8th Grade Transition

An Overview of the High School and Course Selection Process

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The Counseling Dept.

All homerooms are class year and a letter - Ex. 2030A

2030 A, B, C - Mrs. Costanzo

2030 D, E, F - Mrs. Dyal

2030 G, H, I - Ms. Pellicane

2030 J, K, L - Mrs. Jones

2030 M, N, O - Ms. Galzerano

2030 P, Q, R - Mrs. Alderfer

2030 S, T, U - Mr. Murphy

Haverford High School Basics

- 2 semesters per year
- Block schedule - 4 blocks per day
- One class = 85 minutes
- Core classes and some electives meet every day
- Band, Orchestra, Chorus, Support and many electives meet every other day (A/B day)
- At least 2 credits of World Language are required for many colleges
- Assigned to Homeroom/Advisory randomly and that remains the same for all 4 years of high school
- Your counselor is assigned to your homeroom
- 1 Head Principal and 4 Assistant Principals

The High School Schedule

A Typical Day at HHS

Block Schedule

7:30 - 8:55 - Block 1 (arrive directly to block 1)
9:00 - 9:16 - Homeroom
9:21 - 10:46 - Block 2

<u>Lunch 1</u>
10:51 - 11:21 (Lunch 1)
11:26 - 12:55 Block 3

<u>Lunch 2</u>
12:21 - 12:16 Block 3
12:21 - 12:55 (Lunch 2)

12:56 - 2:22 - Block 4

- 9th and 10th grade eat lunch together
- Lunch is assigned to your 3rd block class
- Classes run on an A/B day schedule

9th Grade Scheduling

- 4 Blocks per day
- Electives are either alternating day or every day for the semester
- Your teachers will recommend you into your core class levels (English, Math, Science, Social Studies)
- You choose your electives (either 1.0 or 0.5 credit options)
- You can take up 8 credits each year

1 semester (everyday) = 1 credit

Sample Schedule I

1 semester alt = 0.5 credit

Grade 9	1st Semester		2nd Semester	
	A	B	A	B
Block 1	English 9 (CP) 1.0 Credit		Spanish II 1.0 Credit	
Block 2	Algebra I (CP) 2.0 Credits			
Block 3	US History (CP) 1.0 Credit		Intro to Marketing (A day) 0.5 Credit	Interior Design (B day) 0.5 Credit
Block 4	PE-9 (A day) 0.5 Credit	Foods for Today (B day) 0.5 Credit	Engineering to Learn (ETL) (CP) 1.0 Credit	

Sample Schedule II

Grade 9	1st Semester		2nd Semester	
	A	B	A	B
Block 1	English 9 (H) 1.0 Credit		US History (H) 1.0 Credit	
Block 2	Algebra I (H) 1.0 Credit		Engineering to Learn (ETL) (H) 1.0 Credit	
Block 3	Spanish II (H) 1.0 Credit		Intermediate Spanish (H) 1.0 Credit	
Block 4	Animation I 0.5 Credit	PE-9 (B day) 0.5 Credit	Art I 1.0 Credit	

Sample Schedule III

Grade 9	1st Semester		2nd Semester	
	A	B	A	B
Block 1	English 9 (H) 1.0 Credit		Spanish II (H) 1.0 Credit	
Block 2	Algebra I (H) 1.0 Credit		Geometry (H) 1.0 Credit	
Block 3	AP US History 2.0 Credits			
Block 4	PE-9 (A day) 0.5 Credit	Intro to Marketing (A day) 0.5 Credit	Engineering to Learn (ETL) (H) 1.0 Credit	

Sample Schedule IV

Grade 9	1st Semester		2nd Semester	
	A	B	A	B
Block 1	English 9 (CP) 1.0 Credit		Spanish II (H) 1.0 Credit	
Block 2	Algebra I (H) 1.0 Credit		Engineering to Learn (ETL) (H) 1.0 Credit	
Block 3	US History (CP) 1.0 Credit		Intro to Marketing (A day) 0.5 Credit	PE-9 (B day) 0.5 Credit
Block 4	Concert Band (A day)	Concert Chorale (B day)	Concert Band (A day)	Concert Chorale (B day)

Full year alternating day classes = 1.0 credit each

Credits Required for Graduation



Students are required to complete 26.5 credits for graduation

Subject	Credit
English	4.0
Mathematics	4.0
Social Studies	4.0
Science	4.0
Arts & Humanities (non-math/science)	2.0
Physical Education and Health	1.5
Financial Literacy	0.5
Electives	6.5
Total	26.5

Course Selection Process

- Counselors will visit middle school classes to work with students on choosing electives
- Students will select electives or classes that they want to double up on on a worksheet.
- Students will enter their selections into PowerSchool
- Students are only able to choose their electives, they are not able to choose core classes/levels, specific blocks, teachers, or lunches.

9th Grade Electives

Descriptions are listed in the course selection guide that is posted online.

