

# Program of Studies

*2024-2025*



**Reynolds High School**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Certain minimum standards established by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Reynolds School Board are outlined in the attached program of studies. The Reynolds School Board has adopted minimum graduation requirements to conform to Commonwealth curriculum guidelines. Election beyond these minimums is at the discretion of the student acting in cooperation with you and school personnel.

The credits for graduation are accumulated by successful completion of required coursework as set by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Reynolds School Board. In addition, the policy has been established that all students will carry a minimum of 6.5 credits each year.

The selection of courses should be given serious consideration and should be carefully planned. Students will not be permitted to add full year courses after the fifth day of school. Semester courses may not be added after the fifth day of each term. Students dropping a class before these days will receive a "W" withdrawal. Dropping a class after the fifth day of class will result in a failing grade being assigned for that course.

It should be understood by both parent and student that a schedule will be generated from these course selections and requests for schedule changes reflecting a change in academic or career goals may require a parent conference.

Advanced Placement and Pre-Advanced Placement courses are offered in Calculus, Chemistry, English, Biology and Physics, to eligible students. The purpose of the AP course is to prepare students to successfully complete an Advanced Placement examination and thus earn advanced college credit. Students who take the AP courses must take the AP exam at district expense.

The counselors at the high school are available to help anyone wanting assistance in planning the educational program for his/her son or daughter. Parents who wish to discuss educational plans or related matters with school guidance personnel are invited to schedule an appointment by calling (724) 646-5700.

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High School Principal

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## PROMOTION POLICY

Students in grades seven and eight will be promoted to the next grade if they pass all full-time subjects for the year. The full-time subjects are listed as follows: English, Reading, mathematics, social studies and science. A student who fails no more than two full-time subjects, however, may be assigned to the next higher grade if that student successfully repeats the failed course(s) in an approved summer program. A student who fails three or more full-time subjects will be retained in their current grade unless granted special approval by the administration to enroll in an approved summer program. This approval shall not be granted unless special conditions exist which have adversely affected the student's achievement.

A student who fails two or more subjects in the same grade for two consecutive years may be administratively assigned to the next higher grade at the discretion of the principal in consultation with other appropriate administrators.

To be assigned to a 9th grade homeroom, a student must have passed the following five classes:

**English, Reading, Social Studies, Science and Mathematics.**

To be assigned to a 10th grade homeroom, a student must have earned a total of 6.5 credits.

To be assigned to an 11th grade homeroom, a student must have earned a total of 13 credits.

To be assigned to a 12th grade homeroom, a student must have earned a total of 19.5 credits.

## ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

The Reynolds School Board has adopted the following policy regarding academic eligibility for all co-curricular activities and interscholastic athletics:

1. In order to be eligible for all co-curricular activities and interscholastic athletics, students must be passing all courses required for graduation.
  - a. To be eligible for athletics or co-curricular activities, seventh and eighth grade students must be passing the five core subjects of English, Reading, Social Studies, Science and Mathematics.
  - b. Seniors on work release must be enrolled in and passing a minimum of 4 credits.
  - c. The previous year's final grade is the controlling factor for all fall activities.
  - d. Nine weeks grades will be the controlling factor for participation in all school activities and athletics during the remainder of the school year. In all cases, however, the mid-term progress report grade will be used to determine restoration of eligibility for a student who has previously been declared ineligible. (Note: it is possible to be promoted but not be eligible because of failing a core subject).
2. A student must be in attendance for a minimum of 80 days per semester. Extenuating circumstances and extended illness, however, may be reviewed by the appropriate principal and a decision made which will be fair to the student while protecting the integrity of board policy. Physicians' statements may be required to restore eligibility.
3. If students are not in school by 10:00 A.M., they shall not participate in their particular activity that day unless an exception, for appropriate reasons, is granted by the school principal. This means that any student in any activity may not participate in either practice or scheduled events or contests on the day in question.
4. If a student is ineligible at the beginning of a marking period, he/she may practice if they attend the school sponsored tutoring sessions. The student may not participate in a scrimmage, tournament, or event with the team or organization while ineligible. If a student remains ineligible at midterm and/or the completion of the marking period, he/she may not continue to practice.

## ALTERNATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

**AP Courses** – Depending on interest and enrollment, we are offering Advanced Placement Courses in English, Calculus, Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Calculus and English are 1.0 credit, Biology, Chemistry and Physics are 1.5 credits and all will be weighted at 1.1. The weighting of Advanced Placement courses will be reflected in each student's Adjusted Grade Point Average (AGPA). The AGPA will be the determining factor for class rank at the conclusion of the school year. The completion of the AP Exam is required to receive a credit. Passing the AP Exam will result in Advanced Placement credits by colleges that accept AP credits. (The fee for taking the Advanced Placement Exam will be covered by the school district.)

**Dual Enrollment** – Students can earn high school and college credit by enrolling in course work at an approved local college. This program is available to 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better and a sincere desire to take college-level, credit-bearing courses at a local community college or four-year colleges and universities. If the funding is available, partial cost of the courses may be paid for through a grant from the state.

**Distance Learning** – Innovative technology will bring diverse educational opportunities to the students and staff at Reynolds High School. Students may choose to enroll in courses for credit, participate in short term seminars for non-credit or benefit from video field trips. Students in grades 11 and 12 may choose to enroll in courses for credit or non-credit seminars. Students in the GATE Program should consult with their teacher about appropriate program offerings. Interested students should see their guidance counselor for information about enrolling in this program. Credit courses may cost as much as \$500 which is the responsibility of the student.

**Correspondence Courses** – Students in grades 7 through 12 may enroll in correspondence courses for make-up credit or, in limited cases, to acquire original credit. Participation in this course work requires approval of the principal and the guidance counselor. Applications and additional information about this program are available in the guidance office. Fees for this program are varied based on the program and are the responsibility of the student.

**Guided Independent Study** – Students in grades 9 through 12 may elect to take courses by independent study with a mentor teacher. Arrangements and consent must be made through the guidance counselors and the mentor teacher.

**Work Release** – Available to students in 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Requirements for work release include the following: academically on track to graduate, meet extracurricular eligibility requirements, completion of work release application, approval of school principal and quarterly meetings with guidance counselor to review all aspects of the agreement.

**Home Education** – Although the Board may approve a program of home education, pursuant to law, permitting students to study at home in accordance with Board policy, it is under no obligation to award a diploma or otherwise acknowledge the completion of a home-educated student's education. Additionally, any credits earned through an approved home-schooling program will not count towards graduation.

**Butler County Community College (BC3) College within the High School** - Students who qualify can earn transferable college credits by taking college classes at Reynolds JSHS. Classes run for 15 weeks and are scheduled before, during or after the school day by a Reynolds staff member. This program is available to students who have obtained the following cumulative grade point average.

Sophomores-3.25                      Juniors-3.00      Seniors-2.75

CWHS applications and registration forms are available at the high school guidance office.

# **Graduation Requirements**

The standards for graduation from Reynolds High School are set by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Reynolds School Board.

## **Credits Required for Graduation**

Class of 2023 and Beyond
26 Required Credits
English - 4 Credits
Social Studies - 4 Credits
Math - 4 Credits
Science - 3.5 Credits
Physical Education - 1.5 Credits
Health - .5 Credits
*Intro to Materials Processing - .5 Credits
*Intro to Coding - .5 Credits
*Family & Consumer Science - .5 Credits
Electives - 7.5 Credits

**\*2 of 3 are required for graduation**

It is the individual student's responsibility to check with the guidance counselor to review his/her records to see that the requirements are being met.

# **Pennsylvania Graduation Requirements -- Act 158**

Students who will graduate from high school in 2023 and beyond now have additional options to meet the statewide graduation requirement.

Act 158 of 2018 (Act 158), which was signed into law by Governor Tom Wolf on October 24, 2018, expands upon the options that students have for meeting Pennsylvania's graduation requirements. While Act 158 maintains that students will still be required to take the Keystone Exams for federal accountability purposes, students may not be required to achieve proficiency on the Keystone Exams in order to graduate as long as they meet the requirements set forth by one of the following defined options.

These options, which are outlined below, apply to students who will graduate in 2023 and beyond.

## **Option 1: Keystone Proficiency Pathway**

Students must earn a proficient or advanced score on all three Keystone Exams: Algebra I, Literature, and Biology.

## **Option 2: Keystone Composite Pathway**

Students must earn a composite score of 4452 on the Algebra I, Literature, and Biology Keystone Exams. Students must also earn a proficient or advanced score on at least one of the three exams. The student may not earn a Below Basic score on either of the other two exams.

