



**COURSE  
SELECTION**  
**'21-'22 SCHOOL YEAR**

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW...**

# 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FACTS

- 9<sup>th</sup> grade is considered **HIGH SCHOOL!**
- All courses start earning **CREDIT!**
- Student's **GPA** begins!
  - Grade Point Average - GPA
    - A = 4 points
    - B = 3 points
    - C = 2 points
    - D = 1 point
    - F = 0 points

*How do I figure out my child's GPA?*

*Add total number of points and divide by number of credits to determine your GPA.*

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Students must earn at least 26 credits to graduate.
- Students earn 8 credits per year.
- Early graduation is possible.

# WHAT CLASSES ARE REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION?

- 4 Credits of English
- 4 Credits of Math
  - Algebra in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade = Elective credit
  - Math credits begin in 9<sup>th</sup> grade- Geometry
  - 4 total credits required
- 4 credits of Social Studies/History
- 4 credits of Science
  - Must include Biology and a Physical Science (Physical Science, Chemistry, OR Physics)

# WHAT CLASSES ARE REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION?

- 1 credit of Beginning Kinesiology (P.E.) (*1 JROTC may be substituted*)
- $\frac{1}{2}$  credit of Health
- 1 credit of Career Preparedness
- 7  $\frac{1}{2}$  Electives (*Career Tech, Fine Arts, Foreign Language, Other*)

# 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE REQUIREMENTS

- The following credits are earned during the 9<sup>th</sup> grade year:
  - English 9 or English 9 Advanced -1 credit
  - World History or Advanced World History - 1 credit
  - Biology or Advanced Biology - 1 credit
  - Geometry w/ Math Lab or Geometry/Algebra II w/ Statistics - 2 credits
  - Career Preparedness- 1 credit
  - 2 Elective Credits (depending on math option)

**8 Total Credits**

# 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE REQUIREMENTS

- 1 credit of English- English 10 or Advanced English 10
- 1 credit of Science- Physical Science (10<sup>th</sup> grade, grade level science course) , many other options
- 1 credit of Social Studies- US History 10 or AP European History
- 1 credit of Math-
  - Algebra I w/ Probability (if not taken previously)
  - Alg II w/ Statistics (if already taken Algebra I)
- The rest of the credits will be electives (Career Tech, Fine Arts, Foreign Language)

**8 credits TOTAL!**

# CURRICULUM OPTIONS

- *Grade Level*
- *Advanced*
- *Advanced Placement (AP)*
- *International Baccalaureate (IB)*



# GRADE LEVEL COURSES

- Meet requirements for graduation.
- Meet requirements for college admittance.
- Grade points
  - A = 4 points
  - B = 3 points
  - C = 2 points
  - D = 1 point

# ADVANCED COURSES

- More challenging
- Good preparation for AP/IB courses
- Grade points
  - A = 4.5 points
  - B = 3.5 points
  - C = 2.5 points
  - D = 1.5 points

# A.P. AND I.B. COURSES

- **A.P. = Advanced Placement**
  - **Pick and choose the classes that you want, not part of a program**
  - **More challenging than grade level courses (comparable to college-level classes)**
  - **Weighted grade points (NOT CREDITS)**
    - **A= 5**
    - **B= 4**
    - **C= 3**
    - **D=2**
  - **Must take an exam at the end of the course and, depending on your score, you could receive college credit for the class (which means one less class you have to take in college!)**
- **IB = International Baccalaureate (different diploma program)**
  - **This is a set program- you must take classes labeled IB- one of the requirements for receiving the diploma is 5 Foreign Language credits**
  - **Starts your junior year**
  - **Very rigorous**
  - **Weighted grade points (same as above)**
  - **IB Diploma administered on completion of requirements**
  - **Must take exams- can earn college credit for these!**

# DIPLOMA ENDORSEMENTS

- **Advanced Academic**

**Must have: (in addition to regular Graduation Requirements)**

1. Two foreign language credits
2. One math course higher than Alg. II w/ Trig
3. Two higher level Sciences (Intro to Biotechnology, Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy, IB/AP Biology or Chemistry)

- **Career/Technical**

**Must have: (in addition to regular Graduation Requirements)**

1. 3 elective credits from the Career Tech Education Area

- **Advanced Career/Technical**

**Must have: (in addition to regular Graduation Requirements)**

1. Three elective credits from the Career Tech Education Area
2. One math course higher than Alg. II w/ Trig
3. Two higher level Sciences (Intro to Biotechnology, Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy, IB/AP Biology or Chemistry)

**IT IS POSSIBLE TO EARN MORE THAN  
ONE ENDORSEMENT!**

# COLLEGE ENTRANCE INFORMATION

- ACT or SAT required
- ACT perfect score = 36
  - *All AHS 11<sup>th</sup> graders are administered the ACT in April.*
- SAT perfect score = 1600

# 9TH GRADE COURSE SELECTION

- Online course selection portal opens Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> and closes Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade schedules will be created based on the courses students select
- All available courses are listed on the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Request Form (yellow sheet coming home with your student this week).
- All students must select 8 credits.
  - 1 English
  - 1 Math (at least)
  - 1 Science
  - 1 Social Studies
  - Career Prep
  - Electives (2 credits)

# 10TH GRADE COURSE SELECTION

- Online course selection portal opens Monday, February 22nd- March 5th at 3:00.
- 10th grade schedules will be created based on the courses students select
- All available courses are listed on the 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Request Form (blue sheet coming home with your student this week).
- All students must select 8 credits.
  - 1 English
  - 1 Math (at least)
  - 1 Science
  - 1 Social Studies
  - Electives

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Auburn High School Course Curriculum Guide
  - [www.auburnschools.org/ahs](http://www.auburnschools.org/ahs)
  - Our School
  - AHS Course Description Guide 2021/2022
- Auburn High School Curriculum Videos
  - [www.auburnschools.org/ahs](http://www.auburnschools.org/ahs)
  - For Students
  - PowerSchool



# SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

- Summer PE
  - June 1<sup>st</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup> -Meets 8:30-11:30 a.m. (Monday- Friday)
  - \$150
  - Registration begins Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. via My School Bucks.
  - 50 spots available- Registration closes when those are filled.
- Summer Access (rising 10<sup>th</sup> grade students ONLY) – June – \$50 per ½ Credit – Registration TBA- 1 class permitted per student- 50 spots
- Summer Credit Recovery – June – Students will be notified in May.

# QUESTIONS? ASK YOUR COUNSELOR!

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PSAT 8/9 Registration is happening through My  
School Bucks until Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>!