Course Selection Guide 2026-2027

- A quick overview to understand the course selection process for the 2026-2027 school year for Junior High School students and families

- Burger Junior High School Counselors

  Mr Neary (7) Ms Hawkes (8) Mr Weisensel (9)

- Roth Junior High School Counselors

  Ms Prinzi (7) Mrs LaPlaca (8) Mrs Hernandez (9)

Burger Counseling Center: 359-5320

Roth Counseling Center: 359-5120

Important Information

- Counselors will be going into classes in December to talk with students about selecting courses for next year, about understanding high school graduation requirements, and about planning for their future career pathways.
- A Google Form will be sent to all students by their school counselor. This form – the Course Selection Worksheet – will help students identify the required courses they must take next year and help them pick the elective courses they wish to take. This will be sent electronically to students on Dec 19th.
- Students should use the Secondary Course Program Guide to help them select the courses they want. Here is the link!

  Secondary Program Course Guide
- In January and February, counselors will schedule individual meetings with each student to discuss their course requests, review grades and transcripts, and develop a graduation plan based upon each student's long-term career and college goals.

Important Dates

- The Course Selection Worksheet Google Form will be emailed to you in December by your counselor.
- January 7th: Course Selection Worksheet is due back to your counselor.
- January 7th - February 13th: Course selection meetings with counselors will be scheduled (if your parents wish to attend, please have them call the counseling office by January 6th so we can accommodate them). Parents will be able to join via Google Meets or in person.
- Early March: Course requests will be available on SchoolTool for each student – please check to make sure they are accurate!
- March 4th: The last day to request changes to course requests.

How to prepare for your scheduling meeting with your counselor

- Think about your college and career goals (review any surveys you've done in Naviance or in Home and Careers class).
- Look through the Secondary Program Course Guide to review the required courses you must take and the elective classes you can choose to take. The guide is listed on the Google Form you will fill out for your course requests and is also available on the district website under the student services and counseling services tabs.
- Fill out the Course Selection Worksheet that your counselor will email to you and send it back by January 7th.
- Make sure you provide a couple back-up electives in case you don't get your first choice. Do your best to pick the classes you want – it can be hard to make changes later on in the spring or summer. If any classes you want are closed out or canceled, we'll use your back-up selections to fill in your schedule.

Preparing for scheduling meeting, continued

- Give careful consideration to taking an art or music class in 8th or 9th grade – remember you need a full art or music class to graduate.
- 9th graders – consider whether or not you wish to continue in World Language level II
- Be on time for your meeting with your counselor – don't be late!
- In-person meetings in the counseling office will be between 7:30-2:00, during a study hall, if you have one. If you don't, we'll try to see you during a non-core class. You'll get a pass from your counselor.

Four-Year Planning Definitions

- **Required Course:** One you must take for high school graduation
- **Elective Course:** A course you choose to take based on your interests and educational goals
- **Prerequisite:** A class that you have to pass before you can take another class that you want

Four-Year Planning Definitions

- **1 Credit:** A unit of study for high school graduation granted for passing a full-year course
- **1/2 Credit:** A unit of study granted for a course which meets for only one semester or the equivalent
- **GPA:** Grade point average

Course Requirements for High School Diplomas

	Regents	Regents w/ Adv. Des.
English	4	4
Social Studies	4	4
Math	3	3
Science	3	3*
World Lang	1	3**
Music or Art	1	1
Phys. Edu.	2	2
Health	0.5	0.5
Electives	3.5	1.5
TOTAL	**22**	**22**

