

The Importance of



David Brearley School Counseling
Department

How is High School Different from Middle School?

- ▶ High School has more opportunities/more classes/more responsibilities
- ▶ 9th Grade Counts! Grades 9-12 are considered in college decisions
- ▶ Self-Reliance: Teachers may not always remind you of work that is due or check homework
- ▶ Self-Advocate: It will be up to you to ASK FOR HELP. It is **your** responsibility, NOT your parents.
- ▶ Growth- Personal and Social; Try new things, join clubs, activities, and develop yourself outside of the classroom

School Counselor's Role

- ▶ Assist students with social and personal issues
- ▶ Advise students on courses and academics
- ▶ Help foster individual student responsibility
- ▶ Monitor progress to ensure graduation requirements are met
- ▶ Develop a post-high school plan with each student
- ▶ Address any school-related concern where a student or parent needs assistance
- ▶ Course Selection



Sample Freshman Schedule

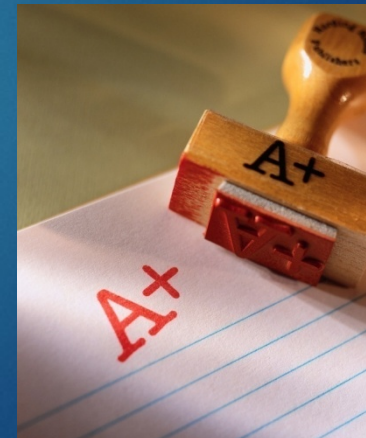
High School Drop and Rotate Student Instructional Time Included

Period		A	B	C	D
0	7:35-8:00	Common Activity			
1	8:00 - 8:55	English 1	Biology	Info Processing/Per Fin	Algebra 1
Passing Time					
2	8:58 - 9:53	Algebra 1	English 1	Biology	Info Processing/Per Fin
Passing Time					
3	9:56 - 10:51	Info Processing/Per Fin	Algebra 1	English 1	Biology
Passing Time					
L1	10:54 - 11:22	Open Gym	Open Gym	Open Gym	LAB
L2	11:22 - 11:49	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Passing Time					
5	11:52 - 12:47	Spanish 1	US1	Physical Education 9/ Health 9	Music/Art of Film
Passing Time					
6	12:50 - 1:45	Music/Art of Film	Spanish 1	US1	Physical Education 9/ Health 9
Passing Time					
7	1:48 - 2:43	Physical Education 9/ Health 9	Music/Art of Film	Spanish 1	US1
8	2:43 - 3:08	Common Activity			

Grade Point Average/Grading

- ▶ G.P.A. is the average of all final grades earned in all courses throughout high school.
- ▶ Each marking period is worth 22% of the final grade
- ▶ The final exam is worth 12% of the final grade.

**THIS INCLUDES YOUR
FRESHMAN YEAR!**



College Planning: Overview of next four years

<p>▶ 9th grade:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Earn best grades possible▶ Take the PSAT▶ Get involved (clubs, sports, part-time job, community service, etc.)▶ Get to know your counselor!	<p>▶ 11th grade:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Earn best grades possible▶ Take the SAT/ACT in the spring▶ Start doing research! Familiarize yourself with Naviance▶ Meet with counselor to go over college application process▶ Plan college visits; narrow down choices
<p>▶ 10th grade:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Earn best grades possible▶ Take the PSAT▶ Begin planning for post-high school (i.e. college, trade school, military, etc.)	<p>▶ 12th grade:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Take the SAT/ACT in the Fall▶ Finalize college list▶ Apply to colleges/financial aid/scholarships

*A college fair is held at DBHS every October during the school day for every grade!

What Do Colleges Look for?

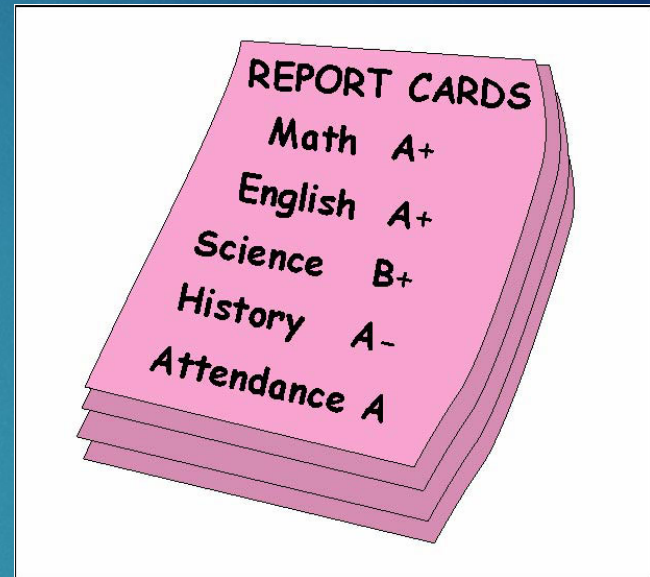


- ▶ Course Selection
- ▶ Grade Point Average
- ▶ SAT and/or ACT scores
- ▶ Activities
- ▶ Awards
- ▶ Letters of Recommendations
- ▶ Personal Essays

FRESHMAN YEAR COUNTS!

