
8th Grade
Parent Meeting
March 11, 2026

Mission Statement

To **educate, inspire**, and create **multiple pathways for success** that fosters responsible and impactful global citizens.



Unifying Center of a Diverse Community







Through the use of ***authentic and dynamic learning experiences*** that instill ***intellectual risk-taking, critical and creative thinking.***

And **nurtures student well-being** in **partnership** between school, home, and the community.

Agenda

01
Extracurricular Opportunities



02
Transition Supports



03
Academic Opportunities



04
Department Offerings



Clubs & Activities

Overview & Access

Access to over 30 clubs and activities.

Requirements

All students required to complete 20 hours of community service and a Senior Success Project.

Award-Winning & Recognized

Mu Alpha Theta, FIRST Robotics, Salty Hands, Bear Facts, and Model UN.

BUILDING CONNECTIONS

- 9th Grade Teaming
- Mentor Programs
- UPK/JFK/CV Starr Volunteers
- Ambassadors
- Kindness Club
- Senior Success Projects
- Holiday Celebrations
- Spirit Week(s)
- Performing Arts
- NJROTC

TRANSITION SUPPORTS

ACADEMIC GUIDANCE

- Tutoring & Academic Help
- Study Skills Workshops
- Teacher Office Hours
- Learning Specialists

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

- School Counselors
- Peer Mentoring Programs
- Advisory Groups
- Mental Health Resources

HIGH SCHOOL READINESS

- Orientation & Tours
- Course Selection Guidance
- Summer Bridge Programs
- Goal Setting & Planning

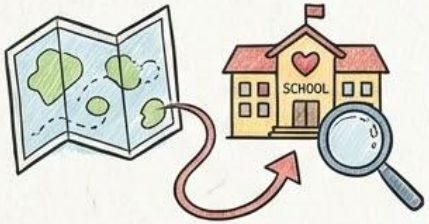
PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

- Parent Workshops
- Communication Channels
- Conferences & Events
- Volunteer Opportunities

Orientation Program

Class of 2030

Orientation (June 2026)



Tour of building and classrooms





Hear from current students



Meet teachers, counselors, administrators

Resources available to support individual student needs:



Academic Options

- Honors, Dual Enrollment & AP Courses
- Leveled Electives



Specialized Staff

- 2 School Psychologists
- 1 Social Worker
- 1 Mental Health Counselor (trained social worker)
- 6 School Counselors



Support Services

- School Day & After School Support
- Speech & Language
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- ENL Staff/Services

Freshman Group Guidance



Introductions

Learn about the people to talk to to get the support you need



Goal Setting

Learn study skills and set academic and college/career SMART goals



SchooLinks

College and Career planning tools



Freshman Meetings

Individual progress and future planning



Find Your Path

Career assessments to help hone in on your pathway to success



Course Selection

Identify the classes that can best support your academic goals

New(ish) Courses



Finance, Sports, CTE & STEM

- Finance & Sports
- Personal Finance for all seniors (½ year course)
- CTE Courses (Carpentry, Home Repair)
- STEM courses
- Health Sciences



Business, AP & Dual Enrollment

- Business Courses (Investing, Marketing, Entrepreneurship)
- AP & Dual Enrollment Opportunities (WCC, DCC, Syracuse, U of Albany, Manhattanville)
- P-Tech- STEM Exploratory, Civil Engineering

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
7:45 - 8:40	Course 1	Course 4	Course 3	Course 2	Course 1	Course 4	Course 3	Course 2
8:43 - 9:38	Course 2	Course 1	Course 4	Course 3	Course 2	Course 1	Course 4	Course 3
9:41 - 10:36	Course 3	Course 2	Course 1	Course 4	Course 3	Course 2	Course 1	Course 4
LI: 10:39 - 11:09 L2: 11:11 - 11:41	Lunch & Learn	Lunch & Learn	Lunch & Learn	Lunch & Learn	Lunch & Learn	Lunch & Learn	Lunch & Learn	Lunch & Learn
11:44 - 12:39	Course 5	Course 8	Course 7	Course 6	Course 5	Course 8	Course 7	Course 6
12:42 - 1:37	Course 6	Course 5	Course 8	Course 7	Course 6	Course 5	Course 8	Course 7
1:40 - 2:35	Course 7	Course 6	Course 5	Course 8	Course 7	Course 6	Course 5	Course 8

