



CHURCHILL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
***RISING* 8TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT**
JANUARY 23, 2025



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Principal

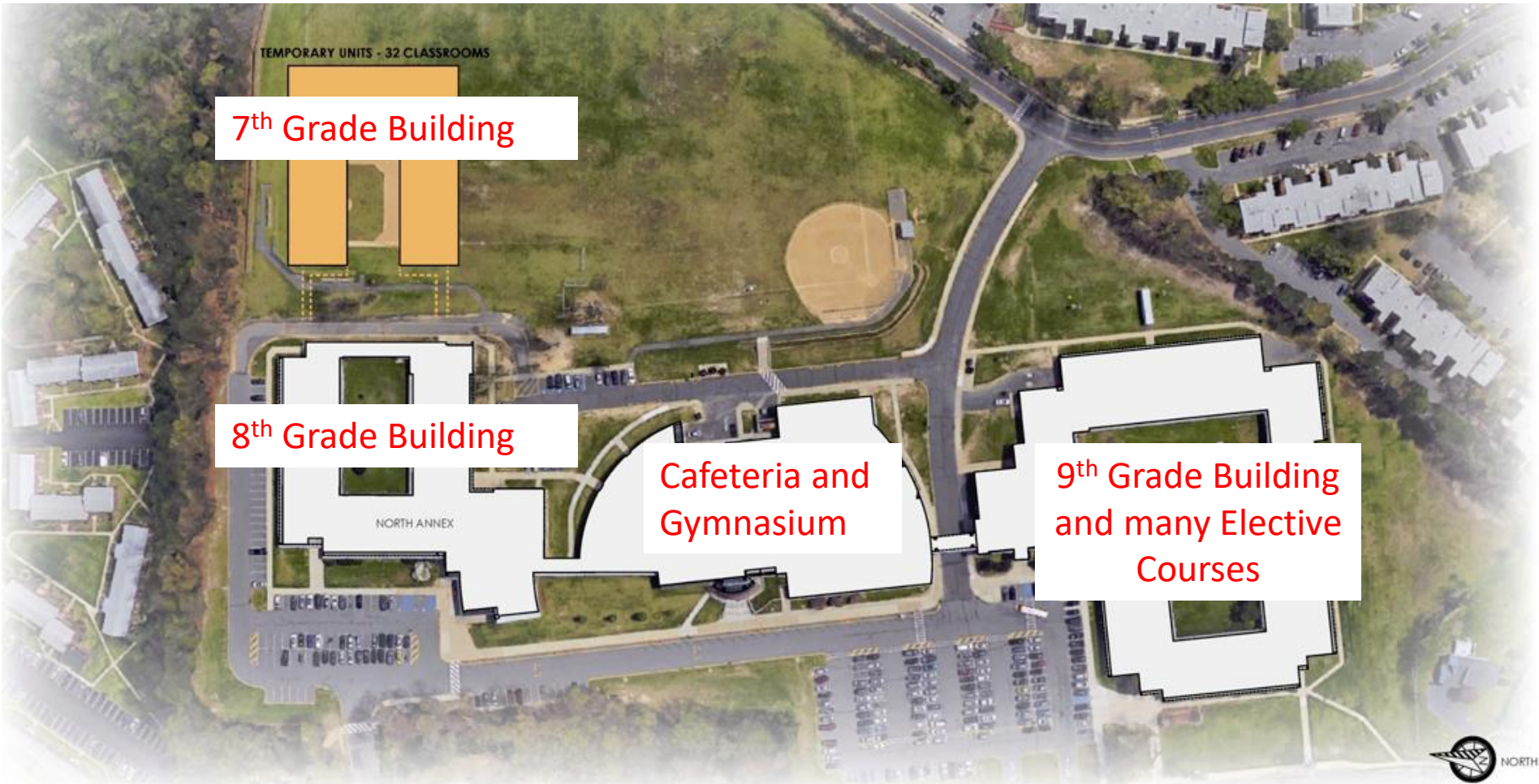
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Assistant Principal/Grade Level Administrator

EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMICS, ATHLETICS, AND THE ARTS



Tonight's Purpose

- An Overview of Churchill Junior High School
- Sample 8th Grade Student Schedule
- Student Services Department Overview
- Online Course Request and Scheduling Timeline
- 8th Grade Curriculum Presentation
- Question and Answer



TEMPORARY UNITS - 32 CLASSROOMS

7th Grade Building

8th Grade Building

Cafeteria and
Gymnasium

9th Grade Building
and many Elective
Courses

NORTH ANNEX



Sample 8th Grade Schedule



- English - FY
- Social Studies - FY
- Science - FY
- Mathematics Course - FY
- Physical Education – 1 semester / Health Education – 1 semester
- World Language Course - FY
- 2 Elective Course Slots – 4 semester courses or 2 semester courses and FY band/chorus/orchestra

**In some cases, students may have a supplemental support course in Math which may take 1 elective course slot.*

Sample 8th Grade Schedule



Description	Per	Sem	Days	Start	End	Room
FA A- CERAMIC EXPLORATION	1	S1	A	8:00 AM	9:40 AM	CH1211
PA FCS- SEW MUCH MORE	1	S2	A	8:00 AM	9:40 AM	CH1422
SPANISH III	2	FY	A	9:46 AM	11:11 AM	CH1505
SCIENCE 8	3	FY	A	11:17 AM	1:14 PM	CH2310
LUNCH 3D	3D	FY	A	12:48 PM	1:14 PM	CAFE
ENGLISH 8	4	FY	A	1:20 PM	2:45 PM	CH2209
CIVICS LITERACY AND EARLY AMERICAN HISTORY	5	FY	B	8:00 AM	9:40 AM	CH2116
MATH 8	6	FY	B	9:46 AM	11:11 AM	CH2301
LUNCH 7A	7A	S2	B	11:17 AM	11:43 AM	CAFE
HEALTH 8	7	S1	B	11:17 AM	1:14 PM	CH2204
PHYSICAL EDUCATION 8	7	S2	B	11:17 AM	1:14 PM	GYM
LUNCH 7B	7B	S1	B	11:48 AM	12:14 PM	CAFE
PA FCS- CREATIVE LIVING I	8	S1	B	1:20 PM	2:45 PM	CH1424
PA FCS- CREATIVE LIVING II	8	S2	B	1:20 PM	2:45 PM	CH1422