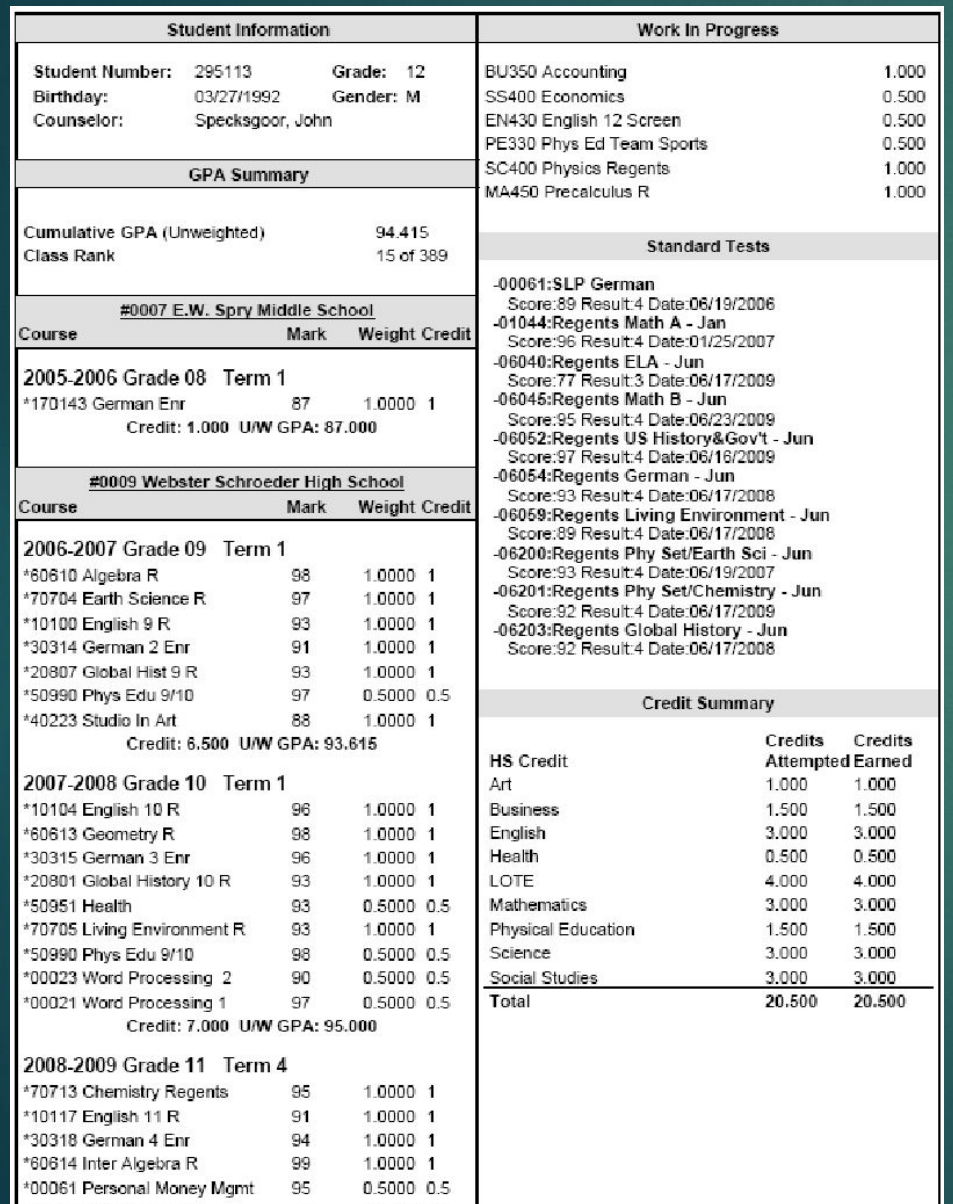
*1 credit must be Living Environment

**While most 4-year colleges expect students to have taken 3 years of Foreign Language in high school, a student may elect to substitute a 5-credit sequence in Business, Technology, Art, Music, or Vocational Education (EMCC).