HAVERFORD HIGH SCHOOL

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List of electives for incoming 9th grade students

BUSINESS

Course Name	Credit
Accounting I	1
Accounting II (H)	1
Web Comm & Design ~ Alt Day	0.5
Computer Applications I ~ Alt Day	0.5
Computer Applications II ~ Alt Day	0.5
Intro to Sports Mgmt ~ Alt Day	0.5
Intro to Sports Mgmt II ~ Alt Day	0.5
Intro to Marketing ~ Alt Day	0.5
Advanced Marketing (H) ~ Alt Day	0.5
Entrepreneurship ~ Alt Day	0.5
Financial Literacy ~ Alt Day	0.5
Haverford Sports Media	1.0

ENGLISH

Course Name	Credit
Adv Studio Theater ~ Alt Day	0.5
Creative Writing ~ Alt Day	0.5
Dystopian Literature ~ Alt Day	0.5
Film Study I ~ Alt Day	0.5
Film Study II ~ Alt Day	0.5
Poetry for Everyone ~ Alt Day	0.5
Public Speak 21st Cen. ~ Alt Day	0.5
Research and Debate ~ Alt Day	0.5
Shakespeare ~ Alt Day	0.5
Studio Theater ~ Alt Day	0.5

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

Course Name	Credit
Baking and Pastry Arts ~ Alt Day	0.5
Contemp Sew & Crafts ~ Alt Day	0.5
Foods for Today ~ Alt Day	0.5
Interior Design ~ Alt Day	0.5
Prep for Parenthood ~ Alt Day	0.5

FINE ARTS

Course Name	Credit
Art I	1
Art II	1
Fashion Design I	1
Animation 1 ~ Alt Day	0.5
Animation 2 ~ Alt Day	0.5
Art History I ~ Alt Day	0.5
Art History II ~ Alt Day	0.5
Ceramics 1 ~ Alt Day	0.5
Ceramics 2 ~ Alt Day	0.5
Graphic Design 1 ~ Alt Day	0.5
Graphic Design 2 ~ Alt Day	0.5
Sculpture 1 ~ Alt Day	0.5
World Crafts ~ Alt Day	0.5

MATHEMATICS

Course Name	Credit
AP Computer Science A	1
AP Computer Science Principles	1
Mobile Apps for IOS I	1
Mobile Apps for IOS II (H)	1
Mobile Apps Lite ~ Alt Day	0.5

MUSIC

Course Name	Credit
Best Buddies Gen Music ~ Alt Day	0.5
Music Production 1 ~ Alt Day	0.5
Music Production 2 ~ Alt Day	0.5
Guitar Lab ~ Alt Day	0.5
Piano Lab ~ Alt Day	0.5
Basic Music Theory ~ Alt Day	0.5
Adv Music Theory & Comp ~ Alt Day	0.5
Ukulele Lab ~ Alt Day	0.5

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH

Course Name	Credit
Adv Personal Fitness ~ Alt Day	0.5
Fitness/Weight Training ~ Alt Day	0.5
Fords Functional Fit ~ Alt Day	0.5
General Phys Ed ~ Alt Day	0.5
Lifetime Fitness ~ Alt Day	0.5
Phys Ed Concentration ~ Alt Day	0.5

SCIENCE

Course Name	Credit
Astronomy ~ Alt Day	0.5
Create Code Construct ~ Alt Day	0.5
Earth Science ~ Alt Day	0.5
Best Buddies Science ~ Alt Day	0.5
Identifying and Debunking Myths in Science ~ Alt Day	0.5
Marine Environmental ~ Alt Day	0.5

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Course Name	Credit
Adv Comp Aided Drafting (CADD)	1
Architectural Comp Aided Drafting	1
Intro to Mechanical Drawing	1
Comm Drone Aviation I ~ Alt Day	0.5
Comm Drone Aviation II ~ Alt Day	0.5
Computer Aided Manuf. ~ Alt Day	0.5
Construction Tech I ~ Alt Day	0.5
Construction Tech II ~ Alt Day	0.5
Intro to Practical Wood ~ Alt Day	0.5
Practical Wood II ~ Alt Day	0.5
Technology Design I ~ Alt Day	0.5
Technology Design II ~ Alt Day	0.5

WORLD LANGUAGE

French I	1
French II	1
French III (H)	1
Italian I	1
Italian II	1
Italian III (H)	1
Latin I	1
Latin II	1
Latin III (H)	1
Spanish I	1
Spanish II (CP)	1
Spanish II (H)	1
Spanish III (CP)	1
Intermediate Spanish (H)	1

Key	
(CP)	College Prep
(H)	Honors
(AP)	Advanced Placement
0.5 credit	Semester Long Alternating Day Class
1.0 credit	Semester class

