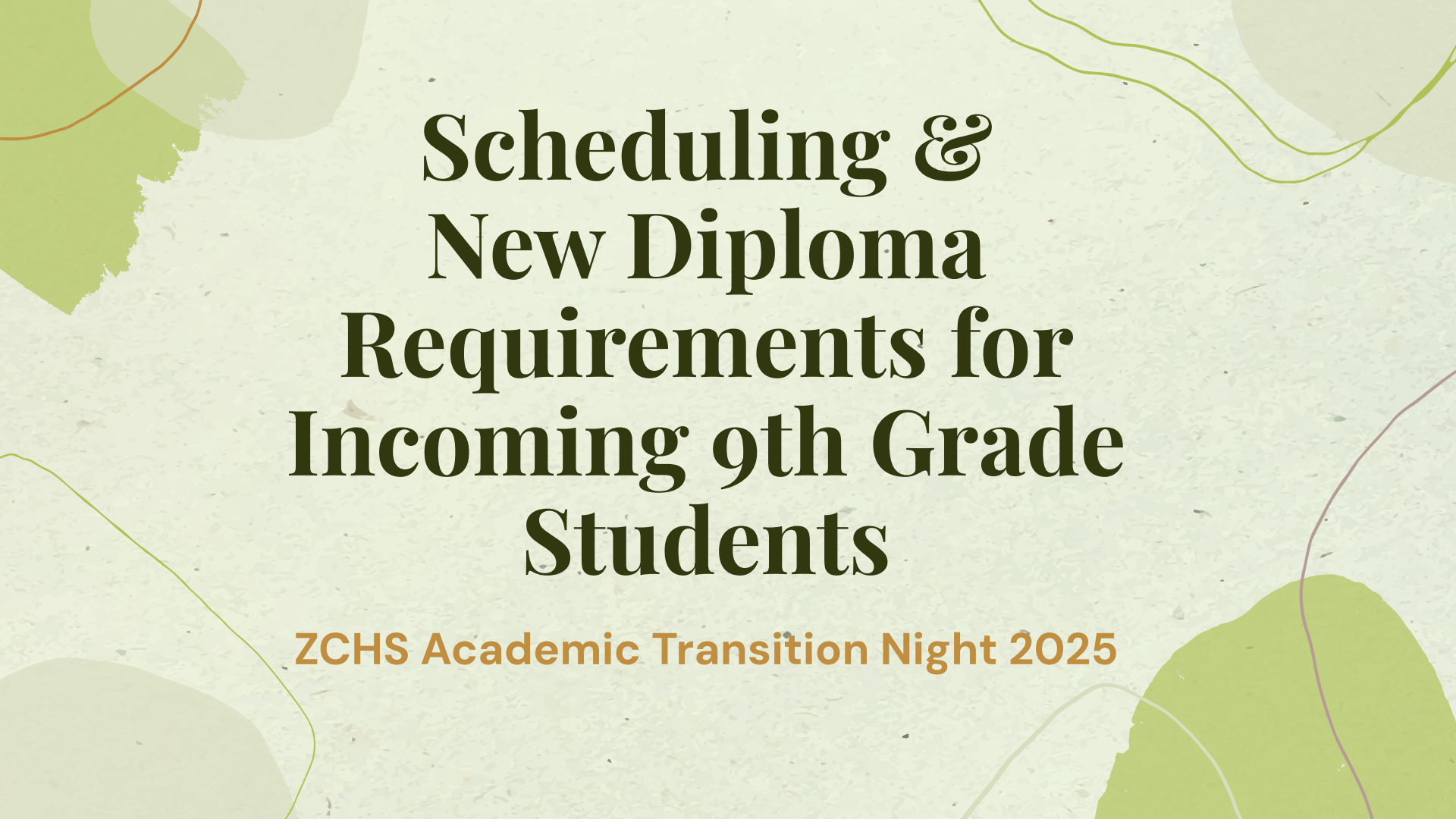




Scheduling & New Diploma Requirements for Incoming 9th Grade Students

ZCHS Academic Transition Night 2025

Introductions



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About ZCHS

ZCHS at a Glance

Our Graduates

Enrollment – 94%
Employment – 3%
Enlistment – 1%
Gap Year – 2%

Graduation Rate

98.4%

Enrollment

Grade 9: 571
Grade 10: 600
Grade 11: 577
Grade 12: 584

Standardized Testing

Class of 2024

Avg. SAT Scores	EBRW	Math	Total
ZCHS	610	610	1220
Indiana	478	458	936
National	485	466	951