## **Option 3: Alternate Assessment Pathway**

Students must earn a passing grade in the course(s) associated with each Keystone Exam on which the student did not earn a proficient or advanced score. These courses include Algebra I, 10th Grade English Language Arts, and, Biology. Student must also achieve one of the following:

- Attainment of an established score on an approved alternate assessment (SAT, PSAT, ACT, ASVAB);
  - SAT: 1010
  - PSAT: 970
  - ACT: 21
  - ASVAB: the minimum score required for admittance to the branch of the armed services during the year the student graduates
- Gold Level on the ACT WorkKeys Assessment;
- Attainment of at least a '3' score on an Advanced Placement Program exam in an academic content area associated with each Keystone Exam on which the student did not achieve a proficient or advanced score;
- Successful completion of a concurrent enrollment course (ex. college-in-high school course) in an academic content area associated with each Keystone Exam in which the student did not achieve at least a proficient score;
- Successful completion of a pre-apprenticeship program; or
- Acceptance in an accredited 4-year nonprofit institution of higher education and evidence of the ability to enroll in college-level coursework.

#### Option 4: Evidence-Based Pathway

Students must earn a passing grade in the course(s) associated with each Keystone Exam that a proficient or advanced score was not earned. These courses include Algebra I, 10th Grade English II, and, Biology. Student must also demonstrate three pieces of evidence consistent with the student's goals and career plans, including:

- One of the following:
  - Attainment of an established score on the ACT WorkKeys assessment (Silver Level), a SAT subject test (score of 630), an Advanced Placement Program Exam (score of 3);
  - Acceptance to an accredited nonprofit institution of higher education other than a 4-year institution and evidence of the ability to enroll in college-level coursework;
  - Attainment of an industry-recognized credential; or
  - Successful completion of a concurrent enrollment or postsecondary course; and
- Two additional pieces of evidence, including one or more of the options listed above, or: satisfactory completion of a service learning project; attainment of a score of proficient or advanced on a Keystone Exam; a letter guaranteeing full-time employment; a certificate of successful completion of an internship or cooperative education program; or satisfactory compliance with the NCAA's core courses for college-bound student-athletes with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0.

#### Option 5: CTE Pathway

Students, who are Career and Technical Education (CTE) Concentrators, must earn a passing grade in the course(s) associated with each Keystone Exam on which a proficient or advanced score was not earned. These courses include Algebra I, 10th Grade English Language Arts, and Biology. Students must also attain an industry-based competency certification related to the CTE Concentrator's program of study or demonstration of a high likelihood of success on an approved industry-based competency assessment or readiness for continued meaningful engagement in the CTE Concentrator's program of study. For further explanation of the CTE Pathway, please see PDE's Act 6 guidance.



# Pennsylvania Pathways to Graduation

## Keystone Proficiency Pathway *Numeric or Non-Numeric Scores*

**Algebra I**  
Proficient or Advanced

**Biology**  
Proficient or Advanced

**Literature**  
Proficient or Advanced

## Keystone Composite Pathway *Numeric Scores Only*

At least 1 Keystone Exam scaled score is  
**1500 or Greater**

No Keystone Exam score is  
**Below Basic**

The Keystone Exam 3-score composite is  
**4452 or Greater**  
The Keystone Exam 2-score composite is  
**2939 or Greater**  
*(where eligible under §121.1)*

### CTE Concentrator

Meet locally established, grade-based requirements for Keystone content in which the student is less than Proficient

#### CTE Concentrator

1 Artifact from pathway criteria

### Alternative Assessment

Meet locally established, grade-based requirements for Keystone content in which the student is less than Proficient

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### Evidence-Based Pathways

Meet locally established, grade-based requirements for Keystone content in which the student is less than Proficient

#### Evidence-Based

3 Artifacts from pathway criteria

### Waiver

A student in 12th grade, or experiencing extenuating circumstances, who meets locally established grade-based requirements for Keystone content area(s) in which the student is less than proficient, and is unable to satisfy the requirements of a graduation pathway may be granted a waiver by the chief school administrator.

### Individualized Education Plan

A student with a disability who is unable to satisfy pathway requirements but who satisfactorily completes a special education program is granted a diploma under Title 22 §4.24.

**NOTE:** Although this infographic displays a sequential progression, students may fulfill criteria under the CTE Concentrator, Alternative Assessment, or Evidence-Based Pathways prior to demonstrating proficiency in Keystone academic content through Keystone Exam scores or locally established grade-based requirements.

# Pathway Criteria

CTE Concentrator	Alternative Assessment	Evidence-Based
1 Artifact	1 Artifact	3 Artifacts consistent w/student goals ONE or more from Section One No more than TWO from Section Two
<p>Industry-based competency certification</p> <hr/> <p>Likelihood of industry-based competency assessment success</p> <hr/> <p>Readiness for continued engagement in CTE Concentrator program of study</p>	<p>Attainment of one alternative assessment score or better: ACT (21), ASVAB AFQT (31), PSAT/NMSQT (970), or SAT (1010)</p> <hr/> <p>Attainment of Gold Level or better on ACT WorkKeys</p> <hr/> <p>Attainment of 3 or better on AP Exam(s) related to each Keystone content area in which less than Proficient</p> <hr/> <p>Attainment of 4 or better on IB Exam(s) related to each Keystone content area in which less than Proficient</p> <hr/> <p>Successful completion of concurrent enrollment course(s) related to each Keystone content area in which less than Proficient</p> <hr/> <p>Successful completion of a pre-apprenticeship program</p> <hr/> <p>Acceptance into accredited, non-profit Institution of Higher Education (IHE) 4yr program for college-level coursework</p>	<p><b>Section 1</b></p> <hr/> <p>Attainment of 630 or better on any SAT Subject Test</p> <hr/> <p>Attainment of Silver Level or better on ACT WorkKeys</p> <hr/> <p>Attainment of 3 or better on any AP Exam</p> <hr/> <p>Attainment of 3 or better on any IB Exam</p> <hr/> <p>Successful completion of any concurrent enrollment or postsecondary course</p> <hr/> <p>Industry-recognized credentialization</p> <hr/> <p>Acceptance into accredited, non-profit Institution of Higher Education (IHE) for college-level coursework in an other-than-4yr program</p> <hr/> <p><b>Section 2</b></p> <hr/> <p>Attainment of Proficient or Advanced on any Keystone Exam</p> <hr/> <p>Successful completion of a service-learning project</p> <hr/> <p>Letter guaranteeing full-time employment or military enlistment</p> <hr/> <p>Completion of an internship, externship, or cooperative education program</p> <hr/> <p>Compliance with NCAA Division II academic requirements</p>

# Graduation Trail

A Student's Journey



**NOTE:** This infographic is designed to gauge progress in meeting statewide graduation requirements; however, it maps a sequential progression and assumes that the student has had an opportunity to meet the requirements of each Question. Students should be encouraged to fulfill criteria under multiple Pathways simultaneously to ensure statewide requirements will be met in a timely manner.

## JOB SHADOWING STUDENT FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF HOST BUSINESS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS OF HOST: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER OF HOST: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS OF HOST: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF CONTACT AT HOST: \_\_\_\_\_

1. List two specific observations from the experience.
2. List two questions during the experience and how the host answered them.

SIGNATURE OF CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

HOURS OF SHADOWING: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Forms are available in the guidance office\***

## **MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Students are required to schedule a minimum of 6.5 credits per school year.

These credits must include the following:

### **GRADES 9, 10, 11, 12**

<u>Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Courses</u>	<u>Credits</u>
English	4.0	#Intro to Coding	.5
Social Studies	4.0	#Family & Cons. Science	.5
Mathematics	4.5	#Intro to Materials Processing	.5
Science	3.5	Health	.5
		Physical Education	1.5
		Electives	7.0

### **SUBJECTS OFFERED BY GRADE**

<u>Ninth Grade</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Tenth Grade</u>	<u>Credits</u>
English	1.0	English	1.0
World History	1.0	Early Am. Hist./U.S. Hist. I	1.0
Pre-AP Biology (Weighted Course)*	1.5	Biology I	1.5
Pre-Biology	1.0	Biology II	1.0
Biology I	1.5	Chemistry*	1.5
Algebra I	1.5	Pre-AP Chemistry (Weighted Course)*	1.5
Geometry*	1.0	Algebra II*	1.0
Pre-Algebra	1.0	Geometry*	1.0
Physical Education	.5	Health	.5
Intro. Family & Consumer Science	.5	Accounting*	.5
Intro to Coding	.5	Art II*	1.0
Spanish I	1.0	Drawing & Painting*	1.0
German I	1.0	Spanish II*	1.0
Concert Band	1.0	German II*	1.0
Concert Choir	1.0	Entrepreneurship*	1.0
Art I	1.0	Materials Processing	1.0
Guitar	.5	Accounting II*	.5
Intro to Materials Processing	.5	Mass Media/Newspaper	.5
		Mass Media/Yearbook	.5
		Mass Media/Video	.5

All 9th grade elective options are also available.

