Graduation Requirements
Regents Diploma

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TOTAL UNITS: 22
Regents Diploma Requirements

REGENTS DIPLOMA

- ENGLISH 11
- MATH
- GLOBAL HIST.& GEO
- U.S. HISTORY & GOVT.
- SCIENCE REGENTS
- PATHWAY OPTION

(PASSING ALL WITH AT LEAST A 65)

REGENTS DIPLOMA WITH AN ADVANCED DESIGNATION WITH HONORS

- (PASSING ALL WITH ABOVE 90)

ADVANCED REGENTS DIPLOMA

- ENGLISH 11
- INTEGRATED ALGEBRA
- INTEGRATED GEOMETRY R
- INTEGRATED ALGEBRA II & TRIGONOMETRY
- GLOBAL HISTORY& GEO.
- U.S. HISTORY & GOVT.
- 2 SCIENCE REGENTS
- WORLD LANGUAGE
Utilize the BHS Website

BHS Course Guide / Diploma Requirements

Requirements (Revised July 2020)
Steps to Help Simplify the College Planning Process

- **Step 1:** Consider the factors (Major, Location, Size and Cost)
- **Step 2:** Research and visit colleges and universities
- **Step 3:** Learn admissions requirements
- **Step 4:** Develop a financial plan
- **Step 5:** Be mindful of deadlines
College Application

- Official High School Transcript
- Standardized Test Scores
- Letters of Recommendation
- Personal Statement Essay
- Activity Resume

Get Ready...Leave Ready
What Colleges Consider

Primary factors:
- Quality/Rigor of Academic Courses
- Academic Performance/Grades
- Test Scores (SAT, Subject Tests, ACT’s)

Additional factors:
- Letter(s) of Recommendation
- College Essay
- Activities Resume
Grades & Course Work

Colleges will look at a few aspects:

- Course selection: Rigor of course load (AP, Honors)
- Grades: Class and Regents Exams
- GPA trends: Keep improving every year
- Class Rank
College Entrance Exams

SAT

www.collegeboard.com

ACT

www.act.org
**Exam Details**

**SAT**

Two sections:

1. Evidenced Based Reading – Sentence Completion, Reading Passages.

**ACT**

Four sections:

English, Math, Reading and Science

Optional:

Writing – measures writing skills taught in high school.
Score Range for the SAT/ACT

The SAT
- Score range is 200 – 800 per section
- Total score two sections is out of 1600
- Evidenced Based Reading 200 lowest – 800 highest
- Math 200 lowest – 800 highest

The ACT
- Composite score range is 1-36
- ACT- SAT equivalent i.e. ACT 28 = SAT 1310
Exam Preparation

- Method Test Prep access through Castle Learning

- Khan Academy

- The Brentwood School District Website has various helpful websites under the “Guidance Department” link. www.bufsd.org

*Remember, test scores are only ONE factor used for the college admission and scholarship decision*
Letters of Recommendation

- 2 teacher letters
- 1 counselor letter
- Employer/coach
- Someone that can write a “POSITIVE”, comprehensive, and detailed letter on your behalf
College Essay(s)

- May have to write more than one essay depending on the school to which you apply.
- Start early.
- Answer the question being asked.
- Write about something important to you (ex. adversity overcame).
- Have a teacher proof read your essay.
Activity List

- Student brag sheet questionnaire
- List if all activities 9-12
- Work experience
- Community service/volunteer work
- Talents/hobbies/sports
- Honors and Awards
Sample Activities Resume

STUDENT OF THE YEAR
101 SUCCESS WAY
BRENTWOOD, NY 11717

Activity- Description- Grades Participated

- **Student Council Vice President** - Promotes tolerance and acceptance between diverse cultures within the High School. Organized assemblies that educated student body about global crises such as Darfur. 11,12

- **POW WOW School Newspaper Writer** - Contributing writer on feature stories that directly relate to the High School. Stories include articles of introduction on new staff members as well a featured story on article on the affects of stress on teenagers. 11,12

- **Latino’s En Accion** - Club Participant in club that focuses on the education and awareness of the Latin culture. 10,11,12
# Fitting the Pieces Together

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1. The Person

Where do I fit?

- My grade point average is…
- My class rank is…
- My ACT/SAT score is…
- My high school course of study is…
- My profile vs. the profile at choice schools…
2. The Program

What will I study?

- Dream Career
- Favorite classes
- Work experience
- Leisure activities
- School activities
3. People

Who will I meet?

- Visit the campus
- Plan the trip
- Parent/guardian should accompany
- Take the campus tour
- Meet a department professor
- Ask questions
- Trust your instincts
Where am I going?

- Distance from home
- Residential life
- Campus setting
- Campus size
- Campus safety/security
- Health services
- Student activities
- Study abroad program
5. The Price

How much will it cost?

- Discuss with my family the cost of attendance
- Community college vs. private school costs
- COA (Coast of Attendance)
- EFC (Expected Family Contribution)
- Financial Need
- Scholarship Opportunities
Making a College Selection

Factors that Influence College Choice

- Academic programs
- Geographic location
- Size of school/ Demographics
- Costs, Financial aid, Scholarships
- Resources
- Reputation
- College visit

How do we use these factors?

- With the use of college search engines (Naviance and Common App), School Counselors help students develop a list of approximately 8 schools.
- It is suggested that students apply to 6-8 schools; 10 at the most.
Making a College Selection Continued

- **Safety Schools** - A school where your academic credentials exceed the admissions requirements of that school and your probability of acceptance is high.

- **Target Schools** - A school where your academic credentials meet the admissions requirements of that school and your probability of acceptance is moderate.

- **Reach Schools** - A school where your academic credentials fall below the admissions requirements of that school and your probability of acceptance is low and not assured.
After narrowing your choices...

- Begin additional research on each school
- Schedule a campus tour
- Speak with an admissions counselor (you, not your parent!)
- Talk to students and faculty
- Read the student newspaper
- Ask about financial aid opportunities
College Interview

- Know why you want to attend this school
- Think of it as a conversation with interviewer to reduce anxiety
- Discuss interview process with guidance counselor beforehand
- Do research and know facts about the school
- Have questions to ask the interviewer
- Be yourself
Naviance and Common App

- Naviance - login through student apps
- Common Application [https://www.commonapp.org/](https://www.commonapp.org/)
- These applications help with connecting students with colleges/universities all around the country
- Assure email address and contact information is up to date
- College search tools
- Interest Inventories
Student Responsibilities

- Register/Prepare for SAT/ACT
- Submit Transcript Request Form
- Be aware of application deadlines
- Complete Resume/Activity sheet
- Ask teachers for recommendations
- Write and edit essay
- Send SAT/ACT scores to colleges
- Research scholarship opportunities
Visit the College Room – DiPietro Center
Thank you for your time and attention!