



# Bridgewater-Raritan Regional High School

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## 8th Grade Parent High School Scheduling Orientation FAQs

### 1. Why are there only four days in the schedule instead of five?

- a. In order for a rotating drop schedule to work and provide a common lunch, we needed to divide the school day in half. This allows us to schedule four classes in the morning and four in the afternoon. To equalize the total instructional time throughout the year, we rotate on a four day cycle so that courses will meet an equal number of times. This also allows us to evenly cycle the four courses - equal number of class meetings and equal number of “drops”.

### 2. How do the kids apply for vo-tech?

- a. Applications for Somerset County Vocational Technical High School (SCVTHS) are now available. To apply, click on the following link: <https://applytoscvths.com/login>
- b. The application deadline is February 18, 2022.

### 3. If your child is in geometry, will he start high school with ten credits already?

- a. No, only courses taken at the high school, or by an approved online provider and completed following 8th grade graduation are counted toward graduation credits.

### 4. Once the course choices are locked, how do you ensure that the chosen courses don't have scheduling conflicts?

- a. The high school master schedule is developed during the summer. As the schedule is built, we review the numerous scenarios that result from the software program that creates it. We do our best to minimize the number of conflicts that may result. Unfortunately, we cannot resolve all scheduling conflicts. This results in students not being scheduled for some of their requests. This is unavoidable. We work with students over the summer to resolve conflicts to the best of our ability and to the extent that the schedule will allow.

### 5. Will there be summer classes offered?

- a. Bridgewater-Raritan does not offer summer classes. Some students opt to enroll in online summer courses; however; they are not provided by the school district. There are several approved out-of district vendors who offer online courses. Students interested in taking online courses must submit an Option II application. For more information about Option II, please visit the high school website or refer to the Program of Studies. Online courses are at the expense of the parents.

### 6. Can students take courses at the HS and vocational school?

- a. Yes, students may enroll in both schools. Students enrolled in both BRHS and SCVTHS are considered share-time students. Half of the school day is spent at each school. Depending on the program at SCVTHS, students either attend there in the morning or in the afternoon. The other portion of their day is at BRHS.



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## **8th Grade Parent High School Scheduling Orientation FAQs (cont.)**

- 7. It was confusing, so they register classes with 8th grade counselors or on their own?**
  - a. Students will select their elective courses on their own during the registration period, January 31st through February 7th. To register, students will need to login to the Parent Portal of Powerschool. Students will meet with their assigned 8th grade counselor after the online registration period. Their school counselor will review their elective choices and enter their core content requests (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and World Language).
  
- 8. For primary & alternate course selections, how are course assignments conducted? First come first serve or randomly assigned?**
  - a. Students are enrolled in elective courses randomly. Students are not scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Everyone has an equal opportunity to enroll in elective courses.
  
- 9. Where would we find information about enrolling in sports teams?**
  - a. Information regarding BRHS athletic teams is available on the high school website under "athletics" - <https://hs.brrsd.org/athletics>
  
- 10. Are there courses which require a pre-req? If yes, where do we find the pre-req scheduled for courses?**
  - a. There are a number of courses that have pre-requisites. Information regarding pre-requisites will be visible on the requests screens as well as detailed in the Program of Studies.
  
- 11. How is the band scheduled?**
  - a. Band or Concert Band is a credited class at the high school meaning it is a scheduled class. Students will earn 5 credits for completing the class. Interested student should select "Concert Band" under Performing Arts Electives