Certifications

61 members of the Class of 2024 enrolled in industry recognized certification programming through J. Everett Light Career Center

AP/Dual Credit

24 AP Courses
979 Students took 1,993 AP Exams
86% Scored a 3 or higher
6 Dual Credit Courses

ZCHS Daily Schedule

White (Monday, Thursday, Friday)	Silver (Tuesday)	Green (Wednesday)
Period 1 8:30 - 9:20 (50 minutes) Period 2 9:27 - 10:20 (53 minutes) Period 3 10:27 - 11:17 (50 minutes) Period 4 11:24 - 12:49 (55 minutes) A Lunch 11:17 - 11:49 (Class @ 11:54) B Lunch 11:49 - 12:19 C Lunch 12:19 - 12:49 Period 5 12:56 - 1:46 (50 minutes) Period 6 1:53 - 2:43 (50 minutes) Period 7 2:50 - 3:40 (50 minutes)	Period 1 8:30 - 10:04 (94 minutes) Period 3 10:11 - 11:45 (94 minutes) Period 6 11:52 - 1:59 (94 minutes) A Lunch 11:50 - 12:20 B Lunch 12:20 - 12:50 C Lunch 12:50 - 1:20 Period 7 2:06 - 3:40 (94 minutes)	<i>Late Arrival for Students</i> Period 2 9:07 - 10:41 (94 minutes) MAP 10:48 - 11:45 (57 minutes) Period 4 11:52 - 1:59 (94 minutes) A Lunch 11:50 - 12:20 B Lunch 12:20 - 12:50 C Lunch 12:50 - 1:20 Period 5 2:06 - 3:40 (94 minutes)

ZCHS Student Supports

Counselors assigned alphabetically and stay with student all 4 years

Student Last Name	ZCHS Counselor
A-Ch	Greg Kirkham
Ci-Ge	Ellen Shertzer
Gi-Ka	Cassie Petrocelli
Ke-Mi	Greg Geimer
Mo-Ri	Brooke O'Mara
Ro-Su	Kristen Pache
Sy-Z	Kaylee Miller

ZCHS Student Supports

- Wide variety of clubs and activities
 - Activities Fair during first month of school
- Lockers available for all students
- Freshman Kick-Off – July 30
- Back to School Days – July 28, 29, 30 (Make-up Date)



New Diploma Requirements

Class of 2029 Diplomas

 Indiana **Core 42** Diploma

 Indiana **Honors Seal** Diploma

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This option requires completion of the three components listed below:

- 42 Credits
- Employability Skills
- Post-Secondary Readiness Competency Skills

42 Credits

English	8 Credits	• 2 credits: English 9 • 1 credit: Communications-Focused course • 5 additional English credits
Math	7 Credits	• 2 credits: Algebra I • 1 credit: Personal Finance • 4 additional Math credits
Science, Technology & Engineering	7 Credits	• 2 credits: Biology • 1 credit: Computer Science • 2 additional Science credits • 2 STEM-Focused credits
Social Studies	5 Credits	• 2 credits: US History • 1 credit: US Government • 2 credits: World Perspectives (Flexible options, including advanced world language or world-focused social studies)
PE/Health	2 Credits	• 1 credit: Physical Education • 1 credit: Health & Wellness
Preparing For College & Careers	1 Credit	• Completed during 8th grade at ZMS and ZWMS
Personalized Electives	12 Credits	• Students are encouraged to utilize the new readiness-seals to align these personalized electives. Personalized electives can include Career Technical Education (CTE), Performing or Fine Arts, and World Languages.
Total Credits:	42 Credits	



Employability Skills

Learn and Demonstrate Employability Skills	Project-Based Learning All ZCHS students will engage in a project-based learning experience during their Biology and US History class. This project will involve employability skills as identified by Indiana's Department of Workforce Development.
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Post-Secondary Readiness Competencies