**\*Refer to course descriptions for pre-requisites**

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		Physical Education	1.5
		Electives	7.0

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<u>Eleventh Grade</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Twelfth Grade</u>	<u>Credits</u>
English	1.0	English	1.0
Pre – AP English (Weighted Course)*	1.0	AP English (Weighted Course)*	1.0
Modern Am. Hist./U.S. Hist. II	1.0	Gov't/Economics	1.0
Science Trends	1.0	Science Trends	1.0
Biology II	1.0	Physics*	1.5
AP Biology (Weighted Course)*	1.5	AP Physics B (Weighted Course)*	1.5
AP Chemistry (Weighted Course)*	1.5	Biology II*	1.0
Geometry*	1.0	AP Chemistry (Weighted Course)*	1.5
Algebra II*	1.0	Calculus*	1.0
College Algebra/Trigonometry*	1.0	AP Calculus (Weighted Course)*	1.0
Pre-AP Calculus (Weighted Course)*	1.0	College Algebra/Trigonometry*	1.0
Practical Family Life	1.0	Business Math*	1.0
Spanish III*	1.0	Spanish IV*	1.0
Art II*	1.0	Volunteer Service	.5/1.0
Design & Manufacturing*	1.0		
Anatomy	.5		

All 9th, 10th, and 11th grade elective options are also available.

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## **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

### **ART COURSES**

#### **COURSE #**

**Art I:** (1.0 Credit) #10620

This art course will build upon the foundation of introduction to art. Students will creatively explore as broad a scope of materials and techniques – both two and three-dimensional – as time permits. Areas of study will include: photography and darkroom techniques, color, design, crafts, commercial art, etc.

**Art II:** (1.0 Credit) (Prerequisite: Art I) #10621

The student will continue to creatively explore, in greater depth, materials and techniques introduced in the previous art courses. Special emphasis will include painting, graphics, jewelry and silk screen. Time will be set aside for individual studio exploration in the art area of your choice.

**Drawing and Painting:** (1.0 Credit) Gr. 10-12 #10699

The Drawing and Painting course will expose the Art student to advanced skills and techniques of two dimensional art forms. The student will work with a variety of materials and mediums using the elements and principles of Art.

**Art/Independent Study:** (1.0 Credit) (Prerequisite: Art Faculty Approval)

This class is designed especially for the senior who already has a good background in art fundamentals and wishes to explore certain areas of special interest on an individual basis. These interest areas can include photography, airbrush, sculpture, graphics, painting or any other art field for which supplies and equipment are available.

### **BUSINESS EDUCATION COURSES**

#### **COURSE #**

**Entrepreneurship:** (1.0 Credit) Grades 10-12 #10540

The focus of this course is to familiarize the students with the principles of owning and operating a business from the ground up. The company will consist of 5 different departments. The finance department will keep the company's financial records. The marketing and sales department will develop and carry out the company's marketing strategy. The production department will order raw materials, establish production goals, develop a production strategy and monitor quality control. The human resource team is responsible for developing the company's compensation plan and keeping attendance and payroll information. The president, officers, and all participants will gain valuable leadership and management experiences while performing several specific duties.

**Accounting:** (.5 credit) Grades 10-12 #10507

This course presents accounting principles/application to various businesses. Covers the accounting cycle, income determination, and financial reporting. Includes a comprehensive study of the basic elements of accounting and emphasizes the nature and importance of accounting procedures.

**Accounting II:** (.5 credit) Grades 10-12 (Prerequisite: Accounting) #10509

This course presents accounting principles with an emphasis on practical application of Accounting I skills in a business environment.

## >>ENGLISH COURSES

## COURSE #

**English I:** (1.0 Credit) Grade 9 #10010

This course will be taught with the integration of literature, grammar and composition. The main purpose of this course will be to introduce students to major American and British writers. In addition to major writing assignments, students will read a variety of literary genres.

**English II:** (1.0 Credit) Grade 10 #10020

In this English course, students will develop a number of multi-paragraph compositions using a variety of methods such as exposition, description, process, opinion and narration. The course will also acquaint the students with the techniques of research since an MLA research paper is required and also a persuasive speech. Students will experience participation in informative group discussions in order to develop discussion techniques and teamwork.

**English III College Prep:** (1.0 Credit) Grade 11 #10030  
(Prerequisite: Earned 76% or above in previous year Academic English and teacher recommendation.)

Designed for academic students, this course is offered as an aid in preparing for college entrance. Emphasis is placed upon methods of developing and testing verbal competency and upon the study of correct use of the language. Students will also study American Literature and writers. Reading and writing skills will be emphasized.

**English III:** (1.0 Credit) #10031

This course involves reading, vocabulary, writing, and the study of various processes that will be helpful to any student in the future. Some career planning is also included throughout the year. This course best suits students who are planning to go to the workforce, military, or a technical school following graduation.

**Pre – AP English:** (1.0 Credit) Weighted: 1.05 #10033  
(Prerequisite: 85% or better in 10th grade English and recommendation of 10th grade English teacher)

Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition Prep is a course designed to prepare students for the rigors of the senior level AP English course. Students will explore many genres in literature – novels, plays, poetry, essays, and short stories – from a wide variety of literary periods. Students will engage in critical and analytical discussion and writing in response to the above mentioned literature.

Assigned summer reading is required. Failure to fulfill the summer reading requirement will result in removal from the course. The level of intensity of AP associated courses should not be underestimated by students; high expectations and standards will be upheld by any who wish to stay in the AP track.

**English IV College Prep:** (1.0 Credit) Grade 12 #10040  
(Prerequisite: Earned 76% or above in previous year Academic English and teacher recommendation.)

This course will refine composition skills and introduce in-depth research techniques to be used in the completion of three MLA term papers. In addition, the literature of England from the Anglo-Saxons to the modern period will be studied. Emphasis will be placed on public speaking presentations, communication skills and working as a team.

>>Denotes courses required for graduation.



**English IV:****(1.0 Credit)****Grade 12****#10041**

This course involves reading, vocabulary and the study of various processes that will be helpful to any student in the future; e.g., developing resumes, completing job applications and developing necessary writing skills for success.

**AP English Literature:****(1.0 Credit)****Weighted: 1.1****#10043****(Prerequisite: 85% or better in Pre-AP English and teacher recommendation)**

Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition is a weighted course, concentrating on critical reading and writing skills. Students will explore many genres in literature – novels, plays, poetry, essays, and short stories – from a wide variety of literary periods. The focus of the course will be preparation for the Advanced Placement Examination; any student, however, will benefit from learning to read and write critically and analytically.

Assigned summer reading is required; additional assignments may also be required. Failure to fulfill summer reading requirements or other assignments will result in removal from the course.

All students will be required to take the AP Exam at district expense.

**AP English Language:****(1.0 Credit)****Weighted: 1.1****#10044****(Prerequisite: 85% or better in Pre-AP English and teacher recommendation)**

This course is designed to give students frequent opportunities to learn about the ways rhetoric and argument shape and influence our lives, community, and our world by examining rhetorical situations, author's purpose, as well as the audiences and the subjects in various themed and challenging texts. Students will write in a variety of modes for a variety of audiences, developing a sense of personal style and fluency, and cultivate an ability to analyze and articulate how the use of language operates in any given text.

All students will be required to take the AP Exam at district expense.

**>>Denotes courses required for graduation.**

## FOREIGN LANGUAGES

## COURSE #

**German I:** (1.0 Credit) #10420

German I is a beginner's course which emphasizes the skills of speaking, listening comprehension, reading and writing. In addition to these skills, the first year student will be introduced to the culture and customs of Germany.

**German II:** (1.0 Credit) #10421

Building upon the foundation learned in the first year course, the German II student will strengthen his/her skills in the areas of speaking, listening comprehension, reading and writing. By the end of the second year of study, the German II student will be acquainted with most aspects of German grammar and will have increased his/her first year vocabulary significantly.

**German III/IV as Independent Study:** (1.0 Credit) #10424  
(Prerequisite: 84% in German II, Faculty Approval)

This class is designed for juniors and seniors who would like to advance their knowledge of the German language and culture. Students will be responsible for meeting with the teacher and completing work on their own according to the timeline set by the teacher.

**Spanish I:** (1.0 Credit) #10430

During the first year of Spanish, emphasis is placed on speaking and hearing the target language. This is aided through the use of CDs by native speakers. Writing skills are developed through the use of the textbook which is accompanied by a workbook.

**Spanish II:** (1.0 Credit) #10431

The second year of Spanish begins with a review of vocabulary and grammar learned during the first year. Emphasis is placed on further development of writing skills. Cultural readings, presented throughout the book, aid in the development of reading skills.

