

# 8th Grade Transition

An Overview of the High School and Course Selection Process

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# The Counseling Dept.

All homerooms are class year and a letter - Ex. 2029A

2029 A, B, C - Mrs. Costanzo

2029 D, E, F - Mrs. Dyal

2029 G, H, I - Ms. Pellicane

2029 J, K, L - Mrs. Jones

2029 M, N, O - Ms. Galzerano

2029 P, Q, R - Mrs. Alderfer

2029 S, T, U - Mr. Murphy





# Haverford High School Basics



- 2 semesters per year
- Block schedule - 4 blocks per day
- One class = 85 minutes
- Core classes and some electives meet every day
- Band, Orchestra, Chorus, Support and many electives meet every other day (A/B day)
- At least 2 credits of World Language are required for many colleges
- Assigned to Homeroom/Advisory randomly and that remains the same for all 4 years of high school
- Your counselor is assigned to your homeroom
- 1 Head Principal (Mr. Donaghy) and 4 Assistant Principals (Ms. Edmiston and Ms. Pintero work with 9th grade)



# The High School Schedule

## A Typical Day at HHS



### Block Schedule

7:30 - 8:55 - Block 1 (arrive directly to block 1)

9:00 - 9:16 - Homeroom

9:21 - 10:46 - Block 2

#### Lunch 1

10:51 - 11:21 (Lunch 1)

11:26 - 12:55 Block 3

#### Lunch 2

12:21 - 12:16 Block 3

12:21 - 12:55 (Lunch 2)

12:56 - 2:22 - Block 4

- 9th and 10th grade eat lunch together
- Lunch is assigned to your 3rd block class
- Classes run on an A/B day schedule



# 9th Grade Scheduling

- 4 Blocks per day
- Electives are either alternating day or every day for the semester
- Your teachers will recommend you into your core class levels (English, Math, Science, Social Studies)
- You choose your electives (either 1.0 or 0.5 credit options)
- You can take up 8 credits each year

# Sample Schedule I

1 semester = 1 credit

1 semester alt = 0.5 credit

Grade 9	1st Semester		2nd Semester	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Block 1	English 9 (CP) 1.0 credit		Spanish II 1.0 credit	
Block 2	Algebra I (CP) 2.0 credits			
Block 3	US History (CP) 1.0 credit		Intro to Marketing (A Days) 0.5 credit	Film Study (B Days) 0.5 credit
Block 4	PE- 9 (A Days) 0.5 credit	Ceramics I (B Days) 0.5 credit	Engineering to Learn (ETL) (CP) 1.0 credit	



# Sample Schedule II

Grade 9	1st Semester		2nd Semester	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Block 1	English 9 (H)		Spanish II (H)	
Block 2	Algebra I (H)		Geometry (H)	
Block 3	US History (H)		Art I	
Block 4	PE- 9 (A Days) Ceramics I (B Days)		Engineering to Learn (ETL) (H)	



# Sample Schedule III

Grade 9	1st Semester		2nd Semester	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Block 1	English 9 (H)		Spanish II (H)	
Block 2	Algebra I (H)		Geometry (H)	
Block 3	AP US History			
Block 4	PE- 9 (A Days) Ceramics I (B Days)		Engineering to Learn (ETL) (H)	

# Sample Schedule IV

Full year alt = 1.0 credit

Grade 9	1st Semester		2nd Semester	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Block 1	English 9 (CP)		US History (CP)	
Block 2	Algebra I (CP)			
Block 3	Engineering to Learn (ETL) (CP)		Latin I	
Block 4	Guitar Lab (A Days)		PE 9 (A Days)	Concert Band (B Days)

1.0 credit

# Credits Required for Graduation



Students are required to complete 26.5 credits for graduation

Subject	Credit
English	4.0
Mathematics	4.0
Social Studies	4.0
Science	4.0
Arts & Humanities (non-math/science)	2.0
Physical Education and Health	1.5
Financial Literacy	0.5
Electives	6.5
Total	26.5



# Course Selection Process

- Counselors will come to visit math classes to work with students on choosing electives
- Students will select electives or classes that they want to double up on on a worksheet.
- Students will enter their selections into PowerSchool
- Students are only able to choose their electives, they are not able to choose specific blocks, teachers, or lunches.





# 9th Grade Electives

Descriptions are listed in the course selection guide that is posted online.



## BUSINESS

Course Name	Credit
Accounting I	1
Accounting II (H)	1
Web Comm & Design ~ Alt Day	0.5
Computer Applications I ~ Alt Day	0.5
Computer Applications II ~ Alt Day	0.5
Intro to Sports Mgmt ~ Alt Day	0.5
Intro to Sports Mgmt II ~ Alt Day	0.5
Intro to Marketing ~ Alt Day	0.5
Advanced Marketing (H) ~ Alt Day	0.5
Entrepreneurship ~ Alt Day	0.5
Financial Literacy ~ Alt Day	0.5
Haverford Sports Media	1.0

## ENGLISH

Course Name	Credit
Adv Studio Theater ~ Alt Day	0.5
Creative Writing ~ Alt Day	0.5
Dystopian Literature ~ Alt Day	0.5
Film Study ~ Alt Day	0.5
Film Study II ~ Alt Day	0.5
Poetry for Everyone ~ Alt Day	0.5
Public Speak 21 <sup>st</sup> Cen. ~ Alt Day	0.5
Research and Debate ~ Alt Day	0.5
Shakespeare ~ Alt Day	0.5
Studio Theater ~ Alt Day	0.5
Writing for Your Future ~ Alt Day	0.5

## FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

Course Name	Credit
Baking and Pastry Arts ~ Alt Day	0.5
Contemp. Sew & Crafts ~ Alt Day	0.5
Foods for Today ~ Alt Day	0.5
Interior Design ~ Alt Day	0.5
Prep for Parenthood ~ Alt Day	0.5

## FINE ARTS

Course Name	Credit
Art I	1
Art II	1
Fashion Design I	1
Fashion Design II	1
Animation 1 ~ Alt Day	0.5
Animation 2 ~ Alt Day	0.5
Art History ~ Alt Day	0.5
Art History II ~ Alt Day	0.5
Ceramics 1 ~ Alt Day	0.5
Ceramics 2 ~ Alt Day	0.5
Graphic Design 1 ~ Alt Day	0.5
Graphic Design 2 ~ Alt Day	0.5
Sculpture 1 ~ Alt Day	0.5
World Crafts ~ Alt Day	0.5

## MATHEMATICS

Course Name	Credit
AP Computer Science A	1
AP Computer Science Principles	1
Mobile Apps for IOS I	1
Mobile Apps for IOS II (H)	1
Mobile Apps Lite ~ Alt Day	0.5

## MUSIC

Course Name	Credit
Best Buddies Gen Music ~ Alt Day	0.5
Music Production 1 ~ Alt Day	0.5
Music Production 2 ~ Alt Day	0.5
Guitar Lab ~ Alt Day	0.5
Piano Lab ~ Alt Day	0.5
Basic Music Theory ~ Alt Day	0.5
Adv Music Theory & Comp ~ Alt Day	0.5
Ukulele Lab ~ Alt Day	0.5

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH

Course Name	Credit
Adv Personal Fitness ~ Alt Day	0.5
Fitness/Weight Training ~ Alt Day	0.5
Fords Functional Fit ~ Alt Day	0.5
General Phys Ed ~ Alt Day	0.5
Lifetime Fitness ~ Alt Day	0.5
Phys Ed Concentration ~ Alt Day	0.5

## SCIENCE

Course Name	Credit
Astronomy ~ Alt Day	0.5
Create Code Construct ~ Alt Day	0.5
Earth Science ~ Alt Day	0.5

## TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Course Name	Credit
Adv Comp Aided Drafting (CADD)	1
Architectural Comp Aided Drafting	1
Intro to Mechanical Drawing	1
Comm Drone Aviation I ~ Alt Day	0.5
Comm Drone Aviation II ~ Alt Day	0.5
Computer Aided Manuf. ~ Alt Day	0.5
Construction Tech I ~ Alt Day	0.5
Construction Tech II ~ Alt Day	0.5
Intro to Practical Wood ~ Alt Day	0.5
Practical Wood II ~ Alt Day	0.5
Technology Design I ~ Alt Day	0.5
Technology Design II ~ Alt Day	0.5

## WORLD LANGUAGE

French I	1
French II	1
French III (H)	1
Italian I	1
Italian II	1
Italian III (H)	1
Latin I	1
Latin II	1
Latin III (H)	1
Spanish I	1
Spanish II (CP)	1
Spanish II (H)	1
Spanish III (CP)	1
Intermediate Spanish (H)	1

Key	
(CP)	College Prep
(H)	Honors
(AP)	Advanced Placement
0.5 credit	Semester Long Alternating Day Class
1.0 credit	Semester class

# Considerations for Scheduling



- High School is a balancing act
  - Rigor vs. Grades
  - Stressed vs. Stressed out
  - School Involvement vs. Over-Extended
  - Concentrate vs. Explore
- Students (depending on their level) who opt to take multiple math, science or language classes will be scheduled for these classes both semesters
- Doubling up = taking more than one core in a subject area per year
- Reasons to double up:
  - To get to a more advanced classes in that subject area
  - Because you really love that subject
  - To open space in your schedule in the future for a specific class



# Frequently Asked Questions



- How many Arts & Humanities credits are required for graduation?
- What courses fulfill the Arts & Humanities requirement?
- Do I need to take two years of a World Language in order to graduate?
- What is an Advanced Placement course and how is it different than an honors course?
- Can I take a study hall?
- How many Physical Education classes do I need to take?
- Can I choose the blocks of my classes or my lunch?
- What time does school start and end?





# HS Counseling Website

<https://www.haverford.k12.pa.us/home-high-school/counseling/hhs-course-selection-process>

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## Course Selection Process

Overview of the Course Selection Process

Course Selection Guide

Course Listing Brochure

Incoming 9th grade students

Current 9th, 10th and 11th grade students

Course Selection Worksheets

Information for all 8th grade students:

[8th grade Course Selection Guidelines](#)

[List of electives for incoming 9th grade students](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Course Level Waiver Request form](#)

[Blank Sample Schedule](#)

For students currently in MA8200 and MA8400:

[Course selection video for students currently in MA8200 and MA8400](#)

[Sample schedule for students currently in MA8200 and MA8400 who participate in Music.](#)

[Sample schedule for students currently in MA8200 and MA8400 who do not participate in Music.](#)

For students currently in MA8100 and MA8110:



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INVOLVED!!!**



**Thank you!**