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College Planning Night!

Highland
REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
Home of the Tartans

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DATE & TIME

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The Team!

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Stephanie Rodgers

Student Mentor:

Jason Handy

Transition Coach:

Tracy Raines

Graduation Requirements

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New Jersey State Standards Credits: 120+

H/PE: 4 years

ELA: 4 years

Math: 3+ years

Science: 3+ years

Social Sciences: 3+ years

World Language: 1+ yrs *(2+ rec for 4-yr)*

Visual & Performing Arts: 1+ yrs

21st Century Tech: 1+ yrs

Personal Finance: .5 yrs

Testing: NJGPA-A (1st pathway)

Alternative pathways exist to assist with meeting the grad. req.

Grading Scale

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A
EXCELLENT

A = 93–100

A- = 90–92

B
GOOD

B+ = 87–89

B = 83–86

B- = 80–82

C
AVERAGE

C+ = 77–79

C = 73–76

C- = 70–72

D
BELOW AVG

D+ = 67–69

D = 65–66

High School Assessments

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Freshman

- *NJSLA-A (Spring)

  (ELA and Math)

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Sophomore

- PSAT (fall) **(free)**
- AP (if applicable) - discounted by BHP

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Junior

- PSAT (fall) **(free)**
- *NJGPA-A (spring)
- SAT - (spring)
- discounted by BHP
- *NJSLA-A (spring) (Science)
- AP (spring)

  (if applicable) - discounted by BHP

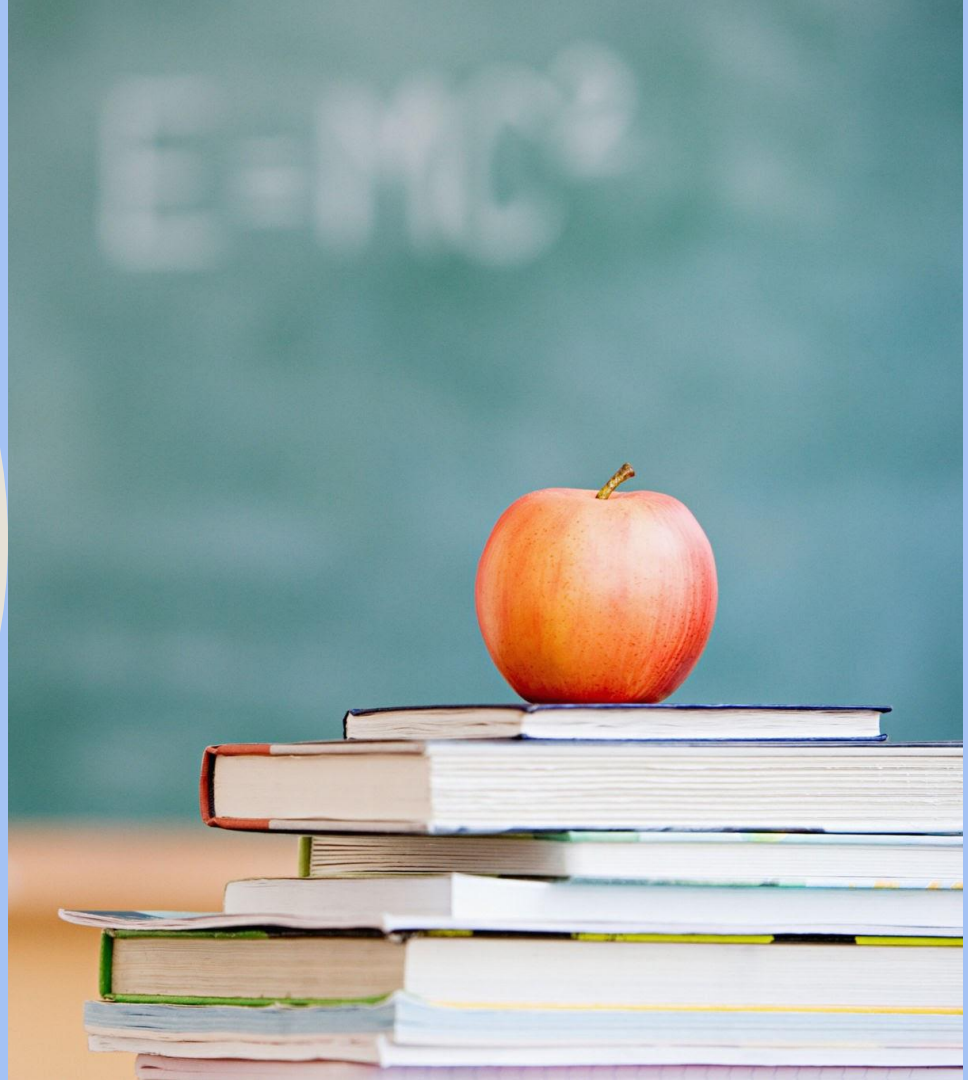
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Senior

- PSAT (if needed for grad)
- NJGPA-A Fall (if needed for grad)
- SAT - optional (outside BHP)
- AP (spring)

  (if applicable) - discounted by BHP

Factors:

LOCATION?
COST?
MAJOR/PROGRAMS?
FIT?
ATHLETICS?
SCHOLARSHIPS?



Senior Roadmap

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The college process for seniors starts from day one, but things get more real junior year. Counselors review a “junior group” presentation as junior year winds down to guide students through “senior summer”—assisting with college visits, updating resumes, final SATs, NAVIANCE overviews, and key deadlines.

01

1ST STEP

Junior Group

- Attend your JUNIOR GROUP presentation as junior year winds down.
- Receive guidance for your senior summer.

02

2ND STEP

Summer Checklist

- Work towards completing your "summer checklist".
- Conduct college visits & update resumes.
- Final SAT prep & NAVIANCE overviews.

03

3RD STEP

Senior Group

- Attend your senior group session in September.
- Review application timelines and final requirements.

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4TH STEP

Applications

- Apply and get all items completed.
- **Target: THANKSGIVING**
- (WINTER BREAK AT THE LATEST)

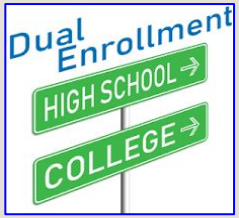
ABC's of High School
(talking points)

AP
CollegeBoard

Accuplacer®









NJSTARS

NAVIANCE

The ACT

AIR FORCE R.O.T.C.

HOBY
YOUTH LEADERSHIP
NEW JERSEY



Do The FAFSA
THE EARLIER THE BETTER



HESAA
Higher Education Student Assistance Authority



BLACK HORSE PIKE
REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ACADEMY
PROGRAMS

AP vs. Dual Credit

AP offerings in the BHPRSD (16):

~ *Language & Composition*
~ *Literature & Composition*
~ *US History*
~ *Psychology*
~ **US Government*
~ *Pre-Calculus*
~ **Calculus AB/*Calculus BC*
~ *Statistics*
~ *Biology*
~ **Chemistry*
~ *Physics I & *II*
~ **Environmental*
~ **Art 2d Design*
~ **Music Theory*

Exams: $50/$25 (Nov. / May)

Dual Credit: $150 via CCC (Feb.) – 24 courses
*Most AP courses are Dual Credit except

Non AP courses that are Dual Credit:

~ *Theater II-IV*
~ *Probability & Statistics*
~ *Liberal Arts Math*
~ *Anatomy & Physiology*
~ *Forensics*
~ *Des. & Tech II w/ Arch Design*
~ *French III/IV*
~ *Spanish III/IV*



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Thank You!

Stay connected with us! We are here for you!