Columbiana High School

9th Grade Pre - Orientation & Scheduling Meeting

THE BIG SHIFT: MIDDLE SCHOOL VS. HIGH SCHOOL

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

- You move up grade levels with your age group.
- No credit earned for courses, therefore no penalty to move on.
- Colleges/Employers will not see your grades.

HIGH SCHOOL:

- You move up grade levels by "earning" your way up.
- Earn credits for passing grades, no passing grade for courses, you must re-take classes and risk moving up with classmates.
- You create a transcript with all final grades and colleges/employers will see all grades in 9-12.

THE MAGIC NUMBER → 21

HOW TO GRADUATE:

- TO EARN AN OHIO HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, YOU MUST EARN **21** CREDITS.

WHAT IS A CREDIT?
- ONE FULL YEAR COURSE = 1.00 CREDIT
- ONE SEMESTER LONG COURSE = 0.5 CREDIT

THE GOLDEN RULE:
- IF YOU FAIL A CLASS, YOU GET **ZERO CREDIT.** IF IT'S A REQUIRED CLASS (ANY CORE COURSE), YOU MUST RE-TAKE (IN SUMMER SCHOOL) UNTIL YOU PASS

OHIO ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

WHAT YOU NEED:

ENGLISH – 4 CREDITS

MATH – 4 CREDITS

SCIENCE – 3 CREDITS (1 PHYSICA, 1 LIFE, 1 ADV)

SOCIAL STUDIES – 3 CREDITS (WORLD, US,GOVT)

HEALTH – ½ CREDIT

PE – ½ CREDIT -OR- PE WAIVER

FINANCIAL LITERACY – ½ CREDIT

ELECTIVES – 5 CREDITS

TOTAL – 21 CREDITS

The Graduation "Three-Step"

Step One:

COVER THE CREDITS (21)

Step Two

SHOW COMPETENCY – Earn a competency score of 684 or Higher on Algebra 1 and English Language Arts 2 (English 10)

Step Three:

EARN 2 DIPLOMA SEALS

Why "D" Doesn't stand for DONE!

Passing Grades EARN Credits and Eligibility!

Grade Point Average – Every grade is assigned a point value. (A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0).

- 4.000 Grading Scale.

The Snowball Effect – A LOW GPA in 9th grade is VERY HARD to "fix" in 12th grade!

ELIGIBILITY – You NEED to keep your grades UP (passing) to be able to participate in Sports, Clubs, and Dances.

SUCCESS STRATEGIES

SOME TIPS TO BE SUCCESSFUL WITH HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMICS AND EXPECTATIONS:

THE 24 HOUR RULE – Check your school email and grades daily!

ASK FOR HELP EARLY – Don't wait until the week of finals or the end of the grading period to ask for help or tell your'e teachers you are lost!

GET INVOLVED– Students who join at least one club or sport have higher GPA's on average. \

Remember – Eligibility requires you to be passing 5 classes with at least a 2.000 GPA to participate in sports and any social activities.

My Support Team

HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR – Mrs. Cleghorn

HIGH SCHOOL CAREER COUNSELOR –Mrs. Saxton

At the high school, you will get to meet with Mrs. Cleghorn and Mrs. Saxton at least 2 times per school year. In these meeting, we will go over your graduation requirements – including your credits (are you meeting or on track to meet 21 credits), what academic track you are on or your academic opportunities (what classes you would like to take each year), and what your goals are for after high school graduation (post-secondary goals).

My Freshman Year Action Plan

Answer the following Questions about your Academic Goals:

1. What is your Target GPA?
2. What is one Subject or Class you would like to take in High School?
3. What is your plan to reach your goal?

Answer the following Questions about your Extra-Curricular Goals?

1. What is one sport or activity you would like to get involved in?
2. Why do you want to join this activity?