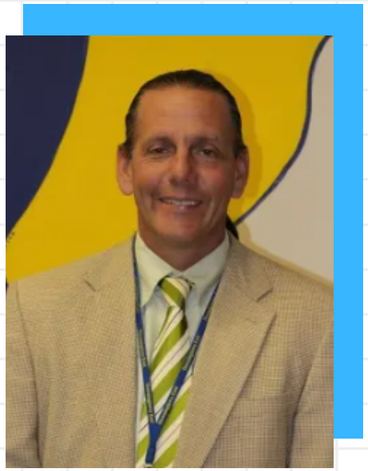
Welcome to

COURSE SELECTION NIGHT

Downingtown High School East Campus

January 26, 2026

DOWNINGTOWN EAST ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM



Principal:
Mr. Paul Hurley



Assistant Principal:
Ms. Lakesha Costello
12th Grade
10th Grade (A-Ha)

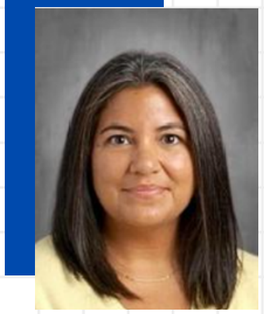


Assistant Principal:
Mr. Eric McComsey
9th Grade
10th Grade (P-Z)



Assistant Principal:
Ms. Erin Purse
11th Grade
10th Grade (He-O)

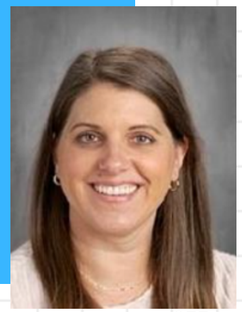
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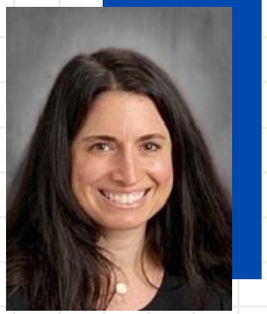
Ms. Cole
(A-Col)



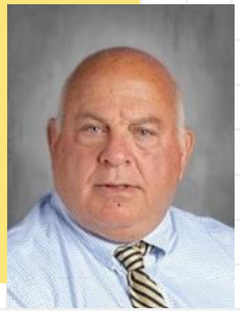
Ms. Chupela
(Con-Gan)



Ms. Dill
(Gar-Ke)



Ms. Hanna
(Kh-McD)



Mr. Matta
(McE-Ras)



Ms. Hallam
(Rat-Sta)



Mr. Davis
(Ste-Z)

***Follow students all 4 years**

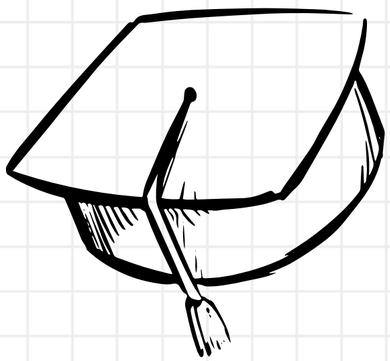
AGENDA



1. Graduation Requirements
2. Credits
3. Course Offerings
4. Scheduling Information - Course Requests



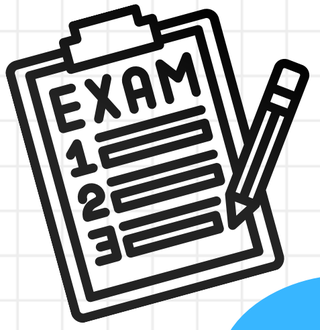
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS





- 24 credits of coursework that meet DASD course distribution
- Proficient of Advanced on 3 Keystone Exams or an Act 158 Pathway
- Graduation Project

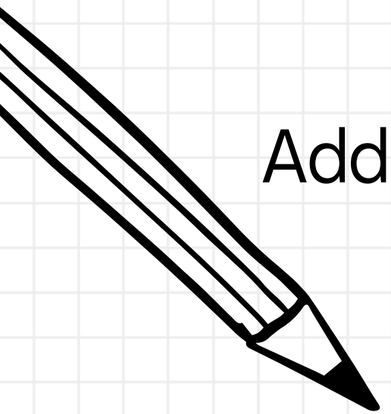


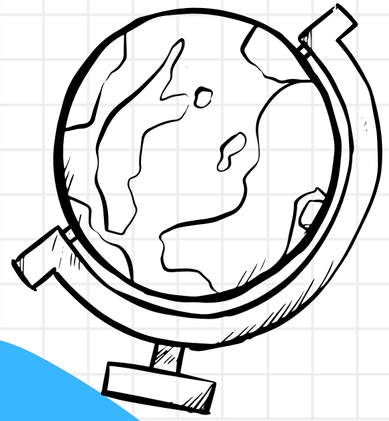


DASD CREDIT DISTRIBUTION

CORE	Total: 16 credits
English	4 credits
Social Studies	4 credits
Math (required-Algebra and Geometry	3 credits
Science (required-Biology)	3 credits
World Language	1 credit
Additional Math, Science or Language	1 credit



