

Scarsdale High School 9th Grade Programs

The 9th grade counseling program for all students focuses on issues of transition, healthy decision making, connection to resources, time management skills, and above all else, developing relationships among students and between dean and students. There are two specific models for 9th grade students, the Freshman Seminar Program and the Civic Education program. Both share interdisciplinary course work in English and Social Studies. Both join together in teams for community building activities and field trips and both focus on a successful healthy transition into the high school.

The differences lie in the following areas beyond the interdisciplinary classroom experience:

| Program | Duration | Frequency | Additional Information |
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| Freshman Seminar | ½ year | 1x/week | Seminar sessions led by dean for 1 st semester, continued for 6 additional weeks with trained peer leaders. Teaming aspects continue for full year. |
| Civic Education (Civ Ed) | 1 year | 3x/week | Community learning and decision making focus. Upperclass advisors lead advisory groups 2x/week; community meeting 1x/week; lottery held for interested students; notify house counselor of interest. |