A-Day

B-Day

Sample 8th Grade Schedule



Description	Per	Sem	Days	Start	End	Room
ENGLISH 8 H	1	FY	A	8:00 AM	9:40 AM	CH2209
FUNDAMENTALS OF ENGINEERING	2	S1	A	9:46 AM	11:11 AM	CH1206
STEM I	2	S2	A	9:46 AM	11:11 AM	CH1420
CIVICS LITERACY AND EARLY AMERICAN HISTORY	3	FY	A	11:17 AM	1:14 PM	CH2115
LUNCH 3B	3B	FY	A	11:48 AM	12:14 PM	CAFE
SCIENCE 8 H	4	FY	A	1:20 PM	2:45 PM	CH2310
COMPUTER LITERACY 8	5	S1	B	8:00 AM	9:40 AM	CH1507
CREATIVE WRITING	5	S2	B	8:00 AM	9:40 AM	CH1412
PHYSICAL EDUCATION 8	6	S1	B	9:46 AM	11:11 AM	GYM
HEALTH 8	6	S2	B	9:46 AM	11:11 AM	CH2204
ALGEBRA I H	7	FY	B	11:17 AM	1:14 PM	CH1608
LUNCH C	7C	FY	B	12:18 PM	12:44 PM	CAFE
SPANISH II	8	FY	B	1:20 PM	2:45 PM	CH1505

A-Day

B-Day

Sample 8th Grade Schedule



Description	Per	Sem	Days	Start	End
FA M- CONCERT BAND- BRASS/WOODWIND 8/9	1	FY	A	8:00 AM	9:40 AM
SCIENCE 8 H	2	FY	A	9:46 AM	11:11 AM
GEOMETRY WITH TRIGONOMETRY H	3	FY	A	11:17 AM	1:14 PM
LUNCH 3D	3D	FY	A	12:48 PM	1:14 PM
ITALIAN III	4	FY	A	1:20 PM	2:45 PM
ENGLISH 8	5	FY	B	8:00 AM	9:40 AM
PHYSICAL EDUCATION 8	6	S1	B	9:46 AM	11:11 AM
HEALTH 8	6	S2	B	9:46 AM	11:11 AM
LUNCH 7A	7A	FY	B	11:17 AM	11:43 AM
CIVICS LITERACY AND EARLY AMERICAN HISTORY H	7	FY	B	11:17 AM	1:14 PM
PA E- FUNDAMENTALS OF ENGINEERING	8	S1	B	1:20 PM	2:45 PM
PA CS- COMPUTERS IN THE CLASSROOM 8	8	S2	B	1:20 PM	2:45 PM

A-Day

B-Day

Sample 8th Grade Schedule



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PHYSICAL EDUCATION 8	1	S1	A	8:00 AM	9:40 AM	GYM
HEALTH 8	1	S2	A	8:00 AM	9:40 AM	CH2207
CIVICS LITERACY AND EARLY AMERICAN HISTORY	2	FY	A	9:46 AM	11:11 AM	CH2114
SCIENCE 8	3	FY	A	11:17 AM	1:14 PM	CH2309
LUNCH 3D	3D	FY	A	12:48 PM	1:14 PM	CAFE
MATH 8 SUPPORT	4	S1	A	1:20 PM	2:45 PM	CH2304
MATH 8 SUPPORT	4	S2	A	1:20 PM	2:45 PM	CH2304
ENGLISH 8	5	FY	B	8:00 AM	9:40 AM	CH2113
MATH 8	6	FY	B	9:46 AM	11:11 AM	CH2304
LUNCH 7A	7A	S2	B	11:17 AM	11:43 AM	CAFE
FA A- INTRO. TO DIGITAL GRAPHIC ARTS AND DESIGN	7	S1	B	11:17 AM	1:14 PM	CH1207
PA CS- COMPUTERS IN THE CLASSROOM 8	7	S2	B	11:17 AM	1:14 PM	CH1216
LUNCH 7B	7B	S1	B	11:48 AM	12:14 PM	CAFE
ITALIAN III	8	FY	B	1:20 PM	2:45 PM	CH1501

A-Day

B-Day

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School Counseling Department



Course Selection Process

All course requests must be submitted through Parent Access.

- Parent access opened on January 10, 2025
- Parent access closes on February 24, 2025
- Visit the online [Course Guide](#) for all course descriptions
- Review the course placement criteria for Honors/Accelerated placements

Please Select:

- Academic courses based on [course placement criteria](#)
- Rate electives choices 1-12 (1 = highest preference to 12 = lowest preference)
- Many students will have room for two full periods of electives
- If continuing in Band or Orchestra rank that as your #1 choice
- Computers in the Classroom will be scheduled automatically if not yet completed (required course)
- All Scheduling videos & information may be found on the CJHS Counseling website

Performing Arts

8th Grade



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Call or email with any questions!



