

# Course Selection Guide

## 2025-2026

- ▶ A quick overview to understand the course selection process for the 2025-2026 school year for Junior High School students and families
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- ▶ Roth Junior High School Counselors
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Burger Counseling Center: 359-5320

Roth Counseling Center: 359-5120

# Important Information

- ▶ Counselors will be going into classes in December to talk with students about selecting courses for next year, about understanding high school graduation requirements, and about planning for their future career pathways.
- ▶ A Google Form will be sent to all students by their school counselor. This form – the Course Selection Worksheet – will help students identify the required courses they must take next year and help them pick the elective courses they wish to take. This will be sent electronically to students on Dec 20<sup>th</sup>.
- ▶ Students should use the Secondary Course Program Guide to help them select the courses they want. Here is the link!  
[Secondary Program Course Guide](#)
- ▶ In January and February, counselors will schedule individual meetings with each student to discuss their course requests, review grades and transcripts, and develop a graduation plan based upon each student's long-term career and college goals.

# Important Dates

- ▶ The Course Selection Worksheet Google Form will be emailed to you in December by your counselor.
- ▶ January 6: Course Selection Worksheet is due back to your counselor.
- ▶ January 6 - February 28: Course selection meetings with counselors will be scheduled (if your parents wish to attend, please have them call the counseling office by January 6 so we can accommodate them). Parents will be able to join via Google Meets or in person.
- ▶ Early March: Course requests will be available on SchoolTool for each student – please check to make sure they are accurate!
- ▶ March 5: The last day to request changes to course requests.



# How to prepare for your scheduling meeting with your counselor

- ▶ Think about your college and career goals (review any surveys you've done in Naviance or in Home and Careers class).
- ▶ Look through the Secondary Program Course Guide to review the required courses you must take and the elective classes you can choose to take. The guide is listed on the Google Form you will fill out for your course requests and is also available on the district website under the student services and counseling services tabs.
- ▶ Fill out the Course Selection Worksheet that your counselor will email to you and send it back by January 6.
- ▶ Make sure you provide a couple back-up electives in case you don't get your first choice. Do your best to pick the classes you want – it can be hard to make changes later on in the spring or summer. If any classes you want are closed out or canceled, we'll use your back-up selections to fill in your schedule.

# Preparing for scheduling meeting, continued

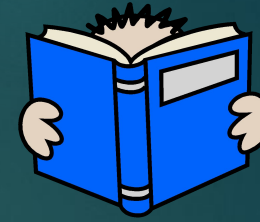
- ▶ Give careful consideration to taking an art or music class in 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade – remember you need a full art or music class to graduate.
- ▶ 9<sup>th</sup> graders – consider whether or not you wish to continue in World Language level II
- ▶ Be on time for your meeting with your counselor – don't be late!
- ▶ In-person meetings in the counseling office will be between 7:30-2:00, during a study hall, if you have one. If you don't, we'll try to see you during a non-core class. You'll get a pass from your counselor.

# Four-Year Planning Definitions



- ▶ **Required Course:** One you must take for high school graduation
- ▶ **Elective Course:** A course you choose to take based on your interests and educational goals
- ▶ **Prerequisite:** A class that you have to pass before you can take another class that you want

# Four-Year Planning Definitions



- ▶ **1 Credit:** A unit of study for high school graduation granted for passing a full-year course
- ▶ **1/2 Credit:** A unit of study granted for a course which meets for only one semester or the equivalent
- ▶ **GPA:** Grade point average



# Course Requirements for High School Diplomas

|                | <u>Regents</u> | <u>Regents w/ Adv. Des.</u> |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| English        | 4              | 4                           |
| Social Studies | 4              | 4                           |
| Math           | 3              | 3                           |
| Science        | 3              | 3*                          |
| World Lang     | 1              | 3**                         |
| Music or Art   | 1              | 1                           |
| Phys. Edu.     | 2              | 2                           |
| Health         | 0.5            | 0.5                         |
| Electives      | 3.5            | 1.5                         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>22</b>      | <b>22</b>                   |

\*1 credit must be Living Environment

\*\*While most 4-year colleges expect students to have taken 3 years of Foreign Language in high school, a student may elect to substitute a 5-credit sequence in Business, Technology, Art, Music, or Vocational Education (EMCC).