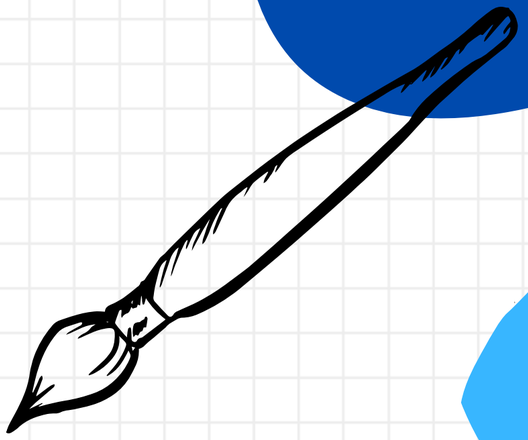




ENCORE AND ELECTIVE CREDITS



Wellness and Fitness (9th grade)	.5 credit
Health (10th grade)	.5 credit
PE (2 more years)	.66 credit
Electives	6 credits



Total: 7.66 credits

*** The class of 2030 will be required to take a 0.5 credit standalone Personal Finance course prior to graduation.***
Best suited for 11th grade
Cyber offering will be available.



GRADUATION PROJECT

.34 Credit

Community Service
Extended Study
Original Research
Creative Production
Scientific Investigation
Practical Application
Career Exploration

Submit your proposal and mentor form for approval PRIOR to starting the project.

COURSE CREDIT



** A student must pass the course. **

1 credit - course meets every day (6 day cycle)

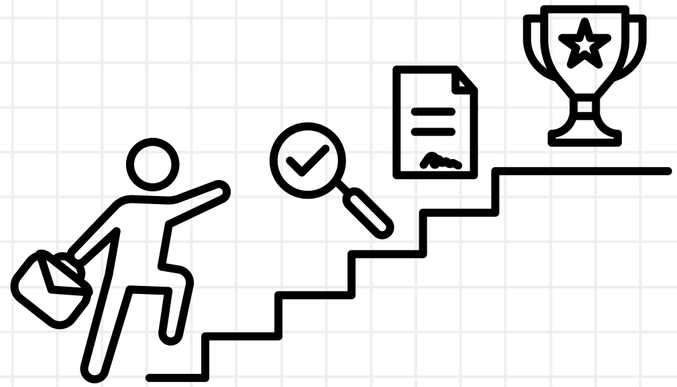
½ credit - course meets 3 times a cycle

.33 credit - course meets 2 times a cycle



CREDIT ACQUISITION

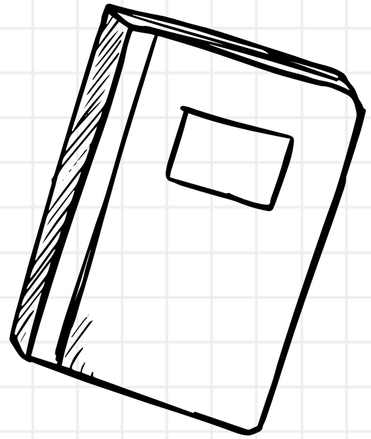
- Regular Courses
- Alternative Credit
  - Teacher Directed Independent Study
  - Dual Enrollment Courses
  - Correspondence/Online Courses
  - Tutoring
  - Internship Experience
  - DASD Career Exploration Program



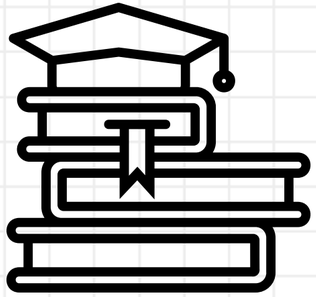
CAREER EXPLORATION

- HealthCare Career Jumpstart (12th Grade)
- Downingtown Teacher Academy (12th Grade)
- Career Work Experience (11th and 12th Grade)
- Downingtown Ready Job Skills Credential
- Air Force Junior ROTC (10th, 11th, and 12th Grade)

DUAL ENROLLMENT



Receive high school and college credit



Delaware County Community College

IMMACULATA UNIVERSITY

TECHNICAL COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

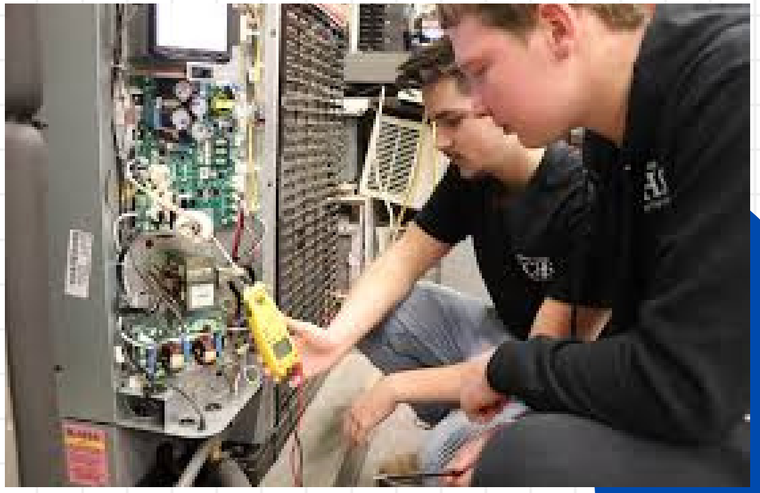
10th, 11th, 12th Grade

- Animal Health Science Technology
- Automotive Collision Technology
- Automotive Service Technology
- Baking and Pastry Arts
- Barbering
- Biomedical Science
- Carpentry
- Commercial & Graphic Arts
- Computer Information Systems
- Cosmetology
- Criminal Justice & Police Science
- Culinary Arts