Entry Level Courses

- Beginning Piano
- World of Digital Music
- Exploration of Music (*Pending BOE Approval*)
- Chorus
- Theater Arts and Communication
- Filmmaking

Courses with Prior Experience Required

- Band
- Orchestra
- Piano Lab

Auditioned Courses

- Honors Chamber Choir; Honors Wind Ensemble & Honors Advanced Orchestra

** All course descriptions and requirements can be found in the course guide at www.ebnet.org*

Visual Arts

8th Grade



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Visual Arts- Entry Level Courses

- Drawing Exploration
- Ceramics Exploration
- 3D Art and Design
- Introduction to Digital Photography
- Introduction to Digital Graphic Arts & Design

Visual Arts- Level 2 Courses

- Drawing and Painting

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English

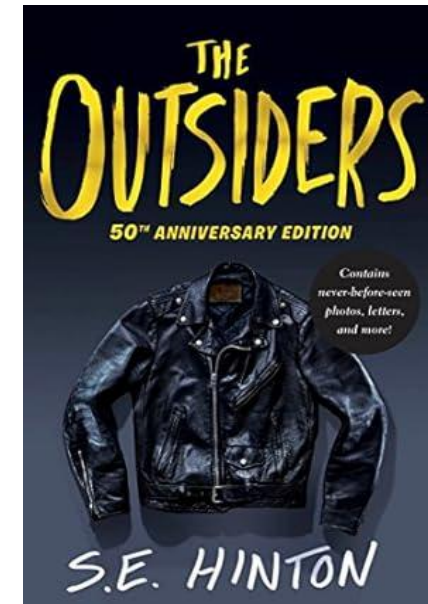
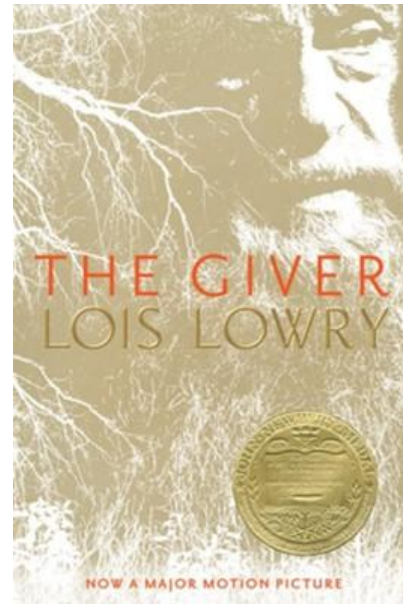


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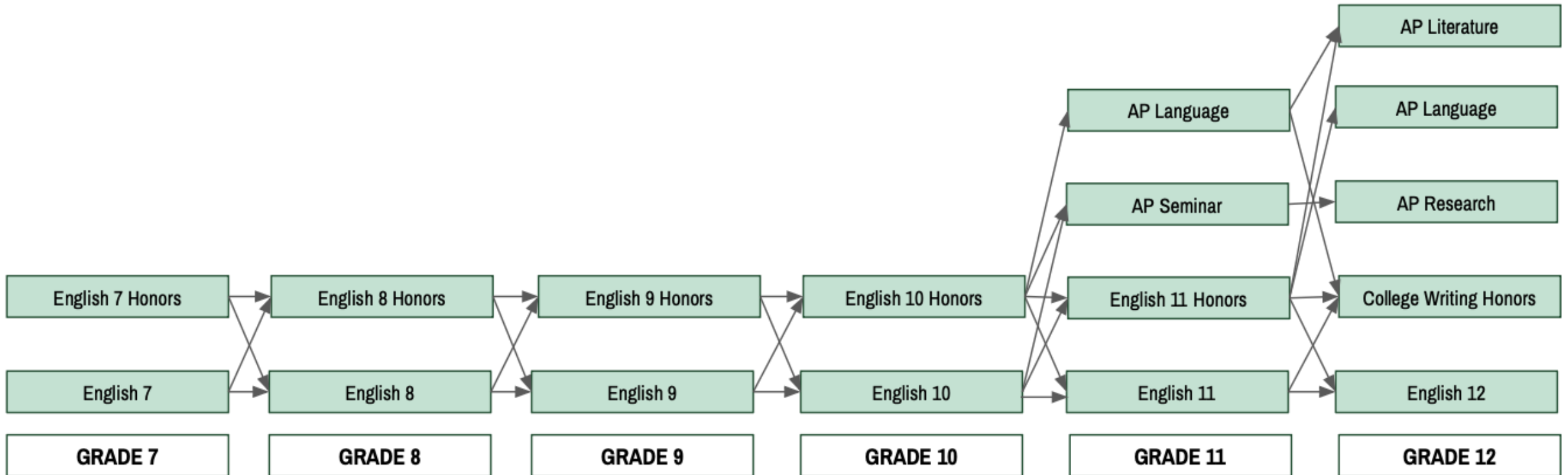
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English



Course Sequence





English Courses

- English 8
- English 8 Honors

Elective Courses

- Creative Writing
- Investigative ELA
- Public Speaking Honors

Placement Criteria

- Students must have a minimum final grade of 90% in English 7 to be eligible for English 8 Honors.
- Students must have a minimum final grade of 70% in English 7 Honors to be eligible for English 8 Honors.



Curriculum

Writing

- Memoir
- The Literary Essay
 - Theme
 - Author's Craft
- Position Papers
 - Argument and Research
- Investigative Journalism

Reading

- Whole Class Novel
 - The Giver, The Outsiders, Pet, Flowers for Algernon, A Midsummer Night's Dream*
- Book Clubs
- Independent Reading
- Short Stories
- Poetry

Health and Physical Education



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- [Physical Education 8](#)
- [Health Education 8](#)
- [Movement, Mindfulness, and Stress Management](#)

