secondary>

## **Box A: Required Courses:**

**ENGLISH:** Students should choose Language Arts 9 or Honors LA9. (See Box on back of card for Honors LA9 info)

**SCIENCE:** At this time, all students will choose Physical Science. (See Box on back of card for Concurrent Science info)

**MATH:** Students must see their current math teacher for placement recommendation and signature. Typically, students are recommended for the next class in the sequence of math courses. It is important that students have a solid foundation in math before moving forward. If you have concerns about moving on to the next course in math, seriously consider repeating your current course.

## **Box B: Required Courses:**

**SOCIAL STUDIES:** Students should choose World History or Big History. (See Box on back of card for Big Hist info)

**WORLD LANGUAGES:** Teacher signature is required for moving on to level 2. Success in Level 1 of language in 8<sup>th</sup> grade (A's & B's) should prepare students for Level 2 of their language in high school. However, students should repeat Level 1 if they are in doubt about their competency in the language. **\*2 credits/years of the same World Language is now a requirement for graduation.**

## **Box C: Elective Choices:**

**ELECTIVES CHOICES:** Students will identify the course number, the course name and the number of semesters (1 or 2) for each course. This information can be found on the back of the course selection card in the "Course Offerings" area. **Only courses listed on the back of the card are being offered next year as options for 9<sup>th</sup> grade students.**

*Tips when choosing electives –*

**Wellness 1, Health or PE Elective:** It's recommended to complete part of the PE requirement in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. See graduation requirements for PE options.

**Band:** Students choosing this elective should sign up for Concert Band. Auditions may be conducted in the spring for students to move to other levels of band.

## **Box D: Optional - Band Choices:**

Check the box and do not include in the total 6 credits when inputting. Your counselor will do this for you.

## **Box E: Alternate Choices:**

**Alternates:** Please select **at least four alternate classes** for elective classes. Sometimes classes are full or cancelled and alternates become very important. ***Cards without alternates will not be accepted!***

## **Box F: Signatures:**

Parent/Guardian and student must both sign the card.

**MORE INFORMATION ON BACK OF SHEET ☺**

**BACK OF CARD: (Information only)**

List of elective course offerings  
Concurrent Science information  
Honors LA 9 information  
Big History information  
Teacher recommendation information

**Cards should be entered into your  
StudentVUE, course requests at**

<https://rcsvue.rochester.k12.mi.us>

**BEFORE you turn your card in** 😊

**Return your COMPLETED survey card to your  
Middle School MAIN OFFICE by:**

**March 11<sup>th</sup> (West & Reuther)**

**RHS counselors return**

**(WEST - March 15th) (REUTHER - March 16th)**