# Exam Requirements for High School Diplomas

|                | <u>Regents</u>   | <u>Regents w/ Adv. Des.</u>  |
|----------------|--|--|
| English        | 1: ELA Exam  | 1: ELA Exam  |
| Social Studies | 2: Global History & US History                                 | 2: Global History & US History                                     |
| Math           | 1: Algebra or Geometry or Algebra 2/Trig                       | 3: Algebra, Geometry, & Algebra 2/Trig                             |
| Science        | 1: Earth Science or Living Environment or Chemistry or Physics | 2: Living Environment & either Earth Science, Chemistry or Physics |
| World Lang     | Proficiency Exam   | 1: LOTE Regents  |
| TOTAL          | 6  | 9  |

# HS Transcript

| Student Information                 |                  |         |        | Work In Progress                        |                   |                |  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------|--------|---|-------------------|----------------|--|
| Student Number:                     | 295113           | Grade:  | 12     | BU350 Accounting                        |                   | 1.000          |  |
| Birthday:                           | 03/27/1992       | Gender: | M      | SS400 Economics                         |                   | 0.500          |  |
| Counselor:                          | Specksgoor, John |         |        | EN430 English 12 Screen                 |                   | 0.500          |  |
|                                     |                  |         |        | PE330 Phys Ed Team Sports               |                   | 0.500          |  |
|                                     |                  |         |        | SC400 Physics Regents                   |                   | 1.000          |  |
|                                     |                  |         |        | MA450 Precalculus R                     |                   | 1.000          |  |
| GPA Summary                         |                  |         |        | Standard Tests                          |                   |                |  |
| Cumulative GPA (Unweighted)         | 94.415           |         |        | -00061:SLP German                       |                   |                |  |
| Class Rank                          | 15 of 389        |         |        | Score:89 Result:4 Date:06/19/2006       |                   |                |  |
|                                     |                  |         |        | -01044:Regents Math A - Jan             |                   |                |  |
|                                     |                  |         |        | Score:96 Result:4 Date:01/25/2007       |                   |                |  |
|                                     |                  |         |        | -06040:Regents ELA - Jun                |                   |                |  |
|                                     |                  |         |        | Score:77 Result:3 Date:06/17/2009       |                   |                |  |
|                                     |                  |         |        | -06045:Regents Math B - Jun             |                   |                |  |
|                                     |                  |         |        | Score:95 Result:4 Date:06/23/2009       |                   |                |  |
|                                     |                  |         |        | -06052:Regents US History&Gov't - Jun   |                   |                |  |
|                                     |                  |         |        | Score:97 Result:4 Date:06/16/2009       |                   |                |  |
|                                     |                  |         |        | -06054:Regents German - Jun             |                   |                |  |
|                                     |                  |         |        | Score:93 Result:4 Date:06/17/2008       |                   |                |  |
|                                     |                  |         |        | -06059:Regents Living Environment - Jun |                   |                |  |
|                                     |                  |         |        | Score:89 Result:4 Date:06/17/2008       |                   |                |  |
|                                     |                  |         |        | -06200:Regents Phy Set/Earth Sci - Jun  |                   |                |  |
|                                     |                  |         |        | Score:93 Result:4 Date:06/19/2007       |                   |                |  |
|                                     |                  |         |        | -06201:Regents Phy Set/Chemistry - Jun  |                   |                |  |
|                                     |                  |         |        | Score:92 Result:4 Date:06/17/2009       |                   |                |  |
|                                     |                  |         |        | -06203:Regents Global History - Jun     |                   |                |  |
|                                     |                  |         |        | Score:92 Result:4 Date:06/17/2008       |                   |                |  |
| #0007 E.W. Spry Middle School       |                  |         |        | Credit Summary                          |                   |                |  |