Mathematics



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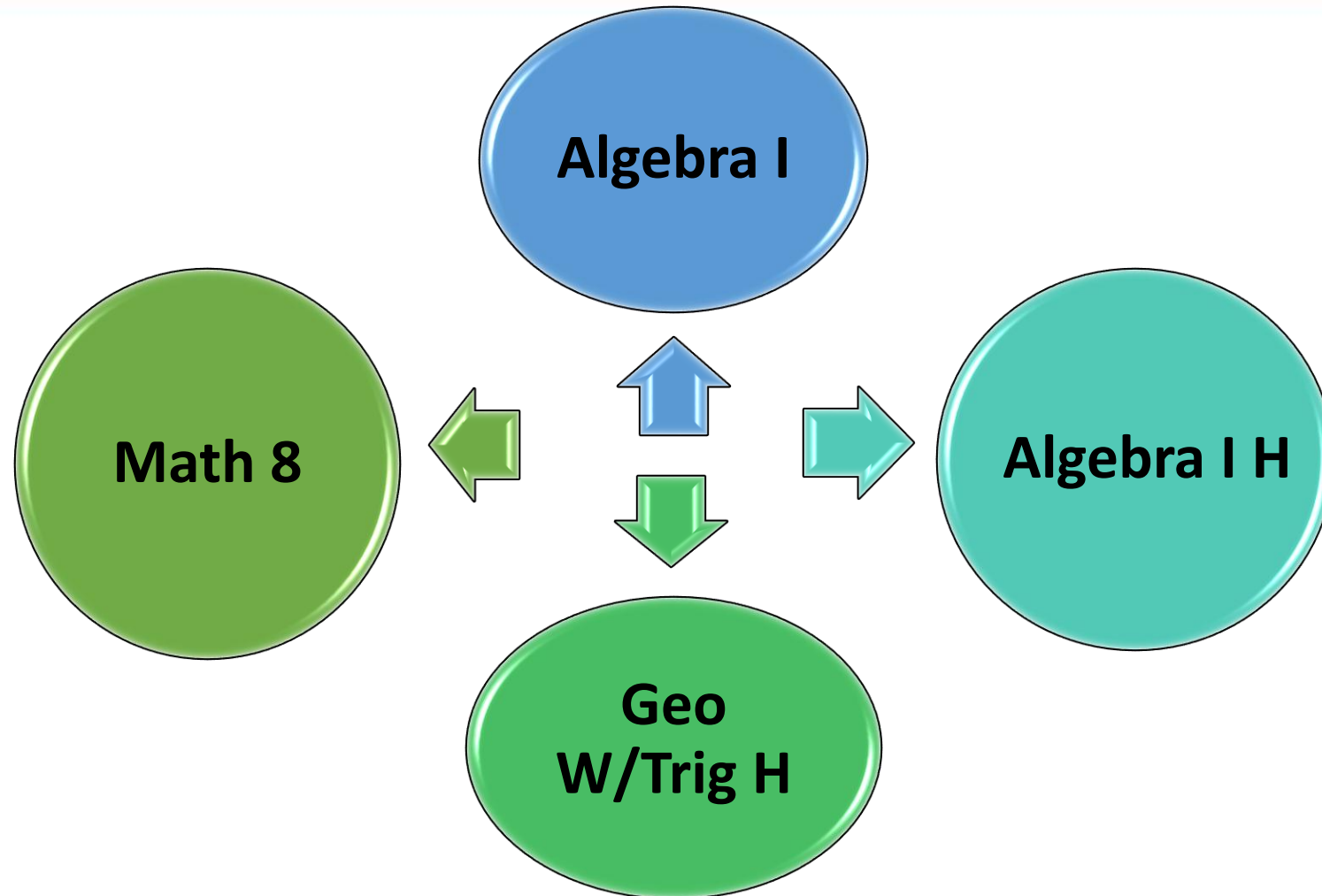
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Mathematics





GRADE 8 MATH PLACEMENT

Seventh Grade Math to Eighth Grade Math			
Math 8 (8th Grade Standards)	Algebra I (HS Standards)	Algebra I Honors (HS Standards)	Geo w Trig Honors (HS Standards)
For students who received a final course grade below 70% in Pre-Algebra H OR For students who received a final course grade below 86% in Math 7/Pre-Algebra.	For students who received a final course grade between 70-85% in Pre-Algebra H OR For students who received a final course grade of 86- 97% in Math 7/Pre-Algebra.	For students who received a final course grade of at least 86% in Pre-Algebra H OR students who received a final course grade of at least 98% in Math 7/Pre-Algebra.	For students who received a final course grade of at least 70% in Algebra I Honors.