Considerations for Scheduling



- High School is a balancing act
  - Rigor vs. Grades
  - Stressed vs. Stressed out
  - School Involvement vs. Over-Extended
  - Concentrate vs. Explore
- Students (depending on their level) who opt to take multiple math, science or language classes will be scheduled for these classes both semesters
- Doubling up = taking more than one core in a subject area per year
- Reasons to double up:
  - To get to more advanced classes in that subject area
  - Because you really love that subject
  - To open space in your schedule in the future for a specific class

Frequently Asked Questions

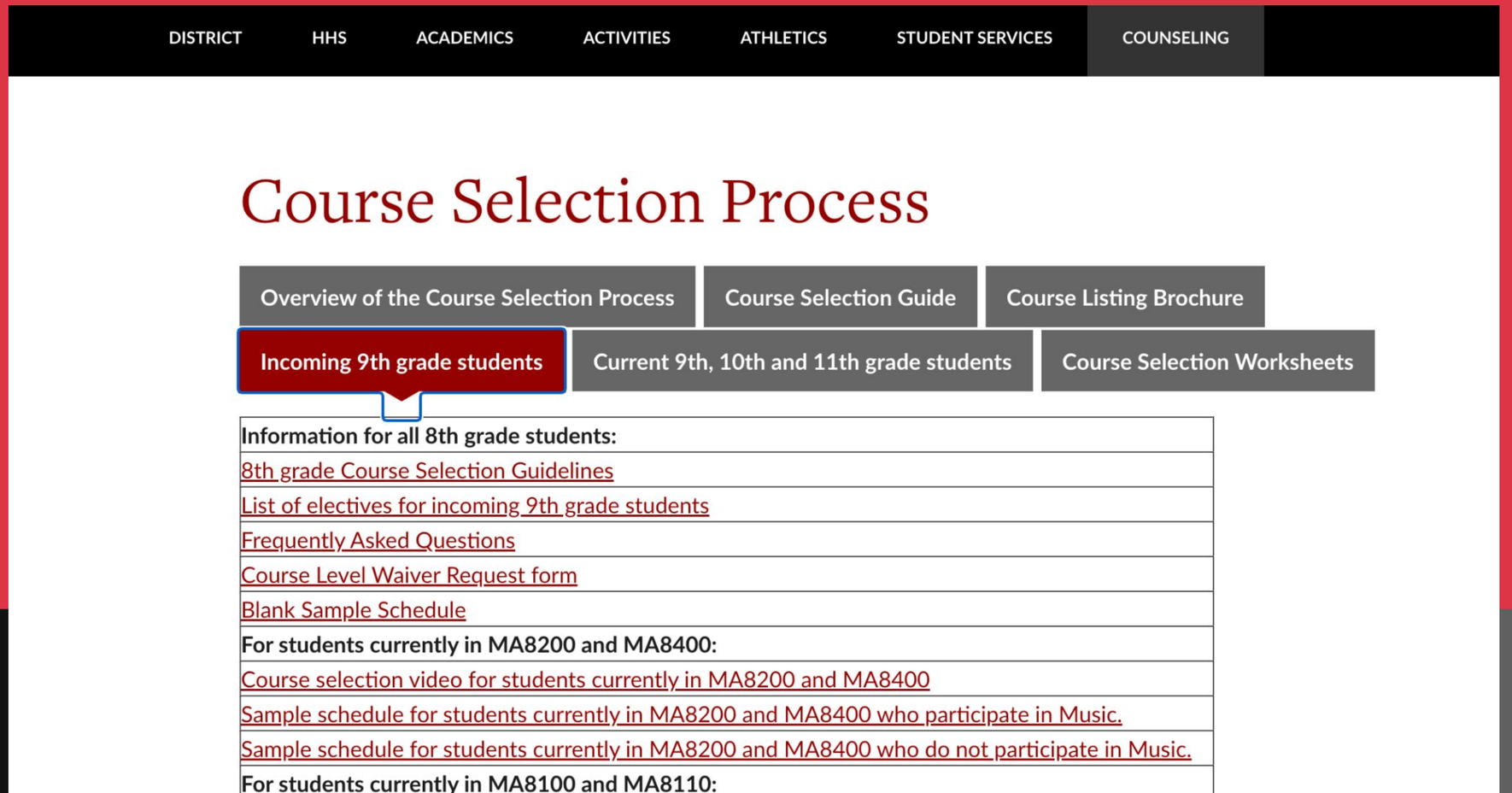


- How many Arts & Humanities credits are required for graduation?
- What courses fulfill the Arts & Humanities requirement?
- Do I need to take two years of a World Language in order to graduate?
- What is an Advanced Placement course and how is it different than an honors course?
- Can I take a study hall?
- How many Physical Education classes do I need to take?
- Can I choose the blocks of my classes or my lunch?
- What time does school start and end?

FAQ answers

HS Counseling Website

https://hhs.haverford.k12.pa.us/counseling/hhs-course-selection-process



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Thank you!