



# Middletown High School

What you need to know in order to  
select your 9<sup>th</sup> Grade classes &  
graduate from MHS.

# Meet your High School Counselors

- Mrs. Julie Barber-Last names A-F
- Ms. Nikki Williams-Last names G-N
- Mr. Lee Day-Last names O-Z



# Honors, Advanced and Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

- Recommended by present teachers
- Overall GPA of 3.0 for academic subjects
- GPA of 3.0 in the specific course area (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Foreign Lang.)
- Students are expected to earn grades “A” or “B”



# Graduation Requirements pg. 8

- English-4 credits
- Mathematics-4 credits
- Science-3credits
- Social Studies-3 credits
- Health-1/2 credit
- PE (or PE Waiver) -1/2 credit
- Fine Arts (Art or Music) -1 credit
- Technology course-1/2 credit (Completed in 8<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Economics or Career Search-1/2 credit
- Additional Core Courses or Electives-4 credits

**» Total=21 credits**

# New Testing Graduation Requirements for Class of 2018 & Beyond!

In addition to course credits, students must earn points toward graduation on 7 EOY exams.

EOY exams will be given in:

- English I & II
- Algebra I
- Geometry
- Physical Science
- American History
- American Government

Students can earn 1-5 points for each exam.

5=Advanced, 4=Accelerated, 3=Proficient, 2=Basic, 1=Limited

**Students must accumulate a total of 18 graduation points to be eligible for a diploma.**

# College Credit Plus-College Courses for High School Credit

- Students who plan to enroll in college courses using this option should consult with their school counselor concerning the possible risks and consequences of participation in this program.
- Students must secure paperwork and submit the CCP Intent to Participate form prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> and attend a student/parent meeting with their counselor by designated date.
- **Informational meeting will be held on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:00PM at MHS.**



# PE Waiver



- Students who successfully complete TWO full seasons of interscholastic athletics, marching band, or cheerleading may be excused from the high school physical education requirement
- Two full seasons must be completed by the end of students junior year
- Notify High School Counselor when scheduling on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> if interested

# Diploma vs. Honors Diploma

	Diploma	Honors Diploma
Science	3 credits	4 credits
Social Studies	3 credits	4 credits
Foreign Lang.		3 credits or two credits each of two languages
GPA		3.5 on a 4.0 scale
ACT/SAT		27 ACT 1210 SAT



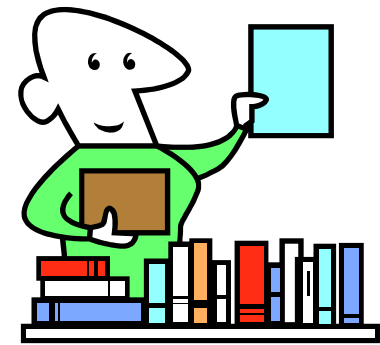
# Extracurricular Guidelines

- Eligibility-Minimum of 1.55 GPA or above on a 4.0 system.
- Must pass 5 courses during the prior grading period.
- GPA based on previous quarter's grades.
  - To be eligible for a fall sport a student must earn a minimum of 1.55 GPA on 4<sup>th</sup> quarter grade card.
  - Must be eligible to participate at the time try-outs occur.

# ENGLISH

- Builds upon the skills of reading, listening, speaking and writing that are needed for post-high school careers and higher education. In addition research skills are broadened and practiced.
- Both fiction and non-fiction literature are studied in-depth. All students will have an opportunity to begin and follow a sequence of courses most appropriate to their educational and career goals.
- The use of technology is infused throughout this course.

<u>Code No.</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>
1111	English I	9	Sem. I	.50	
1112	English I	9	Sem. II	.50	1111
1131	Hon. English I	9	Sem. I	.50	
1132	Hon. English I	9	Sem. II	.50	1131



# MATHEMATICS

- Students must earn four (4) full credits of Math, to include Algebra II, as part of their high school graduation requirement.

<u>Code No.</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>
2111	Algebra IA	9	Sem. I	.50	See Criterion
2112	Algebra IA	9	Sem. II	.50	2111
2121	Algebra IB	9-10	Sem. I	.50	See Criterion
2122	Algebra IB	9-10	Sem. II	.50	2121
2141	Algebra I	9	Sem. I	.50	See Criterion
2142	Algebra I	9	Sem. II	.50	2141
2131	Honors Geometry	9	Sem. I	.50	See Criterion
2132	Honors Geometry	9	Sem. II	.50	2131

# SCIENCE

- Science courses offer students a means of achieving scientific literacy and an opportunity to develop problem-solving.
- Emphasis on real-world applications and hands-on activities, provides the student knowledge in many content-specific areas, as well as a good general background in a variety of scientific subjects.
- The advanced science program offers a student the opportunity to take an advanced science course of college-level difficulty.

