

Counselors' Corner

Welcome to the first edition of the *Counselors' Corner*. Now, through the end of your student's senior year, you will periodically receive this newsletter in an effort to keep you updated on important information from the BHS Guidance Office.

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Upcoming Events:

10/11/23- Parent Teacher Conferences
BHS 5:00p.m.—8:00p.m.

10/12/23- Parent Teacher Conferences
BHS 8:00 a. m. — 8:00 p.m.

10/27/23- End of 1st Nine Weeks

11/22-26/23- Thanksgiving Break

12/22/23– 1/2/24- Winter Break



What does a School Counselor provide?

The role of a school counselor is to provide support for students in three main areas:

Academics

Personal/Social Issues

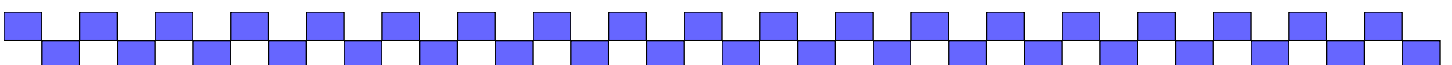
Career/Post-High School Planning

Some additional points of emphasis include the importance of getting off to a good start, how to be successful, and what to do if a student is struggling.

It is vital for freshmen to get off to a good start this year. The freshman year is the foundation for a high school career, and it will have an impact on the opportunities that they will have beyond high school. Most underclassmen don't realize that they'll be applying for college in the fall of their senior year. Thus, their academic record (transcript) will only consist of their freshman, sophomore and junior years. Attempting to recover from a slow start can be very challenging and may lead to limited opportunities after graduation.

How can students be successful? First and foremost, it is critical for students to attend school regularly. Missing school can cause added stress and lead to discouraging results. Homework is another critical piece that needs to be completed for students to be successful. Setting goals, improving study skills, and getting involved in a club, activity or sport are additional steps that successful students take.

What can students do if they're not successful? The first step for struggling students is to speak with their teacher(s). Additionally, students can see their school counselor for help and ideas for improvement. Tutoring services are available during students' scheduled study halls. Students interested in tutoring services should see their school counselor in the guidance office.



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Bellevue High School Graduation Requirements

Students are required to complete 20 units that are designed to prepare students for college and the workforce. These courses are called the Ohio Core. Bellevue City Schools requires additional units be earned for graduation. The course requirements for graduation are:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Requirements</u>
English	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits which includes Algebra II
Science	3 credits which includes a physical science and Biology
Social Studies	3 credits Modern World History 1 credit Modern American History 1 credit Government & Economics 1 credit
Health	½ credit
Physical Education	½ credit
Business and/or Technology	1 credit (includes 1/2 credit in Financial Literacy)
Fine Arts and/or World Language	1 credit
Career & College Readiness	½ credit
Electives	5 ½ credits
Credits to Graduate	23



Testing Info



The Ohio Department of Education has adopted new graduation requirements for the Class of 2023 and beyond. According to these new requirements, students will take end of course exams in the following subjects: Algebra I, Biology, American History, English II, Geometry and American Government. Students will need to show competency in English and math and show readiness by earning two diploma seals that line up with goals and interests (see attachment for more detail).