**Spanish III:** (1.0 Credit) #10432

Spanish III is a combination of materials learned during the first two years of Spanish and places an emphasis on Spanish literature, old and new.

**Spanish IV:** (1.0 Credit) #10433

Students must have completed materials required for Spanish I, II and III. Students in Spanish IV will further develop skills in preparation for college classes.

## FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

## COURSE #

**>>Introduction to Family and Consumer Sciences:** (.5 Credit) #10750

This semester course will build on concepts introduced in the eighth grade block class, in the areas of consumer interests, resource management, child care, food preparation, and nutrition. It will help students to gain usable skills in decision making and balancing responsibilities, as well as understanding family interactions and changes.

**Practical Family Life:** (1.0 Credit) #10751

This course addresses many areas of family and personal relationships. It also covers parenting, child development, healthy lifestyles and much more.

>> Denotes courses required for graduation.

## >>MATHEMATICS COURSES

## COURSE #

### **Algebra I:** (1.5 Credit)

#11310/11410

(Prerequisite to take Algebra I as an eighth grade student: Must acquire a PVAAS, Pennsylvania Value-Added Assessment System, projection of 40% or higher probability of achieving Advanced on the Keystone Algebra I exam.)

Algebra I consists of performing all the basic mathematics material operations on unknowns. Equations and inequalities are solved and graphed. Statement problems are translated into math problems and solved. Equations are viewed on the coordinate plane. Systems of equations and fractional expressions are explored.

### **Geometry:** (1.0 Credit)

#11330/11430

(Prerequisite: Algebra I)

Geometry is a college preparatory course that is the study of lines, angles, polygons, and circles. Students will apply definitions, postulates and theorems to solve traditional problems as well as real world applications. This academic course stresses higher order reasoning and logical proof.

### **Algebra II:** (1.0 Credit)

#11340/11440

(Prerequisite: Algebra I & Geometry)

Algebra II is a college preparatory course. This course begins with a review of linear equations, inequalities, and systems. The study of quadratic equations, inequalities, and rational equations are emphasized (concepts as well as real-world applications). Problem solving strategies and skills are enhanced throughout the algebra. The application of graphing calculators will be used to confirm algebraic concepts. Higher order thinking skills such as logical thinking, analytical thinking and abstract thinking will be emphasized.

### **College Algebra/Trigonometry:** (1.0 Credit)

#10140

(Prerequisite: 80% or better in Algebra II and Geometry)

This course covers the topics needed for further academic study in math and/or sciences. Included are 1) a review of number properties and basic operation on polynomials, rational expressions, exponents and radicals, 2) solving algebraic and trigonometric equations, 3) trigonometric formulas, identities and graphs, 4) solving triangles, 5) systems of equations, 6) matrices and determinants, 7) sequences, mathematical induction and the binomial theorem and 8) introduction to conics section.

### **Business Math:** (1.0 Credit)

SENIORS ONLY

#10143

(Prerequisite: Algebra I and Geometry)

Business Math is an applications course covering the basic mathematics needed to function in everyday life. Budgeting, borrowing, and saving money will be stressed. Topics in this course include: types of income and careers, banking services such as checking accounts, credit cards, and loans. Also explored will be the process of owning your own car and home, insurance, investing, and how taxes are completed.

>>Denotes courses required for graduation

**Calculus:** (1.0 Credit) #10141  
**(Prerequisite: 80% or better in Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry & College Algebra/Trig)**

The Calculus course consists of a full year of calculus with elementary functions. It is comparable to introductory calculus in college and universities. This course is primarily concerned with the intuitive understanding of the concepts of calculus and experience with its methods and applications. Topics in this course will be functions and graphs, limits and continuity, differential calculus, and integral calculus through the volumes of solids of revolution.

**Pre-AP Calculus:** (1.0 Credit) Weighted: 1.05 #10139  
**(Prerequisite: 85% or better in Pre AP Calculus and teacher recommendation)**

This course covers the topics needed for further academic study in math and/or sciences and prepares students for the rigors of AP Calculus. Included are 1) a review of number properties and basic operation on polynomials, rational expressions, exponents and radicals, 2) solving algebraic and trigonometric equations, 3) trigonometric formulas, identities and graphs, 4) solving triangles, 5) systems of equations, 6) matrices and determinants, 7) sequences, mathematical induction and the binomial theorem, 8) introduction to conics section, 9) solving and graphing logarithmic and exponential equations, and 10) emphasis on limits and abstract algebra.

**AP Calculus:** (1.0 Credit) Grade 12 Weighted: 1.1 #10142  
**(Prerequisite: 85% average or better in Math grades 8 – 11)**

The AP Calculus course consists of a full year of calculus with elementary functions. It is comparable to introductory calculus in colleges and universities. This course is primarily concerned with the intuitive understanding of the concepts of calculus and experience with its methods and applications. Topics in this course will be functions and graphs, limits and continuity, differential calculus, and integral calculus through the volumes of solids of revolution.

All students will be required to take the AP Exam at district expense.

## **MUSIC COURSES** **COURSE #**

**Concert Band:** (1.0 Credit) #10640

This course is open to students previously enrolled in the instrumental program or students with previous outside experience who pass an audition given by the Director of Bands. Concert Band exposes the student musicians to a wide and varied repertoire. Represented musical periods include Baroque, Classical, Romantic and Contemporary. Performances include a Fall Concert, Winter Concert, Music in Our Schools Concert, Spring Concert, and Commencement, along with various during-school performances.

**Concert Choir:** (1.0 Credit) Grades 9-12 #10631

This course is open to those students selected through an open audition held in the spring for the following year. Concert Choir/Mixed Chorus will expose students to a wide variety and style of vocal music including Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic and Contemporary as well as Pop, Jazz and Broadway. Emphasis is placed on tone production, diction, articulation, breathing, music reading, and fun. A minimal performance schedule includes a Winter Concert and Spring Concert and occasional during-school performances, as scheduled.

>>Denotes courses required for graduation.

**Marching Band: (1.0 Credit)****Grades 9-12****#10643**

This course is open to students previously enrolled in the instrumental program or students with previous outside experience. The Marching Band course gives students an opportunity to improve their playing, marching, and maneuvering skills. Students enrolled in this course will be expected to attend Band Camp as well as after-school rehearsals in order to fine-tune performances along with those members who are not enrolled in the course. Students are also expected to attend evening and weekend performances.

**Guitar: (.5 Credit)****Grades 9-12****#10644**

This course is designed for students with little to no previous experience playing the guitar. Students will begin with the fundamentals of reading pitches and rhythmic notation and will progress to playing basic chords that can be used to accompany singing. By the end of the course, students will be able to read basic lead sheets as well as tablature notation. Students must supply their own instrument.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH COURSES****COURSE #****Anatomy: (1 Credit)****#10740**

This course will emphasize the study of skeletal and muscular systems. It is especially helpful in preparation for future studies in nursing and other health related studies.

**>>Health: (.5 Credit)****#10722**

Health is not just the absence of disease or sickness, but the state of complete physical, mental and social well-being. The primary goal in life is not merely to live long, but also to live well. Health education is a required program in the school curriculum to develop the individual's knowledge and understanding of the progressive health advances which are evident in his/her changing society and to motivate the individual to apply these principles and practices of healthy living.

**>>Physical Education: (.5 Credit)****#10700, 10704/10705**

The course includes the teaching of those activities that will aid in the development of the individual physically, mentally, emotionally and socially, and the contribution of skills for worthy use of leisure time. The methods used will be both demonstration and participation.

**>>SCIENCE COURSES****COURSE #****Pre-Biology: (1.0 Credit)****#10218**

The Pre-Biology course is designed to introduce the basic biology concepts necessary to promote biological literacy. This course provides 9th graders with the necessary transition into the high school science program without restricting their options for science electives during their high school career. An emphasis will be placed on a complete understanding of the vocabulary necessary to understand biological processes. Successful completion of this class will be followed by Biology I in 10th grade, after which they will then complete the keystone biology test. The general concepts included are: the scientific method, basic chemistry, biochemistry, cell structure, function and processes, evolution, genetics, ecological relationships, and biotechnology. Pre-Biology is not a keystone exam testing course.

**>>Denotes courses required for graduation**

**Biology I:** (1.5 Credit) #10219

Biology I includes a brief history of the biological sciences and current developments in many related areas. It develops an awareness of the variety and extent of the living world and the interrelationships existing between creatures and their environment. It will also help students gain a knowledge of the functions of living things and the structures necessary for performing these functions. The course will also introduce students to the principles of heredity and its effect on themselves and other living organisms.

**Biology II:** (1.0 Credit) #10240  
(Prerequisite: Biology I and Chemistry)

This course will cover organic evolution and a study of the simplest organisms to the most advanced to gain understanding of their relationships. Genetics is one of the cornerstones of the course. Different types of inheritance will be studied, including human genetics. Students will be studying patterns of inheritance with investigations of the fruit fly.