TECHNICAL COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

- Early Childhood Care & Education
- Electrical Occupations
- Electronic and Robotics
- Engine Technology & Recreation Vehicles
- Health Career Academy
- Health Information Management
- Health Career Pathways
- HVAC/Refrigeration Technology
- Marketing & Financial Services
- Robotics and Mechatronics
- Teacher Leadership Academy
- Veterinary Science







LAPTOPS

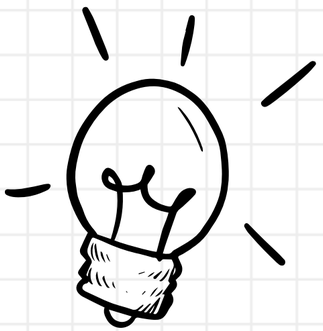
Do NOT purchase laptops.
All incoming 9th grade students will be leasing a laptop to use while at East.



MAKING CHOICES

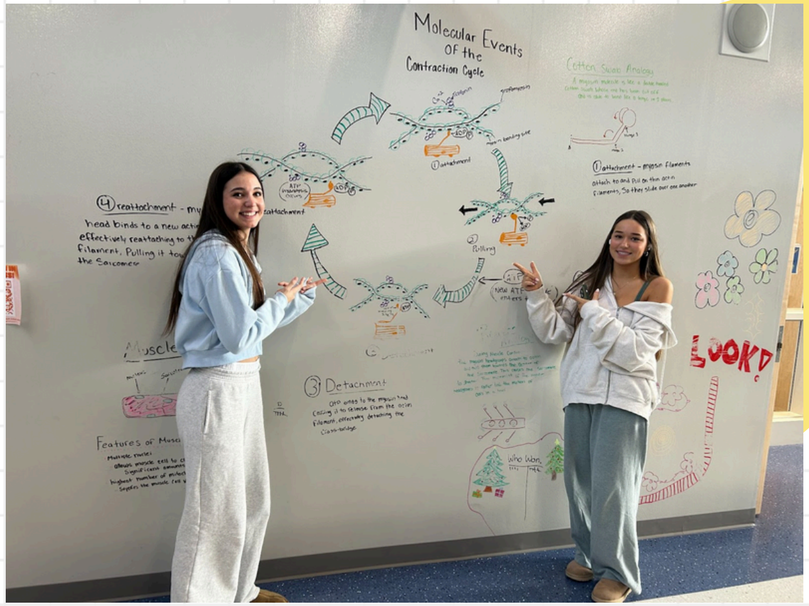


THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN MAKING CHOICES



Past Achievement - including standardized test scores

Teacher Recommendation - Teachers are your best resource. They will be recommending what level of class best suits your strengths while addressing any weaknesses.



Course Prerequisites

Graduation Requirements

CHOOSE LEVEL OF COURSE

Level 2 Class
or
Level 1 Class
or
Honors



Level 2

Content Learning
Emphasis on:

- Literacy & Learning Strategies
- Structure
- Review/Reinforcement



Level 1

College-Preparatory
Rigorous
Emphasis on:

- Guided Practice



Honors

College-Preparatory
Rigorous
Emphasis on:

- Independence
- Written & Oral Communication

AP COURSE SELECTION

Follow a purposeful path to a rigorous schedule.

Visit our department tables in the Learning Commons.

Advanced Levels

Discussion of workload and course requirements.

Make an informed decision based on desire, work ethic, skills.

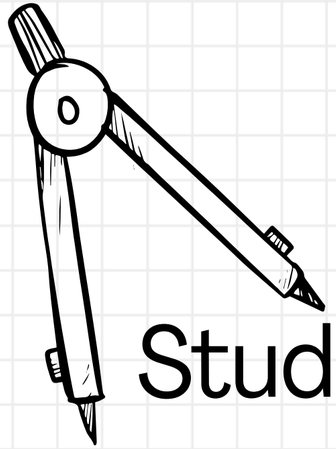
AP Courses for 9th Grade

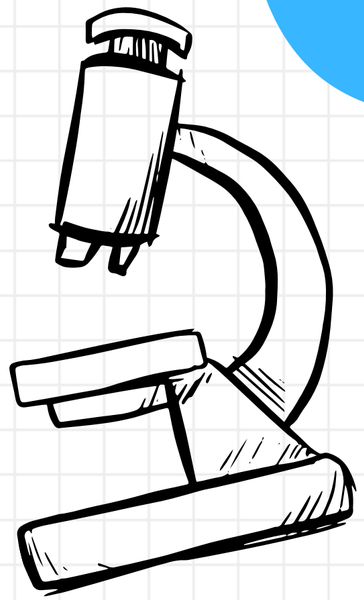
Historically, AP was offered to sophomores, juniors and seniors.

Some 9th grade students may be able to handle the rigor of an AP class.