Strengths

Extended Class Periods

- More opportunities for hands-on learning activities
- Rotation addresses chronic lateness and energy levels
- Fewer transitions during the day
- Fewer homework assignments each night
- Helps students regulate and develop time management skills

Lunch & Learn

Lunch benefits

- Only one period to clean up
- All students eat and have a break
- Staff can identify isolated students



Learn benefits

- Time for intervention/extra help

- Students can attend club meetings during the day

ART PROGRAM OF STUDY 2026-2027

(*all course offerings are subject to change)

Grade 9

Studio in Art (1)

Media Arts (1)

Mixed Media (½)

Grade 10

Drawing & Painting (1)

Ceramics & Sculpture (1)

Architecture (1)

Electives (Below)

Architecture (1)

Computer Graphics (½)

Electives (Below)

Grade 11

Adv. Art Workshop (1) & AP Art (1)

Ceramics & Sculpture II (1)

Drawing & Painting (1)

Electives (Below)

Architecture (1)

Computer Graphics (½)

Electives (Below)

Grade 12

Adv. Art Workshop (1)

AP Art Drawing & Painting (1)

Ceramics & Sculpture II & III (1)

Electives (Below)

Architecture (1)

Computer Graphics (½)

Electives (Below)

Electives (Available for Grades 10-12)

Digital Photography (½)

Photography (½)

Printmaking (½)

Fiber Arts (½)

Digital Photography (½)

Photography (½)

Printmaking (½)

Fiber Arts (½)

Digital Photography (½)

Photography (½)

Printmaking (½)

Fiber Arts (½)

Studio Art

Are you creative and love art?
This course is your first step towards a future in the arts!
<u>This is a high school level foundation course</u> for those students who may be interested in pursuing a fine arts sequence.

- Students will be introduced to a variety of art materials.
- Students will begin to create a portfolio that if they decide to pursue art, will be their foundation.



Media Arts

Foundation Course
(1 Credit)

Ever dreamed of designing stunning graphics, creating captivating animations, or capturing breathtaking photos? This course is for you!

<u>This course is a foundation in the Media Arts.</u>

- Digital creativity using industry-standard Adobe Creative Cloud applications, including:
  - Ps Photoshop
  - Lr Lightroom
  - Ai Illustrator
  - Id InDesign
  - An Animate
  - Ae After Effects.
- Blends creativity with technology, allowing you to express your unique voice while building a portfolio that showcases your talents.



Mixed Media

(New Foundation Course)
(½ Credit)

Unleash Your Creativity with Mixed Media. This course is a ½ credit foundational exploration.
(it will need to be paired with a second elective in order to fulfill your foundational credit).

- experiment with a wide range of materials and techniques, from painting and drawing to collage and sculpture.
- Create unique and expressive artworks. Whether you're interested in something more specific or ready to explore multiple mediums



IAAP

Individual Arts Assessment Pathway

Highlights:

- Graduation pathway credit in visual arts
- Cumulative portfolio development
- Preparation for college and careers
- Personalized experience for dedicated artists
- Professional quality digital portfolio



Career and Technical Education







BREWSTER CTE CARPENTRY









Career and Technical Education : Carpentry
2026-2027

9	10	11	12
Carpentry 1	Carpentry 1	Carpentry 1	Carpentry 1
BREWSTER CTE CARPENTRY	Carpentry 2 *must complete Carp 1	Carpentry 2 *must complete Carp 1	Carpentry 2 CLAWS - Internship (NEW) *must complete Carp 1
	Digital Design and Custom Fabrication (NEW) NEW *must complete Algebra	Digital Design and Custom Fabrication (NEW) *must complete Algebra	Digital Design and Custom Fabrication (NEW) NEW *must complete Algebra
	Home Repair *must complete Carp 1	Home Repair *must complete Carp 1	Home Repair *must complete Carp 1

ENGLISH PROGRAM OF STUDY 2026-2027

(*all course offerings are subject to change)

Required to take all four years of high school

Grade 9

English 9

Grade 10

English 10 Regents

English 10 Honors

Composition
(½ credit for majority of 10th grade students)

Grade 11**

English 11 Regents

AP Language & Comp

Electives:

