



## Course Selection GUIDELINES for your Senior Year

JUNIORS will meet with their counselors out of their Communication Arts class sometime in January or February. Your teacher will give you the specific date.

**You will need to come to your counselor with your Course Selections pre-loaded on the Infinite Campus Portal.** All course numbers are listed on your course recommendation sheet and in the **on-line** Course Description Book (see school webpage).

### Remember:

1. Your course requests determine what we offer next year and how many sections are offered. It is imperative that all students give *careful consideration* to their course requests at this time. Please review the Course Description book and see your teachers if you have questions!
2. Please make sure that you have all eight spaces for each semester complete on your worksheet and that you have copied the course numbers correctly. **Courses that end in 1 are for the first semester and courses the end in 2 are for the second semester.** Please write neatly and firmly on your Course Selection Worksheet!!
3. After course requests are completed for all grades in February, *you will not be able to make changes as we are creating the overall school schedule for next year.* What you choose now will be SCHEDULED. Changes may not be possible at a later date.

**Your best opportunity to get into the courses you want is to sign up for them now!**

As you select courses for your Senior Year, **please be aware of how many credits you need to meet NCHS graduation requirements.** If you plan to attend college, please be aware of the minimum expectations for college-bound students:

### **NCHS Graduation Requirements**

Communication Arts	4.0 credits
Math (including 1.0 Algebra I)	3.0 credits
Science	2.0 credits
Social Studies (Including .5 American Govt. and 1.0 U.S. History)	2.5 credits
PE	3.5 credits
Health	.5 credit
Fine Arts	.5 credit
Career & Technical Ed	1.0 credits
Consumer Education	.5 credits
Other Courses	3.5 credits

### **\*Minimum College Admission Requirements**

English	4.0 credits
Math (through Algebra 2)	3.0 credits <i>4.0 preferred</i>
Lab Science	3.0 credits
Social Studies	3.0 credits
Foreign Language, Music Art, or Technical Arts	2 credits

*\*Always check with each individual college or university*

## **Communication Arts for Senior Year**

Seniors should register for two semester courses or one full-year course. Here are the options:

### *Literature Options:*

- Literary Themes (C46011 **or** C46012)
- World Literature (C45011 **or** C45012)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Century Literature (C40011 **or** C40012)

### *Composition Options:*

- Senior Rhetoric (C37011 **or** C37012)
- Writing Styles & Forms (C34011 **or** C34012)
- Creative Writing (C39011 **or** C39012)

### *Special Interest Options:*

- Mass Media (C56011) *Note: offered first semester only*
- Film As Literature (C57011 **or** C57012)

### *Honors Options (with teacher recommendation):*

- English Literature (C410W1) *Note: offered first semester only*
- Themes in Western Literature and Art (C430W2) *Note: offered second semester only*
- AP Literature (C480A1 **and** C480A2) FULL YEAR

### *English Electives:*

- Speech (C20011 **or** C20012)
- Advanced Speech (C53011 **or** C53012)

Some English electives may or may not be acceptable for college admission or NCAA eligibility, please check with each college individually or the NCAA clearinghouse if applicable.

## **Consumer Education**

Students are required to take a course that meets the consumer education requirement for graduation during their **junior or senior** year. Courses that meet this requirement include:

- Consumer Economics (B70011 **or** B70012)
- Online Consumer Education (B700M1 **or** B700M2)
- Economics (T60011 **or** T60012)
- AP Macroeconomics AND AP Microeconomics (T620A1 **and** T630A2)

## **Career & Technical Education**

Students are required to pass 1.0 credit of CTE (Career & Technical Education). Any combination of courses within the following departments can be used to meet this requirement:

- Business Technology, Technology Education, or Family and Consumer Science
- The following Art courses can apply toward CTE credit: Digital Art 1, Digital Art 2, Photography 1, Photography 2 (digital or traditional)

## **Fine Art**

Students are required to pass .5 credit of Fine Art. The following courses will fulfill that requirement:

- All Music and Art Courses
- Communication Arts -- Mass Media, Film As Literature, Creative Writing
- Family & Consumer Science -- Interior Design, Fashion Merchandising
- Social Studies -- Humanities
- Career & Technical Ed. -- Architectural Drafting, Graphics 1, Advanced Floral Design
- Theatre – Acting, Advanced Acting, Play Production

## **Early Dismissal and Late Arrival**

Students desiring Early Dismissal or Late Arrival must register for it. Please keep in mind that this is NOT guaranteed. The scheduling of your academic classes takes priority over an early release or a late start.

A factor to consider in selecting Early Dismissal or Late Arrival is that colleges examine the total rigor of your senior year schedule. If your schedule appears too easy, or less demanding than what was previously established, this may create a disadvantage in the college admission process. Please consider whether you would benefit from taking an additional course.