World History

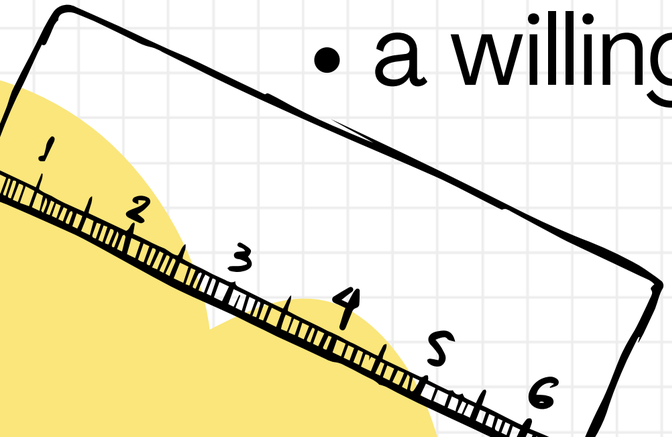
AP COURSE SELECTION





Student has:

- a particular strength in a content area.
- a passion for a subject.
- a desire to take college level course.
- a willingness to complete summer course work.



FIND THE RIGHT BALANCE FOR YOU!



FORMAT OF CLASSES

- Traditional
- Blended
- Cyber
- Semester

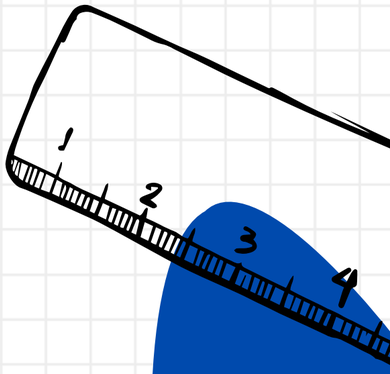




SELECTING YOUR FORMATS

Select the course...

English 9



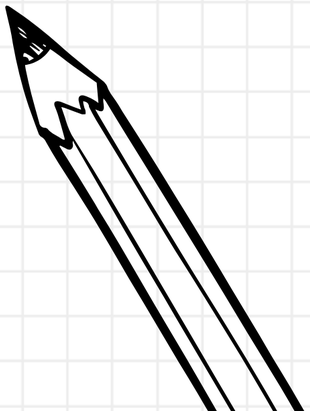
Select the format...

Traditional (T)

Blended (B)

Cyber (C)

Semester (S) - Math

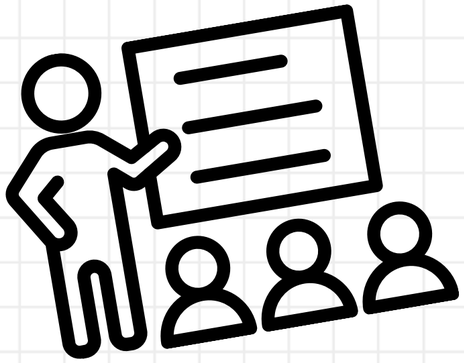


WHAT IS BLENDED LEARNING?









BLENDED VS. CYBER

- 1-credit classes face-to-face time
  - Traditional: Meet daily
  - Blended: Meet every other day
  - Cyber: Zoom sessions
- Same DASD curriculum
- Teachers
  - Blended - Will be in the same building
  - Cyber - May not be in the same building
- Same GPA weight
- Same amount of workload/assignments/projects
- Both meet graduation requirement

THINGS TO CONSIDER WITH BLENDED AND CYBER COURSES DURING YOUR FIRST YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL

- Do you enjoy working independently and trying new things?
- Do you have good time management skills?
- Do you consistently meet deadlines for schoolwork?
- Are you willing to commit the same number of hours per week per blended course as you would for a traditional course?
- Do you ask for help when you need it?
- Are you willing to check Schoology every day, even if you don't have class?
- You are comfortable in a "virtual environment:" checking email, sending attachments, posting to discussions, uploading documents, etc.

LUNCH AND LEARN

What will students do during lunch & Learn?

Academic Focused

Access teachers

Access counselors

Make up tests

Complete School work

Participate in Study Groups

Wellness Focus

Take part in Recreational activities

Exercise

Decompress

Participate in groups led by counselors/prevention specialists & outside providers

Connect with peers through games and activities

Mindfulness activities



WHERE STUDENTS CAN GO DURING LUNCH AND LEARN

- Cafeteria
- New common spaces
- Gym
- Fitness Center
- Courtyard
- Atrium
- Grassy Area Inside the Track
- Library
- Classrooms
- Students MAY NOT leave campus during Lunch & Learn



SCHEDULING INFORMATION

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Instructional Day

1 period is Lunch & Learn

7 Academic periods

7x6 = 42 periods of instruction

Schedule up to 42 periods.

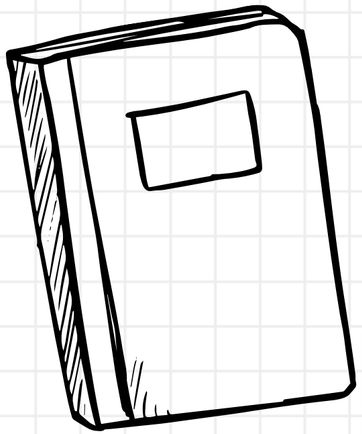
Schedule no less than 36 periods.