Shakespeare: Play and Performance

Comic Books and Graphic Novels

Podcasting

Grade 12

English 12 Regents

Manhattanville English

AP Literature & Comp

Electives:

Holocaust Literacy/FHAO

Shakespeare: Play and Performance

Comic Books and Graphic Novels

Podcasting

** Course year ends in a Regents Exam

MATHEMATICS PROGRAM OF STUDY 2026-2027

(*all course offerings are subject to change)

8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
8th Grade Math	Algebra Algebra X Algebra Level I	Geometry Quantitative Geometry Algebra Level II	Algebra II / Trig Algebra 2 R Quantitative Geometry	Precalculus Alg 2/Trig
Advanced Algebra	Advanced Geometry	Advanced Algebra Level II	Pre AP Calc	Calculus AB
Advanced Geometry	Advanced Algebra 2	Pre AP Calc	Calc AB	Calculus BC

** Course year ends in a Regents Exam

MATHEMATICS ELECTIVES 2026-2027





Computer Science

- *Intro to Computer Science
- *AP Computer Science Principles
- *AP Computer Science II





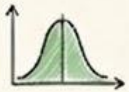
Engineering

- *Engineering I
- *Engineering II



Statistics

- *Survey of Statistics
- *AP Statistics



Applied Math

- *Personal Finance
- *Calculus for Business & Economics
- *STEM Exploratory
- *Finance and Sports

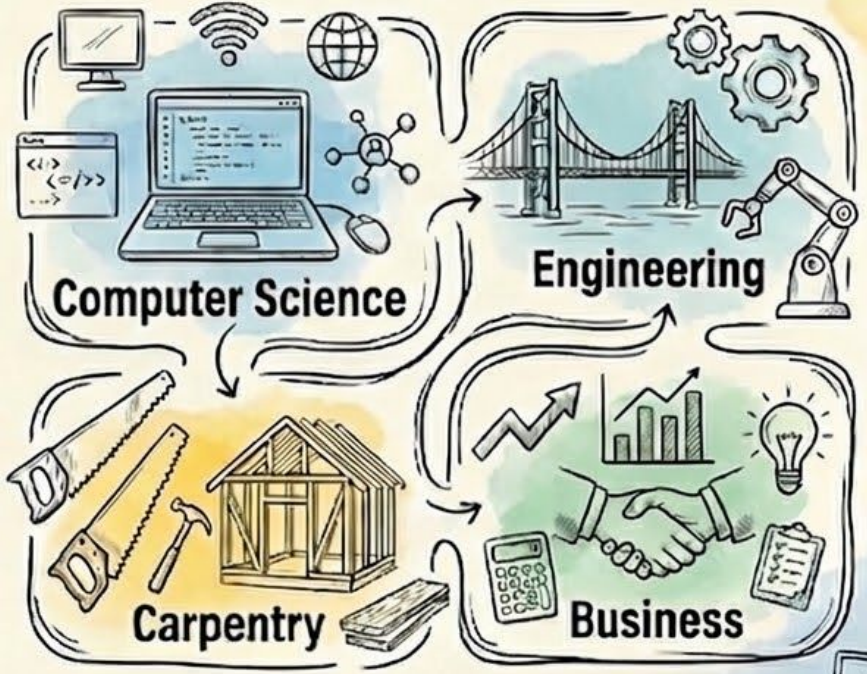






NEW(ISH) COURSE - STEM EXPLORATORY

Interested in STEM, but not sure where to start? This exploratory course will give you a strong foundation in four areas: Computer Science, Carpentry, Engineering, and Business, with each topic covered for one quarter. You'll learn by doing in this hands-on introduction to four practical career areas that will see substantial job growth in the future!