Exam Requirements for High School Diplomas

	Regents	Regents w/ Adv. Des.
English	1: ELA Exam	1: ELA Exam
Social Studies	2: Global History & US History	2: Global History & US History
Math	1: Algebra *or* Geometry *or* Algebra 2/Trig	3: Algebra, Geometry, & Algebra 2/Trig
Science	1: Earth Science or Living Environment or Chemistry or Physics	2: Living Environment & either Earth Science, Chemistry *or* Physics
World Lang	Proficiency Exam	1: LOTE Regents
TOTAL	6	9

HS Transcript



Student Information

Student Number: 295113 Grade: 12
Birthday: 03/27/1992 Gender: M
Counselor: Specksgoor, John

GPA Summary

Cumulative GPA (Unweighted) 94.415
Class Rank 15 of 389

#0007 E.W. Spry Middle School

Course	Mark	Weight	Credit
2005-2006 Grade 08 Term 1			
*170143 German Enr	87	1.0000	1
Credit: 1.000 U/W GPA: 87.000			

#0009 Webster Schroeder High School

Course	Mark	Weight	Credit
2006-2007 Grade 09 Term 1			
*60610 Algebra R	98	1.0000	1
*70704 Earth Science R	97	1.0000	1
*10100 English 9 R	93	1.0000	1
*30314 German 2 Enr	91	1.0000	1
*20807 Global Hist 9 R	93	1.0000	1
*50990 Phys Edu 9/10	97	0.5000	0.5
*40223 Studio In Art	88	1.0000	1
Credit: 6.500 U/W GPA: 93.615			
2007-2008 Grade 10 Term 1			
*10104 English 10 R	96	1.0000	1
*60613 Geometry R	98	1.0000	1
*30315 German 3 Enr	96	1.0000	1
*20801 Global History 10 R	93	1.0000	1
*50951 Health	93	0.5000	0.5
*70705 Living Environment R	93	1.0000	1
*50990 Phys Edu 9/10	98	0.5000	0.5
*00023 Word Processing 2	90	0.5000	0.5
*00021 Word Processing 1	97	0.5000	0.5
Credit: 7.000 U/W GPA: 95.000			
2008-2009 Grade 11 Term 4			
*70713 Chemistry Regents	95	1.0000	1
*10117 English 11 R	91	1.0000	1
*30318 German 4 Enr	94	1.0000	1
*60614 Inter Algebra R	99	1.0000	1
*00061 Personal Money Mgmt	95	0.5000	0.5

Work In Progress

BU350 Accounting	1.000
SS400 Economics	0.500
EN430 English 12 Screen	0.500
PE330 Phys Ed Team Sports	0.500
SC400 Physics Regents	1.000
MA450 Precalculus R	1.000

Standard Tests

-00061:SLP German
Score:89 Result:4 Date:06/19/2006
-01044:Regents Math A - Jan
Score:96 Result:4 Date:01/25/2007
-06040:Regents ELA - Jun
Score:77 Result:3 Date:06/17/2009
-06045:Regents Math B - Jun
Score:95 Result:4 Date:06/23/2009
-06052:Regents US History&Gov't - Jun
Score:97 Result:4 Date:06/16/2009
-06054:Regents German - Jun
Score:93 Result:4 Date:06/17/2008
-06059:Regents Living Environment - Jun
Score:89 Result:4 Date:06/17/2008
-06200:Regents Phy Set/Earth Sci - Jun
Score:93 Result:4 Date:06/19/2007
-06201:Regents Phy Set/Chemistry - Jun
Score:92 Result:4 Date:06/17/2009
-06203:Regents Global History - Jun
Score:92 Result:4 Date:06/17/2008

Credit Summary

HS Credit	Credits Attempted	Credits Earned
Art	1.000	1.000
Business	1.500	1.500
English	3.000	3.000
Health	0.500	0.500
LOTE	4.000	4.000
Mathematics	3.000	3.000
Physical Education	1.500	1.500
Science	3.000	3.000
Social Studies	3.000	3.000
Total	20.500	20.500

- This is a permanent record of EVERY class you take for high school credits and EVERY Regents exam.
- It is used to calculate your GPA.
- This will be sent to colleges/jobs/apprenticeships etc. (and for scholarships) when you apply in the fall of your senior year.
- The better your grades are, the better chance you have to get in the college or job of your dreams!