<u>One</u> of the six options on the right is required for graduation. *Please select one as a primary goal and one as a secondary goal. *Benchmark scores for SAT, ACT, and ASVAB may change.	1. ACT Score at or above the National College Ready Benchmark 2. SAT Score at or above the National College Ready Benchmark 3. C average in three AP/Dual Credit courses • 1 of 3 in a core content area or 3 of 3 in a career & technical sequence 4. Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) • Minimum test score of 31. Offered to students interested in military service or students who have not met other competencies. Students and families must sign an intent to enlist form to be kept in their cumulative file. 5. State and Industry Recognized Credential or Certification • Available through the J Everett Light Career Center at North Central High School 6. Career and Technical Concentrator • C average in 2 advanced courses within a particular program, some programs require specific prerequisites
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Indiana Honors Seal Diploma

Indiana Honors Seal Diploma

This option requires two components listed below: 42 credits, plus the opportunity to earn honors seals aligned with a student's unique path (found on the other side of the page). Students are encouraged to seize this flexibility by personalizing their high school experience. The new seals provide additional intentionality to maximize readiness and are designed to be permeable, allowing students to update their graduation plan and pivot, if their original interests and goals change.

English	8 Credits	• 2 credits: English 9 • 1 credit: Communications-Focused course • 5 additional English credits
Math	7 Credits	• 2 credits: Algebra I • 1 credit: Personal Finance • 4 additional Math credits
Science, Technology & Engineering	7 Credits	• 2 credits: Biology • 1 credit: Computer Science • 2 additional Science credits • 2 STEM-Focused credits
Social Studies	5 Credits	• 2 credits: US History • 1 credit: US Government • 2 credits: World Perspectives (Flexible options, including advanced world language or world-focused social studies)
PE/Health	2 Credits	• 1 credit: Physical Education • 1 credit: Health & Wellness
Preparing For College & Careers	1 Credit	• Completed during 8th grade at ZMS and ZWMS
Personalized Electives	12 Credits	• Students are encouraged to utilize the new readiness-seals to align these personalized electives with their unique goals. Personalized electives can include a variety of courses, such as Career Technical Education (CTE), Performing or Fine Arts, and World Languages.
Total Credits:	42 Credits	



Blueprint For Success: Honors Seals

Although seals are optional, students are encouraged to utilize the blueprints below to focus their flexible credits into 3 connected areas that align with their future goals. Students may earn one or multiple seals.

Enrollment Honors Seal	Employment Honors Seal	Enlistment Honors Seal
World Language- 4 Credits Social Studies- 6 Credits Math- 8 Credits • Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, and Pre-Calculus or any advanced Math credits Science- 6 Credits • Biology, Chemistry, and Physics or any advanced lab Science credits Earn "C" or higher on all courses and cumulative GPA "B" average Complete one of the following: • 4 AP Credits and take corresponding exams • 6 College Credits • 3 College Credits and 2 AP Credits with corresponding exams • Score 1250 on SAT or 26 on ACT	Complete one of the following: • Earn a market-driven credential of value aligned to a specific occupation • 3 Courses in CTE Pathway • An approved career preparation experience aligned to Indiana's CSA program • An approved, locally created pathway Complete 150 hours of Work-Based Learning Demonstrate skill development in communication, collaboration, and work ethic Meet attendance goal	Complete one of the following: • Introduction to Public Service course • One year of JROTC in high school Achieve score of 31 on ASVAB and complete one of the following: • All 3 components of the career exploration program • A career exploration tool approved by DOE Meet attendance goal Demonstrate skill development in communication, collaboration, and work ethic • Externally verified through a mentorship experience with current military personnel, veterans, or other public safety professionals
Enrollment Honors Plus Seal	Employment Honors Plus Seal	Enlistment Honors Plus Seal
Earn the Enrollment Seal, plus. Complete one of the following: • Indiana College Core • AP Scholar with Distinction Complete 75 hours of work-based learning Demonstrate skill development in communication, collaboration, and work ethic	Earn the Employment Seal, plus. Complete one of the following: • Indiana College Core • Advanced Industry Certificate Complete 650 hours of work-based learning that may include: • Pre-Apprenticeship • Modern Youth Apprenticeship Demonstrate skill development in communication, collaboration, and work ethic	Earn Enlistment Seal, plus. Complete one of the following: • Achieve a score of 50 or higher on the ASVAB • Enrollment in ROTC at the collegiate level • Acceptance to a service academy Demonstrate excellence in leadership through one of the following: • Completion of at least 100 hours of public service • Holding a leadership role in co/extracurricular • Completion of two seasons of a team-based sport or activity



