

The Freshman Schedule

Much of your freshman schedule will be taken up with required courses. In the spring of the 8th grade, counselors and 8th grade teachers will recommend classes that are in line with your interests and abilities. All of these courses will count toward your high school graduation credits. They are also important for preparing you to be successful on the Ohio Graduation Tests, which all sophomores take. In order to graduate from high school, you must receive a passing score on all five parts of the Ohio Graduation Tests—Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. Your academic work should be taken very seriously since there is much to learn in preparing for the Ohio Graduation Tests.

All freshmen will take English, Math, Social Studies, Science, Health, and Physical Education. A few electives are also available, but enrollment in these classes may be limited by available space in classes. If your first choice of an elective cannot be scheduled, counselors will suggest another choice. Counselors try to schedule every student into four classes each term, but sometimes it is necessary or desirable to schedule a study period (study hall) in one block. Generally speaking, students will not have more than one study hall during the year.

A Sample 9th Grade Schedule (Your actual schedule will be different.)

| 1 st Semester | 2 nd Semester |
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| 1 st block: English | 1 st block: Science |
| 2 nd block: Social Studies | 2 nd block: Math |
| Lunch | Lunch |
| 3 rd block: Phys. Ed. and Health | 3 rd block: Elective |
| 4 th block: Elective | 4 th block: Elective |

Students are expected to stay with the schedule choices made during the scheduling period. Schedule changes will be made only if there is a serious reason to do so. A dislike for a course and/or a teacher, or a desire to be with friends, is not sufficient reason for making a schedule change. If a schedule change is desired, students and parents should discuss the possible change with a counselor. The counselor and/or principal will make the final decision on any requested change. Any schedule changes made after the third week of the term will result in the student receiving a failing grade for the course that is dropped.