
BRIARCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL



CLASS OF 2029

9TH GRADE COURSE SELECTION OVERVIEW

JANUARY, 2026

9TH GRADE COUNSELOR ASSIGNMENTS

If your last name begins with...	Your counselor is:
A-D	Mr. Muranelli
E-L	Ms. Alayo
M-R	Ms. Isabella
S-Z	Ms. Safer

TIMELINE

- **January:**

- **Teachers will discuss course options for next year**
 - **Science Research teachers will visit Biology classes to discuss the Science Research program requirements and commitments**
 - **Friday, January 30th - Q2 grades and teacher course recommendations will be posted to the portal**
 - ▶ **Department specific Criteria Review applications (via Microsoft Forms) will be available on the BHS Counseling Center website**
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TIMELINE

- **February:**

- **Monday, February 2nd - Friday, February 13th - Counselors will meet with each student for an individual course selection meeting.**
 - ▶ **You must meet with your counselor before the February break! You will receive a Microsoft Bookings link to schedule an appointment with your counselor**
- **Friday, February 27th at 3:00pm - Criteria Review applications are due; late submissions will not be accepted.**

- **April: Criteria Review decisions will be posted to the portal.**

TIMELINE

- **June:**

- **Preliminary student schedules will be posted to the portal in late June. Criteria Review decisions and course placement changes will be reflected on this schedule. This schedule does not include periods or teachers, it will only list the courses you have been successfully scheduled for.**
- **Counselors will be available for a few days at the end of June to address schedule concerns**

- **July:**

- **Final student schedules will be posted to the portal in late July**
 - **Counselors will be available for a few days in July and August to address schedule concerns**
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PREREQUISITE GUIDELINES CHART

Current Course Placement	Course Requested	Grade Needed for Entry
Regents/Non Honors	Honors	90 in prerequisite course
Regents/Non Honors	UHS, ECE, and SUPA course	90 in prerequisite course
Regents/Non Honors	Advanced Placement	94 in prerequisite course
Honors	Honors	85 in prerequisite course
Honors	UHS, ECE, and SUPA course	85 in prerequisite course
Honors	Advanced Placement	90 in prerequisite course
UHS, ECE, and SUPA course	UHS, ECE, and SUPA course	85 in prerequisite course
UHS, ECE, and SUPA course	Advanced Placement	90 in prerequisite course
Advanced Placement	Advanced Placement	85 in prerequisite course

CRITERIA REVIEW

- **What is it?**

An appeal process

- **Who is on the Criteria Review committee?**

Department teachers, school counselors, and administrators

- **When will I know if I have been accepted?**

Preliminary results will be posted to the portal in April

- **Course placement will be reviewed/confirmed/updated at the end of the year (after 4th quarter and final grades are calculated)**

- **Why did my friend with the same average as me in _____ get into _____ and I did not?**



ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

English 10 R

English 10 RC



SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

**Global History &
Geography II R**

**Global History &
Geography II RC**

**Global History &
Geography II H**

**AP European
History**

**AP World
History**



MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

**Algebra IB/
Geometry**

Geometry
Geometry R
Geometry H

Algebra II
Algebra II R
Algebra II H

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

**Life Science
Biology B**

**Earth & Space
Sciences**

**Physical Setting
Chemistry R**

**Physical Setting
Chemistry H**

**Environmental
Science**

Marine Biology



WORLD LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

French	Latin	Mandarin Chinese	Spanish
	Latin I	Mandarin Chinese I	Spanish I
French II	Latin II	Mandarin Chinese II	Spanish IB/IIA Spanish II
French III French III H	Intermediate Latin I	Mandarin Chinese III	Spanish III Spanish III H
French IV H Intermediate French I Pre-AP	AP Latin	Mandarin Chinese IV	Spanish IV H Intermediate Spanish I Pre-AP
French V/Intermediate French I Intermediate French II AP French Language & Culture			Spanish V/Intermediate Spanish I Intermediate Spanish II AP Spanish Language & Culture

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH DEPARTMENT

You must take one of these classes each year (.5 credit):

**Physical Education
10**

**Fitness Through
Strength Training &
Conditioning**

**College Introduction
to Dance**

**College Sports
Management**

Health is a graduation requirement (.5 credit)

**Health & Wellness:
in-class**

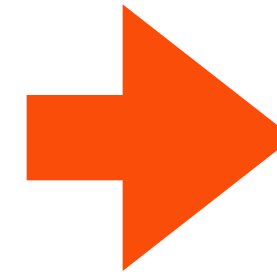
PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT

Concert Band 10

Concert Chorus 10

**Concert Orchestra
10**

**College Music
Theory I**



AP Music Theory II

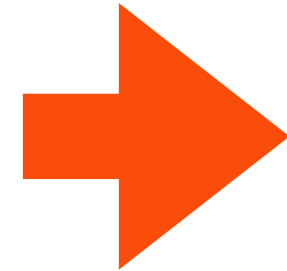
**College Introduction
to Dance (.5 credit)**

If Dance is taken in place of PE, the Dance grade will not be averaged into your GPA. If Dance and PE are taken concurrently, the Dance grade will be averaged into your GPA.

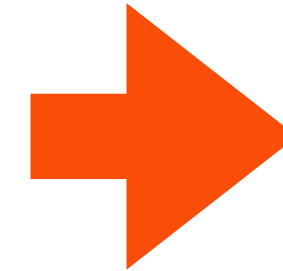


VISUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT

**Foundations of
Studio in Art**



Drawing & Painting I



**Advanced Painting H
Advanced Drawing &
Design H**

**Ceramics: Creativity
in Clay**

**Darkroom
Photography**

**Digital Art & Design
(.5 credit)**

**Digital Photography
(.5 credit)**



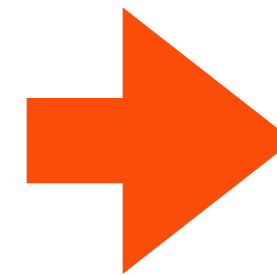
COMPUTER SCIENCE & ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

**Introduction to
Programming
(.5 credit)**

**AP Computer
Science A**

**AP Computer
Science Principles**

**Introduction to
Engineering &
Design**



**College Principles of
Engineering
Principles of
Robotics**

**Student Help Desk
Technician**



ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS

GRADES 9-12

- **College Introduction to Film & Digital Editing**
 - **College Introduction to Theater**
 - **College Write Out Loud**
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ELECTIVES NEWLY AVAILABLE TO SOPHOMORES

- **AP Capstone Seminar**
 - **College Introduction to Classism, Racism & Sexism**
 - **College Multicultural Literature**
 - **College Science Research**
 - **Reel History**
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COURSE SELECTION INFORMATION

- [Counseling Center Webpage](#)
 - **Important tabs:**
 - ▶ **Counseling Presentations**
 - ▶ **Course Selection**
 - ▶ **Graduation Requirements**



QUESTIONS?

Remember to meet with your counselor before February break!

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