

Broomfield High School

Academic Planning Guide

2023 - 2024



VISION OF THE BOULDER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

We develop our children’s greatest abilities and make possible the discovery and pursuit of their dreams, which, when fulfilled, will benefit us all. We provide a comprehensive and innovative approach to education and graduate successful, curious, lifelong learners who confidently confront the great challenges of their time.

MISSION

The mission of the Boulder Valley School District is to create challenging, meaningful and engaging learning opportunities so that all children thrive and are prepared for successful, civically engaged lives.

VALUES

1. We respect the inherent value of each student and incorporate the strengths and diversity of students, families, staff and communities.
2. Societal inequities and unique learning needs will not be barriers to student success.
3. We address the intellectual growth, health and physical development, and social emotional well-being of students.
4. We value accountability and transparency at all levels.

BROOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

| Administration | Counselors |
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| Ginger Ramsey, Principal | James Greene |
| Nick Barnes, Assistant Principal | Gina Malecha |
| Jennifer Barr, Assistant Principal | Marissa Zufall |
| Steve Shelton, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director | Heather Haskell |
| Maria Murillo, Dean of Students | Stacey Fair |

The Broomfield High School Academic Planning Guide contains the information you need to select your program of study for the 2023-2024 school year. Your course selection should be a result of careful consideration of your educational and career goals and should be guided by discussions with your family, teachers, and counselors. Graduation requirements are designed to give you a well-balanced high school education. Included in the requirements is the opportunity to select several elective credits. These, if carefully chosen, will help you explore and develop your own interests and abilities. In planning your course of study, you should consider the following:

1. Before selecting a course, read the description to be sure it fits your needs, interests, and abilities. Also, be sure that you have completed the prerequisite classes necessary for enrollment.
2. College entrance requirements and/or your career plans for the future should be considered in selecting courses.
3. **Once a course of study is selected, students will be expected to complete those courses during the upcoming year.**

COURSE SELECTION CALENDAR

Online Course Selection in Infinite Campus is the **1st Week of February through March 3, 2023, 4 p.m.**

Academic Planning Night is **February 27, 2023, 7 p.m.**

This event is for students and families who are new to Broomfield High.

For students not currently attending a BVSD school, please plan to come in-person to the Counseling Office for your course selection. No appointment is necessary.

March 1, 2023, 2:00 p.m. to 6 p.m.

March 2, 2023, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Athletics and Activities Night is **April 12, 2023**. More details to follow!

STEPS TO FOLLOW

- Visit the Broomfield High School website for [Course Selection information](#).
- Look over the [course offerings](#).
- Read the course descriptions.
- Mark the courses you have selected on the course selection worksheet. (See next page)
- Check your course selections with your counselor and teachers.
- Select your courses online in Infinite Campus (IC). [Instructions are available here](#).
- **OE students will come to the Counseling Office for Course Selection on March 1st or 2nd**

BROOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
Course Selection for 2023-2024 School Year
PLANNING SHEET

Name: _____

Please take course selection seriously.

The space provided below is for your working notes only AND WILL NOT BE REVIEWED by school personnel. You will be placed in a Semester class that works best with the rest of your schedule.

| Semester 1 | | | Semester 2 | | |
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| Course No. | Course Name | Credits | Course No. | Course Name | Credits |
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| Total Semester Credits: | | | Total Semester Credits: | | |

Remember, you need your Infinite Campus password to register online.
If you do not have it, ask a teacher to help you.

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March 2, 2023, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

March 3, 2023 - Last Day for Course Selection - Window Closes at 4:00 pm

BVSD GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

220 credit hours must be earned in the areas listed below. Ten credits are equivalent to one full year of credit in a specific subject.

Language Arts (40 credits in grades 9-12)

- 10 credits in Language Arts 9
- 10 credits in 10th Grade English Language Arts, grade 10
- 10 credits in 11th Grade English Language Arts, grade 11
- 5 credits in Language Arts elective courses, 9-12
- 5 credits in Communication courses, grade 9-12

Social Studies (30 credits in grades 9-12)

- 5 credits in US Government in grade 9
- 5 credits in World Geography in grade 9
- 10 credits in World History in grade 10
- 10 credits in US History in grade 11

Math (20 credits in grades 9-12)

- 10 credits of which must include Algebra 1 or higher level mathematics

Science (20 credits in grades 9-12)

- 10 credits in courses designated as Life Sciences
- 10 credits in courses designated as Physical Sciences

Physical Education (15 credits in grades 9-12)

- 5 credits in Wellness in Action, grade 9
- 10 credits in elective P.E. courses, grades 9-12, balanced between individual fitness and team sports

Second Language Acquisition (10 credits in World Language)

- Credits must be in Level 2 or higher; or, for English Language Learners, English as a Second Language Level 2 or higher

Practical Experiences (5 credits in grades 9-12)

- 5 credits in Computer Science or Applied Technology (may be fulfilled in middle level); if Computer Science or Applied Technology requirement is fulfilled at middle level, then 5 credits in Business, Family and Consumer Sciences, or other Career & Technology education course is required
- AND, to meet this requirement, all students must also demonstrate evidence of completion of a 12 hour course in Money Management & Personal Finance in grades 9-12 or through a qualified district course.

Health (5 credits in grades 9-10)

Fine Arts (5 credits in grades 9-12: includes Music or Art)

Students must demonstrate competence in English & Math through the Performance Measures.

