

Welcome to
Incoming
Freshmen Parent Information
Night

February 25, 2026

Counseling Team Assignments

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Grade 9

A - C

D - F

G - I

J - R

S - T

U-Z

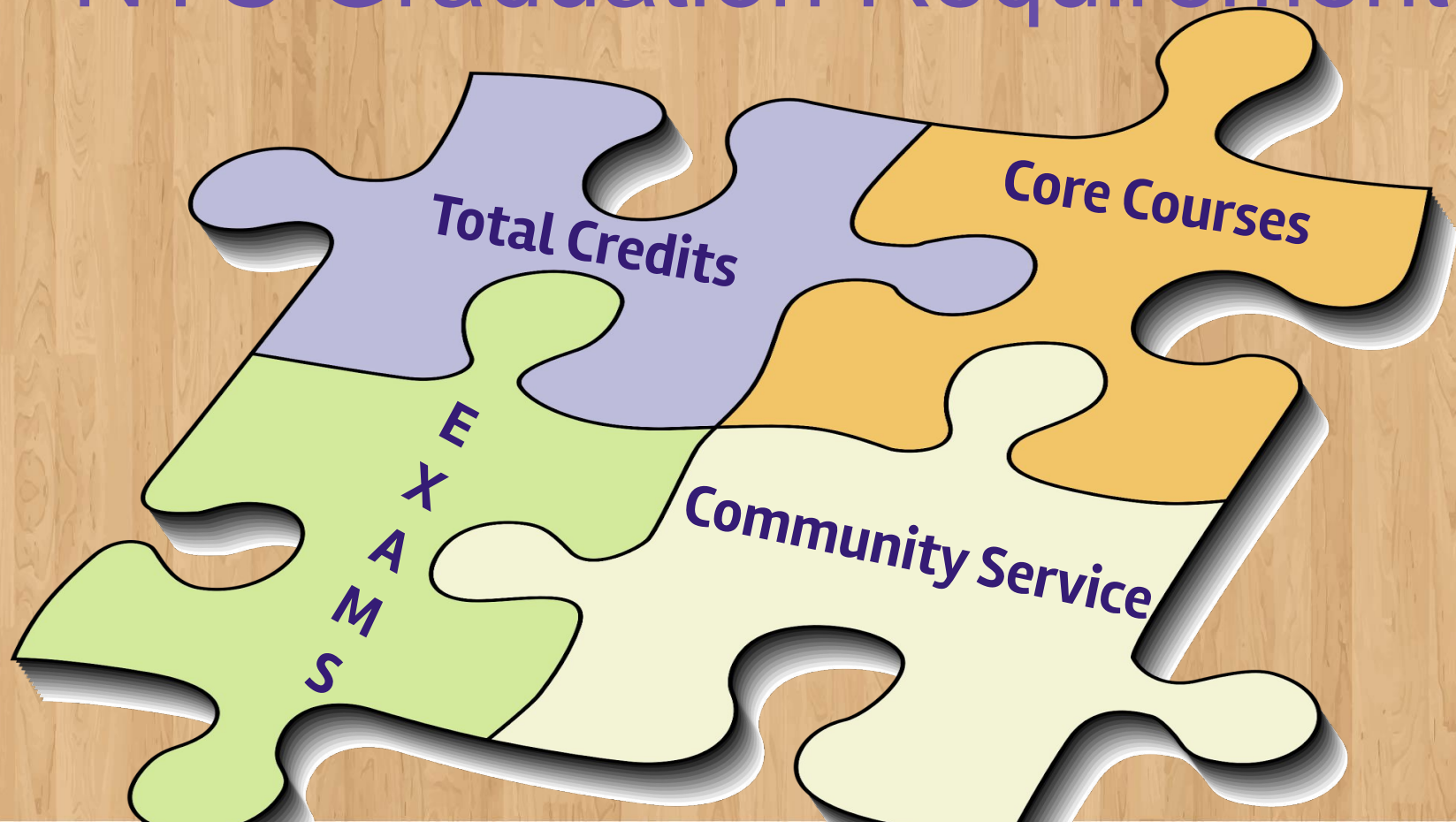
Objectives:

- Overview of NYS Graduation Requirements
- Scheduling/Placement Process
- Choosing Electives

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NYS Graduation Requirements

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Total Credits

Students need to earn a minimum of
22 credits
by the end of their senior year.

Included in these 22 credits are the following
courses are required....

Core Courses

Total of: 4 credits in English

English 9 R/H

Total of: 4 credits in Social Studies

Global History 1 R/H

Core Courses

Total of: 3 credits in Mathematics

*Algebra

*Current Math 8H students go to
Geometry

Total of: 3 credits in Science

Life Science: Biology R/H

Earth and Space Science R/H

Core Courses

Total of: 1 credit of World Language

*Students fulfill this requirement in 8th grade

If the student successfully passes Level 1 & school created proficiency exam, he/she will enter high school w/ 1 credit. Students will then be enrolled in:

Spanish 2

French 2

Mandarin Chinese 2

Core Courses

Art and/or Music

Total of: 1 credit in Art and/or Music

Studio Art 1

Music In Our Lives

Art/Music Additional Options:

- Drawing for Design & Production
- Studio Art 2
- *Foundations of Art*
- Band
- Chorus
- Orchestra
- Music Production

Core Courses

Physical Education

Total of: 2 credits of Physical Education

(students are required to take and pass .5 credit of P.E.
each year of high school)

Health

Total of: ½ credit

(10th-12th grade)

State Exams

5 Required State Exams

- Algebra
- Life Science: Biology
- Global History (10)
- US History (11)
- English (11)

Community Service Requirement

Student must complete a minimum **20 hours.**

- Students can start in their Freshman year and must complete it by the end of the third marking period of their Senior year.
- Opportunities will be made available for, and assistance provided to, the student to complete this in a variety of settings.