| Course                              | Mark             | Weight  | Credit | HS Credit                               | Credits Attempted | Credits Earned |  |
| 2005-2006 Grade 08 Term 1           |                  |         |        | Art                                     | 1.000             | 1.000          |  |
| *170143 German Enr                  | 87               | 1.0000  | 1      | Business                                | 1.500             | 1.500          |  |
| Credit: 1.000 U/W GPA: 87.000       |                  |         |        | English                                 | 3.000             | 3.000          |  |
|                                     |                  |         |        | Health                                  | 0.500             | 0.500          |  |
|                                     |                  |         |        | LOTE                                    | 4.000             | 4.000          |  |
|                                     |                  |         |        | Mathematics                             | 3.000             | 3.000          |  |
|                                     |                  |         |        | Physical Education                      | 1.500             | 1.500          |  |
|                                     |                  |         |        | Science                                 | 3.000             | 3.000          |  |
|                                     |                  |         |        | Social Studies                          | 3.000             | 3.000          |  |
|                                     |                  |         |        | Total                                   | 20.500            | 20.500         |  |
| #0009 Webster Schroeder High School |                  |         |        |   |                   |                |  |
| Course                              | Mark             | Weight  | Credit |   |                   |                |  |
| 2006-2007 Grade 09 Term 1           |                  |         |        |   |                   |                |  |
| *60610 Algebra R                    | 98               | 1.0000  | 1      |   |                   |                |  |
| *70704 Earth Science R              | 97               | 1.0000  | 1      |   |                   |                |  |
| *10100 English 9 R                  | 93               | 1.0000  | 1      |   |                   |                |  |
| *30314 German 2 Enr                 | 91               | 1.0000  | 1      |   |                   |                |  |
| *20807 Global Hist 9 R              | 93               | 1.0000  | 1      |   |                   |                |  |
| *50990 Phys Edu 9/10                | 97               | 0.5000  | 0.5    |   |                   |                |  |
| *40223 Studio In Art                | 88               | 1.0000  | 1      |   |                   |                |  |
| Credit: 6.500 U/W GPA: 93.615       |                  |         |        |   |                   |                |  |
| 2007-2008 Grade 10 Term 1           |                  |         |        |   |                   |                |  |
| *10104 English 10 R                 | 96               | 1.0000  | 1      |   |                   |                |  |
| *60613 Geometry R                   | 98               | 1.0000  | 1      |   |                   |                |  |
| *30315 German 3 Enr                 | 96               | 1.0000  | 1      |   |                   |                |  |
| *20801 Global History 10 R          | 93               | 1.0000  | 1      |   |                   |                |  |
| *50951 Health                       | 93               | 0.5000  | 0.5    |   |                   |                |  |
| *70705 Living Environment R         | 93               | 1.0000  | 1      |   |                   |                |  |
| *50990 Phys Edu 9/10                | 98               | 0.5000  | 0.5    |   |                   |                |  |
| *00023 Word Processing 2            | 90               | 0.5000  | 0.5    |   |                   |                |  |
| *00021 Word Processing 1            | 97               | 0.5000  | 0.5    |   |                   |                |  |
| Credit: 7.000 U/W GPA: 95.000       |                  |         |        |   |                   |                |  |
| 2008-2009 Grade 11 Term 4           |                  |         |        |   |                   |                |  |
| *70713 Chemistry Regents            | 95               | 1.0000  | 1      |   |                   |                |  |
| *10117 English 11 R                 | 91               | 1.0000  | 1      |   |                   |                |  |
| *30318 German 4 Enr                 | 94               | 1.0000  | 1      |   |                   |                |  |
| *60614 Inter Algebra R              | 99               | 1.0000  | 1      |   |                   |                |  |
| *00061 Personal Money Mgmt          | 95               | 0.5000  | 0.5    |   |                   |                |  |

- This is a permanent record of EVERY class you take for high school credits and EVERY Regents exam.
- It is used to calculate your GPA.
- This will be sent to colleges/jobs/apprenticeships etc. (and for scholarships) when you apply in the fall of your senior year.
- The better your grades are, the better chance you have to get in the college or job of your dreams!