**Pre-AP Biology:** (1.5 Credit) Grade 9 Weighted: 1.05 #10223  
(Prerequisite: 85% or better in 8th grade science and recommendation of 8th grade science teacher)

The Pre-AP Biology course is designed to prepare students for the AP Biology course. This course will differ from usual high school biology courses in the depth, breadth, and rate at which material is covered in the course. The course will also differ in the amount of time and effort students will put into the class. To get a feel, students will use the same textbook that is used in the AP Biology class. Students will not have a lab section, but will perform some of the AP labs during class time to get a feel for the requirements of a college biology laboratory. The Pre-AP course aims to provide students with the knowledge, skills and critical thinking ability to deal with the pace and amount of material that is to be covered in an AP Biology course. The goal of the course is to provide students with an understanding of biology and provide skills necessary to complete a college biology or AP Biology course.

**AP Biology:** (1.5 Credit) Grade 11 Weighted: 1.1 #10222  
(Prerequisite: 85% or better in Pre-AP Biology and teacher recommendation)

The Advanced Placement Biology course is designed to be the equivalent of a college introductory biology course, usually taken by biology majors during their first year. The AP Biology course differs significantly from the usual high school biology course with respect to the kind of textbook used, the range and depth of topics covered, the scope of laboratory work performed by students, and the time and effort required of students. AP Biology aims to provide students with the conceptual framework, factual knowledge, and analytical skills necessary to deal critically with the rapidly changing science of biology. The goal of a college introductory biology course, and therefore of an AP Biology course, is to provide a learning environment that enables students to develop a solid understanding of the principal concepts in biology. College Board guidelines are followed in shaping the course.

All students are required to take the AP Exam at district expense.

**Chemistry:** (1.5 Credit) #10230  
(Prerequisite: Algebra I)

The course begins with a brief review of general science principles that apply to chemistry, including matter of energy concepts, measurement, scientific methods and an overview of the development and purpose of chemistry. The main contents of the course are atomic structure, formula writing, chemical equations, mole concept and mass relations, gas laws, acids, bases and salts, and a survey of organic chemistry. Throughout the course, basic chemical laboratory techniques are explored in each chapter.

**Pre-AP Chemistry:** (1.5 Credit) Weighted: 1.05 #10234  
(Prerequisite: 85% or better in Algebra I and 85% or better in Pre-AP Biology or Biology (preferably in Pre-AP Biology) and teacher recommendation.)

Pre-AP Chemistry is a course designed to expose college bound students, with an interest in science, to the forms, properties, and interactions of matter. It is taught at a college level, and tends to be very demanding. Additionally, this is a class that will require a significant amount of effort on your behalf. The course goals are to prepare students for the AP Chemistry course. Students will have a lab section to reinforce the concepts in Chemistry. Concepts include but are not limited to: matter, atoms, chemical bonds, elements, compounds, mixtures, solutions, chemical reactions, molarities and stoichiometry.

**AP Chemistry:** (1.5 Credit) Weighted: 1.1 #10236  
(Prerequisite: 85% or better in Pre-AP Chemistry and teacher recommendation)

AP Chemistry is a highly specialized course for qualified students whose future includes university attendance with a possible major in the sciences. AP Chemistry is equivalent to a rigorous first year college-level chemistry course and is designed for students with strong mathematics and problem-solving skills along with a genuine love of science and its application. Topics of study include Matter and Measurement, Atoms, Molecules and Ions, Stoichiometry, Thermochemistry, Periodic Properties, Chemical Bonding, Molecular Geometry, Properties of Solutions, Chemical Equilibrium, Acids and Bases, Thermodynamics, Electrochemistry. Many of these units involve a large amount of mathematical calculations and manipulations.

All students are required to take the AP exam at district expense.

**Physics:** (1.5 Credit) #10243  
(Prerequisite: Trigonometry – may be taken concurrently)

Physics is designed to give students an understanding and appreciation of the physical world around them. Topics covered in the class include motion, force, energy, rotational dynamics, acoustics, optics and electricity. Labs and projects help the students develop skills in problem-solving, data analysis and teamwork. Students should have passed or be currently enrolled in Trigonometry. This course is a prerequisite for AP Physics.

**AP Physics B:** (1.5 Credits) Grade 12 Weighted: 1.1 #10245  
(Prerequisite: 85% or better in College Algebra/Trig and 85% or better in Physics and teacher recommendation)

AP Physics B is comparable to an introductory college level, algebra-based physics course. The course includes a study of the following areas: Newtonian mechanics, fluid mechanics and thermal physics, electricity and magnetism, waves and optics, and atomic and nuclear physics. The goals of this course include an understanding of the key concepts as well as an application of these concepts to problem-solving. Laboratory experiences will be a key component.

All students will be required to take the AP Exam at district expense

**Science Trends:****(1.0 Credit)****#10231**

Science Trends gives students the opportunity to study current topics in science. A major part of the class includes a study of the environment (ecosystems, biodiversity, pollution, resources, and energy production) and humans' influence on it. The remaining class time is used to explore science topics found in the news, including the Discovery Channel, magazine articles and new program specials.

**>>SOCIAL STUDIES COURSES****COURSE #****World History:****(1.0 Credit)****#10319**

This course emphasizes a chronological study of how cultures developed in different parts of the world. Further, this course follows world history from the prehistoric period through the 21st century. Students will see the birth and development of Western and Eastern civilizations. Reviews world history from the end of the agricultural period, to the Industrial Revolution and then fast forward to today. The course looks at the effects of Nationalism, Imperialism and Democracy on the history of the world. Students will also learn about the ways World War II changed the face of the world. The course ends with an overview of the world today, and looks into the possible events that may happen in the future.

**Early American History/U.S. History I:****(1.0 Credit)****#10329**

A major focus of this course is to make the student aware of the historical, cultural, political and social events that have directly or indirectly shaped and altered civilizations throughout the course of history. The course will incorporate a broad body of historical knowledge:

- Use of historical evidence to defend and support basic arguments and positions.
- Differentiate between various schools of historical thought and interpretation.
- Interpret and draw conclusions from various pieces of historical data including original documents, cartoons, graphs, etc.
- Demonstrate an effective use of analytical skills of evaluation, cause and effect relationships, and compare and contrast.

**Modern American History/U.S. History II:****(1.0 Credit)****#10330**

Modern American History is a course that will cover the post-Civil War United States to the present day. The course will feature a chronological history of the growth of the United States as a world power. The course units will include: Reconstruction, The Settling of the West, The Age of Big Business, Imperialism, The Great War, The Depression, World War II, The Cold War and The Vietnam War.

**Government/Economics:****(1.0 Credit)****#10340**

In the senior year students will study both Economics and Law. Economics in the first half of the year, Law in the second. In Economics we will study supply and demand, the function and value of money, the Federal Reserve and our tax structure. In the Law we will study the foundations of the Law, the Criminal Justice System and Civil procedures. Students will be required to write a term paper, Law Case Study, possibly perform in a mock trial, a speech, or a debate. Throughout the year a heavy emphasis will be placed on current events.

**>>Denotes courses required for graduation.**



## **TECHNOLOGY COURSES**

## **COURSE #**

### **>>Intro to Materials Processing:**                      **(.5 Credit)**

**#10514**

This is a Semester course designed to build upon skills acquired in 8th Grade Technology Block courses with emphasis placed on 3D modeling, measurement, the creation of functional drawings, design, and an introduction to the use of the tools and equipment available in the Fab Lab / Manufacturing areas of the building.

### **Materials Processing:**                                      **(1.0 Credit)** **(Prerequisite: Intro to Materials Processing)**

**#10515**

This course is designed to build upon skills acquired in previous Technology courses with emphasis placed on design. Students will be engaged in team activity requiring social interaction and leadership skills. Some engineering aspects involved will be aerodynamics and material analysis. Students will utilize and build upon design skills and the use of CADD programs such as inventor.

### **Design and Manufacturing:**                              **(1.0 Credit)** **(Prerequisite: Materials Processing)**

**#10516**

In this course students will be responsible for a (kit purchase) and production of an electric guitar or bass. Great attention to detail will be necessary, due to the complexity of the product. Advance design skills for CADD Inventor will be required as well as advanced skills in Master CAM and Illustrator.

### **Yearbook Mass Media:**                                      **(.5 Credit)** **(Prerequisite: application with teacher recommendations)**

**#10056**

This course is designed to assist students in becoming efficient in the use and production of digital media through the medium of a high school yearbook. Students will be able to write pages, take photographs, use elements of graphic design, and employ marketing strategies through the completion of the high school yearbook.

### **Career Exploration:**                                      **(.5 Credit)**

**#10060**

The purpose of this course is to relate careers to individual interests, abilities and aptitudes. Explain how both traditional and nontraditional careers offer or hinder career opportunities. Analyze the economic factors that impact employment opportunities, such as, but not limited to: competition, geographic location, job growth, labor supply, potential earnings and salaries/benefits. Analyze the relationship of school subjects, extracurricular activities and community experiences to career preparation and create an individualized career plan.

### **Career Readiness:**                                      **(.5 Credit)**

**#10061**

The purpose of this course is continuation of Career Exploration, awareness, preparation, abilities, personal interests, career selection influences and the relationship between education and career. The student will learn job interviewing skills, good work habits, budgeting, time management and group interaction. They will learn ways to be a good Entrepreneur; risks and rewards, character traits and developing a resume, cover letter and business plan.

**>>Denotes courses required for graduation.**

**Video Mass Media: (.5 Credit) #10054**  
**(Prerequisite: application with teacher recommendations)**

This course is designed to assist students in becoming efficient in the use and production of digital media through the medium of a weekly television broadcast. Students will be able to write, film and produce weekly news broadcast shows.

**Newspaper Mass Media: (.5 Credit) #10052**  
**(Prerequisite: application with teacher recommendations and samples of writing)**

This course is designed to teach students basic skills in newspaper writing, editing, and formatting. Students will apply this knowledge through the publication of a monthly edition of the school newspaper, The Raider Invader.

## **ADDITIONAL OPTIONS COURSE #**

**GATE: (Gifted and Talented Education) (1.0 Credit) #10910**

This program gives academically gifted students an opportunity to explore areas of interest beyond the regular classroom curriculum. Students may be recommended for participation by self, peers, teachers or parents. Pennsylvania State Law requires that a student be evaluated for the program by a multidisciplinary team composed of various educational personnel. The major focus of this course is to provide the student with the study of major issues and significant ideas, the opportunities to develop awareness, understanding, and enjoyment of a wide variety of literature, and projects that are interdisciplinary in nature. The annual goal of the gifted classroom is to improve the students' communication, thinking, and research skills.

**Mercer County Career Center: (3.0 credits per year) Grades 11 and 12 #10900**

Students attending the Mercer County Career Center (MCCC) take the required academic courses at the high school and then the vocational courses are completed at the MCCC. All courses are competency based. Courses can be completed in 2 years with the exception of Cosmetology which is a 3 year program.

Initial contact is made in 8th grade for all students and then again in 9th and 10th grade. Those students with a continued interest, will have the opportunity in 10th grade to visit the MCCC prior to selecting a shop.

## **Mercer County Career Center**

Mercer County Career Center offers programming in technical and mechanical, professional, service, and production occupations to eligible high school students residing in Mercer County. Students who complete 9th, 10th or 11th grade may apply for admission to any MCCC program by submitting the MCCC Application for Admission. Please visit [www.mercerccc.org](http://www.mercerccc.org), speak with your school Guidance Office, or call 724-662-3000 ext. 1070 to speak with our Marketing Coordinator for complete admission details. The desire to learn, a cooperative work attitude, and an ambition to engage in high-skill technical instruction are qualities needed to be a successful student in any of the programs. The technical course work includes cutting edge technologies with rigorous and relevant curriculum. This curriculum will prepare students, of all ability levels, to enter an occupation, a post-secondary school, or the military. Each student's pathway to success is unique. MCCC can help you explore that pathway. Students considering enrollment at MCCC need to consider a number of personal factors including; career interests, academic abilities, social maturity, and specific career aptitudes.

**Earning College Credit at MCCC:** Students can earn advanced placement at various post-secondary institutions by taking advantage of local articulation agreements established by MCCC or by accessing statewide articulation credits for eligible students.

**Local Articulation Agreements:** Agreements have been established with college and career schools throughout the region. Qualifying students have the opportunity to receive credits at specific institutions for learning achievements accomplished at MCCC. The number of credits awarded and specific requirements vary for each institution. Call the MCCC Guidance Office for the latest articulation information at 724-662-3000.

**Statewide Articulation Agreements:** MCCC strives to prepare students for college and careers in a diverse, high-performing workforce. MCCC courses that are considered a program of study (POS) course are eligible for statewide articulation agreements. These statewide articulation agreements are a partnership between secondary schools and post-secondary institutions throughout Pennsylvania. To view current statewide articulation agreements, go to the equivalency search results for PA Bureau of Career and Technical Education at the website [www.collegetransfer.net](http://www.collegetransfer.net).

**MCCC Programs of Study Eligible for Statewide Articulation:** Computer Information Technology, Culinary Arts, Early Childhood Education, Carpentry, Automotive Technology, Diesel Technology, Collision Repair and Refinishing, Welding, Health Care Careers, Logistics & Supply Chain Management, and Electrical Occupations.

**Industry Certifications:** Numerous certification opportunities exist for MCCC students. A certification is a business and/or industry documentation verifying skills and knowledge in a specific area of study. These certifications may become increasingly important for advancement within a career area.

**Cooperative Education:** Qualifying second and third-year students may wish to consider participating in the Cooperative Education program. The program provides students the opportunity to be employed in his/her area of vocational-technical study, while earning wages. This program is supervised by the MCCC Cooperative Education Coordinator. All MCCC courses are eligible for participation, but students need to meet specific requirements, apply, and be accepted into the program.

Cooperative Education guidelines established by the PA Department of Education and approved by the local area school districts will be followed.

The Diversified Occupations program is a one-year program offered to seniors only. The course is designed to combine classroom instruction with on-the-job training in a career area of the student's choice. This program integrates classroom studies in employability skills and consumer skills with planned, supervised, and practical work experience in a business setting. Students will develop personal initiative, learn to work with others and recognize the importance of an appropriate attitude and behavior for the occupation. This program is an option for seniors, who wish to study in a specific training area that is not represented at MCCC, or if the program is over-enrolled.

MCCC staff will work cooperatively with the Senior High school counselors to meet the needs of every student. Questions about specific programs of study at MCCC can be referred to the MCCC Marketing Coordinator at MCCC (724) 662-3000 ext. 1070

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## **Automotive Technology**

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Grades: 10, 11, or 12  
Length: 36 weeks  
Credits: 3.0

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Automotive Technology allows students to perform a wide range of diagnostics, repairs, and preventative maintenance on automobiles and light trucks. Students will gain the technical knowledge and skills to obtain an entry-level position and/or pursue postsecondary education. The program's curriculum enables students to develop basic knowledge through classroom theory lessons and acquire a core set of technical skills by applying learned knowledge in hands-on shop experiences. Classroom lessons include lectures, reading and writing assignments, and demonstrations. The program's instruction includes the diagnosis and testing of malfunctions in and repair of engines, fuel, electrical, cooling, steering, suspension and brake systems. Students also prepare to obtain certifications for PA Safety Inspection; Emissions Inspection; and Refrigerant, Recovery, and Recycling.

### **Industry Certifications**

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- Automotive Service Excellence (ASE): Brakes, Engine Performance, Engine Repair, Steering/Suspension
- Valvoline Motor Oil Certification
- Safety and Pollution Prevention (S/P2)

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## **Carpentry**

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Grades: 10, 11, or 12  
Length: 36 weeks  
Credits: 3.0

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Carpentry prepares students to obtain entry-level positions in the construction or wood industries, apprenticeships in trade unions, and/or to pursue enrolling in postsecondary institutions for degrees in construction, sales, or management. The program's curriculum enables students to develop a knowledge base through classroom theory lessons and acquire technical skills by applying learned knowledge in hands-on shop experiences. Classroom lessons include lectures, reading and writing assignments, demonstrations, individual/group projects, and activities. The program's instruction includes units on safety, hand and power tools, blueprint reading, framing, interior and exterior finish, construction materials, measuring, estimating, and building codes. Students also study technical mathematics, residential steel-framing, and cabinetmaking.

### **Industry Certifications**

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- OSHA-10 Hard Construction Training
- PA Builders Association Certification
- Ladder Safety Certification
- Fork Truck Certification

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### **Collision Repair & Refinishing**

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Grades: 10, 11, or 12

Length: 36 weeks

Credits: 3.0

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Collision Repair and Refinishing prepares students to obtain an entry-level position in the collision repair/refinishing field and/or to pursue postsecondary education. The curriculum enables students to develop technical knowledge and skills through real world, hands-on shop experiences. The program will cover the entire repair and refinishing process from start to finish. The instruction will focus on key areas including workplace skills, safety techniques, vehicle design and construction, structural and non-structural repairs, industry related welding and fabrication, estimating, collision repair procedures, automotive painting, refinishing and detailing. Students will learn all these skills in a state-of-the-art shop with industry standard equipment. Students will be expected to read and understand complex instructions as well as using technology as an industry resource.

### **Industry Certifications**

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- PPG Blue Level Refinishing Technician
- iCAR (Multiple Certifications)
- Safety & Pollution Prevention (S/P2)

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### **Computer Information Technology**

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Grades: 10, 11, or 12

Length: 36 weeks

Credits: 3.0

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Computer Information Technology prepares students to obtain entry-level employment and provides a foundation for post-secondary success. The curriculum enables students to develop a core set of technical skills by applying learned knowledge in hands-on lab experiences. The program will provide students experience in the administration and support of computer networks. These include user and group management, server security, network sharing, operating systems, user and workstation security, help desk support, computer repair, and remote access. Students will focus their study on network technologies, network devices, network management, tools, and security. Computer Information Technology students will be expected to read and interpret complex instructions, technical literature, and solve a variety of technical problems.

### **Industry Certifications**

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- TestOut PC Pro\*
- TestOut Network Pro\*
- TestOut Cyber Defense Pro\*

\* Preparation for CompTIA A+ and Network+

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## Computer Programming

Grades: 10, 11, or 12

Length: 36 weeks

Credits: 3.0

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The Computer Programming course focuses on the general writing and implementation of generic and customized programs that drive operating systems. This prepares students to apply the methods and procedures of software design and programming to software installation and maintenance. Computer Programming includes instruction in software design, low- and high-level languages and program writing, program customization and linking, prototype testing, troubleshooting, and related aspects of operating systems and networks. Students will study data types and expressions, designing functions, and graphic and image processing. As well as learn software development process.

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## Industry Certifications

- W3 Schools Python Programmer
- W3 Schools HTML Programmer

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## Cosmetology

Grades: 10, 11, or 12

Length: 36 weeks

Credits: 3.0

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Cosmetology prepares students to become licensed cosmetologists in specialized and full-service salons. Students develop a knowledge base through classroom theory lessons while perfecting their clinical skills in the program's student-operated salon. Classroom lessons include lectures, reading and writing assignments, demonstrations, individual and group projects, along with other activities. The programs instruction includes units on shampooing, conditioning, cutting and styling hair, chemical texture services, and hair coloring techniques. As well as hands on training offering facials, manicures, and pedicures. Personal safety, professionalism, and the sanitation and disinfection of equipment and facilities are emphasized. Students also study business management with a focus on managing a salon.

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## Industry Certifications

- PA State Board of Cosmetology License
- Safety & Pollution Prevention Cosmetology



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## Culinary Arts

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Grades: 10, 11, or 12

Length: 36 weeks

Credits: 3.0

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Culinary Arts prepares students to obtain entry-level employment within institutional, commercial, and independently owned food establishments. This program also provides a foundation for students who wish to pursue acceptance into a postsecondary culinary program. The program's curriculum enables students to develop knowledge through classroom theory lessons and acquire culinary skills by applying learned knowledge in the program's fully equipped commercial kitchen and dining room. Classroom lessons include lectures, reading and writing assignments, demonstrations, individual/group projects and activities. The program's instruction includes units on use and care of utensils, food preparation equipment, safety, sanitation procedures, nutrition basics, and recipe preparation. Students develop and practice skills through hands-on activities and experiences related to planning, selecting, preparing, and serving quality food and food products.

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## Industry Certifications

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- ServSafe
- ProStart
- Safety and Pollution Prevention Culinary

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## Diesel Technology

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Grades: 10, 11, or 12

Length: 36 weeks

Credits: 3.0

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Diesel Technology prepares students to obtain entry-level employment and/or to pursue postsecondary education. The curriculum enables the students to develop basic knowledge through classroom theory lessons and acquire a core set of technical skills by applying learned knowledge in hands-on shop experiences. Classroom lessons include lectures, reading and writing assignments, and demonstrations. The program's instruction includes units on safety, diesel engine mechanics, suspension and steering, air/hydraulic brake systems, electrical and electronic systems, and preventive maintenance. Students develop skills for troubleshooting problems, disassembling, rebuilding and reassembling engines. Students apply principles to service electrical and electronic systems. There is also an emphasis on inspecting, repairing/replacing various systems' components, as well as performing preventive maintenance on medium/heavy vehicle systems.

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## Industry Certifications

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- Automotive Service Excellence (ASE): Brakes, Diesel Engines, Electrical, Steering & Suspension and Preventative Maintenance
- OSHA-10
- Safety and Pollution Prevention Heavy Duty S/P2
- Multimeter NC3 Certification
- Powered Industrial Truck Training
- Certified Safety Inspector I



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## Early Childhood Education

Grades: 10, 11, or 12  
Length: 36 weeks  
Credits: 3.0

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Early Childhood Education allows students to obtain a variety of entry-level childcare occupations in day care centers and preschools. It also provides a foundation for students who want to attend a postsecondary early childhood education program. The program's curriculum enables students to develop a knowledge base through classroom theory lessons. The students acquire care giving, teaching, and managing skills by applying learned knowledge in the program's fully equipped preschool. Classroom lessons include lectures, reading and writing assignments, demonstrations, as well as individual and group projects/activities. Instruction includes units on growth and development, nutrition, program play activities, child abuse and neglect, learning experiences for children, regulations, laws, and policies relating to childcare services.

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## Industry Certifications

- Better Kid Care (BKC)
- Child Development Associate (CDA) – Ready
- Mandated Reporter
- Pediatric First Aid, CPR and AED

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## Electrical Occupations

Grades: 10, 11, or 12  
Length: 36 weeks  
Credits: 3.0

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Electrical Occupations prepares students to apply technical knowledge and skills necessary to install, operate, maintain and repair many electrical systems. These include: electrically energized residential, commercial and industrial systems, AC motors, as well as controls and electrical distribution panels. Instruction emphasizes practical application of circuit diagrams and the use of electrical codes. In addition, the curriculum also includes blueprint reading, sketching and other subjects essential for employment in the electrical occupations. Other critical components of the program are reading and interpretation of commercial/residential construction wiring codes and specifications, installation and maintenance of wiring, conduit hand and machine bending techniques along with service and distribution networks within large construction complexes.

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## Industry Certifications

- Fork Lift Certification
- Ladder Certifications
- OSHA 10
- Snap on Multimeter

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## Health Care Careers

Grades: 10, 11, or 12  
Length: 36 weeks  
Credits: 3.0

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Health Care Careers prepares students to obtain entry-level positions in the health field and/or to pursue a postsecondary education. The program provides students with health career exploration activities, instruction of basic skills, and job shadow experiences. These activities are fundamental to all areas of health care. Students develop health care knowledge through classroom theory lessons while practicing health care skills in a laboratory setting. Classroom lessons include lectures, reading and writing assignments, demonstrations, and individual/group projects. The program's core instruction includes units on medical terminology, anatomy and physiology, basic clinical skills, aseptic techniques, OSHA regulations, and infection control.

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## Industry Certifications

- Certified Patient Care Technician
- American Heart Association Health Care Provider CPR with AED/First Aid/Pediatric First Aid
- OSHA-10 Health Care

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## Logistics – Material & Supply Chain Management

Grades: 10, 11, or 12  
Length: 36 weeks  
Credits: 3.0

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Logistics and Materials Management is designed to prepare individuals for entry level employment in this industry. Students will learn and perform logistical functions associated with receiving, storing, and shipping goods along with fork lift training. Other key components include learning various systems and record keeping for supply chain management.

Students with good attention to detail who enjoy a fast-paced, hands-on, physical workplace would be successful in this program. The curriculum provides instruction in the use of powered material, handling equipment, and OSHA safety and ergonomics. Supply chain management, automated inventory control systems, purchasing, receiving, order selections, packaging, and shipping methods are presented. Academic subjects include business mathematics and communication. The course includes job retention skills and customer relations.

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## Industry Certifications

- OSHA Career Safe
- MSSC – Certified Logistics Associate
- MSSC – Certified Logistics Technician
- Fork Lift Training

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## Service Occupations

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Grades: 10, 11, or 12

Length: 36 weeks

Credits: 3.0

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Service Occupations is an innovative program focusing on training students in a diverse array of skill sets in service-related employment areas. This program will provide students with the opportunity to explore careers in the personal services cluster and gain the employability skills needed for job placement. The Service Occupations curriculum encompasses the areas of workplace safety, grounds maintenance, cleaning practices, housekeeping, custodial and retail stock. Students learn hands-on skills while also focusing on workplace readiness, interpersonal skills, the ability to work independently and collaboratively and the development of good work habits. The students train in all areas of the curriculum with the intent of obtaining competitive entry-level employment. Students learn in an environment that fosters work ethic, competitive time on task and personal accountability.