Scheduling Process Overview

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- Parent Information Night
- Teacher placement recommendations
- High School Elective Fair for 8th-grade students
- Counselor Presentations to 8th-grade students
- Students and Parents select elective options for the upcoming year.

Teacher Placement Recommendations

- Teachers will place students directly into their core courses for the following year based on grades, work ethic and performance in class and state assessments.

High School Elective Options and Selection Process

- Elective Fair was held on Feb. 11th.
- Students will receive a list of all available electives for incoming 9th grade students that lists any prerequisites and the credits available for each.
- Students will also receive a course description booklet

Counselor Presentations to 8th-grade Students

- High School Counselors will be coming to classrooms to review Graduation requirements, elective course options and selection process on the following dates:

3/10 and 3/11- Warwick Middle School

3/13 - Greenwood Lake Middle School

Choosing Electives

- Students will receive information in classroom presentations by the high school counseling team, including a list of the electives and a course description booklet (descriptions are also available online).
- Students will be asked to complete a google form choosing their electives for the upcoming school year at that time.
- Students will be asked to share those choices with their parent/guardian.

**Students
must
select 1
credit from
the list of
courses:**

These courses will satisfy a student's
requirement towards Art/Music

- Foundations in Art (1)
(Recommendation by Teacher Required)
- Studio Art 1 (.5)
- Studio Art 2 (.5)
- Drawing for Design and
Production (1)
- Music in Our Lives (.5)
- Music Production (.5)
- Mixed Chorus (1)
- Concert Band * (1)
- Symphony Orchestra * (1)

(courses with an () will have a mandatory lesson
scheduled)*

STUDENTS MAY SELECT UP TO 1 CREDIT FROM THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

**(Please note that this is only a sample. Students will receive a complete
list from Counselors)**

Agriculture

- Land Food & People (1)
- Landscaping Design (.5)
- Floral Design (.5)
- Animal Science (.5)
- Conservation Wildlife Mgmt (.5)

Art

- Draw & Painting (.5)
- Ceramics (.5)
- Digital Photography (.5)
- Fashion Design (.5)
- Sculpture (.5)

STUDENTS MAY SELECT UP TO 1 CREDIT FROM THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS: (cont)

Music

- Music in Our Lives (.5)
- Music Production (.5)
- Mixed Chorus (1)
- Concert Band* (1)
- Symphony Orchestra* (1)

(course with an () will have a mandatory lesson scheduled.)*

Technology

- Robotics & Engineering (.5)
- Intro to Engineering
- Intro to Computer Science*
- Principles of Biomedical Science
- PLTW (1)*

**please check prerequisites*



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INCOMING FRESHMAN ELECTIVE COURSE REQUESTS

Elective Course Request Form

Every effort will be made to honor your elective course selections. Please complete this form with your elective choices listed in order of priority (for example, first choice, second choice, third choice, etc.)

Please be sure to check that you meet any pre-requisites listed on the reference form.

Please select a maximum of 2 full credits of electives. (For example 2 - 1 credit courses; 1 - 1 credit course AND 2 - half-credit courses; 4 - half-credit courses)

Please note that courses with Labs take priority in the scheduling process.

If you are taking a music ensemble class such as Band, Orchestra, or Meisters/Treble that your lessons will be scheduled separately and may force you to choose between that and other electives. PLEASE be sure to list this in order of importance to you.

If you are auditioning for Wind Ensemble, Chamber Strings, Meisters or Treble Choir, you should select the appropriate music class and this will be changed after you have auditioned and been recommended by the teacher.

Phys Ed will automatically be added to your course selections.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your counselor.

* Indicates required question

Elective Course Request Form

mfox@wvcsd.org [Switch account](#)



* Indicates required question

Elective Options

Please select a first and second choice.

The choice 3 & 4 are there only if needed....

Choose

Foundations in Art (2710)

Studio Art 1 (2711)

Studio Art 2 (2712)

Drawing for Design & Production (2736)

Music in our Lives (2910)

Music Production (29101)

Mixed Chorus (2911)

Concert Band (2915)

Symphony Orchestra (2918)

Choosing Electives

- Changes can be made up until **March 24th** by contacting the Middle School Counselor working with your student
 - Warwick ~ Mrs. Ogden at Irogden@wvcasd.org
 - Greenwood Lake ~ Mrs. Seay at mseay@gwlufsd.org
- Course placement and electives will be available for families to review beginning on **March 24th**.
- Course selections will be finalized by April 11th.

What's Next?

Review Course Descriptions

Course descriptions will be given to your student and are available on the School Counseling page of the High School Website

Online Curriculum Guide and Course Descriptions

**Speak to your Middle
School Counselor with
any concerns or
questions regarding
course options.**

See you soon!

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