Math Course Placement after Grade 8



MATH HONORS PLACEMENT MATRIX

For students moving from Academic/Honors Math Classes to Honors/AP Math Classes

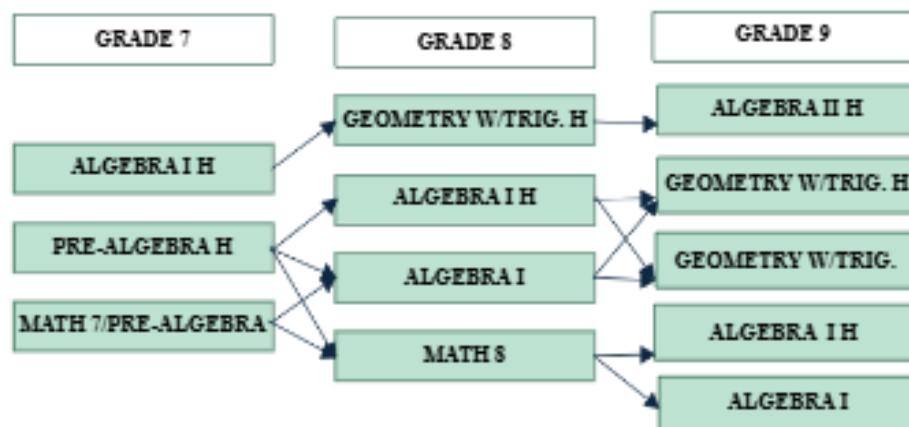
LEVEL CHANGE REQUIREMENTS GRADES 9-12							
Math 8 to Algebra I H*	Algebra I to Geometry W/Trigonometry H	Geometry w Trig to Algebra II H	Algebra II ACC to PreCalculus Honors	Pre-Calculus ACC to AP Statistics	Pre-Calculus ACC to AP Calculus AB	Pre-Calculus Honors to AP Calculus AB	Pre-Calculus Honors to AP Calculus BC
<p>Students must earn a <u>minimum final course grade of 92*</u> in Math 8</p> <p>MS Standards to HS Standards *added 11/20/25</p>	<p>Students must earn a <u>minimum final course grade of 90</u> in Algebra I</p>	<p>Students must earn a <u>minimum final course grade of 90</u> in Algebra I AND a <u>minimum final course grade of 90</u> in Geometry W/Trig</p>	<p>Students must earn a <u>minimum final course grade of 90</u> in Algebra II ACC</p>	<p>Students must earn a <u>minimum final course grade of 90</u> in Pre-Calculus ACC AND a <u>minimum final course grade of 80</u> in Algebra II ACC</p> <p>*Modified 1/13/24</p>	<p>Students must earn a <u>minimum final course grade of 92</u> in Pre-Calculus ACC AND a <u>minimum final course grade of 86</u> in Algebra II ACC</p> <p>Double Jump *Modified 1/13/24</p>	<p>Students must earn a <u>minimum final course grade of 80</u> in Pre-Calculus Honors AND a <u>minimum final course grade of 80</u> in Algebra II Honor.</p> <p>*Modified 1/13/24</p>	<p>Students must earn a <u>minimum final course grade of 90</u> in Pre-Calculus Honors AND a <u>minimum final course grade of 86</u> in Algebra II Honor.</p> <p>Double Jump *Modified 1/13/24</p>

Mathematics

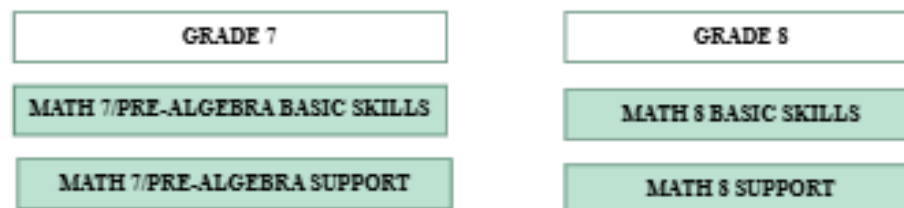


East Brunswick Public Schools
Mathematics 2025-2026

CJHS Math Courses



Supplementary Courses Grades 7 & 8



Practical Arts — Business, Computer Ed., Technology Ed., Engineering, Family Consumer Science



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Practical Arts – Engineering / Design



- Fundamentals of Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- STEM I & IIH
- Graphic Communications
- Introduction to Woodworking

Practical Arts – Computer Courses



- Computer Keyboarding
- Computers in the Classroom
- Introduction to Computer Science

**Intro to Computer Science is a prerequisite for the AP Computer Science Principles which we are making plans to offer to 9th graders in the 2026-2027 school year.*

Practical Arts – Family and Consumer Science



- Creative Living I & II
- Food Science & Nutrition
- Sew Much More
- Culinary Essentials

Practical Arts Course Overview Video



[CJHS Rising 8th Grade Parent Night - Practical Arts Video](#)