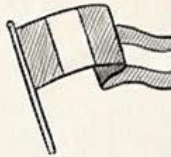
MODERN LANGUAGE PROGRAM OF STUDY 2026-2027

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8	9	10	11	12
Italian I (7th and 8th grade Italian)	Italian II Adv. Italian II	Italian III Adv. Italian III	Italian IV Adv. Italian IV	Italian 201 (WCC)
Spanish I (7th and 8th grade Spanish)	Spanish II Adv. Spanish II	Spanish III Adv. Spanish III	Spanish IV Adv. Spanish IV	Spanish 201 (WCC)
Spanish Bilingual Education 1	Spanish Bilingual Education II	Spanish Bilingual Education III	Spanish LLC Language, Literature & Culture	Spanish 201 (WCC)
Less than 2 years of Middle School language	Spanish I Italian I Spanish Bilingual Education I	Spanish II Italian II Spanish Bilingual Education II	Spanish III Italian III	Spanish IV (ADV IV) Italian IV / (ADV IV)











*** Advanced classes are recommended by 8th grade language teacher**

Availability of courses based on enrollment

MODERN LANGUAGE PROGRAM OF STUDY 2026-2027

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Accelerated Spanish or Italian	ITALIAN and SPANISH ART and ARCHITECTURE
-Future Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors with over 85% in language -Full Year -Levels 1 & 2 in one year -Level 3 following completion -1 credit / weighted .045	**Teachers**: Ms. Di Marco & Mr. Mazzotta -Half year -Focus on Art & Architecture -Connections with Language -.5 credit







Availability of courses based on enrollment

BHS LANGUAGE & CULTURE OPPORTUNITIES



MULTICULTURAL CLUB



TRAVEL



ITALIAN CLUB



SEAL OF BILITERACY



MODERN LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY

MUSIC PROGRAM OF STUDY

2026-2027

Performance Ensembles/Electives - Previous participation expected, With Director's approval or audition

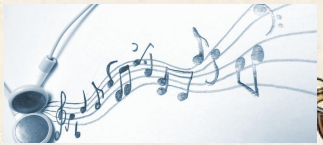
9	10	11	12
Concert Band Symphonic Band	*Wind Ensemble Concert Band Symphonic Band Jazz Band	Wind Ensemble Concert Band Symphonic Band Jazz Band	Wind Ensemble Concert Band Symphonic Band Jazz Band
Concert Choir	*Chamber Singers Concert Choir	Chamber Singers Concert Choir	Chamber Singers Concert Choir
Symphonic String Orchestra	*Chamber Orchestra Symphonic String Orchestra	Chamber Orchestra Symphonic String Orchestra	Chamber Orchestra Symphonic String Orchestra

***HONORS COURSES must be scheduled EVERY DAY.**

MUSIC PROGRAM OF STUDY

2026-2027

Non-Performance Music electives
No previous experience is required.

9	10	11	12
	Introduction to Theater: Acting and Technology 	Introduction to Theater: Acting and Technology 	Introduction to Theater: Acting and Technology
Beginning Guitar Beginning Piano	Beginning Guitar Beginning Piano	Beginning Guitar Beginning Piano	Beginning Guitar Beginning Piano
		Introduction to Music Theory 	Introduction to Music Theory 

Other Performing Arts Opportunities at Brewster High School

- Marching Band
- Drama/Musical
- Music Clubs
  - Men's Choir
  - Tri M
  - Chamber Ensembles
- NYSSMA Solo Festival
- Area All State Festival
- NY All State Festival





Tri-M Music
HONOR SOCIETY

NJROTC!

Cadet Led - Cadet Driven

Special Program Benefits

Develop Communication and Leadership Skills. Students fill key leadership and responsibility positions.

Advanced placement in the military after completing 3 years of NJROTC.

Special consideration and tailored mentorship for those interested in ROTC college scholarships and service academies.

NJROTC is authorized to provide military academy nominations for eligible Cadets.

Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) offers scholarships to those who excel in Air Rifle.

NJROTC!

Drill Team!



DISCIPLINE - RESPECT - KNOWLEDGE

- Orienteering
- Drill Team!
- Air Rifle
- Navy Ball!
- Cyber Patriot
- Field Trips
- Academic Team
- Parades
- Physical Fitness Challenge
- Community Service
- Rocketry Team
- Area Manager's Inspection



Orienteering

Air Rifle



Air Rifle



Area Manager's Inspection



Navy Ball!