<u>Code No.</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>
3111	Physical Science	9	Sem. I	.50	Required or 3131
3112	Physical Science	9	Sem. II	.50	3111
3131	Honors Physical Science	9	Sem. I	.50	See criteria
3132	Honors Physical Science	9	Sem. II	.50	3131

*\*Aligns with students enrolled in Algebra IB or Honors Geometry\**

## SOCIAL STUDIES

- Social studies courses offer students a means of understanding and appreciating themselves and their culture.
- A well-educated person needs to know and appreciate our heritage and political institutions. Good citizenship is based on understanding the past and present in both our community and the world.

<u>Code No.</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>
4111	World Studies	9	Sem. I	.50	Required or 4131
4112	World Studies	9	Sem. II	.50	4111
4131	Honors World Studies	9	Sem. I	.50	Required or 4111
4132	Honors World Studies	9	Sem. II	.50	4131

*\*Often aligns with Honors English\**

# Career Search

- **All freshmen are required** to enroll in the semester class, Career Search, which will meet the high school graduation requirement for 1/2 credit of finance/economics.
- Assess values and resources that support lifestyle goals, effective time management plans, stress management, and multicultural awareness that sustains a productive, meaningful lifestyle
- Goal setting, planning and time management skills will be applied in reference to family and workplace.
- Demonstrates how academic achievement influences personal and career growth, the use of conflict resolution techniques and how to apply social skills that lead to effective school, career and family relationships that lead to a healthy, caring and responsible citizen.

# HEALTH and PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- The primary objectives of the Physical Education class are to increase fitness, to learn to enjoy a variety of activities to develop skills of teamwork, cooperation, respect and listening; and to gain confidence in one's personal abilities.
- An attempt is made to include activities in three areas: personal fitness, team sports and lifetime sports.

<u>Code No.</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>
7111	Intro Health Science I	9-12	Sem. I	.50	
7112	Intro Health Science I	9-12	Sem. II	.50	7111
7118	Phys. Ed. Blk	9-10	Sem. BLK	.50	
7140	Health Education	9-10	Sem.	.50	

Must complete block of PE or fulfill PE waiver requirements.



# Elective Options

## Art

- Art I -1 Credit
  - If you do not like Art wait and take *Lifetime Art* 10-12<sup>th</sup> year.



## Business Department

- Business Foundations – 1 credit
  - New class 2016/17 school year
- Business Tech -1/2 credit
  - Only if did not pass in 8<sup>th</sup> grade





# Elective Options Continued

## Music

- Concert Band- 1 credit
- Concert Orchestra- 1 credit
- Concert Choir – 1 credit

\*Must currently be enrolled in course, with the exception of Choir.



## Foreign Language – 1 Credit

- Spanish I
- French I
- German I
- Spanish II- with recommendation from Mrs. Barnett

\*Must have a “C” in current LA class to enroll in Spanish I, German I, or French I.

# More Electives

## Family and Consumer Science

- Life & Relationships
  - ½ credit
    - Similar to WFL course
    - Communication skills, career investigation, financial literacy

## Other Courses – pg. 39

- Drama- ½ credit
- Theatre- ½ credit
- PLTW: IED- Blk Class
  - 1 credit
  - Intro to Engineering Design
  - Similar to STEM courses

# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Scheduling Worksheet

Please select and complete the unshaded portion of the table below with courses you would like to take during your 9<sup>th</sup> grade year. Shaded boxes=9<sup>th</sup> grade required courses.

**\*If the course you are selecting is an all year course, you must list it twice (two boxes). If you are selecting a semester course, please list it once (one box).**

<b>1</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Math</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Math</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Physical Science</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Physical Science</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>World Studies</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>World Studies</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Study Hall</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Study Hall</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Career Search</b>	<b>12</b>	
<b>13</b>		<b>14</b>	
<b>15</b>		<b>16</b>	

Sample Schedule – with PE Waiver option

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<b>3</b>	<b>Math</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Math</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Physical Science</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Physical Science</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>World Studies</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>World Studies</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Study Hall</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Study Hall</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Career Search</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Drama</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Band</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Band</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Spanish I</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Spanish I</b>

Sample Schedule – with PE and (2) Fine Arts

<b>1</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>English</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Math</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Math</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Physical Science</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Physical Science</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>World Studies</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>World Studies</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Study Hall</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>PE</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Career Search</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>PE</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Band</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Band</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>ART</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>ART</b>

Please turn in your 9<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Scheduling Worksheet to  
your Language Arts teacher  
no later than Thursday,  
February 11<sup>th</sup> 😊

High School Scheduling will take place on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> during your Language Arts class.