Science

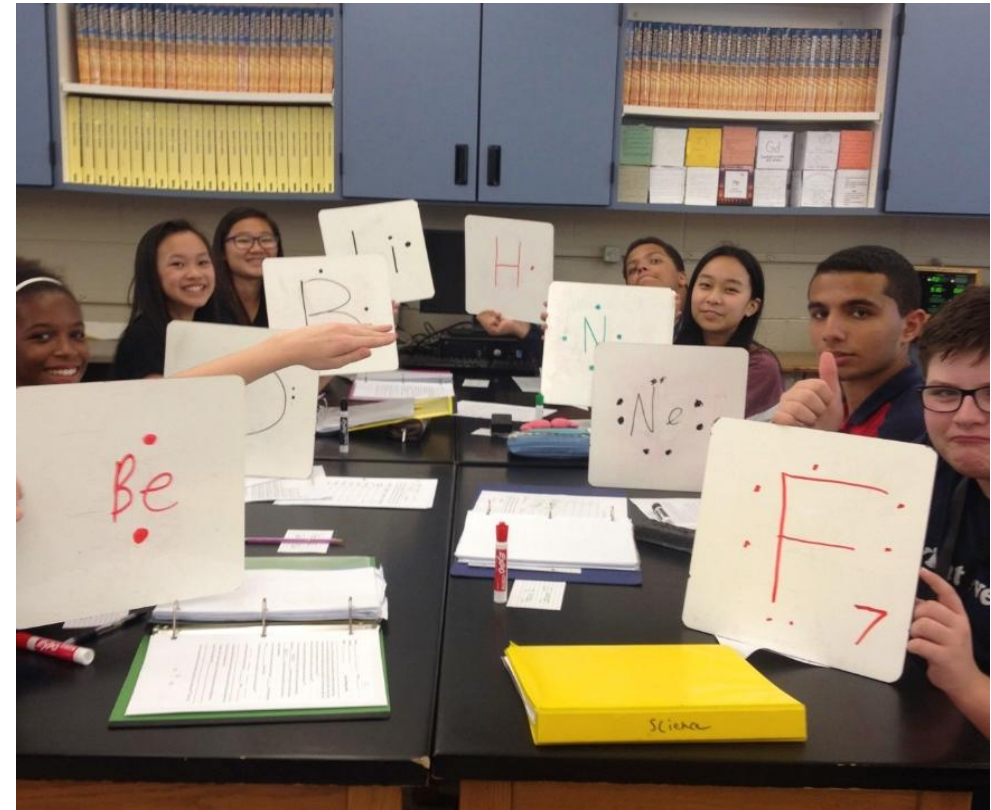


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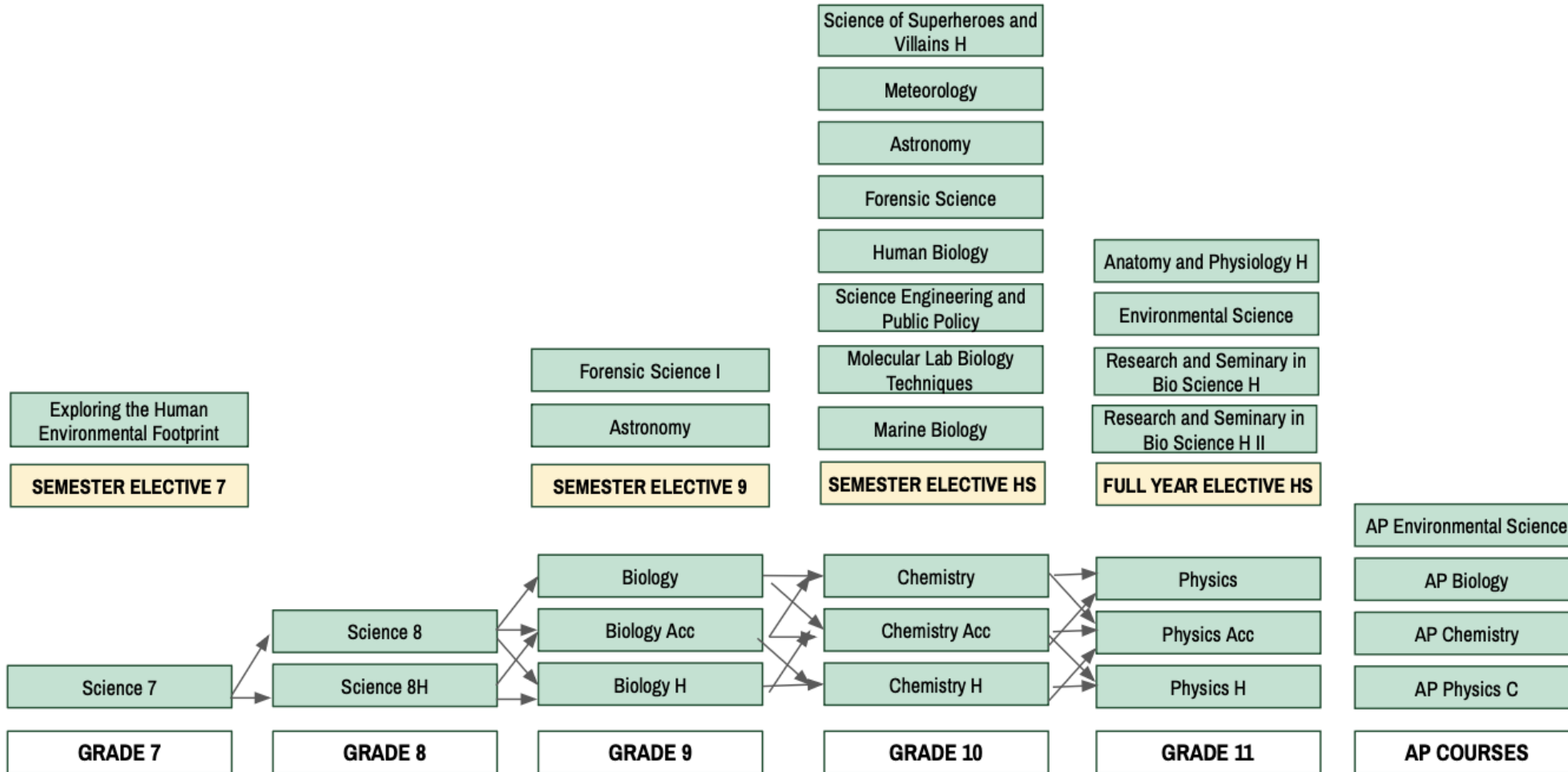
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Science

East Brunswick Public Schools

Science





8th Grade Science Courses at CJHS

Science 8 Academic
Science 8 Honors

8th Grade Science Course Topics

Chemistry
Astronomy
Genetics
Evolution





Science Course Placement

Science 7 to Science 8 Honors

Students must meet the minimum Science final grade requirement of a 90%

AND

70 final grade in Algebra 1

OR

80 final grade in Pre-Algebra Honors

OR

90 final grade in Math 7/Pre-Algebra

Social Studies



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Social Studies



8th Grade: Civics Literacy and Early American History

Students learn about the history of the United States from the first European settlements to post-Civil War Reconstruction, with an emphasis on civics and how our government was formed and tested. Students read nonfiction texts, historical fiction, and primary sources.

Social Studies



8th Grade: Civics Literacy and Early American History

The course is offered in Academic and Honors levels. To enroll in Honors, a student must have earned at least an A- as the final course grade in Social Studies 7.

Students who do not enroll in Honors are still able to enroll in 9th-grade US 1 Honors if they meet the prerequisite of an A- in 8th grade Academic.

World Languages



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World Languages



Languages Offered

Mandarin

- Levels I, II, III, IV H

French

- Levels III, IV, IVH

Spanish

- Levels I, II, III, IV, IVH

German

- Levels I, II, III & IVH

Italian

- Levels III & IVH

World Languages



Modes of Communication

Interpretive

Demonstrate understanding of spoken and written communication within appropriate cultural contexts.

Interpersonal

Engage in direct oral and or written communication with others. “Two-way” communication.

Presentational

Present, orally and or in writing, information, concepts and ideas to an audience of listeners or readers with whom there is no immediate interaction.

