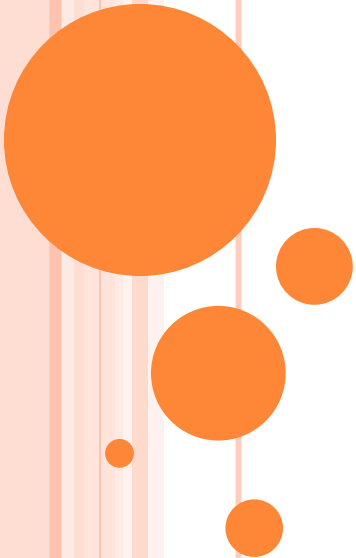


The race from

8th Grade to Graduation

And what you need to know along the way.



Academic Planning for 8th Grade Students.

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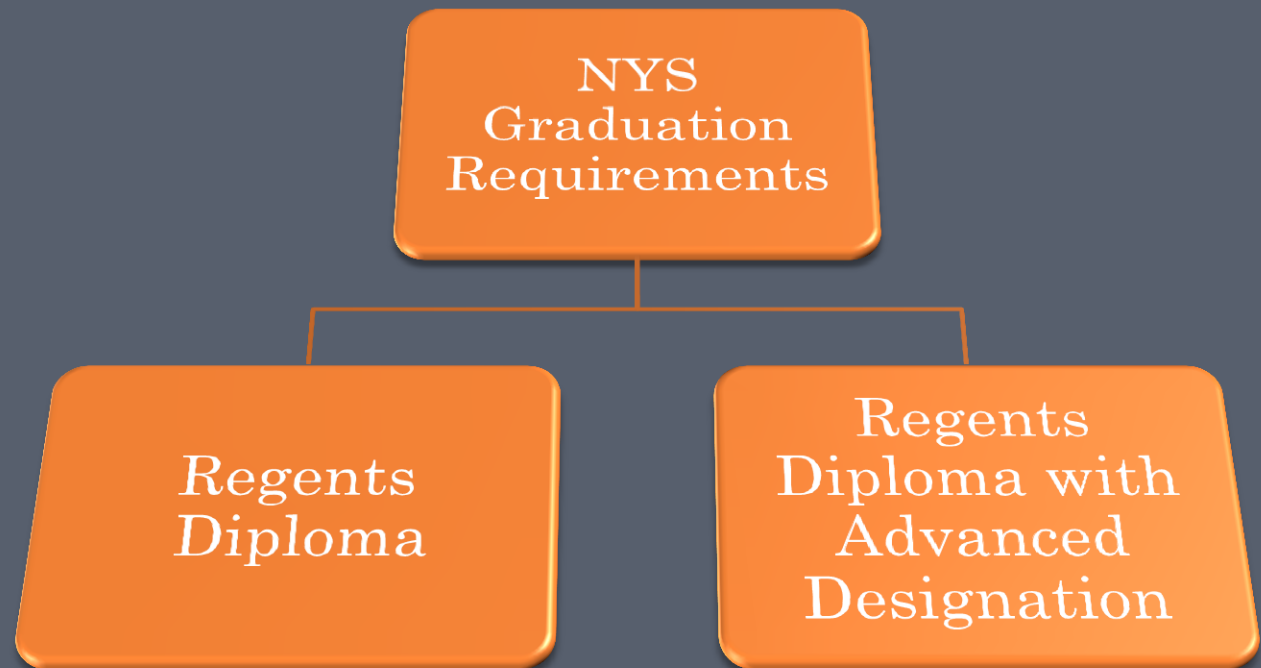
What do you know about...

- ❖ Graduation Requirements?
 - ❖ Credits?
 - ❖ Your Four-Year Plan?
- ❖ Electives?
 - ❖ Elective Courses?
- ❖ Course Selection Sheet?
- ❖ Transcripts?
- ❖ Activity Sheets ?



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

There are two different types of diplomas you can achieve:



TYPES OF *Diplomas*...WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Regents Diploma

- 22 credits earned.
- Student completed NYS required academic program.
- Passed **5** regents exams with a minimum score of 65.
- Can graduate with “honors.” (90+ on all Regents Exams).

Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation

- 22 credits earned.
- Student completed a more rigorous academic program.
- Passed **9** regents exams with a score of 65.
- Can graduate with “honors.” (90+ on all Regents exams).



WHAT IS A *Credit*?

- Each class you take – and pass – gives you *credit* towards graduation.
 - A class that runs every day for a whole year is worth a full credit:
 - Ex. Math → 1 credit
 - A class that runs every other day for the whole year is worth a $\frac{1}{2}$ credit:
 - Ex. PE → .5 credit
 - A class that runs every day for half the year is worth a $\frac{1}{2}$ credit:
 - Ex. International Cooking → .5 credit.
- You can take up to $7 \frac{1}{2}$ credits each year of HS.
- You *need* to take at least 6 credits every year.





Regents Diploma

Subject	Requirement	Regents Exams
English	4 Credits	English (11)
Social Studies	4 Credits	Global Studies (10) US Hist. (11)
Math	3 Credits	Int. Algebra (9 or 10)
Science	3 Credits	Living Env't (9 or 10)
LOTE	1 Credit	
Art/Music	1 Credit	
Health	½ Credit	
Phys. Ed.	2 Credit	
Electives	3 ½ credits	





Regents Diploma with
Advanced Designation

Subject	Requirement	Regents Exams
English	4 Credits	English (11)
Social Studies	4 Credits	Global Studies (10) US Hist. (11)
Math	3 Credits	Int. Algebra Geometry Algebra 2 w/ Trig
Science	3 Credits	Living Env't Earth Science Chemistry Physics
LOTE	3 Credit	LOTE Regents
Art/Music	1 Credit	
Health	½ Credit	
Phys. Ed.	2 Credit	
Electives	1 ½ credits	



HOW WILL I KNOW *what to take*?

- You won't have to figure this out on your own... that's what your counselor is for.
 - You'll meet with a counselor every February to discuss the following year's schedule.
- Required classes will be scheduled first, and then you can choose electives.
- Placement in classes like Math and Science are based on grades and teacher recommendations.
- You will follow a basic **four year plan**.



8th Grade

- LOTE

Freshman Year

- English 9
- Global History I
- Integrated Algebra (R) or Algebra I
- Earth Science (R) or Biology I
- PE

Sophomore Year

- English 10
- Global History II (R)
- Math
- Science
- PE

Junior Year

- English 11 (R)
- US History (R)
- Math
- Science
- PE

Senior Year

- English 12
- Economics/Government
- PE

REQUIRED COURSES BY YEAR

- The classes listed at left are *required* for each year of high school.
- Keep in mind that you'll also need to fit Art/Music, Health, and electives into your schedule before you graduate.



WHAT IS AN ELECTIVE?

Electives are classes that you don't *need* to take in order to graduate.

- ❖ Everyone needs to earn at least 1 ½ credits from electives to graduate, but you'll probably end up with more.
- ❖ Electives could be anything: Band, Chorus, Art, Math, Science...
- ❖ Other Electives are the “fun” classes that are offered in several different subjects.
- ❖ Some electives will be available to you in 9th grade, and others are for 10th – 12th grade only.

2011 -2012 *Elective* OFFERINGS

- Media and Communications
- Holocaust in Literature I & II
- Latin I & II
- *High School Psychology*
- Leadership
- Introduction to Law
- *The Civil War*
- *Early American History*
- Personal Performance Development
- *HALO*
- American Sign Language I & II
- Computer Technology
- Drawing for Design & Production
- Civil Engineering & Architecture
- Welding
- Residential Construction and Repair
- Art
- Baking
- International Cooking
- Band & Chorus

Italicized classes are not available to 9th grade students.



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Course Selection Sheet

NAME _____ CURRENT GRADE _____

- Please circle the number of the course you would like to take during the next school year after consulting with your counselor.
- Students are required to take a minimum of 6 units of credit each year.
- Certain courses may have a prerequisite. Check the Course Catalog or ask a counselor for details.