Recommended:

39 periods with 3 study halls

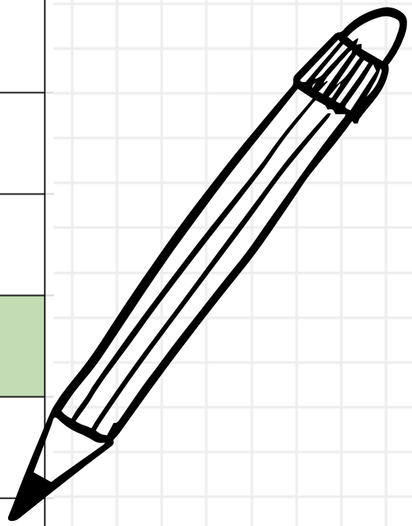
Sample

Course	Number of Periods	Credits
English	6	1
Social Studies	6	1
Math	6	1
Science	6	1
Wellness	3	0.5
Total	27	4.5
Electives		
World Language	6	1
Elective	3	0.5
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Total	39	6.5

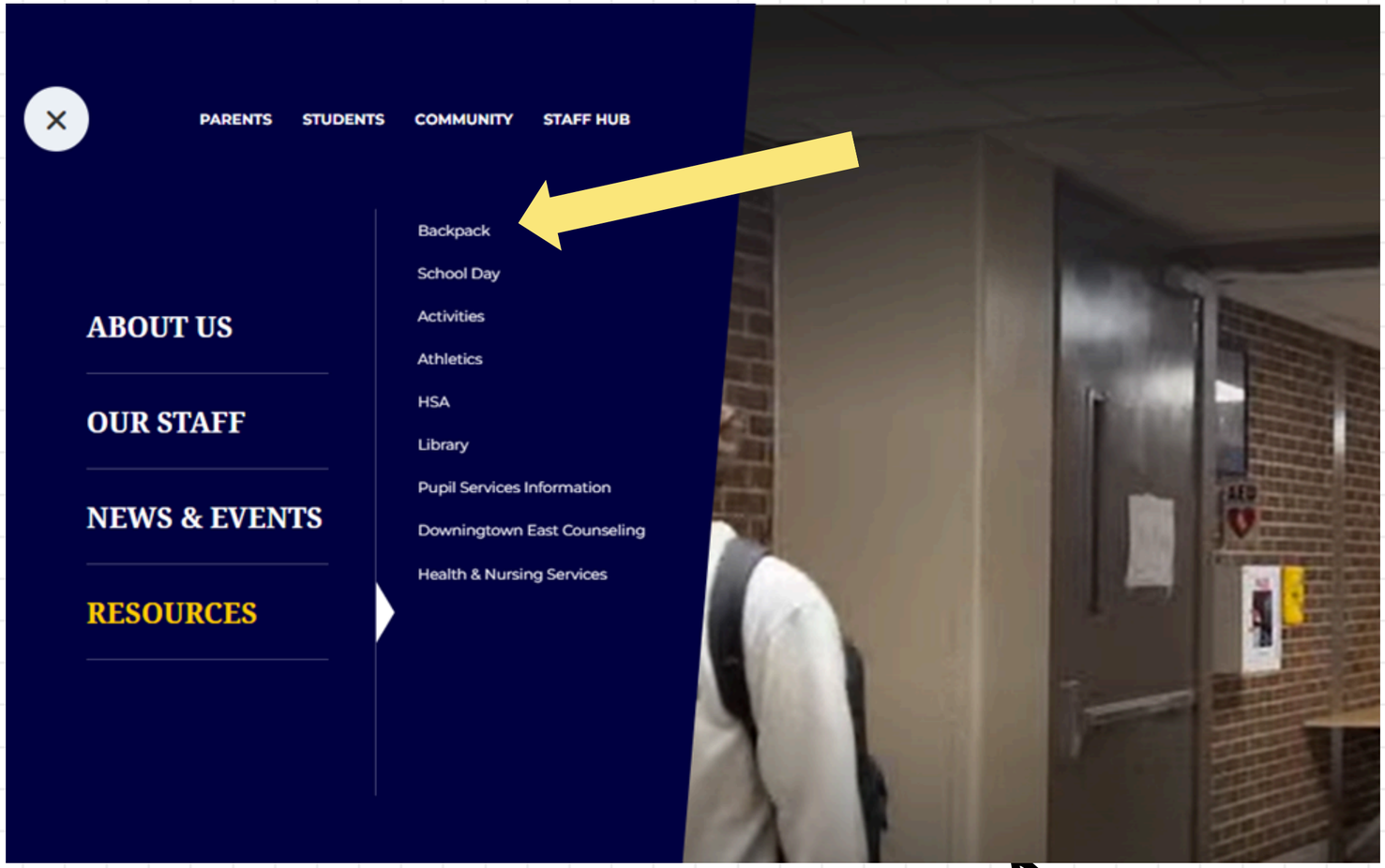


SCHEDULING TEMPLATE

Period	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	ENGLISH					
2	Algebra I					
3	Wellness	Intro to Foods	Wellness	Intro to Foods	Wellness	Intro to Foods
4	Biology					
Lunch and Learn						
5	World History					
6	French					
7	Public Speaking	Study Hall	Public Speaking	Study Hall	Public Speaking	Study Hall