## Industry Certifications

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- Family & Consumer Sciences

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## Welding

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Grades: 10, 11, or 12

Length: 36 weeks

Credits: 3.0

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Welding prepares students to obtain entry-level employment as a welder or any welding-related position in both large and small companies. It also allows the student to pursue enrollment in a postsecondary program, such as welding engineering or metallurgy. The program's curriculum enables students to gain a knowledge base through classroom theory lessons. Program activities allow students to put their classroom learning into hands-on practice of technical skills. Classroom lessons include lectures, reading and writing assignments, and demonstrations. The program's instruction includes units on safety practices, gas cutting and welding, arc welding in various positions, and types and uses of electrodes and welding rods. Students also learn to fabricate and join metal parts according to diagrams, blueprints, and specifications.

## Industry Certifications

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- American Welding Society - AWS
- OSHA-10

# **NCAA ELIGIBILITY**

*The NCAA Eligibility Center will certify the academic and amateur credentials of all college-bound student-athletes who wish to compete in NCAA Division I or II athletics. The student-athlete is responsible for making sure they have taken the required approved core courses, the correct number of credits, has the minimum GPA and test scores to be NCAA eligible.*

[www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)

## **CORE COURSES**

- Check the approved courses from the program of studies to make certain that the courses you have taken are included on the list.
- 16 core courses are required for NCAA Division I eligibility. A GPA of 2.3 or above is required.
- 10 courses are required to be met before the beginning of the senior year for Division I.
- 16 core courses are required for NCAA Division II eligibility. A GPA of 2.2 or above is required.

### **DIVISION I (16 Core Courses)**

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of Mathematics (Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years of Natural/Physical Science (1 year of lab preferred)
- 1 year of additional English, math or natural/physical science
- 2 years of Social Science
- 4 years of Electives (languages, areas listed above, or comparative courses that are approved)

### **DIVISION II (16 Core Courses)**

- 3 years of English
- 2 years of Mathematics (Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years of Natural/Physical Science (1 year of lab preferred)
- 3 years of additional English, math or natural/physical science
- 2 years of Social Science
- 4 years of Electives (languages, areas listed above, or comparative courses that are approved)

## **GRADE-POINT AVERAGE**

Refer to the NCAA Eligibility Center Quick Reference Guide to see all information about Grade Point Average, Test Scores, and Core Courses.

## **TEST SCORES**

Please refer to the NCAA Eligibility Center Quick Reference Guide for test scores and GPA requirements for both Division I and Division II schools. Students are responsible for sending their scores directly to the NCAA from the respective testing agency.

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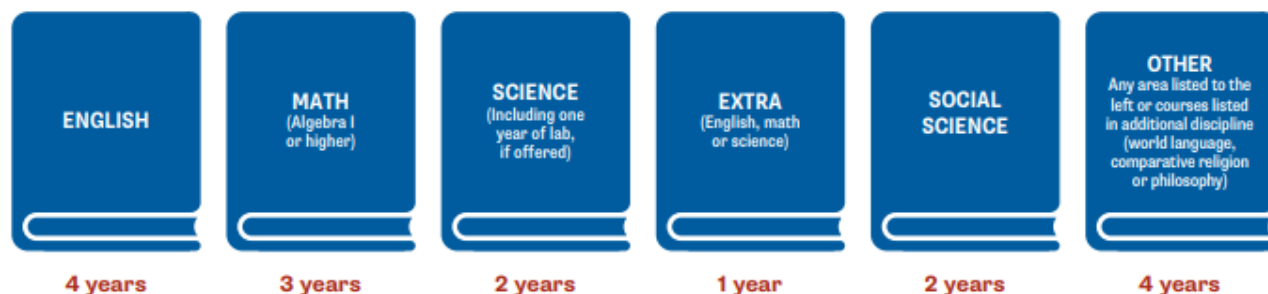
# Division I Academic Standards

**Division I schools** require you to meet academic standards. To be eligible to practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship in your first year of full-time enrollment, you must meet all the following requirements:

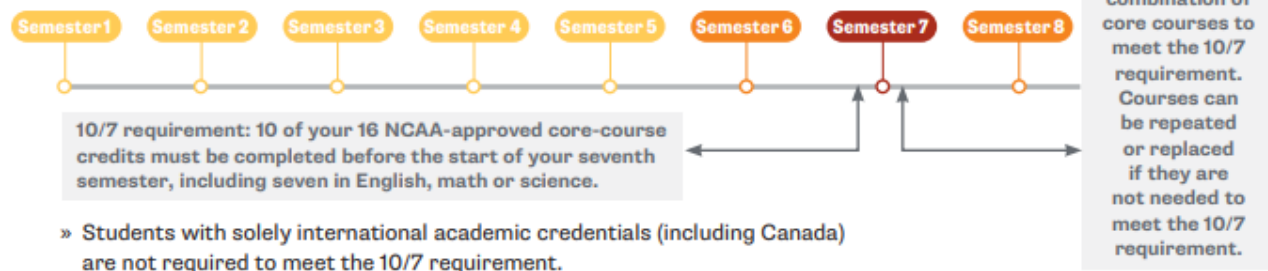


**DIVISION I**

1. Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the following areas:



2. Complete 10 of your 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits, including seven in English, math or science, before the start of the seventh semester. Once you begin your seventh semester, any course that is needed to meet the 10/7 requirement cannot be replaced or repeated.



3. Complete your 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in eight academic semesters or four consecutive academic years from the start of ninth grade. If you graduate from high school early, you still must meet core-course requirements.
4. Earn a minimum 2.3 **core-course GPA**.
5. Ask your high school counselor to upload your **final official transcript** with proof of graduation to your Eligibility Center account.

**How to plan your high school courses to meet the 16 core-course requirement:**

$$4 \times 4 = 16$$

**9<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or other

**4 CORE COURSES**

**10<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or other

**4 CORE COURSES**

**11<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or other

**4 CORE COURSES**

**12<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or other

**4 CORE COURSES**



# Division II Academic Standards

Division II schools require you to meet academic standards. To be eligible to practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship in your first year of full-time enrollment, you must meet all the following requirements:

NCAA DIVISION II

MAKE IT *YOURS*

1. Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the following areas:

ENGLISH	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)	EXTRA (English, math or science)	SOCIAL SCIENCE	OTHER Any area listed to the left or courses listed in additional discipline (world language, comparative religion or philosophy)
3 years	2 years	2 years	3 years	2 years	4 years

2. Earn a minimum 2.2 **core-course GPA**.
3. Ask your high school counselor to upload your **final official transcript** with proof of graduation to your Eligibility Center account.

## What If I Don't Meet Division II Standards?

If you have not met all the Division II academic standards, you may not compete in your first year of full-time enrollment at a Division II school. However, you will be deemed a partial qualifier. All Division II partial qualifiers may practice and receive an athletics scholarship, but may NOT compete, during their first year of full-time enrollment.

## Division II Worksheet

Use the **Division II Worksheet** to assist you in monitoring your progress in meeting NCAA initial-eligibility standards. The Eligibility Center will determine your academic status after you graduate. Remember to check **your high school's list** of NCAA-approved core courses for the classes you have taken or plan to take.



## ACADEMIC CERTIFICATION DECISIONS

Academic certifications are required for all college-bound student-athletes planning to compete at an NCAA Division II school. If you're being recruited by a Division II school, below are the most common decisions you may receive once a certification has been completed.

### EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

If you meet **specific criteria** after six semesters of high school, you may be deemed an early academic qualifier for Division II and may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of full-time enrollment.

### QUALIFIER

You may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of full-time enrollment.

### PARTIAL QUALIFIER

You may practice and receive an athletics scholarship, but may NOT compete, during your first year of full-time enrollment.



## PLAN AHEAD SHEET

Use the chart below to help you look over your entire four years in high school. Consider the required credits for graduation and then decide which courses you will choose and when you will take them. Write in your course titles in the spaces on the chart. Check the number of credits you have earned and plan to earn. Will you have the 26 credits required for graduation? Your counselor will gladly assist you in planning ahead for courses and careers. Your parents or guardians should also be well aware of your thoughts and interests as you go through this planning process. Make sure you involve them early rather than late.

Note: All courses are open to all students who meet the prerequisite requirements.

SUBJECT FIELD	9 <sup>TH</sup>	10 <sup>TH</sup>	11 <sup>TH</sup>	12 <sup>TH</sup>	REQUIRED CREDITS
English					4.5
Social Studies					4.0
Mathematics					4.5
Science					3.5
Elective (Required Minimum)					6.5
Elective (Additional)					
#Family & Consumer Science					0.5
#Intro to Coding					0.5
#Intro to Mat. Processing					0.5
Phys. Ed.					1.5
Health					0.5
<b>Total</b>					<b>26</b>

# 2 of 3 required for graduation