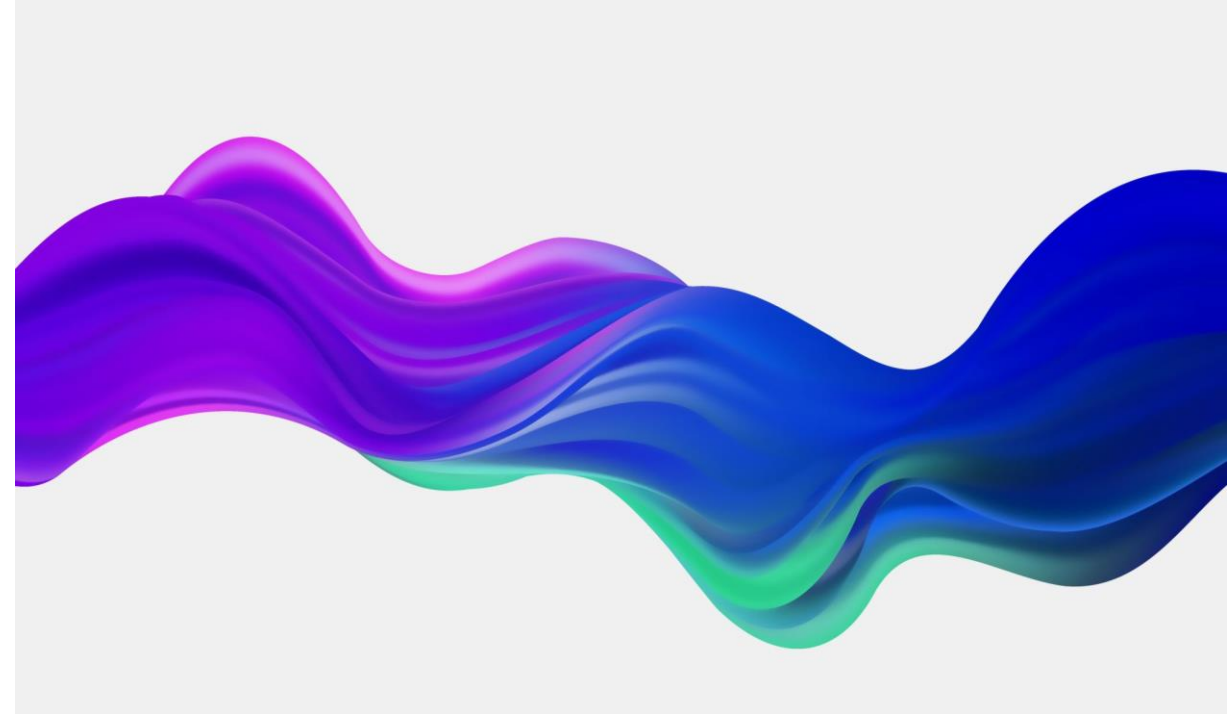


Preparing for Academic Success!!!

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Ninth grade is a **FRESH START!!!!**

- Eighth grade failure does not define a student's high school future.
- Ninth grade uses a **CREDIT SYSTEM** where every class that is required & passed counts toward **GRADUATION!**
- **DAILY ATTENDANCE** and **DIRECT COMMUNICATION** with teachers are the **MOST POWERFUL TOOLS** you can use this School Year!

Practical Habits for 9th Grade Success

- **Go to School every day:** Attendance Matters!!!!
- Ask for & complete Assignments as soon as you return to school.
- **Turn in EVERY ASSIGNMENT:** Turning in late or messy work is always better than getting a zero.
- **Talk to your teachers:** Ask teachers for HELP the moment a topic feels too hard.
- **Use a routine:** Set a specific time and quiet place to do homework before playing games or using phones and other electronic devices.

