

# Scheduling Tips



## Explore and Research

Choosing your coursework is one of the most critical elements for a strong high school academic record. We encourage students to plan a careful schedule, which will allow them to prepare for their educational, occupational and career goals. We want you to use the numerous resources available in your counseling department.

**Mrs. Cuthbert (A-D), Mrs. Drugan (E-K), Mrs. Wheeler (L-Q), and Ms. Horning (R-Z)** are available to answer your questions in the registration process. We are happy to help and encourage you to reach out to us.

**DROP IN Q&A** -In Person (E Office - College Center) & Google Meets (link coming soon!)

**FEB 9-19**      **Before School, 7:30a-7:50a**  
**After School, 2:30p-3:00p**

## Look at your 4 Year Plan

An excellent high school record often begins with a 4 year overview since each year builds on the previous. Many courses have prerequisites. Make a list of required and elective courses you would like to take before you graduate. Draft up a couple scenarios knowing your preferences and interests may change over the next few years. Include a plan which allows you to earn college credits while in high school. Use these maps to begin narrowing your focus.



## Schedule Required Credits First

Minimum credits required to earn a NAHS diploma

- 4 cr English**
- 4 cr Social Studies** *including World History, US history and US government\**
- 3 cr Science** *including a physical and life science*
- 4 cr Math** *including Algebra 2*
- 1 cr Wellness** *including .5 credit Health and .5 credit PE or PE waiver*
- .5 cr The Arts\*\***
- 1 cr Senior Seminar**
- 3.5 cr Electives** *electives include any courses taken above the minimum requirements; 4 credits if using PE waiver*
- 21 Total credits needed to graduate**

*\* Financial Literacy requirement covered in US Gov course or via Personal Finance course*

*\*\* State requires 1 full year of fine arts (grades 7-12). .5 credit required at HS level. The additional semester required in grades 7-12 may have been completed in MS. If not, another .5 credit will be required at the HS level.*

⇒ **Students must meet state testing graduation &/or graduation seals requirements in addition to the 21 credits. See the ODE website for details.**

⇒ **Students must complete 25 service hours for graduation! Refer to school website for more info**



## Consider the Core

Math, English, science, social studies and language are considered “core” subjects. As a general rule of thumb, schedule a course in each of the 5 core subject areas. Selective colleges prefer and sometimes require more. Exceptions to this are common for students with a passion for a particular subject. For example, art schools may have a very different set of requirements.

<u>Minimum College Core</u>		<u>Selective Colleges</u>
English	4 years	4 years
Math	4 years	4+ years
Science	3 years	4+ years
Social Studies	4 years	4 years
Global Language	2-3 years	4-5 years
Fine Arts	1 year	1 year



### **Talk with trusted adults!**

It pays to discuss your future with those who want the best for you. Parents and guardians know you well and can remind you of your interests, strengths, and commitments outside of school. Your teachers can describe the content and rigor of different levels and suggest courses in which they believe you'll flourish. Your school counselor can pull it all together making sure you're considering current stress levels and future goals.



### **Balance challenge and performance**

An **A** or **B** in honors/ AP/KAP can be an advantage to GPA and college admissions. On the other hand, a **D** in an honors /AP/CCP course can work to a student's disadvantage. Wise students research the depth of material covered, nightly homework load and summer assignments before committing to a higher level course. If you're deciding between 2 different honors/AP/CCP courses, challenge yourself in the area you enjoy the most!

## **N Stay Athletically Eligible**

Students must take and pass 5 classes, NOT including PE classes, each quarter to be eligible for NAHS athletics. Historically NAHS students have also had to keep a minimum **GPA requirement** (see below). Due to Covid, minimum gpa requirements have been temporarily lifted. Keep in touch with your coach and the NAHS athletic department for updates on these requirements.

NAHS Athletic Eligibility		
Grade	Required GPA	Minimum Credits
9	1.5	5*
10	1.75	
11 & 12	2.0	

Example of Ineligibility: A student taking 6 classes including PE, plus one study center would be ineligible if they fail one class regardless of their GPA.



### **Potential College Athletes –plan for NCAA Eligibility**

Are you the next Justin Fields? Make sure you schedule NCAA Core Classes. A list of courses that will count are available online in The Program of Studies.



### **Honors Diplomas Criteria**

The Ohio Dept. of Ed. has **several types of honors diplomas** each with their own set of criteria along with the traditional academic honors diploma. Criteria to earn an **Academic, Career/Tech, Stem, Arts, and/or Social Sciences/Civic Honors Diploma** are in place and more information is available on **The Ohio Dept. of Education website**. A student will need to meet all but one of the criteria to earn the honors diploma.

*The Traditional Academic Honors Diploma is below:  
(a student **must meet all but one of the criteria** to qualify)*

- 4 cr. English**
- 4 cr. Social Studies**
- 4 cr. Math** (Alg 1, Geom, Alg 2, and an **advance math class above Alg 2**)
- 4 cr. Science** (include **2 cr. of an advanced level (11th/12th grade, AP or CCP content)**)
- 3 levels completed in one World Language** (ie: Spanish 3, French 3, etc...)
- or 2 levels earned in 2 different World Languages** (ie: completed both French 2 and German 2)
- 1 cr. Fine Art**
- 3.5 GPA**
- 27 ACT/1280 SAT**



**Take what you love.** We encourage you to think of your personal, academic & career goals.

**-Mrs. Cuthbert, Mrs. Drugan, Ms. Horning & Mrs. Wheeler-**