Department of Special Services



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CJHS Child Study Team



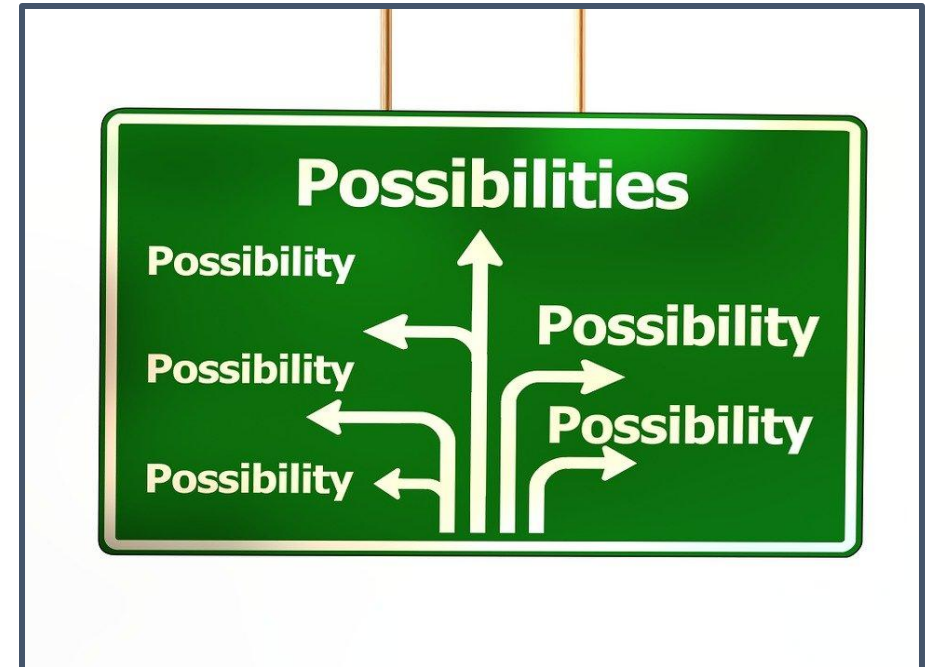
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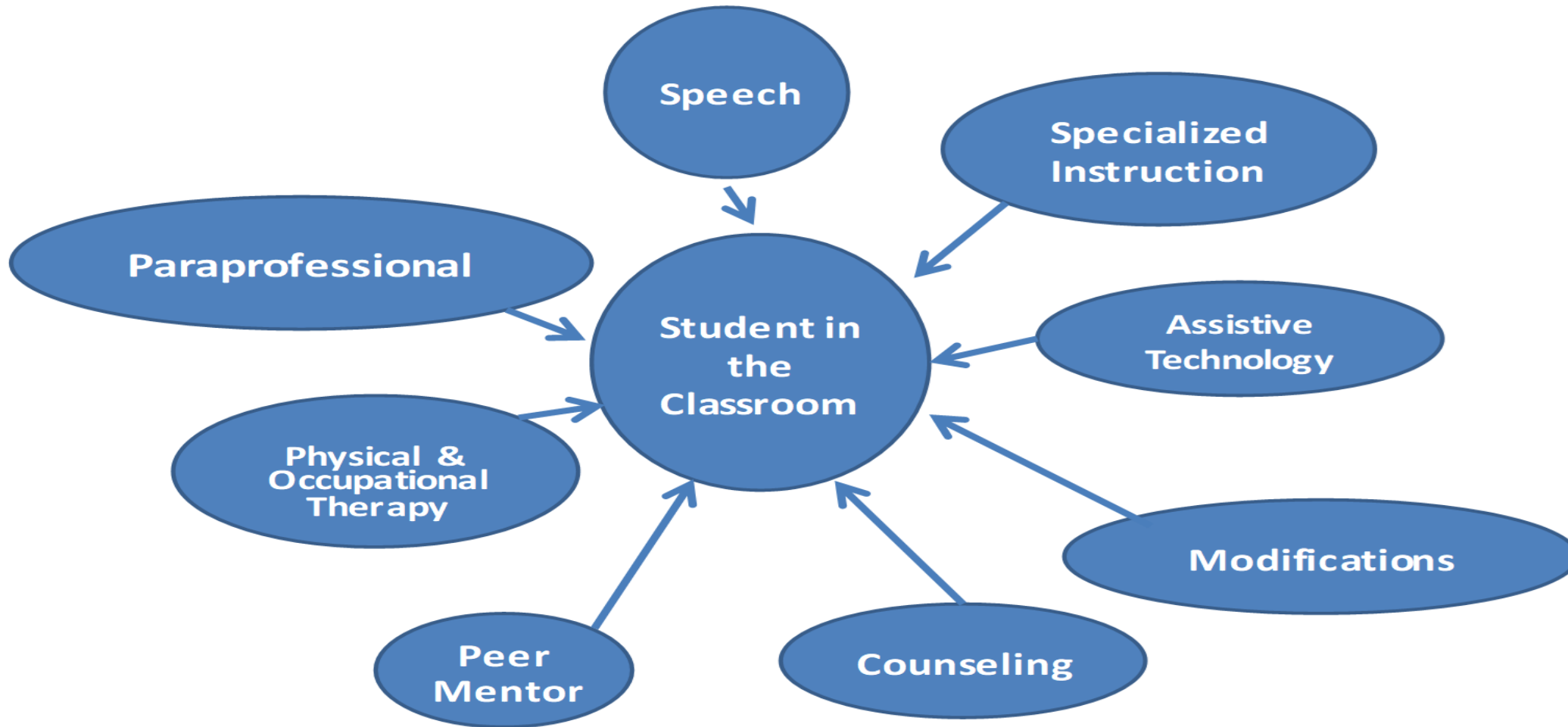
Placement Options



- Mainstream
- In-Class Resource
- Resource Programs
- Special Class Programs
 - LLD/MD Programs
 - Autism Program
 - Emotional Support Program
- Vocational Education



Student Support Services



Unified Club



Unified Sports joins students with and without disabilities on the same team. Athletes and partners play together in recreational activities with some modifications and mentoring. This club is dedicated to promoting social inclusion through shared recreational experiences.