Transcript

- ▶ A transcript is a record of all the courses you took throughout your high school career
- ▶ It is recommended that each student take “college prep courses” and challenge themselves to the best of their ability



Grade 09 Year 2009-10		Final Grade	Credits	Grade 10 Year 2010-11		Final Grade	Credits
VHS Guided Learning (AP)		95	0.500	VHS Intern/Learning (AP)		P	0.000
English 1 Honors (H)		90	5.000	English 2 Honors (H)		89	5.000
AP World History (AP)		85	10.000	United States History 1 Honors (H)		94	5.000
Italian 2		96	5.000	Italian 3		97	5.000
Geometry Honors (H)		92	5.000	Algebra 2 / Trigonometry Honors (H)		96	5.000
Biology Honors (H)		92	5.000	Intro To Comp Prog (H)		80	5.000
Information Process		97	5.000	Chemistry Honors (H)		91	5.000
Aerospace Science		94	2.500	Engineering		91	2.500
Engineering Science		97	2.500	PSLP10		100	2.500
Phys Ed 1		96	3.750	Music Appreciation		94	5.000
Health 1		99	1.250	Health 2		98	1.250
				Physical Education		100	3.750
GPA 4.1126		Credits Earned 45.500		GPA 4.0278		Credits Earned 45.000	
Grade 11 Year 2011-12		Final Grade	Credits	Grade 12 Year 2012-13		Final Grade	Credits
English 3 Honors (H)		89	5.000	Middle East		97	2.500
CPR		95	1.250	AP English Literature (AP)			
United States History 2 Honors (H)		95	5.000	Family Living			
AP Psychology (AP)		91	5.000	AP United States History (AP)			
Italian 4		95	5.000	Italian 5 Honors (H)			
Precalculus Honors (H)		92	5.000	AP Calculus AB (AP)			
HSPA Mathemtaics		100	1.250	Personal Finance			
HSPA Language Arts		98	1.250	VHS Intern/Learning			
Individual Learning Opportunity		EX	0.000	Physical Education 12			
Physical Education		99	3.750	AP Environmental Science (AP)			
AP Physics B (AP)		95	10.000	Eng to Life			
GPA 4.4412		Credits Earned 42.500		GPA 4.2500		Credits Earned 2.500	
Cumulative Data Weighted	Credits Earned 135.500	Credits Attempted 135.500		Weighted GPA 4.1900		Decile Rank 1	

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English 1	64	0.000	English 2	65	5.000		
Eng 1/Summer School	66	5.000	Drama	69	5.000		
World Hist / Culture	80	5.000	United States History 1	72	5.000		
Spanish 1	73	5.000	Spanish 2	69	5.000		
Algebra 1	62	0.000	Geometry	66	5.000		
Alg 1/Summer School	65	5.000	Earth Science	74	5.000		
Earth Science	62	0.000	PSLP10	67	2.500		
Information Process	69	5.000	Music Appreciation	71	5.000		
Foods	65	2.500	Health 2	90	1.250		
Internet Workshop	57	0.000	Physical Education	96	3.750		
Theater Appreciation	76	5.000					
Phys Ed 1	92	3.750					
Health 1	86	1.250					
GPA 1.1648		Credits Earned 37.500	GPA 1.4559		Credits Earned 42.500		
Grade 11 Year 2011-12		Final Grade	Credits	Grade 12 Year 2012-13		Final Grade	Credits
English 3	61	0.000	English 12				
English 3 / Summer School	83	5.000	Family Living				
Drawing	72	5.000	Holocaust/Genocide				
CPR	93	1.250	Statistics				
United States History 2	65	5.000	Personal Finance				
Psychology/Sociology	65	5.000	Physical Education 12				
Algebra 2	60	0.000	Yearbook				
HSPA Mathemtaics	88	1.250	Chemlstry				
HSPA Language Arts	90	1.250					
Physical Education	88	3.750					
Imaging / Photography I	80	5.000					
Biology	65	5.000					
GPA 1.4118		Credits Earned 37.500	GPA		Credits Earned 0.000		
Cumulative Data Weighted	Credits Earned 117.500	Credits Attempted 140.000	Weighted GPA 1.3281	Decile Rank 10			

Course Levels

General Courses

General courses meet the general expectations for a specific grade level or course and are aligned with the NJ Common Core Standards.

Honors Courses

Honors courses are enriched; they offer the same material as a regular class but in greater depth and with a faster pace. Honors courses emphasize critical and independent thinking to produce creative application of ideas.