BREWSTER OPPORTUNITIES

Pathways to Technology (P-Tech) Program in Putnam County

6-Year High School Degree

FREE Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree from Westchester Community College

Our Focus:

- Cyber Security
- Mechanical Tech
- Electrical Tech

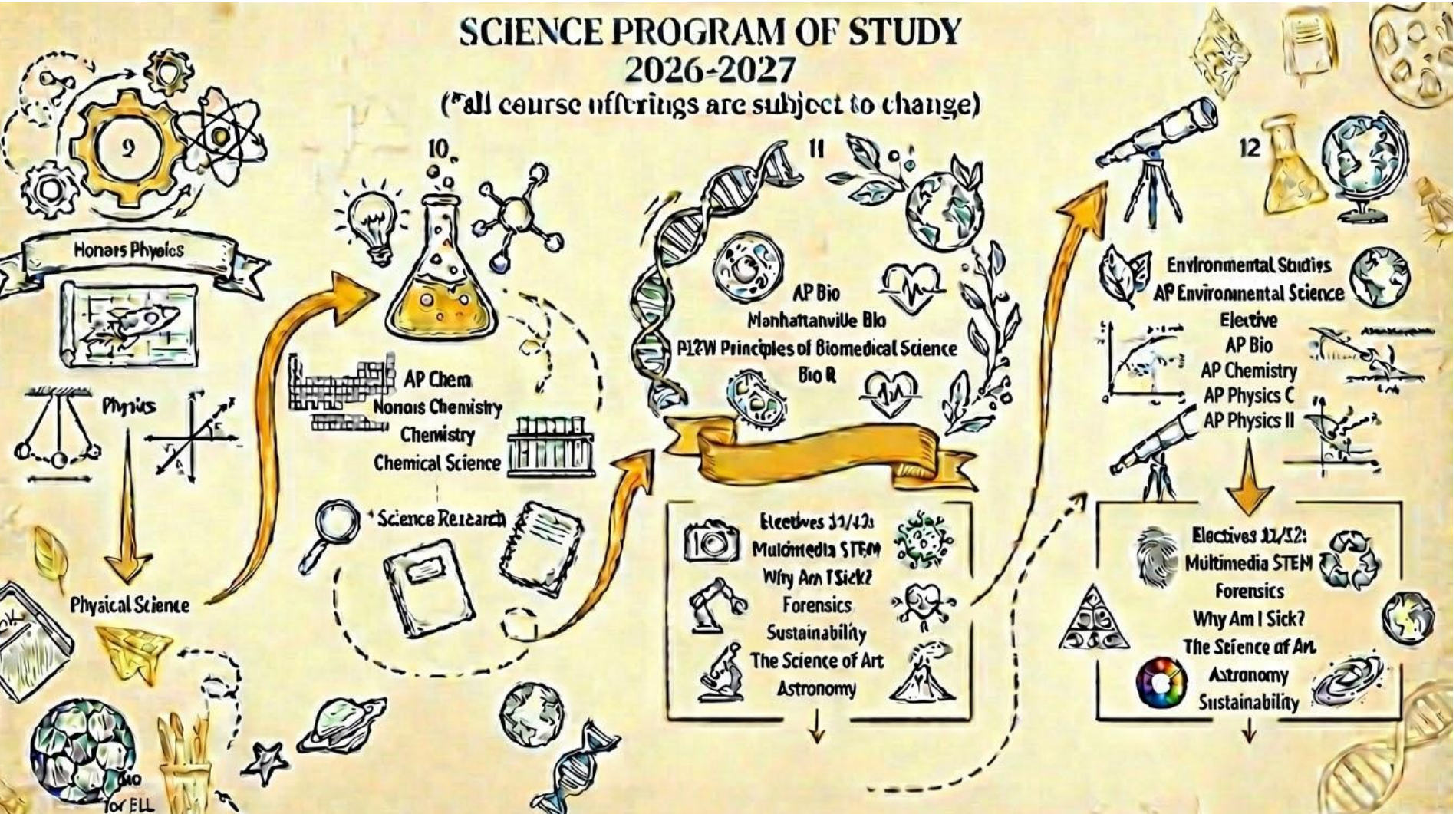


Our Goal:

- **Continue Education** (4-year institution)
- **Entry-Level Careers** (Competitive Fields)

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SCIENCE PROGRAM OF STUDY
2026-2027
(*all course offerings are subject to change)
9
Honors Physics
Physics
Physical Science
Bio for ELL
10
AP Chem
Honors Chemistry
Chemistry
Chemical Science
Science Research
11
AP Bio
Manhattanville Bio
P12W Principles of Biomedical Science
Bio R
Electives 11/12:
Multimedia STEM
Why Am I Sick?
Forensics
Sustainability
The Science of Art
Astronomy
12
Environmental Studies
AP Environmental Science
Elective
AP Bio
AP Chemistry
AP Physics C
AP Physics II
Electives 11/12:
Multimedia STEM
Forensics
Why Am I Sick?
The Science of Art
Astronomy
Sustainability

