



Syosset CSD

Grade Level Transitions

Fostering Success for All Students



Supporting Successful School Transitions



Our goal is to create a seamless and supportive transition process that sets every student up for success. We do this by:

- Increasing student confidence and readiness for new academic challenges
- Strengthening family-school partnerships through consistent communication and collaboration
- Fostering a sense of community and belonging for all students
- Ensuring that each transition aligns with our District's commitment to excellence and the holistic development of every learner



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Early Grade Transitions
UPK to K
Grade 5 to Grade 6



Empowering Students and Families

- Each elementary school sends a letter of welcome to incoming Kindergarten families
- Students and families attend an orientation where a tour of the school is given
- Students with IEPs have a transition CPSE to CSE meeting where families learn about special education supports at the elementary school
- Students participate in Kindergarten screening where they meet with the following professionals:
 - Kindergarten Teachers
 - Occupational Therapists
 - Speech Therapists
 - ENL Teachers





Success for All Students

- Articulation meeting with the Directors/Principals of each UPK site
- Parent conferences in UPK to support transition
- Ongoing communication with families which includes letters from elementary schools with reference information about transitioning to Kindergarten
- CPSE to CSE Parent orientation meeting to discuss the continuum of services in elementary school
- Cumulative transition folders for Kindergarten teachers that include:
 - Student achievement in UPK - progress reports, universal screening information
 - Learning samples - academic acquisition
 - Handwriting sample - measurement of fine motor skills
 - Any other pertinent information



Empowering Students and Families

- Each middle school sends communications to families regarding the transition including:
 - General welcome & information
 - Information about course selection & schedules
 - Invitation to parent orientation in the spring
- In the spring, fifth graders visit each middle school to tour the buildings
- Peer leaders present to the fifth graders about middle school life and students get a sneak peek into a middle school classroom
- In August, incoming 6th graders attend an optional orientation where they practice reading a schedule and tour the building again
- During August orientation, students get to know each other during ice-breaker activities



Success for All Students



- Guidance counselors collaborate with fifth-grade teachers to gain insights about students' achievements
- Communication with families is ongoing to support students' transition
- Elementary and middle school reading and math specialists collaborate to ensure students receive the support they may need to succeed.
- Middle school special education administration and/or support staff attend the CSE meeting in the spring to help build the 6th grade IEP