Scheduling Information

9th Grade Course Information



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9th grade students need to enroll in seven classes each semester and the Mentor Access Period (MAP)

Y = Year-long courses

S = Semester-long courses

Core 42 Diploma 1. English (Y): English 9 or 9AC 2. Math (Y): Algebra I or higher-level math, based on current math placement 3. Science (Y): Integrated Chem and Physics 4. Social Studies (Y): Geography History of the World or World History or World Language Level 3 5. Elective: Student Choice * 6. Elective: Student Choice 7. Elective: Student Choice 8. Mentor Access Period (MAP) *PE I (S) and Health (S) requirements can be met during the summer of 2025 through Indiana Online or during 9th grade at ZCHS	Core 42 Enrollment Honors Seal 1. English (Y): English 9 or 9AC 2. Math (Y): Algebra I or higher-level math, based on current math placement 3. Science (Y): Integrated Chem and Physics or Biology 4. Social Studies (Y): Geography History of the World or World History or AP World History 5. Elective: World Language, based on current world language placement 6. Elective: Student Choice * 7. Elective: Student Choice 8. Mentor Access Period (MAP) *PE I (S) and Health (S) requirements can be met during the summer of 2025 through Indiana Online or during 9th grade at ZCHS
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See back side for elective options open to 9th grade students.

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9th Grade Elective Courses

For a well-rounded experience that allows students to explore their interests, we encourage students to take electives from a variety of departments.



9th Grade Elective Offerings

In order to be a well-rounded person and explore their interests, we encourage students, over the course of their 4 years at ZCHS, to take electives from a variety of departments.

Art Department

- Introduction to 2D Art (S)
- Introduction to 3D Art (S)

Business Department

- Digital Applications (S)
- Interactive Media (S)
- Introduction to Business (S)

Engineering and Computer Science

- Introduction to Engineering Design - PLTW (Y)
- Computing Foundations for a Digital Age: Computer Science (S)
(required during grades 9 or 10)

English

- Journalism (S)
- Student Media: Yearbook (Y)
- Student Media: News (Y)

Performing Arts

- Beginning Choir: Bella Voce (Y)
- Beginning Choir: Sound Check (Y)
- Intermediate Band (Y)
- Intermediate Concert Orchestra (Y)
- Jazz Band (Y)
- Electronic Music I (S)
- Electronic Music II (S)
- Dance Choreography (S)
- Modern Band (S)
- Songwriting (S)

Physical Education

- Physical Education I (S)
- Health (S)
- Trends in Fitness (S)
- Personal Fitness and Weight Training (S)
- Advanced Sports Performance (S)
- Lifetime Sports and Fitness (S)

Social Studies

- AP Human Geography (S)
- Geography and History of the World (Y)
- AP World History (Y)
- World History and Civilization (Y)

World Language

- Chinese I (Y)
- Chinese II (Y)
- Chinese III (Y)
- French I (Y)
- French II (Y)
- French III (Y)
- Spanish I (Y)
- Spanish II (Y)
- Spanish III (Y)

Other

- Study Hall (S)

Accelerated/Early Placement Courses

- Accelerated courses in English and math
- Early placement in advanced science
- Placement criteria will be sent via middle school newsletters on January 17 and January 24
- Students who qualify to enroll in these courses are notified via parent email on January 31
- See middle school counselor for questions

New Diploma Required Courses

- **Preparing for College and Careers** – Earned by the end of 8th grade for all current ZCS 8th grade students
- **Computer Science** – Students can take in either Grade 9 or 10
- **Personal Finance** – Students can take in either Grade 11 or 12

9th Grade Course Planning



9th Grade Course Planning Sheet

Use the 9th Grade Course Information sheet, the Elective Offerings to 9th Grade Students' sheet, and the course descriptions available on the ZCHS website (counseling, academics and scheduling) to draft your 9th grade schedule. *Year-long courses must be reflected in both Semester 1 and Semester 2.*