COURSE REQUEST INFORMATION



Click on Resources

Click on Backpack

ALL THINGS COURSE SELECTION

Backpack

SCHOOL DAY

ACADEMIC HANDBOOKS

NAVIANCE

PROGRAM OF STUDY

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

TECHNOLOGY

VOLUNTEER

COURSE SELECTION INFORMATION

RESOURCES

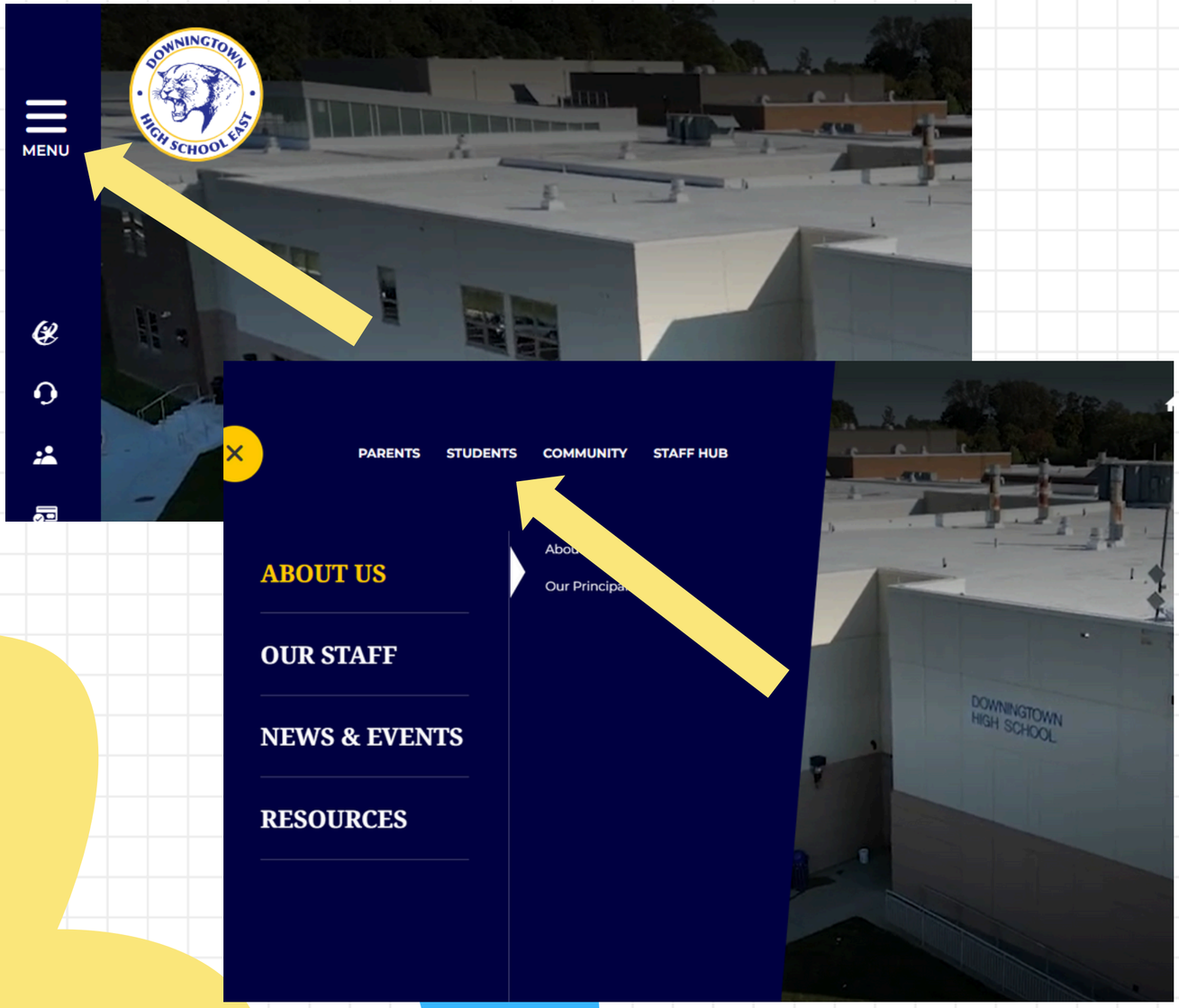
- Backpack
- School Day
- Activities
- Athletics
- HSA
- Library
- Pupil Services Information
- Downingtown East Counseling
- Health & Nursing Services

WEB PAGE: COURSE SELECTION INFORMATION

Here you will find:

- Course Selection Parent Letter
- 2026-2027 Program of Study
- Scheduling Template
- Course Selection Presentation
- Directions for Course Selection