Graduation Requirements

Subject Area	Graduation Requirements
ENGLISH	4 Credits
MATHEMATICS	4 Credits
SCIENCE	3 Credits
FINE ARTS	1 Credit
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	2 Credits
PERSONAL FINANCE	.5 Credit (1/2 cr.)
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	1.5 Credits (1 & ½ cr.)
COMPUTER SCIENCE FOUNDATIONS	1 Credit
FOCUS ELECTIVE	3 Credits
ACT/SAT EXAM	Must be taken at least ONCE by February of the Senior Year

Required Credits

- **The Credit System:** In middle school, if you failed..... they often pushed you to the next grade anyway. High school does not work that way. High school is based on **Credits earned from passing grades (60 or above)**.
- **Let's use a Currency (Money) Analogy:** Think of Credits like Money!!!!
- You need a specific number of credits to buy your diploma (23 Credits Total).
- If you **PASS** English 9, you earn **1 credit** towards the balance needed to buy your diploma.
- If you **FAIL** English 9, you get **0 credits** towards the balance needed to buy your diploma.
- **No CREDITS** means **NO PROMOTION** to the next grade level each year!!
- So, you cannot move to 10th grade without enough credits, No Matter How Old You Are!!!

Required Credits

- **The Danger of the "Zero":** "The biggest trap in 9th grade is the number ZERO (0).
- A grade of 50% is a F, but you can RECOVER from it.
- A 0% for a missing assignment totally destroys your grade.
- A messy, half-done assignment turned in late is always better than a ZERO.
- Now, I'm NOT telling you to strive to turn in half done, messy, or incomplete assignments.
- However, **SOMETHING is Always BETTER than NOTHING!!!!**

Credits Needed for Promotion

- **9th Grade: Promotion or Placement from 8th Grade**
- **10th Grade Promotion: Minimum of 5 Credits, including English 9**
- **11th Grade Promotion: Minimum of 11 Credits, including English 9 & 10**
- **12th Grade Promotion: Minimum of 16 Credits, including English 9, 10, & 11**
- **Graduation & High School Diploma: A Total of 23 Required Credits**

BCS Grades & Grading Scale

GRADE	SCALE
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	Below 60

PowerSchool Portal

- PowerSchool Access will be available after LABOR DAY!!!
- You may use PowerSchool to do the following:
 1. Check Attendance
 2. Check Grades
 3. Check Graded Assignments & Missing Assignments
 4. Email your Teacher regarding Missing Assignments or Inaccurate Grades

Grade Recovery vs Course Recovery

1. What is Grade Recovery?

- When a teacher allows a certain window of time, at the end of the Quarter, for students to make up missing assignments, or complete extra credit assignments.
- Once the assignments are turned in, the teacher will re-calculate the student's final grade for the Quarter.
- Grade Recovery is **FREE** during the school year.

Grade Recovery vs Course Recovery

2. What is Course Recovery?

- When a student fails the Semester and receives No Credit for a Course; so they are enrolled in an online Course Recovery Program called Edgenuity.
- The student is pulled out of their Wellness class and is enrolled in a Course Recovery Study Hall class to complete the online course work.
- The student works on assignments for the failed course until all assignments are completed.
- A final grade of 60 or above must be earned to receive the lost credit.
- Course Recovery is **FREE** during the school year.

Summer School

- Bartlett City Schools offers Summer School options for students who have failed a class for the Semester or for the full year.
- Summer School is similar to Course Recovery during the school year. Students are enrolled in the online Edgenuity program to work on assignments for a specific Semester or Full Year Course
- Students must complete all assignments and make a minimum grade of 60 or above to receive the lost credit(s).
- Summer School is **NOT FREE!!!!!!**
- Semester Courses are \$50 each
- Full Year Courses are \$100 each

Academic Success

- **You now have all the tools, and information to make sure you have a Successful Academic School year!**



How to Contact Mrs. Isaac

Academic School Counselor

- If you need any academic assistance, please feel free to email me at: tisaac@bartlettschools.org
- I will email you back when I am available.