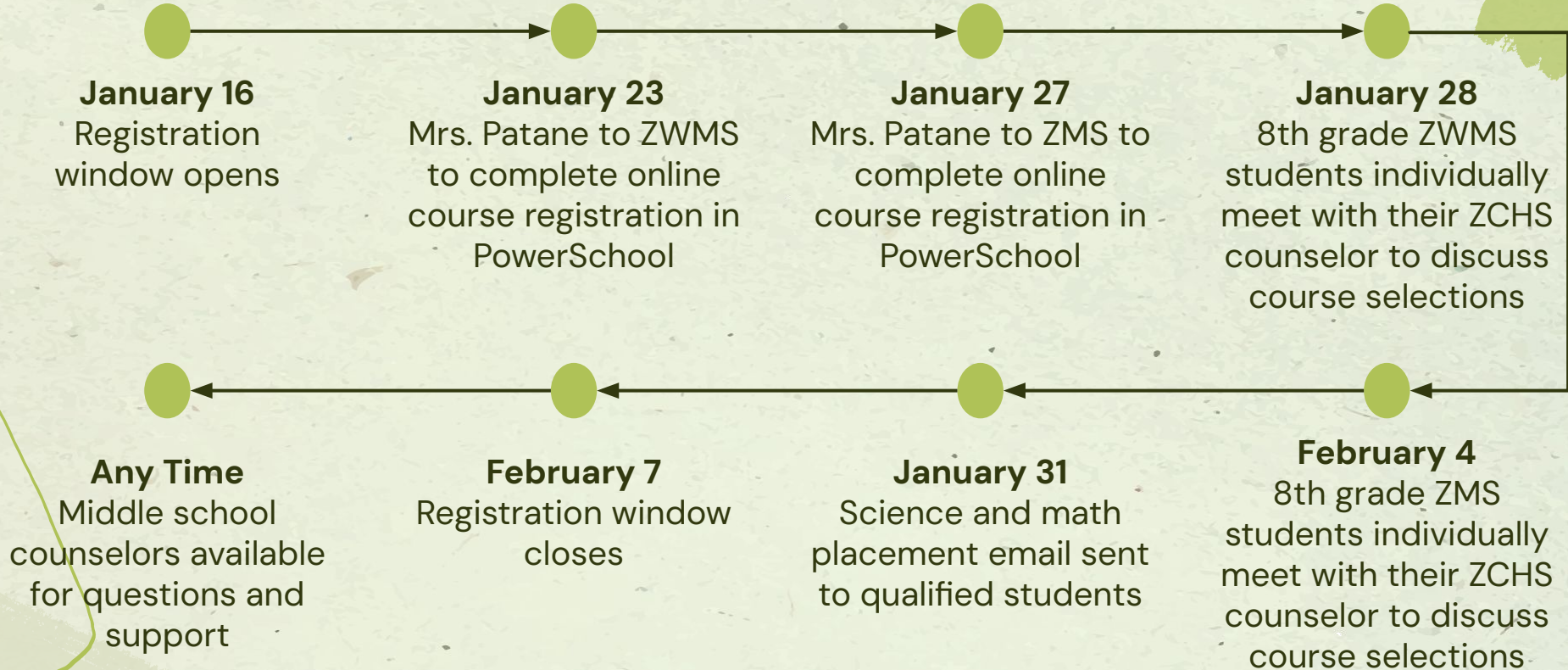
Name: _____

Semester 1	Semester 2
English:	English:
Math:	Math:
Science:	Science:
Social Studies:	Social Studies:
Elective:	Elective:
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Mentor Access Period	Mentor Access Period

Use:

- ZCHS 9th Grade Course Information Sheet
- ZCHS Elective Offerings Open to 9th Grade Students' Sheet
- Course descriptions on ZCHS website

Scheduling Timeline



ZCHS Academic Transition Night



Information Sessions

- J. Everett Light (JEL) Career Center – **Student Union**
- Advanced Placement/Dual Credit – **East LGI**
- Special Services – **Wedge LGI**

6:30 – 7:15 – 8:00



Building Tours

ZCHS Student-Led Tours
Start at Entrance to
Eagle Commons



Academic Department Fair

ZCHS Department
Chairs, Teachers, &
Students are available to
engage in conversation
about classes offered at
ZCHS

Presentation Information Can Be Found:

