

# Preparing for High School:

Understanding Your High School Graduation Requirements, Your 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule, and 4-Year Pathway Options



# Overview:

- Graduation Requirements:
  - Credits
  - ICAP
  - CCRD
- Typical 9th Grade Schedule
- 4-Year Pathway Options
- 8th Grade Pre-Registration and Registration Dates
- Next Steps



## Requirements



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| Electives      | 11.0                                                                         |
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# Graduation Requirements: ICAP & CCRD

- **ICAP (Individual Career & Academic Plan)**
  - In SchoolLinks, the district's college and career readiness platform, students complete tasks related to college and career exploration and planning
- **CCRD (College & Career Readiness Demonstration)**
  - Students must demonstrate their knowledge in English and Math with at least one of the approved competencies to show they are ready to pursue a career after high school



# What Classes Will I Be Taking?

- **Core classes**

- **English:** IBMYP English or IBMPY Honors English
- **Math:** Placement based on recommendation
- **Science:** IBMYP Biology or IBMYP Honors Biology
- **Social Studies:** IBMYP Geography World History or IBMYP Honors World History/Honors US Govt.
- **World Language:** IBMYP Spanish, German, French, or Chinese
- **Academic Support:** Terror TRCSS



# What Classes Will I Be Taking?

- **Elective Pathway Options 2024-2025**

- **PE**
- **Digital Media:** Tech. & Design H., Computer Apps, Game Programming, 2D Animation, 3D Animation
- **Art:** Art, Art & Design H., Ceramics, Drawing, Digital Photography
- **Family & Consumer Science:** Culinary Essentials
- **Social Studies Electives:** Constitutional & Criminal Law, American Pop Culture, Personal Financial Literacy
- **Science Electives:** Intro to Science Research
- **Performing Arts:** Band, Orchestra, Choir, Acting Techniques, Theatre Arts, Stagecraft
- **Miscellaneous:** Journalism, Speech & Debate



# Honors Program Opportunities

- **Available in core and elective subjects:**

- English
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- World Language
- Art
- Digital Media

- **Benefits:**

- Rigorous opportunities to build a strong foundation for coursework in:
  - 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade
  - College & Career Preparation



# 4-Year Pathway Options

- IB Programs
- Concurrent Enrollment
- Dual Enrollment
- Career Start
- Career & Technical Education (CTE)
- Military Exploration Opportunities
- Career Exploration Opportunities
- ISSA
- D11 Access Opportunities



# Schedule Structure: 8 Periods

| Monday Late Start  |                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>7:20-8:20</b>   | <b>PD/PLC</b>         |
| <b>8:25-9:25</b>   | (no students)         |
| <b>9:35-10:07</b>  | <b>Period 1</b>       |
| <b>10:12-10:50</b> | <b>Period 2 (TTV)</b> |
| <b>10:55-11:27</b> | <b>Period 3</b>       |
| <b>11:32-12:04</b> | <b>Period 4</b>       |
| <b>12:09-12:42</b> | <b>Lunch</b>          |
| <b>12:47-1:19</b>  | <b>Period 5</b>       |
| <b>1:24-1:56</b>   | <b>Period 6</b>       |
| <b>2:01-2:33</b>   | <b>Period 7</b>       |
| <b>2:38-3:10</b>   | <b>Period 8</b>       |

| Tuesday/Thursday   |                 |
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| <b>7:35-9:15</b>   | <b>Period 1</b> |
| <b>9:20-11:00</b>  | <b>Period 2</b> |
| <b>11:05-11:40</b> | <b>Lunch</b>    |
| <b>11:45-1:25</b>  | <b>Period 3</b> |
| <b>1:30-3:10</b>   | <b>Period 4</b> |

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# Schedule Structure: Sample Schedule

## Semester 1

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|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|----------|
| IBMYP<br>English 1 | IBMYP<br>Algebra 1 | IBMYP<br>Biology 1 | IBMYP<br>Geo.<br>World<br>History 1 | IBMYP<br>World<br>Language<br>Course | Terror<br>TRCSS 1<br>or<br>AVID | Elective | Elective |
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## Semester 2

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| IBMYP<br>English 2 | IBMYP<br>Algebra 2 | IBMYP<br>Biology 2 | IBMYP<br>Geo.<br>World<br>History 2 | IBMYP<br>World<br>Language<br>Course | Terror<br>TRCSS 2<br>or<br>AVID | Elective | Elective |
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Full schedule required - No free periods  
Each class = 1.0 credit per semester



# January 2025 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pre-Registration and Registration Dates

- **Galileo School of Math and Science**
  - **Pre-Registration:**  
Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM
  - **Registration:**  
Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 9:00 AM
- **Holmes Middle School**
  - **Registration:**  
Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 PM
- **Jenkins Middle School**
  - **Registration:**  
Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> @ 8:35 AM
- **Mann Middle School**
  - **Pre-Registration:**  
Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> @ 8:40 AM
  - **Registration:**  
Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 8:40 AM
- **North Middle School**
  - **Pre-Registration:**  
Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM
  - **Registration:**  
Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> @ 9:00 AM
- **Russell Middle School**
  - **Registration:**  
Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> @ 9:32 AM
- **Sabin Middle School**
  - **Registration:**  
Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 PM
- **Swigert Middle School**
  - **Registration:**  
Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> @ 1:15 PM
- **West Middle School**
  - **Registration:** Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM



# Next Steps

- Students will receive a course selection sheet at Pre-Registration
- Discuss options with family and complete course selection form
- Review Course Catalog:  
<https://palmer.d11.org/academics/courses-offered>
- High school counselors visit middle schools to assist students with finalizing course selection



# Questions? Contact:

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