Advanced Placement Courses

AP Classes are college-level courses and exams. Students will engage in intense discussions, solve problems collaboratively, and learn to write clearly and persuasively. Students are ENCOURAGED to take an AP Exam at the end of each course and must pay the cost of the exam.

PSAT

The following grades will take the PSAT:

- Grade 9
 - Grade 10
 - Grade 11
- To be eligible for the National Merit Scholarship, you will use your Grade 11 PSAT score
- PSAT's are administered every year at David Brearley High School during the school day. Next year's date: October 16, 2019

Graduation Requirements:

□ Class of 2023 must fulfill the following minimum 120 credit graduation requirement

English	At least 20 credits; one per year
Mathematics	At least 15 credits
Science	At least 15 credits
Global Studies	At least 5 credits
United States History	At least 10 credits
World Language	At least 5 credits
Health and Physical Education	At least 20 credits; one per year
Fine Arts	At least 5 credits
21st Century Life & Careers	At least 5 credits
Financial Literacy	At least 2.5 credits
Information Processing	At least 2.5 credits
Electives	At least 15 credits
Total Minimum Credit Requirement	120



State Testing Graduation Requirements

ELA and Math Assessment Graduation Requirements for the Classes of 2019 and 2020

This document reflects the high school graduation assessment requirements for the Classes of 2019 and 2020, pursuant to a consent order received by the NJDOE from the Appellate Division of the New Jersey Superior Court. The requirements for the Class of 2019 remain unchanged from the requirements that have been effective since September 6, 2016. However, the requirements for the Class of 2020 were modified through the consent order. Please note the cut scores listed below are the same cut scores that were available to the Class of 2018.

Pathways Available	English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA)	Mathematics
First Pathway: <i>Take and Pass a PARCC/NJSLA Test</i>	NJSLA/PARCC ELA Grade 9 \geq 750 (Level 4), <i>or</i> NJSLA/PARCC ELA Grade 10 \geq 750 (Level 4), <i>or</i> NJSLA/PARCC ELA Grade 11 \geq 725 (Level 3)	NJSLA/PARCC Algebra I \geq 750 (Level 4), <i>or</i> NJSLA/PARCC Geometry \geq 725 (Level 3), <i>or</i> NJSLA/PARCC Algebra II \geq 725 (Level 3)
Second Pathway: <i>Meet Designated Cut Score on One of the Alternative Assessments</i>	SAT Critical Reading (taken before 3/1/16) \geq 400, <i>or</i> SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section (taken 3/1/16 or later) \geq 450, <i>or</i> SAT Reading Test (taken 3/1/16 or later) \geq 22, <i>or</i> ACT Reading or ACT PLAN Reading ² \geq 16, <i>or</i> ACCUPLACER WritePlacer \geq 6, <i>or</i> ACCUPLACER WritePlacer ESL \geq 4, <i>or</i> PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading (taken before 10/1/15) \geq 40, <i>or</i> PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading (taken 10/1/15 or later) \geq 22, <i>or</i> ACT Aspire Reading ² \geq 422, <i>or</i> ASVAB-AFQT Composite \geq 31	SAT Math (taken before 3/1/16) \geq 400, <i>or</i> SAT Math Section (taken 3/1/16 or later) \geq 440, <i>or</i> SAT Math Test (taken 3/1/16 or later) \geq 22, <i>or</i> ACT or ACT PLAN Math ¹ \geq 16, <i>or</i> ACCUPLACER Elementary Algebra \geq 76, <i>or</i> Next-Generation ACCUPLACER Quantitative Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics (QAS) (beginning January 2019) ² \geq 255, <i>or</i> PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math (taken before 10/1/15) \geq 40, <i>or</i> PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math (taken 10/1/15 or later) \geq 22, <i>or</i> ACT Aspire Math ² \geq 422, <i>or</i> ASVAB-AFQT Composite \geq 31
Third Pathway: Portfolio Appeals	Meet the criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal for ELA	Meet the criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal for Math

Sports Eligibility

- ▶ Freshman year:
 - ▶ By January 31st – must pass 15 credits (3 classes) to be eligible for second semester
 - ▶ End of the year – must pass 30 credits (6 classes) to be eligible for Sophomore year



Union County Career & Technical Institute (UCCTI) – Shared Time Programs

- ▶ Students attend UCCTI for a portion of the academic day and receive technical training in one of many different fields.
- ▶ Most programs are offered to juniors and seniors
- ▶ Cosmetology and Automotive Technology are offered to sophomores – interested students would apply in the winter of freshman year
- ▶ Programs: Allied Health, Child Development, Commercial Art, Criminal Justice, Culinary Arts, Digital Multimedia Design, Electrical Technology, Interactive Media & Game Design, Welding, etc.
- ▶ Self-contained programs for Special Ed. Students also available.



Other options:



1. College Course Work for High School Credit (UCC Bridge Program)
2. Online or Distance Learning (Virtual High School Courses) www.thevhscollaborative.org
3. Abbreviated Schedule – seniors only