COURSE REQUEST - ONLINE



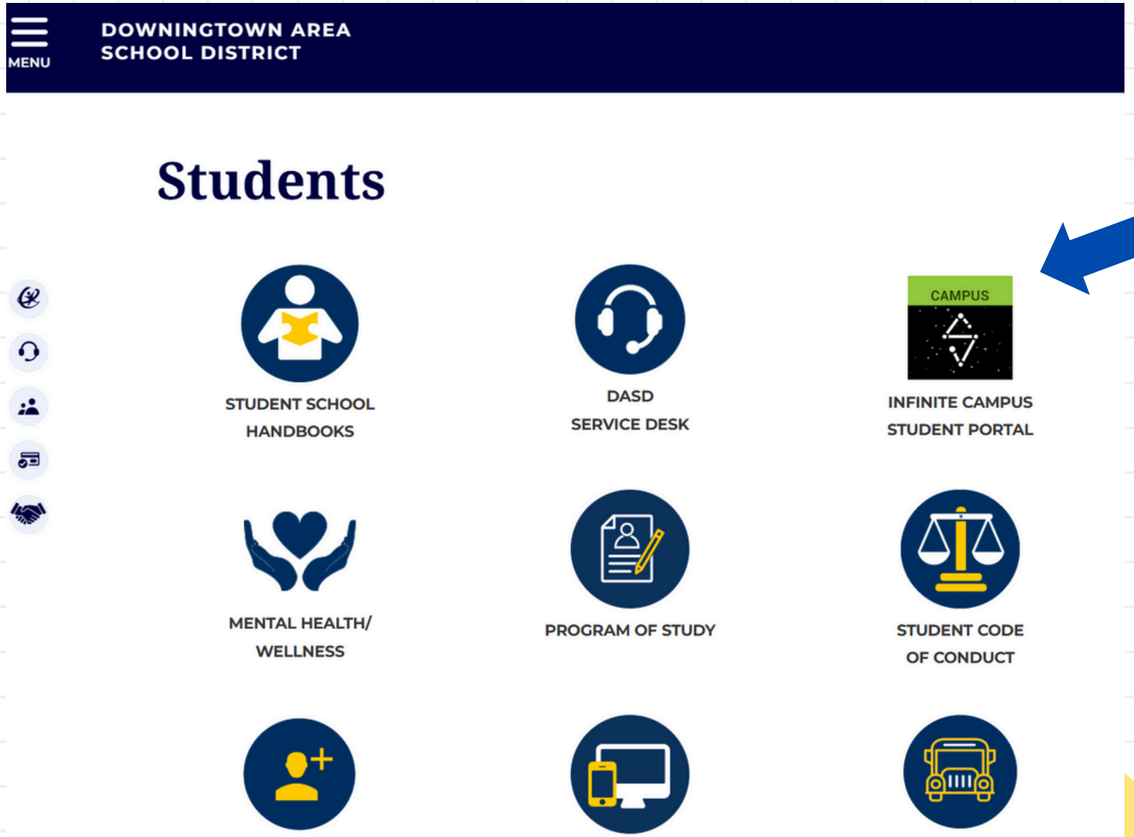
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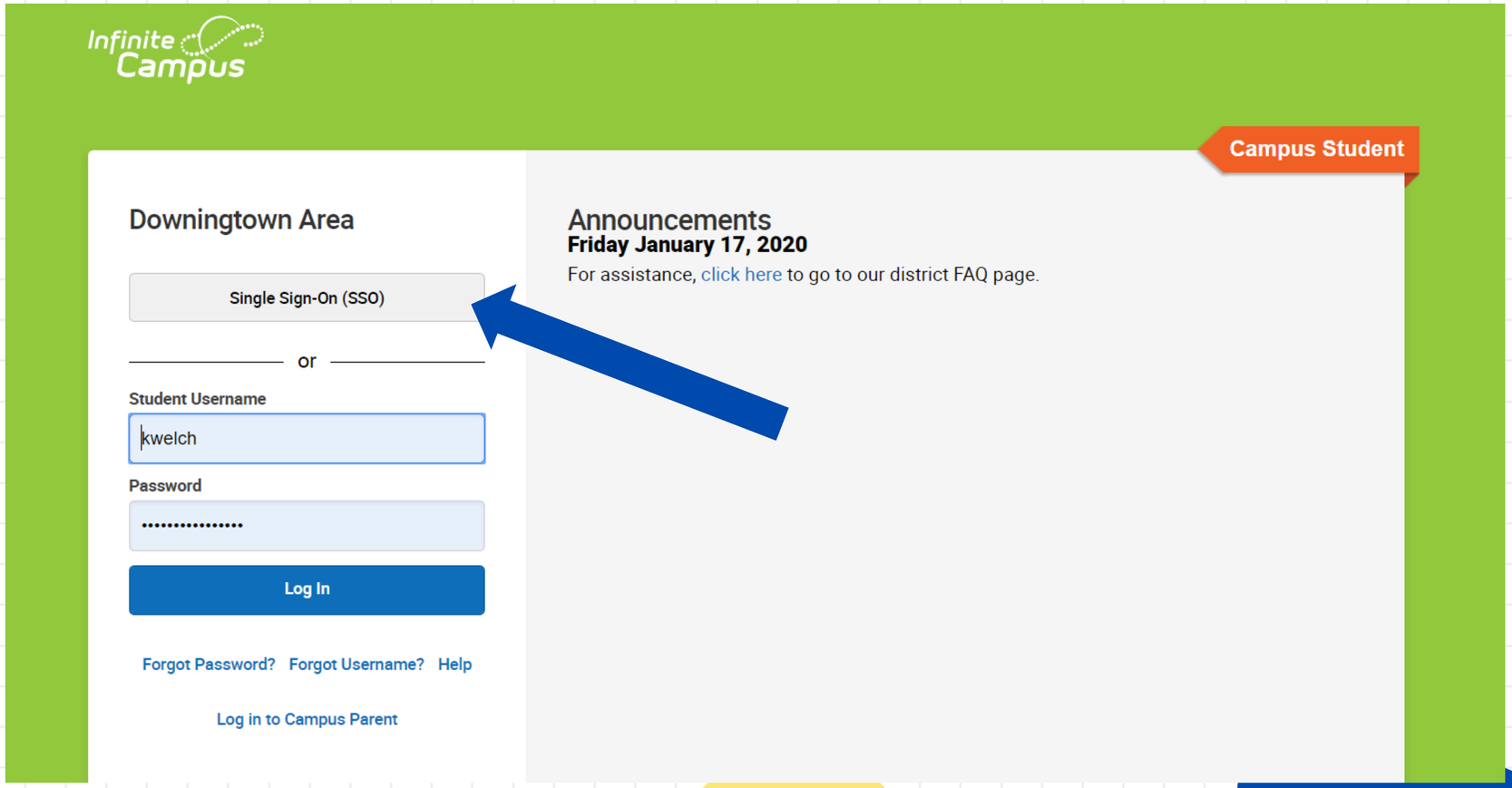