Lunch	050	French II	504
Resource	060	French III	505
PE 9-12 M/F	907	French IV	513
English 9	108	Spanish I	509
English 10	110	Spanish II	510
English 11 R	111	Spanish III	511
AP English (12)	113	Spanish IV	512
English 12	115	Onondaga Language 2	116
Media & Communications*	112	Onondaga Language 3	117
Holocaust in Lit I*	120	ASL I	515
Holocaust in Lit II*	121	ASL II	516
Latin I*	122		
Latin II*	123	Computer Technology*	329
Global History I	207	Design & Drawing (DDP)	715
Global History II	209	Civil Engin. & Architecture	720
US History & Gov't	211	CIM (2 nd yr.)	716
AP American History (11-12)	219	Principles of Eng. (3 rd yr.)	718
Econ/Part Gov't (12)	215/216	Digital Electronics	717
PA Sociology (12)*	213	Engineer. Design/Develop	719
PA Psych (12)*	214	Residential Const. & Repair*	723
High School Psych(10-12)*	217	Welding*	722
Leadership*(9-10)	221	Baking*	803
Introduction to Law*	226	Int'l Cooking*	804
The Civil War*	222	Health (10-12)*	981
Early American History*	223	Mind & Body*	818
Algebra Part I	304	Studio Art I	852
Algebra Part IIR	309	Studio Art II	853
Geometry R	314	Studio Art III	854
Mod. Geometry w/Alg	317	Studio Art IV	855
Mod. Alg.2 w/Trig	311	Studio Art V	856
Integrated Algebra R	313	Studio Art VI	857
Business Math	312		
Alg 2/Trig R	319	Sr. High Chorus	953
Pre-Calculus	315	Sr. High Band	955
PA Calculus (12)	316	Sr. High Band & Chorus	960/961
Earth Sci. R/Lab	407	Music Exploration	956
Glob. Env. (ESF) (10-12)	421		
Biology I	408	YCIP	751
Biology II/Lab	410	Personal Performance Develop.*	908
Biology R/Lab	409	Help and Leading Others (HALO)	819
Exploring Biology/Lab	415		
General Biology/Lab	417		
AP Biology	422		
Chemistry R/Lab	411		
Consumer Chemistry	427		
Physics R/Lab	412		
Applied Physics	413		
AP Physics	414		

Tully Agriculture Course

1st _____

2nd _____

3rd _____

Fabius Business Course

1st _____

2nd _____

3rd _____

BOCES AM (2nd yr) 982

BOCES PM (1st yr) 983

NEW VISIONS (12) 977

If your selected course is not available
please list alternative choices:

**AP, PA, and Environmental Science
require a fee paid by students**

***NOTE:** Course availability is impacted by the budget as well as availability of highly qualified staff, the master scheduling process, program constraints and enrollment. While we endeavor to ensure that all students have access to all desired courses, this may not always be possible based on the reasons above.*

*20 week courses (1/2 year)

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED TO GUIDANCE

COUSE SELECTION SHEET

This sheet will be mailed home to you every year.

You and your parents should do the best job you can picking the classes that you want and need to take. Have your parents sign the sheet, and bring it back to your counselor.

Each student will then meet with the counselor (and parents if requested) to make sure that all necessary classes were selected.



WHAT ARE TRANSCRIPTS?

A transcript is a student's academic record. It shows:

- ❖ All classes – *passed or failed* – that were taken for graduation credit
- ❖ A student's final average for each class he/she took
- ❖ Summer School grades
- ❖ Statistics about a student's graduating class
- ❖ A student's class rank
- ❖ Regents Exam Scores
- ❖ Standardized test scores

Transcripts are important. They are the first thing potential colleges look at for admission, and they say a lot about you as a student. They are also permanent

Make sure your transcript paints a **good** picture of you!

WHAT IS AN ACTIVITY SHEET?

An activity sheet is like a transcript, but tells of your extra curricular activities.

Your activities sheet is like a resume – you build it, you write it, and it is your chance to tell potential colleges and/or jobs how great you are and how much you can do.

Your activities sheet includes:

- Sports
- Leadership Positions
- Jobs
- Clubs & Activities
- Hobbies
- Honors & Awards
- Volunteer Work
- Internships

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

Please feel free to contact the Guidance Office at any time by calling 677-7849, or by contacting your child's counselor directly by e-mail.



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