

# 8TH GRADE COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS





What is YOUR plan?



# STEP 1 - LET'S CHECK YOUR GRADES & ATTENDANCE

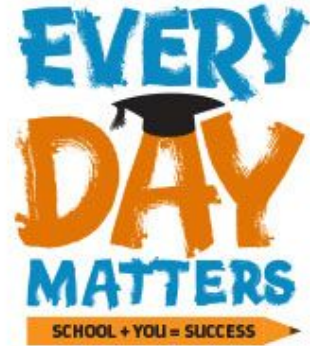
- You are practicing habits that you will use in high school
  - Pass all classes / Attend school
  - Attendance is huge predictor of success or failure
- Can't suddenly turn it up a notch in 9th grade! Be a good student NOW!
- Good attendance = good grades
- Bad attendance = lower grades most of the time!



  
**STUDY HARD.  
DO GOOD  
AND THE  
GOOD LIFE  
WILL FOLLOW.**  


# WHAT IS GOOD ATTENDANCE?

- If you miss two days a month, you are considered **Chronically Absent**
- Research shows that attendance in elementary and junior high is a BIG PREDICTOR of finishing high school
  - More kids with low attendance drop-out of high school
  - We want every Longhorn to graduate one day!
- Practice going to school every day so you can do it in college or at a job one day



# STEP 2 - THINK AHEAD TO 9TH GRADE



- Start the conversation now
  - Talk to parent or adult about what you like to do, what you're good at, what you want in future
  - Sign up for Utah Scholar program to prepare for college
- Learn about yourself - Utah Futures
- Challenge yourself with harder classes
- Start saving for college!
- GET INVOLVED!



# STEP 3 - THINK AHEAD 4 YEARS

- Think about not just 9th grade, but beyond graduation
- Do you want to go to Davis Tech during High School?
- Do you want to take college classes in high school? Do you want to earn a **Certificate of Completion**?
- Do you want to play sports in college? **You'll need to research NCAA**
- Do you want to do Early College at Weber?



**DAVISTECH**

DAVIS TECHNICAL COLLEGE

**Early College**

College credits. College campus.



# WHAT IS THE **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION** THAT WE SPEAK OF?

- Work towards your Associate's degree
- Can get most of it done if you earn Certificate of Completion
- It's equal to about 1 year of college
- Saves you money!



# STEP 4 - CHOOSE YOUR CLASSES



- Be purposeful
  - Even if you choose same classes as friends, you will probably not be in the same class
- Pick AP if you want to earn Certificate of Completion
- Think about how to give yourself a **COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE**
- Attend school every day and give your best effort to earn credits!

## 9th Grade Core:

1. English 9/Honors
2. Sec Math I/Honors
  - a. Accelerated students would take Sec Math II
3. Science
4. World Geography/AP
5. Physical Education
6. Start working on elective credits (Art, CTE, etc)

# WHY TAKE HONORS/AP & CE CLASSES?



- You can do hard things!
  - Teaches you how to manage time
  - Teaches you how to think more deeply
- Universities love these classes on your transcript
  - They are looking for RIGOROUS COURSEWORK
- Could help you earn an Honors Diploma, Scholarships, Certificate of Completion







# START EARNING HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS IN 9TH GRADE

- ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS (4 CREDITS)
- MATHEMATICS (3 CREDITS)
  - COLLEGE READY WITH 4 YEARS
- SCIENCE (3 CREDITS)
- DIGITAL LITERACY (.5 CREDITS)
- PHYSICAL EDUCATION (1.5 CREDITS)
  - FIT FOR LIFE
  - PE 9TH
  - ONE MORE PE/SPORT
- SOCIAL STUDIES (3 CREDITS)
  - GEOGRAPHY
  - WORLD HISTORY
  - US HISTORY
  - GOVERNMENT
- FINANCIAL LITERACY (.5 CREDITS)
- FINE ARTS (1.5 CREDITS)
- CAREER AND TECHNICAL (1.0 CREDITS)

THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL,  
STUDENTS MUST EARN 27  
CREDITS TOTAL

**AND**

CREDITS MUST BE IN  
SPECIFIC AREAS!

# AND NOW LET'S PICK 9TH GRADE CLASSES

- ❖ Put your FIRST and LAST NAME on paper
- ❖ Put your student ID if you know it
- ❖ Choose Regular or Honors for core
  - Think ahead to scholarships, college applications, NCAA, Certificate of Completion
  - AP and Honors help more on those goals
- ❖ Choose Electives
  - Full year goes in both columns
  - Half year goes only in one
- ❖ Fill up your paper PLUS alternates
- ❖ **ASK QUESTIONS!!**

**CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE®**



**Where you  
end up in life  
will be determined  
by the paths  
you chose to take.  
Choose them  
carefully.**



# BONUS - LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF

[www.UtahFutures.org](http://www.UtahFutures.org)

- Career Interest Profiler
- Reality Check
- Career Search
- College Search – what is your dream school looking for?



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