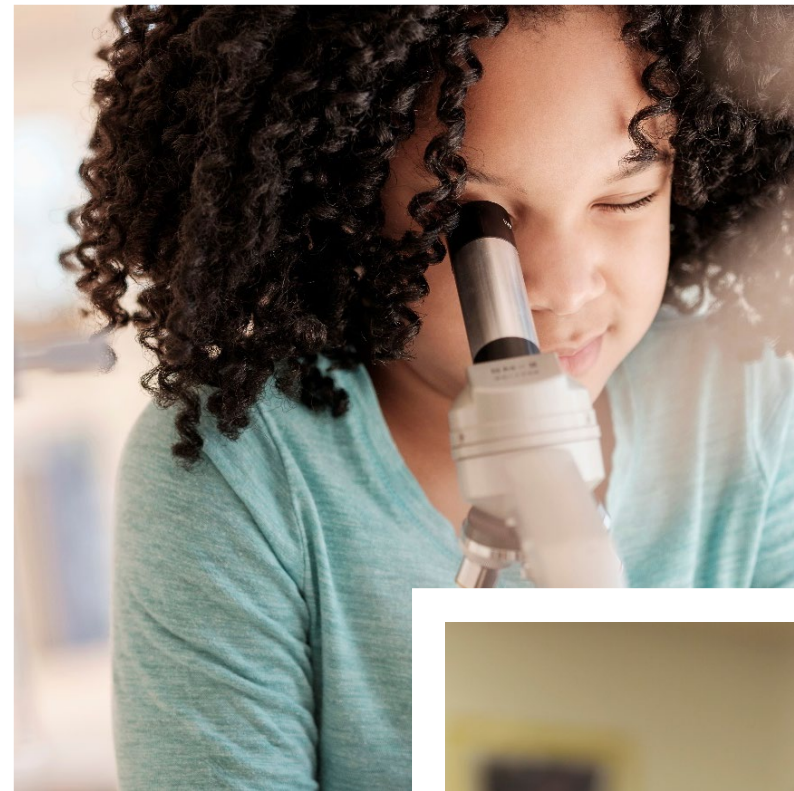**FRESHMAN**

COURSE SELECTION GUIDE

2020-2021

AGENDA

- Graduation Requirements

- This year ----→ Next Year

- Electives

- Advanced Academics

- Course Selection Meetings

- Schedule Changes

- Questions

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English (4 credits):
I, II, III & IV

Science (4 credits):
Biology, IPC or Chemistry, Physics, Adv. Sciences

Math (4 credits):
Alg 1, Geometry, Alg 2, Pre- Calculus

Social Studies (4 credits):
W Geo, W History, US History, Govt/Economics

Foreign Language *(2 credits)*:
(Spanish, German, French, Mandarin)
Physical Ed (1credit):
(Athletics, ROTC, PE)
Fine Art (1credit):
(Art, Band, Choir, Dance, Debate, Piano, Theatre, Technical Theatre)
Health (1/2 credit)
Electives (1 ½ credits)

CATE *(4 credits)*:
• Business Management
• Business Accounting
• Adv. Manufacturing (Engineering)
• *Transportation*
• *Health Science*
• *Design and Multimedia Arts*
• *Digital Communications (AV)**
• Web Development*

***reserved for magnet students**

26 Credits

THIS YEAR → NEXT YEAR

2020-21 Classes

- English I
- Algebra I
- Biology
- World Geo/AP Human Geo
- PE/Athletics/ROTC or Fine Art
- Foreign Language
- Career Pathway Class

2021-22 Classes

- English II
- Geometry
- Chemistry
- World History
- PE/Athletics/ROTC or Fine Art
- Foreign Language
- Career Pathway Class
- Advocacy Period

ELECTIVE COURSES

Fine Arts

- Art
- Band/Piano/Choir
- Dance
- Theatre
- Technical Theatre

Physical Ed

- Sports Teams
  - Football, Volleyball, Cross Country, Basketball, Track Soccer, Baseball, Softball, Wrestling
- Marching Band (Fall)
- Red Coats Dance Team
- Cheer Team Athletics
- JROTC (I-IV)
- Physical Ed Class

ADVANCED ACADEMICS

DUAL CREDIT CLASSES

STUDENTS CAN EARN BOTH HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE CREDIT IN THE FOLLOWING COURSES*:

- PHYSICS
- GOVERNMENT
- DIGITAL MEDIA
- PROJECT BASED RESEARCH

*THIS LIST IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

AP/IB COURSEWORK

- PRE-AP/PRE-IB AND AP/IB COURSES OFFERED IN CORE AREAS
- AP TESTING MAY LEAD TO COLLEGE CREDIT
- STUDENTS CAN EARN EXTRA POINT FOR GPA
- GOOD CANDIDATES POSSESS THESE QUALITIES:
  - SELF MOTIVATED
  - GOOD STUDY SKILLS
  - GOOD TIME MANAGEMENT SKILLS
  - ABLE TO HANDLE FASTER PACE
  - ABLE TO RETAIN INFORMATION WELL
  - GOOD GRADES AND ATTENDANCE HABITS

AP/IB COURSE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND UNDER ACADEMICS ON HEIGHTS HS WEBSITE

IB DIPLOMA/CERTIFICATION

- ACADEMICALLY CHALLENGING CURRICULUM THAT ADDRESSES STUDENTS' INTELLECTUAL AND CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING AS WELL AND ENCOURAGES BILINGUAL/BILITERATE LEARNING
- CAREER RELATED STUDIES HELP STUDENT DEVELOP COMMUNICATION, PERSONAL AND ACADEMIC SKILLS
- CORE AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE PRE-REQUISITES APPLY

COURSE SELECTION PROCESS

- Counselor will review transcript/Fall grade report to address required courses

- Students will be able to schedule virtual or in person appointments to meet with counselor to make course selection decisions

- Students will confirm course selections

- Counselor will begin scheduling process by entering selected courses in PowerSchool

- credit recovery grades will be reviewed to determine if changes to course selections need to be addressed

SCHEDULE CHANGE POLICY

- COURSE SELECTION APPOINTMENTS ARE DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS ARE BEING MET AND TO REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF CHANGES

- COUNSELORS/ADMINISTRATORS MAY OVERRIDE STUDENT REQUESTS IF IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF ENSURING THAT THE STUDENT REMAIN ON TRACK FOR GRADUATION

- ALL CHANGE OF SCHEDULE REQUESTS WILL BE REVIEWED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS TO DETERMINE IF THE CHANGE IS WARRANTED AND/OR POSSIBLE

- SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR BAND/ATHLETICS WILL ONLY BE MADE ONCE APPROVED BY SPONSORS OR COACHES

- CHANGES IN CATE/CAREER PATHWAY CLASSES* WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION/SIGNATURES TO COMPLY WITH DISTRICT POLICIES. REQUESTS WILL BE REVIEWED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS AND BASED ON SPACE AVAILABILITY

*MAGNET AND TRANSFER STUDENTS ARE BOUND TO THE CAREER PATHWAYS CHOSEN UPON

QUESTIONS?

9TH GRADE TEAM

A. Hudson, 9TH Grade Counselor

S. Davis, 9TH Grade Administrator (A-L)

W. Montanez, 9TH Grade Administrator (M-Z)

J. Crump, Administrator