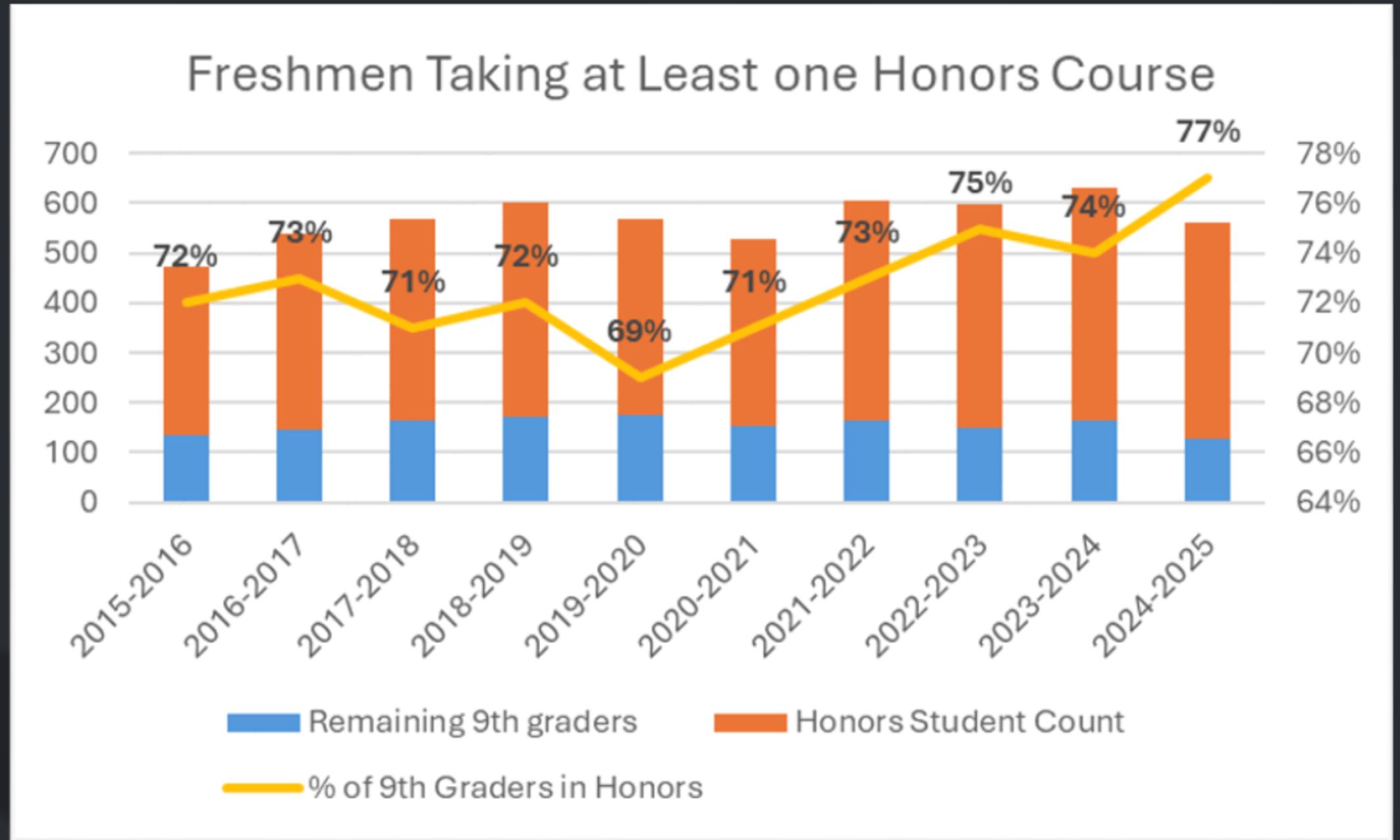


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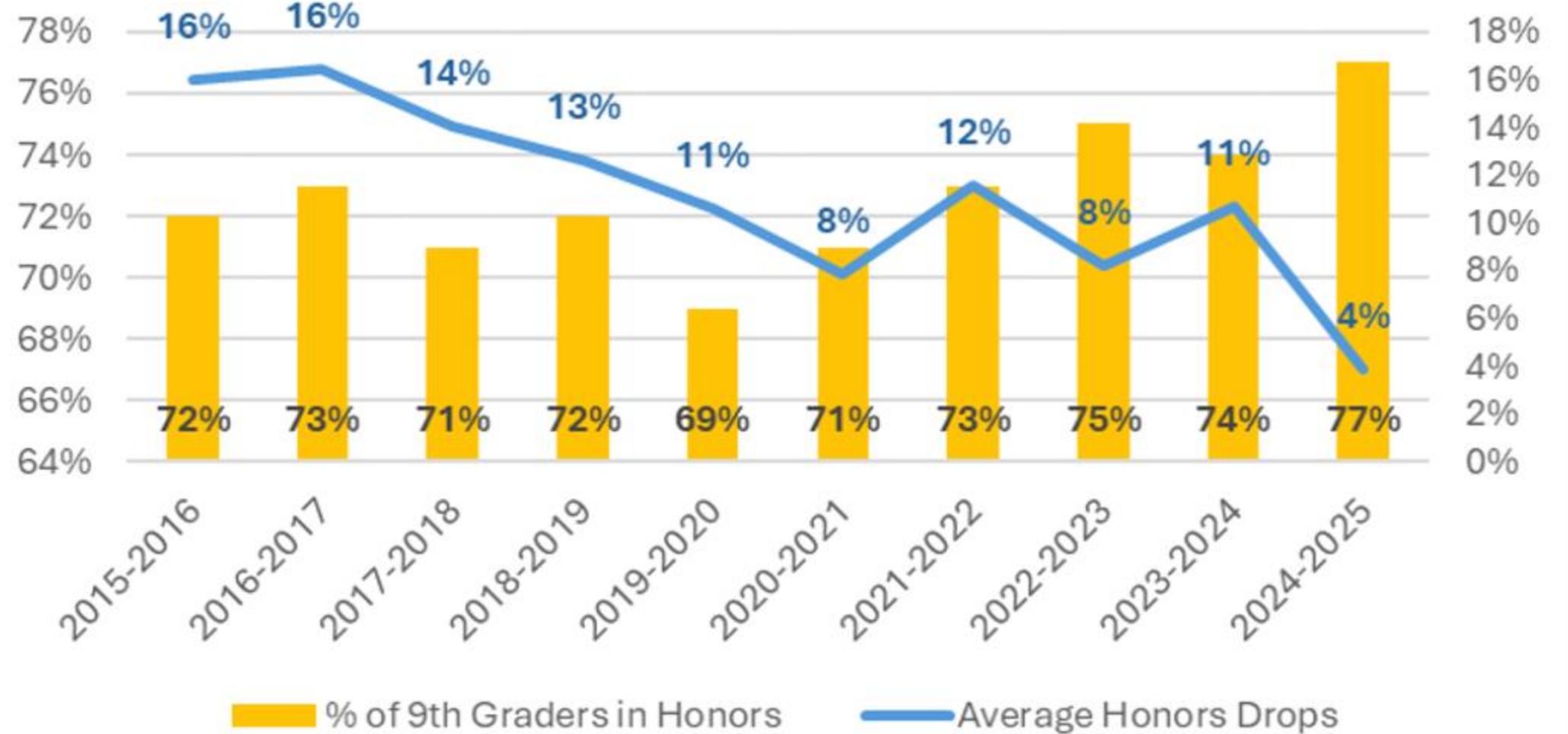
Grade 8 to Grade 9 Transition