- Students must complete at least one measure in English and at least one in Math as well as meet or exceed the measure's corresponding cut score or criteria to demonstrate college and career readiness in English and Math. For further information: [2021 & Beyond Link](#).

POST SECONDARY PLANNING

The Colorado Commission on Higher Education establishes guidelines for post secondary planning and college admission for in-state public colleges and universities. Each institution of higher learning has specific admission requirements for acceptance in addition to the following:

- Four years of English
- Four years of Mathematics (Algebra 1 or higher)
- Three years of a Natural Science (Two of which are lab-based)
- Three years of Social Studies
- One year of World Language
- Two years of academic electives

GRADUATION

A minimum of 220 credits must be earned in grades 9-12 for graduation, and at least 100 credits must be earned in grades 11-12. **Students who have not completed the necessary graduation requirements will not be allowed to participate in graduation.**

CLASS LOAD

Freshmen and sophomores must take a minimum of six classes per semester (60 credits). Juniors and seniors are required to be enrolled in a minimum of five classes per semester (50 credits). Any exception to this policy must receive approval from the principal.

SCHEDULE CORRECTIONS and CLASS WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Students select courses for the full year. Changes will be made only for appropriate reasons at a designated time. Students may drop a class during the first 15 days of the semester with no grade reported, and no record of the class will appear on the transcript. Students who drop a class on the 16th - 30th day of the semester will be issued a withdrawal grade of WP or WF which will be recorded on the transcript. Students who drop a class after the 30th day of the semester will receive a grade of F on the transcript.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

The Colorado High School Activities Association requires that students carry a minimum of five classes (25 credits) to be eligible for athletics. Students must remain eligible on a weekly basis. During the semester preceding participation, students must have carried a minimum load of five classes (25 credits) and must not have failed more than one class of their total load. The WP or WF grade for classes dropped after the 15th day of the semester counts toward eligibility. Students who have questions about their academic or general eligibility should contact the Athletic Director.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Transfer students will be held responsible for district requirements while enrolled as Boulder Valley students. Course work completed outside the district will be evaluated for credit and graduation requirements. In addition, at least two semesters of attendance in Boulder Valley Schools (minimum of 50 credits) are required to meet district graduation requirements.

SPECIAL EDUCATION COURSE SELECTION

Students who have Individualized Education Plans (IEP) will select courses with the assistance of their Special Education Case Manager so that their educational program is consistent with the goals and objectives of their IEP. This program may consist of regular education courses with some instructional accommodations, courses provided in the regular education class with a modified curriculum, and/or courses provided by the special education teacher.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Students can enroll in courses over the summer through [BVSD Online](#).

CLASS FEES

All fees are reviewed and approved by the BVSD Board of Education each year. Teachers will inform students of any fees the first day of classes. Students who qualify may request a waiver of fees.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTING (AP EXAMS)

Students in AP classes are encouraged to take the College Board AP exams in May. An acceptable score on the exam may yield credit for or waiver of courses at some colleges. Check with the Counseling Department or your AP teacher for the exact cost of the exam and other details. Fee is approximately \$97 per test, subject to change. Students will register and pay for the exam(s) in September.

COLLEGE BEFORE GRADUATION

BVSD participates in the [College Before Graduation](#) program. This program offers students the opportunity to take college level courses through a variety of different programs. For a complete list of opportunities and additional information, please visit the [BVSD website](#) and speak with a counselor.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AT ARAPAHOE RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

[Boulder TEC](#) is Boulder Valley School District's career and technical education center. CTE (Career & Technical Education) Programs at the Boulder TEC provide 11th and 12th-grade students with the opportunity to earn college credits and career-enhancing certifications. This learning environment promotes in-demand career skills while maintaining home high school enrollment and providing transportation. For more information on registering, contact Mr. Greene in the Broomfield High School Counseling Office.

WEIGHTED COURSES FOR 2023-2024

Generally, all Advanced, AP, and concurrent enrollment courses are assigned a weighted grade. In addition, coursework taken through Boulder TEC may be weighted. Students enrolled in courses with weighted grades are choosing rigorous courses that require high motivation, the ability to work independently, and a commitment to intensive study. BVSD transcripts reflect the weighted cumulative GPA. The weighted information is calculated by increasing the points for the grades earned in selected courses, A=5 points, B=4 points, C=3 points, D=2 points.

GREETINGS, FRESHMEN!

This information is designed to assist you in planning for your freshman year and beyond. Here are some basic facts you need to know about high school course selection:

1. **A full freshman schedule is six classes.** Freshmen who take a six period day and pass all classes will earn 60 credits toward the needed 220 for graduation.
2. **Physical Education:** All freshmen must sign up for one semester of Wellness in Action (P20). Students may choose to take a second class from those listed.
3. Reminder! Course selection deadline is **March 3, 2023, at 4:00 P.M.**
4. **ASK QUESTIONS.** When in doubt, the counseling staff, faculty, and administration are available to assist you in your course selections. If you need further assistance please call the Counseling Office at 720-561-5753 or send an email to broomfield.counsel@bvsd.org.
5. **Get the BIG Picture and Plan Ahead.** No matter what your higher education or career goals are after high school, you should look at a four year plan which you feel best prepares you for life after high school. You should make decisions based on solid academic goals. We cannot emphasize enough the importance of the total picture. Have good attendance, do all the work expected of you, and most of all, take an active role in your high school education. You will succeed.

Welcome to the class of 2027! We look forward to another inspiring year of learning!