

Rising 9th Grade Parent Night

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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 4 credits in English
- 4 credits in Math
- 3 credits in Science
- 4 credits in Social Studies
- 1 credit in Health & PE
- 4 credits in Concentration Electives
- 4 credits in Additional electives.
(2 of these must be in CTE, Arts Education, or Second Language)
- 24 Credits Total



*Handout

Concentration Electives

- Four credits in one subject area, focused on student interests and post secondary goals, providing an opportunity for the student to participate in a rigorous, in depth and linked study.
- The concentration may include, *but is not limited to* courses in CTE, ROTC, AP, IB or Arts Educations.

Registration Timeline

Monday, March 14th –

Received cards in first block

Thursday, March 17TH –

Return cards to first block teacher

Pick Up Timeline

Tuesday, March 22ND –

Myers Park HS

Friday, April 1st –

Other area schools

Things to Consider...

- **World Language**: If you are taking French or Spanish I-B right now, you must sign up for level 2 in 9th grade (if you stay with the same foreign language). World Language is a college admissions requirement (at least 2).
- **Math I**: Math I is the foundation for all higher math courses, so you really need to “get” it. Most Math I classes are paired with an Introduction class to be sure you have a full year with the curriculum. This “paired” class will take 2 spots in your schedule!
- **English**: At many CMS schools, English I is paired with an English elective to be sure that first time 9th graders have a full year of English. A “paired” class takes 2 spots in your schedule!

Honors/AP

- To prepare to take AP classes, you should be taking Honors level classes in 9th and 10th grade.
- Advanced Placement classes are college level classes. They are generally available to students in 11th and 12th grade, but some are offered earlier (AP World History).
- At the end of an AP class, students take an exam. If you “pass” the exam, you are eligible for college credit. Colleges determine how much credit is awarded.
- AP is very flexible. You can take as many or as few AP classes as you choose.

International Baccalaureate

- IBMYP stands for IB Middle Years Program, and indicates 9th and 10th grade classes.
- IB is a program for students who are capable and willing to work at a top Honors level in all areas .
- IB is a four year planned course load where students take all courses at a top honors level (Handout).
- Students must complete the planned program, take senior exams in six academic areas, complete a 4000 word essay and yearly community service requirements to receive an IB diploma.
- Students who pass the senior exams are eligible to receive college credit in those areas. Colleges determine the credit awarded.

How to Register for 9th Grade

STEP ONE

- Look over your graduation requirements.
- Look over your registration card to see what your options are.
 - If it isn't listed, you can't sign up for it.

STEP TWO

- Ask your teachers to sign their recommendations for your core classes. *Teachers are asked to follow MP's qualifications when recommending students for IBMYP classes. Primarily As are expected.
- Take a good, hard look at yourself and your past performance and choose your classes carefully. Once you have selected and been scheduled for your courses, it may not be possible to change them in the fall.
- Use a **PENCIL** to make any marks on your registration card – this will allow you to change your mind! White-out is a mess on a yellow card.

STEP THREE

- Be sure that you have a class marked in each of the four core areas (on the front of the card).
- Count all of the classes you have marked and be sure that you have a total of **EIGHT** periods (Some classes are paired with another class so they will take up two periods in your schedule!).
- Choose and mark your electives on side two. **YOU MUST LIST ALTERNATES.**
- Sign your card, get your parent/guardian to sign the card and turn it back in to your 1st block teacher by:
- **THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH**

Hybrid Scheduling

Four By Four

- Most classes in high school are 4 x 4
- Four classes each semester
- A year's worth of credit (and a year's worth of work!) in one semester

A day / B day

- Scheduled for the full year (August through June) on an A/B schedule.
- Performing arts electives, some level 1 or 2 foreign language, PE/Health, etc.
- AP and IB classes that must test in May.
- Must choose even numbers of A/B classes! 😊

Sample Schedule (4x4)

Semester One	Semester Two
Honors English	World History
Foundations Math I	Math I
Earth & Environmental Science	Spanish I
Health & PE	Marketing

Sample Schedule (Hybrid)

Semester 1	Semester 2
Honors English I	Earth & Environmental
Foundations of Math II	Math II
Spanish I (A) AP World History (B)	Spanish 1 (A) AP World History (B)
Health & PE MYIB (A) Orchestra (B)	Health & PE MYIB (A) Orchestra (B)

Sample Schedule IBMYP

English I IBMYP	Math II IBMYP
Honors Earth & Environmental Science IBMYP	World History IBMYP
Health & PE IBMYP	Biology IBMYP
French II	Speech & Debate I

CALCULATING YOUR GPA

STANDARD	HONORS (WEIGHTED)	AP/IB (WEIGHTED)
A = 4	A = 4.5	A = 5
B = 3	B = 3.5	B = 4
C = 2	C = 2.5	C = 3
D = 1	D = 1.5	D = 2
F = 0	F = 0	F = 0

High School Survival

- Students should take the highest classes they can be SUCCESSFUL in!
- Find a programs to help HS feel “smaller” and more personal. (Band, chorus, drama, ROTC, IB, debate, AVID)
- Be well-rounded! (Clubs, music, volunteering, sports)
- “Leadership” is a spot on the application!
- Start your child thinking about careers.
(www.cfnc.org)
- Plan ahead college is right around the corner!! (Handout)

Planning for College

- College entrance requirements – what are they? How do I find out?
- Being a “competitive applicant” (Handout 4)
- PSAT/SAT/ACT – How can parents help their students score better?
- *There is a good post-secondary center of learning for every child.*

COLLEGE COMPARISON

- www.cfnc.org College Foundation of NC
- www.collegedata.com
- Public v. Private
- GPA, SAT/ACT, course selection
- “Non-Academic Factors” – extra curricular activities, particular talent, character/personal qualities, volunteer work.
- Colleges want good grades!! When selecting courses, remember that academic success is key!

Resources

- AG Staff- Teachers, counselors, principals.
 - Neishas.dawson@cms.k12.nc.us
- High School planning guide
 - www.cms.k12.nc.us
- Myers Park registration website
 - <http://myersparkregistration2016.weebly.com/>

It's time for The Talk...

- Alcohol
- Marijuana and Cigarettes
- You got in the car with WHO?!?
- It wasn't SKIPPING, Mom...