



WELCOME CLASS OF 2022

8TH GRADE PARENT

NIGHT

Homer High School

COUNSELOR ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE INCOMING CLASS OF 2022

- Mrs. Darlene Latten A-D
- Mrs. Audrey Fairchild E-N
- Mrs. Alaina Wallace O-Z



TONIGHT'S AGENDA

1. Graduation and Diploma Requirements
2. Choosing 9th Grade Courses
3. A.C.E. Information
4. Breakout Session with High School Counselor
5. Understand How We Help with HS Transition
6. Useful Resources
7. Timeline: Now through 9th Grade



7 VALLEYS NEW TECH ACADEMY

Student presentations on the option of 7 Valley New Tech Academy have occurred earlier at the Junior High School.

If this is something you or your student has interest in, please be in contact with Ms. Bell or Ms. Woods in the Junior High Counseling Office ASAP..



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: 22 CREDITS

REGENTS DIPLOMA


UNITS OF CREDIT

English	4 units
Social Studies	4 units
Science	3 units
Math	3 units
World Languages	1 unit
Art/Music/Tech	1 unit
Health	.5 unit
PE	2 units (4 yrs)
Electives	3.5 units
CPR	0 units
TOTAL	22 units

REGENTS DIPLOMA WITH ADVANCED DESIGNATION

UNITS OF CREDIT

English	4 units
Social Studies	4 units
Science	3 units
Math	3 units
World Languages	3 units
Art/Music /Tech	1 unit
Health.	.5 units
PE	2 units (4 yrs)
Electives	1.5 units
CPR	0
TOTAL	22 units



REGENTS REQUIREMENTS BY DIPLOMA TYPE

Regents Diploma

Regents Exams Requirements:

65 or higher on 5 Regents exams and earn 22 units of credit.

Algebra

Global Studies

US History

English

Science

Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation

Regents Exam Requirements

65 or higher 8 Regents exams* and earn 22 units of credit.

Algebra

Geometry

Algebra 2

Global Studies

US History

English

Science (2 exams, Biology + 1 in the physical setting)

*World Languages (Must pass final exam after third year)

NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (NYSED)

Visit NYSED's website for more on
Graduation Pathways:

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/gradreq/Documents/CurrentDiplomaCredentialSummary.pdf>

- ❖ Shortened URL: goo.gl/f3DbF8
- ❖ Pathway options can allow a student to earn a Regents Diploma by passing other exams or meeting other requirements



PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Access Homer's Program of Studies

- Go to www.homercentral.org
- Click on high school link
- Guidance and Counseling page
- Look for Downloads
- Program of Studies 2018-2019
 - AP, Honors, and Concurrent Enrollment Courses available at Homer
 - Course descriptions for all required courses and elective options
 - NCAA Eligibility Center – Approved courses



HOW TO DECIDE ON COURSES

Be honest about your child's abilities, strengths, and weaknesses



Seek advice from your child's teachers and school counselor

Be aware of course recommendations and prerequisites

Consider your child's interests and future goals when choosing electives

SAMPLE 9TH GRADE SCHEDULE

1. English 9
2. Global Studies 9
3. Math
4. Science
5. Science Lab / Physical Education
6. Lunch
7. World Language Level 2
OR AIS
8. Art/Music/Tech
OR Agriculture/ Business

Extra Help available Period 9 from 2:30 – 3:06



COURSES OPEN TO 9TH GRADERS

Core Cores

- English
 - 9 Regents
 - 9 Honors
- Math
 - Algebra Regents
 - Geometry Regents
 - Algebra I (2-year Algebra)
- Social Studies
 - Global Studies 9 Regents
 - Global Studies 9 Honors
- Science
 - Earth Science Regents
 - Earth Science Honors
 - Biology Honors
- Physical Education
 - P.E. 9/10

Options

- World Languages*
 - French II/ Spanish II
- Art
 - Studio Art I
 - Studio Art II
 - 3-D Design and Sculpture
- Technology
 - Design and Drawing for Production
- Music
 - Chamber Choir
 - Concert Band
 - Concert Choir/Concert Band
 - Bach to Rock
- Business
 - College and Career Ready
- Agriculture
 - Ag, Food, and Natural Resources

* For a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation, students should complete the third level of World Language and pass the final exam.



COURSE SELECTION PROCESS

- *Please return signed course selection form to P.O.S.T. teacher by:*
 - **FRIDAY, January 26**
- Upcoming Classroom Presentations
 - See your JH counselor to update your course selections
- Final Dates for Schedule Revisions
 - **Tues.- Weds. August 21-22**



ACCESS TO COLLEGE EDUCATION PROGRAM (A.C.E.)

Program is through SUNY Cortland and has a great website on what it is about:

<http://www2.cortland.edu/community/outreach/ace/>



BREAKOUT SESSION

Mrs. Latten – Learning Lab, 223

- **A-D**

Mrs. Fairchild – Auditorium

- **E-N**

Mrs. Wallace – Library

- **O-Z**

HOW DO SCHOOL COUNSELORS HELP STUDENTS?

Personal/Social

- *Relationships
- *Maintaining friendships
- *Problem solving skills
- *Coping skills
- *Referrals

Career

- *Goal Setting
- *College Planning
- *Career Exploration
- *Options after high school

Academic

- *Organization
- *Test taking and study strategies
- *Academic planning and goals
- *Time Management skills



MAKE THE MOST OF 9TH GRADE

- Use 9th period to keep grades up and do homework
- Become a self-advocate and recognize when assistance is needed
- Visit colleges, employers, and volunteer on school breaks or weekends
- Get involved in clubs, athletics, and activities
- **9th Grade Matters** [Remember colleges look at ALL four years of High School]



THINK ABOUT THE FUTURE

- BOCES
 - CTE (Career and Technical Education) courses in 11th and 12th offer a variety of hands-on and career exposure opportunities
 - New Visions (Medical and Environmental)
 - Seven Valleys New Tech Academy
- Consider taking AP courses and/or concurrent enrollment classes through TC3, SUNY Cortland, RIT, Cobleskill, and ESF



USEFUL RESOURCES

- ◉ Handbook for Students and Parents
- ◉ SchoolTool
- ◉ Naviance
- ◉ Program of Studies
 - ◉ Please refer to this for information on course planning throughout high school
- ◉ Guidance and Counseling Website



TIMELINE OF EVENTS

- **TODAY**

- Course recommendation forms – use these to make educated decisions on the most appropriate courses

- **January 26th – Return Signed Course Selection Forms**

- **January – February**

- Junior High student meetings with Ms. Bell and Ms. Woods to review courses

- **End of June**

- Take time to review final averages and 9th grade courses

- **July 10-August 15** – Summer school (Regents Exams 8/16-8/17)

- **August 13th** – Schedules mailed home

- **August 21-22nd** – *Final dates for scheduling revisions*

- **End of August** – Link Crew Program – Stay Tuned!



QUESTIONS?

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