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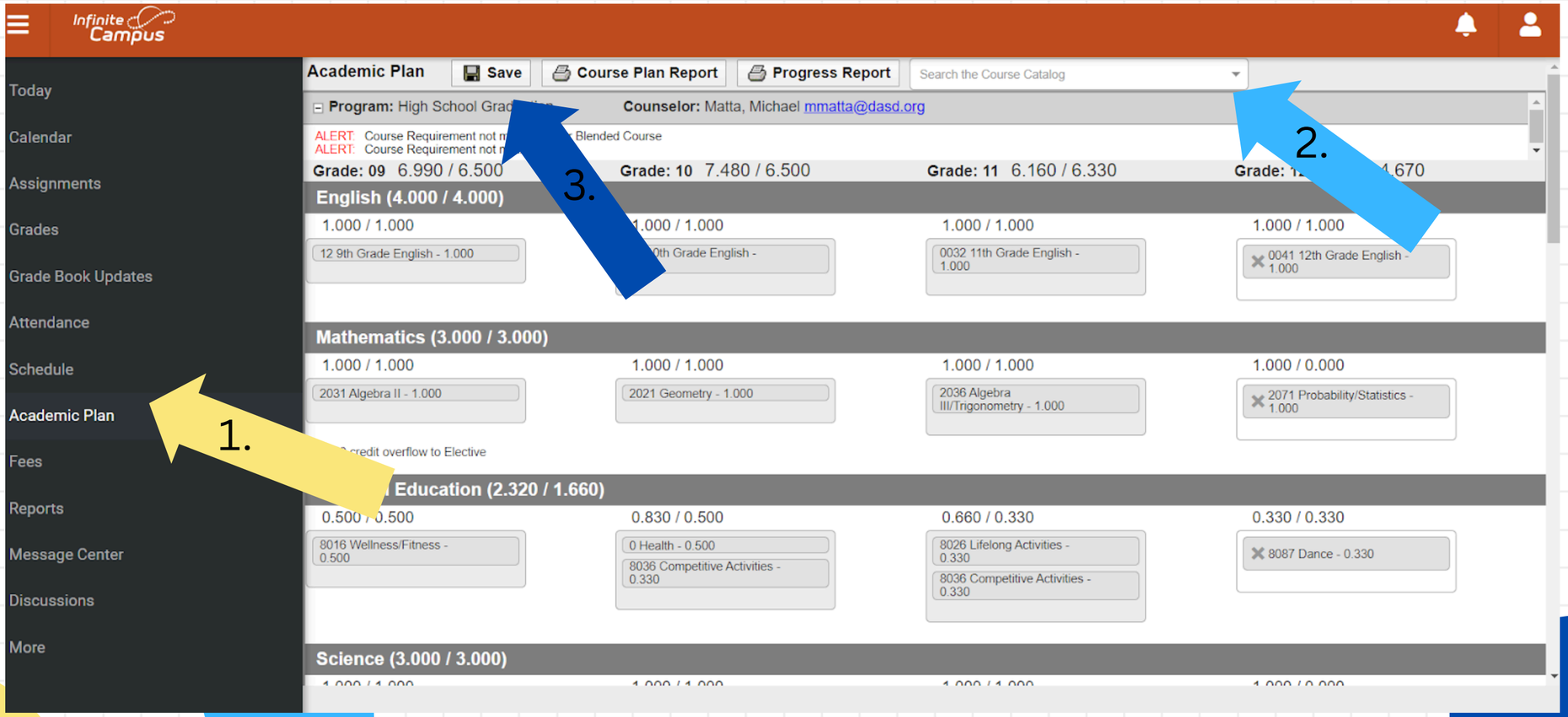
Login to the Student Portal



USE SINGLE SIGN ON



USE ACADEMIC PLANNER FOR COURSE REQUESTS



ONLINE COURSE REQUESTS

Opens January 28th at noon

Closes February 6th at 5pm





IMPORTANT DATES

January 26, 2026

Course Selection Night - Downingtown High School East

January 28, 2026

The online access center is open. A slideshow giving the process will be posted on Schoology and webpage for all students.

January 28, 2026 - February 6, 2026

Online Course Selection

February 6, 2026

Final date for online access

February 10-20, 2026

Counselors will meet with students to finalize course selection requests.

QUESTIONS?




















LET'S HAVE A GREAT YEAR!