Proportion of 9th grade students taking at least 1 honors course



Overall Honors Drops vs. Freshmen Taking at Least one Honors Course



Proportion of 9th grade students taking at least 1 honors course

Overall Honors Drops (9th Grade)





Success for All Students

Building a well-balanced & rigorous high school experience

- Workshops across multiple subject areas
- Extra help offered multiple times each week, including scheduling individual appointments as needed
- Timely communication with parents
- All courses provide required IEP and 504 accommodations for success.
- The MTSS framework offers tiered academic and behavioral interventions to meet diverse learning needs (see [MTSS BOE presentation](#))
- Mental health and well-being is prioritized with available support through guidance counselors, social workers and psychologist



8th to 9th Grade Transition

Building a well-balanced & rigorous high school experience

The District continually strengthens its transition planning process for 8th grade students entering high school to better inform and empower students & families about:

- Program choices
- Long-range high school planning
- Balancing the wide range of opportunities
- Fostering student's ability to know how and when to seek additional academic and emotional support.





24-25 New Initiatives

8th-9th Grade Transition

In-District Field Trip

8th graders will visit the high school to learn about the 9th grade elective opportunities while meeting with current high school students (January 7,9,14, & 15)

9th Grade-specific Curriculum Guide

Review of the orientation [E- Book](#) & 9th grade curriculum guide with middle school PTSA (January 8th)

Elective Flexibility

9th grade Peer Education classes move from a full year course to an alternate day course increasing elective choice and flexibility.

Naviance Expansion

8th Grade students will use Naviance (currently used in High School) to develop skills awareness that will promote inform program choices. (December)



Empowering Students and Families

September – March

➤ High School PTSA Curriculum Committee presentations

(All 8th grade and high school parents are invited to attend)

- World Language – September 18th
- Art & Music – October 23rd
- English – November 13th
- Math – December 11th
- Science – January 15th

➤ Guidance Presentations

- PTSA guidance presentations
 - Programming – December 4th
 - Peer Leadership – February 5th
- Daytime Incoming 9th grade parent orientation
 - March 20th



Empowering Students and Families



December

- Articulation meetings to discuss 9th grade programs & services
 - 9th grade Peer Education classes move from an **everyday course to an alternate day course** increasing elective choice and flexibility.
- **Middle School Naviance**
 - **Career interest and skills identifier**



Empowering Students and Families

January - March



*Preparing our students
for a continually changing world.*

[Syosset High School 9th Grade Orientation](#)

- 9th Grade Orientation E-book emailed to families
 - January 7th
- Middle School PTSA 8-9 transition information session and presentation of E-Book
 - January 16th
- In-District Field Trip – 8th grade visits the high school
 - January 7th and 14th – South Woods
 - January 8th and 15th – HBT
- 9th Grade Curriculum Guide
 - Increase 9th grade elective choice and flexibility
- Middle School Programming meetings with guidance counselors (Students and parents/guardians) –January - March
- Middle school Parent/Teacher conferences - February



Empowering Students and Families

August

- Incoming 9th grade orientation
 - Principal's welcome
 - **Something for everyone**
 - Electives/Club/Groups/Athletics
 - Be kind to yourself and create a balanced overall program
 - Multiple on-ramps for advanced coursework
- Extracurricular Fair
 - More than [100 groups and clubs](#)
 - Athletics



WELCOME TO SYOSSET HIGH SCHOOL

Small Group Meetings with Guidance Counselors

Discuss transcripts, activities, and support services

Guidance Support Groups

Executive Functioning

Test Anxiety

Divorce

New to the District

MTSS

Academic and behavioral interventions to meet diverse learning needs

[October 2023 Board Presentation](#)





Thank you!