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Required Courses

- ▶ English 8
- ▶ Social Studies 8
- ▶ Math 8 or Algebra (1 credit for Algebra)
- ▶ Earth Science (1 credit) OR Biology (1 credit)
- ▶ Spanish, German, ASL or French 8 (1 credit for passing exam & course)
- ▶ Physical Education





# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Electives

- ▶ Studio in Art (1 credit) \*
- ▶ Studio in Crafts (1 credit) \*
- ▶ Studio in Media (1 credit) \*
- ▶ Music in Our Digital Lives (1 credit) \*
- ▶ Applied Music Technologies (.5 credit) \*
- ▶ Chorus 8
- ▶ Orchestra 8
- ▶ Band 8

\* These art and music classes help to fulfill the one credit art/music requirement for HS graduation

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Electives, continued

- ▶ Business Entrepreneurship (.5 credit)
- ▶ Production Systems (.5 credit)
- ▶ Applied Technology (.5 credit)
- ▶ JHS Computer Science and Digital Fluency (.5 credit)
- ▶ The Teenage Brain (.5 credit)
- ▶ Family and Consumer Science 8

\* Refer to pages 23-26 in the Secondary Program Course Guide for more info on 8<sup>th</sup> grade courses!

# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Required Courses

- ▶ English 9 (1 credit)
- ▶ Global Studies 9 or World History Pre AP (1 credit for each)
- ▶ Algebra I or Geometry (1 credit for each)
- ▶ Biology (1 credit) OR Earth Science (1 credit)
- ▶ Physical Education (.5 credit)





# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Electives

- ▶ Spanish, German, ASL or French II (1 credit for each) \*
- ▶ Business Entrepreneurship (.5 credit)
- ▶ Principles of Marketing (.5 credit)
- ▶ The Teenage Brain (.5 credit)
- ▶ Principles of Biomedical Science (1 credit) \*

\* class has a prerequisite which must be taken first – refer to Secondary Program Course Guide for more information

# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Electives, continued

- ▶ Concert Chorus 9 (.5 credit)
- ▶ Concert Orchestra 9 (.5 credit)
- ▶ Concert Band 9 (.5 credit)
- ▶ Music in Our Digital Lives (1 credit)
- ▶ Applied Music Technologies (.5 credit)
- ▶ Studio in Art (1 credit)
- ▶ Studio in Crafts (1 credit)
- ▶ Studio in Media (1 credit)
- ▶ Digital Imaging and Photography I \* (.5 credit)
- ▶ Drawing and Painting I \* (.5 credit)

\* These classes have a prerequisite class you must take first – refer to the course guide for more info

\*\*All the classes listed on this page help to fulfill the one credit art/music requirement for HS graduation

# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Electives, continued

- ▶ Production Systems: Intro to Tools and Machines (.5 credit)
- ▶ Introduction to Robotics (.5 credit)
- ▶ Introduction to Engineering Design (1 credit)

\* Refer to pages 27-31 in the Secondary Program Course Guide for more info on 9<sup>th</sup> grade courses!



# 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Required Courses

- ▶ ELA 10 Regents or Honors (1 credit)
- ▶ Global Studies 10 or World History AP (1 credit)
- ▶ Geometry or Algebra II (1 credit)
- ▶ Science class (refer to pps 45-48 in the Secondary Program Course Guide)
- ▶ Physical Education (.5 credit)

# 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Electives

- ▶ Too many to list! Refer to the Secondary Program Course Guide, Senior High School section, pages 32-55

# Final Reminders

- ▶ The Junior High School counselors are looking forward to working with you and your family this year to help you make course requests for 2025-2026!
- ▶ Remember to select some alternate elective classes, in case your first choices are closed out.
- ▶ If you want a study hall next year, make sure you check that box on the course request worksheet and let your counselor know!
- ▶ Make sure you fill out your course selection sheet completely and return it by the due date!
- ▶ Please reach out to your counselor if you have any questions about this process!