8th Grade Required Courses

- English 8
- Social Studies 8
- Math 8 or Algebra (1 credit for Algebra, for students currently taking Math 7/8)
- Science 8, Earth & Space Science (1 credit)
  OR Life Science: Biology (1 credit)
- Spanish, German, ASL or French 8 (1 credit for passing exam & course)
- Physical Education

8th Grade Electives

- Studio in Art (1 credit) *
- Studio in Crafts (1 credit) *
- Studio in Media (1 credit) *
- Music in Our Digital Lives (1 credit) *
- Applied Music Technologies (.5 credit) *
- Chorus 8
- Orchestra 8
- Band 8
- Introduction to Theater Arts (.5 credit) *
- Introduction to Dance (.5 credit) *

* These art and music classes help to fulfill the one credit art/music requirement for HS graduation

8th Grade Electives, continued

- Business Entrepreneurship (.5 credit)
- Production Systems (.5 credit)
- Applied Technology (.5 credit)
- JHS Computer Science and Digital Fluency (.5 credit)
- The Teenage Brain (.5 credit)
- Family and Consumer Science 8

* Refer to pages 24-27 in the Secondary Program Course Guide for more info on 8th grade courses!

9th Grade Required Courses

- English 9 (1 credit)
- Global Studies 9 or World History Pre AP (1 credit for each)
- Algebra I or Geometry (1 credit for each)
- Life Science: Biology (1 credit) OR
  Earth & Space Science (1 credit)
- Physical Education (.5 credit)

9th Grade Electives

- Spanish, German, ASL or French II (1 credit for each) *
- Business Entrepreneurship (.5 credit)
- Principles of Marketing (.5 credit)
- The Teenage Brain (.5 credit)
- Principles of Biomedical Science (1 credit) *

* class has a prerequisite which must be taken first – refer to Secondary Program Course Guide for more information

9th Grade Electives, continued

- Concert Chorus 9 (.5 credit)
- Concert Orchestra 9 (.5 credit)
- Concert Band 9 (.5 credit)
- Music in Our Digital Lives (1 credit)
- Applied Music Technologies (.5 credit)
- Introduction to Dance (.5 credit)
- Introduction to Theater (.5 credit)
- Studio in Art (1 credit)
- Studio in Crafts (1 credit)
- Studio in Media (1 credit)
- Digital Imaging and Photography I * (.5 credit)
- Drawing and Painting I * (.5 credit)

* These classes have a prerequisite class you must take first – refer to the course guide for more info

**All the classes listed on this page help to fulfill the one credit art/music requirement for HS graduation

9th Grade Electives, continued

- Production Systems: Intro to Tools and Machines (.5 credit)
- Introduction to Robotics (.5 credit)
- Introduction to Engineering Design (1 credit)
- Computer Essentials (1 credit)

* Refer to pages 28-33 in the Secondary Program Course Guide for more info on 9th grade courses!

10th Grade Required Courses

- ELA 10 Regents or Honors (1 credit)
- Global Studies 10 or World History AP (1 credit)
- Geometry or Algebra II or Algebra I B (1 credit)
- Science class (refer to pps 49-52 in the Secondary Program Course Guide)
- Physical Education (.5 credit)

10th Grade Electives

- Too many to list! Refer to the Secondary Program Course Guide, Senior High School section, pages 34-59

Final Reminders

- The Junior High School counselors are looking forward to working with you and your family this year to help you make course requests for 2026-2027!
- Remember to select some alternate elective classes, in case your first choices are closed out.
- If you want a study hall next year, make sure you check that box on the course request worksheet and let your counselor know!
- Make sure you fill out your course selection sheet completely and return it by the due date!
- Please reach out to your counselor if you have any questions about this process!