Alternative Programs



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EBHS  MC

College Pathways Program





Two Pathways to Earn College Credit MC Dual Enrollment and High School Scholar Program

Pathway 1: Dual Enrollment

The **Dual Enrollment** Program allows students to earn college credit for High School courses that they take at East Brunswick High School. Students **earn both college and High School credit** for these courses.

Overview:

- Students must be enrolled in an eligible course.
- There is no limit on the number of credits a student can take.
- Cost is \$135 per course.
- Students must have a “C” or better in course for credit.

Pathway 2: High School Scholar Program

The **High School Scholars** Program is for students to earn college credit for a course in which they meet the prerequisite. Students **cannot earn High School credit** for a course taken through this pathway.

Overview:

- Must be 15 years of age or older.
- Cost is \$135 per course.
- Application is Required.

The application process and requirements can be found on our website.

Middlesex College Courses @EBHS

	HS Code	HS Course	Gr Level			HS Code	HS Course	Gr Level	
MATH	1180	Statistics H	12		WORLD LANG	1206	French V H	10	
	1168	Calculus H	11, 12			1207	French VI H	11, 12	
	1183	Calculus II H	12			1209	AP French Lang	11, 12	
	1182	Calculus III H	12			1214	German V H	10	
SCIENCE	1143	Anatomy & Physiology H	12			1223	German VI H	11, 12	
	1112	AP Biology	11, 12			1215	AP German Lang	11, 12	
	1121	Chemistry H* You must complete the interest survey sent out in May.	10			1220	Italian V H	10	
	1134	Physics H* You must complete the interest survey sent out in May..	11			1221	Italian VI H	11, 12	
SOCIAL STUDIES	1054	Inst for Political & Legal Ed H	11, 12			1222	AP Italian Lang	11, 12	
	1064	Genocide in the Modern World	10, 11, 12			1238	Spanish V H	10	
	1061	Psychology II H	11, 12			1240	Spanish VI H	11, 12	
ENGLISH	1009	College Writing	12			1242	AP Spanish Lang	11, 12	
	1012 1015 1016 1017 1018 1599 1603 1606 1614	English 12	12			1248	Mandarin V H	10, 11, 12	
BUSINESS	1411	Accounting 101 H	11, 12			1236	AP Mandarin	10, 11, 12	
	1455	AP Comp Science Principles	10, 11, 12			ART	1503	AP Music Theory	11, 12
	1454	AP Computer Science	10, 11, 12						
	1456	Principles of Cyber Security H	10, 11, 12						

MIDDLESEX COUNTY MAGNET SCHOOLS

The Middlesex County Magnet Schools are committed to providing exceptional educational opportunities through specialized Career Major Programs. Our admissions procedure is designed to identify and select students who demonstrate strong academic potential, a genuine interest in their chosen Career Major, and the readiness to thrive in a challenging academic environment to make them College Ready. Career Ready. Life Ready. Please be advised, we receive more applications than we have space available. The admissions process is competitive, but based on the whole child.

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Magnet High School
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112 Rues Ln
East Brunswick, NJ 08816
<https://www.mcmsnj.net/Page/31>

**Edison Academy for Science, Mathematics
and Engineering Technologies**
Vocational High School
732-452-2600

100 Technology Drive
Edison, NJ 08820
<https://www.mcmsnj.net/Page/25>

Perth Amboy Magnet Schools
Magnet High School
732-376-6300

457 High Street
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861
<https://www.mcmsnj.net/Page/27>

Piscataway Magnet Schools
Magnet High School
732-985-0717

21 Suttons Lane
Piscataway, NJ 08854
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**Woodbridge Academy for Allied Health and
Biomedical Sciences**
Vocational High School
732-634-5858

1 Convery Blvd
Woodbridge, NJ 07095
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PROGRAM NAME	East Brunswick	Edison	Perth Amboy	Piscataway	Woodbridge
Agriscience	●			●	
Allied Health & Biomedical Sciences					●
Architecture and Design	●			●	
Automotive Body Repair and Refinishing				●	
Automotive Maintenance and Light Repair	●		●	●	
Baking and Pastry Arts	●			●	
Business Administration & Management	●			●	
Carpentry and Construction Trades	●		●	●	
Civil / Mechanical Engineering Technology		●			
Computer Systems Technology			●	●	
Construction Maintenance and Design	●			●	
Cosmetology	●			●	
Culinary Arts	●		●	●	
Electrical Technology			●		
Electronics / Computer Engineering Technology		●			
Finance				●	
Global Logistics / Supply Chain Management				●	

Graphic Design			●	●	
Health Careers				●	
Health Services	●				
Health Technology / Services				●	
Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration	●		●		
Kinesiology - Physical Therapy and Exercise Science				●	
Machine Fabrication and CNC Technology	●				
Manufacturing Engineering and Automation	●				
School of the Arts: Arts Technology and Design	●				
School of the Arts: Dance	●				
School of the Arts: Digital Filmmaking	●				
School of the Arts: Graphic Design	●				
School of the Arts: Multimedia Art & Design	●				
School of the Arts: Music Performance & Technology	●				
School of the Arts: Theater	●				
Welding				●	

Athletics



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Middle School Athletics – 7th and 8th Grade



Fall

- Boys Soccer
- Girls Soccer
- Cross Country (Girls and Boys)
- Field Hockey
- Football

Winter

- Girls Basketball
- Boys Basketball
- Wrestling (Girls and Boys)

Spring

- Baseball
- Softball
- Spring Track (Girls and Boys)