SOCIAL STUDIES PROGRAM OF STUDY
2026-2027

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Required to take all four years of high school



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Global I



10**

Global II

or

AP World

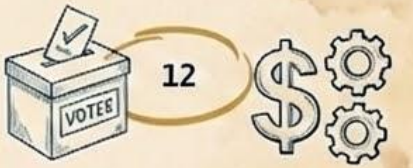


11**

U.S. History & Government

or

Manhattanville U.S. History 101 and 102 or AP U.S. History



12

Participation in Government and Economics

or

SUPA Public Affairs and SUPA Personal Finance

** Course year ends in a Regents Exam

SOCIAL STUDIES ELECTIVES
2026-2027

(*all course offerings are subject to change)

Required to take all four years of high school

- Students can begin taking some electives during 10th grade
- SUPA electives are open to juniors and seniors

School Electives:

- Military History I: Ancient
- Military History II: Modern
- Criminal Justice
- Role of Sports In America
- Psychology
- International Relations
- Sociology

AP Electives:

- AP World
- AP U.S. History
- AP European

Dual Enrollment Electives:

- SUPA Sport Management
- SUPA Sociology
- SUPA Psychology
- SUPA Child Development
- DCC Role of Women in History
- Manhattanville U.S. History 101 and 102

The Seal of Civic Readiness Criteria Chart

How Do Students Earn The Seal of Civic Readiness?

- Students must earn a total of 6 points (at least 2 points from each of the two columns below):
- Asterisks Indicate that these points could be earned more than once

Civic Knowledge	Pts.	Civic Participation	Pts.
4 Credits of Social Studies	1	High School Civics Project	1.5
Mastery level on Social Studies Regents (and 85% or better)	1.5*	Service-Learning Project (minimum 25 hours) and reflective civic learning essay/presentation/product	1*
Social Studies Regents Exams Proficiency Level (at least a 65%)	1*	Proficiency level in an elective course that promotes civic engagement essay/presentation/product	.5*
Advanced Social Studies Courses (A.P. or college-level courses)	.5*	Middle School Capstone Project	1
Research Project	1	Extra-curricular participation or work-based learning experience (minimum 40 hours) and an essay/presentation/product	.5*
		Civics Capstone Project	4

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM OF STUDY

(*all course offerings are subject to change)

9

- Algebra Level 1
- Algebra
- English 9
- Global I
- Physics
- Academic Lab

10

- Algebra Level 2
- Geometry
- English 10 R
- Global II
- Academic Lab

11

- Performance Algebra and Geometry
- English 11 R
- US History & Gov't
- Biology
- Academic Lab

12

- English 12 R
- Participation in Government/Econ.
- Academic Lab

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM OF STUDY



Vocational Life Skills Program

Designed for students with disabilities preparing to transition to a vocational setting and working towards a high school exit credential.
Coursework includes:

- Functional Math
- Functional Reading
- Social Skills
- Language and Communication.



Emphasis on career exploration and technical education training and development.



Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential (SACC)

*Students with more severe disabilities and who are assessed using the NYS Alternate Assessment (NYSAA) can earn the Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential (SACC).



Career Development and Occupational Studies Commencement Credential (CDOS)

*Awarded to students working towards a high school diploma who have met the technical and work readiness education requirements set by the state.
The CDOS credential can be awarded as:

- Stand alone credential
- Supplement to the high school diploma
- +1 pathway.

ENL / BILINGUAL PROGRAM OF STUDY

Bilingual / Bilingüe

- Global History 1
- Global History 2
- US History
- Earth Science
- Physical Science
- Spanish Bilingual

ENL / inglés como nueva idioma

- Classes to learn academic English for every grade
- Integrated support classes in the content areas

*Bridges Classes: Intro language and content classes for students with interrupted schooling

We follow New York State regulations. Students take the NYSESLAT exam each year to measure their progress and English level. The amount of support your child receives depends on their level on the NYSESLAT exam.

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