



You're coming to High School!

Class of 2022 Counseling for 2018-2019

- **Your Counselor!**

- In High School, your counselor is an important person for you! She can:
 - Schedule your classes
 - Make sure you are on track to graduate
 - Give you advice about preparing for college and career
 - Help with college applications and exam registration
 - Provide information about scholarships and deadlines
 - Help you if you are having problems

Who will help me?



**How do you think high
school might be
different?**

- Grades on report cards are only **final** at the end of the semester, in December and May.
- These final grades determine whether you **earn credit** or not. If your final grade is passing, you earn credit.
- Students go to the next grade and graduate based on the credits they earn.
- Each one semester class you take is worth **one credit**.
- The final grades and credits you earn are recorded on your **transcript**, which is the record of high school that colleges or employers may look at.

High School has CREDITS.



1 class for 1 semester

EQUALS

1 credit



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- Some classes you HAVE TO TAKE. And you HAVE TO PASS.
- For example, Algebra. If you take Algebra but have a final grade of F, you don't earn credit. And, you will have to take Algebra again. You can't move to the next class until you pass it.

**High School has
REQUIRED CLASSES.**



CHECK:

Look at p. 13 in the curriculum guide. Name a science class required for graduation.

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Biology (2 credits)

One of the most important choices you make is which diploma you want to earn.

	Core 40	Core 40 with Academic Honors	Core 40 with Technical Honors
Good for:	Basic diploma to enter college (some require more)	Best diploma for entering a selective 4 year college	Diploma for pursuing a technical career
GPA requirements:		No grades below C-, with B average	No grades below C-, with B average
Special requirements:		3 years of foreign language; 2 AP or Dual credit classes	6 credits in a college/career pathway
Credits:	40 credits	47 credits	47 credits

There are 3 Diplomas...

Honors courses are not required for an honors diploma.

- You've already heard about some of the electives that RHS has to offer.
- These elective credits also apply towards your diploma.
- They are electives because you choose them; you still need to pass them!

...and lots of different classes



CHECK:

Look at p. 13 again. How many elective credits does a Technical Honors Diploma require?

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**Let's start working on your
class selection form!**

**Please complete the
name, address, and phone
number box.**

- A. Core 40 Diploma (40 Credits)
 - Basic diploma for entry into 4 year college
- B. Honors Diploma (47 Credits)
 - No grades below C-
 - Need AP or Dual Credit Classes and Foreign Language
- C. Technical Honors Diploma (47 Credits)
 - No grades below C-
 - Need College/Career Pathways Classes

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 Biology Honors A, B (recommendation)
 World History A, B
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 World History Honors A, B (recommendation)
 PE 1 or PE 2
 Health

All Honors courses require:

- a B or better average in the subject area during the 8th grade year
- critical thinking and independent learning
- reading level at or above grade level
- teacher recommendation

Honors English requires:

- Passing ISTEP+ Reading score
- Skills to complete long-term project
- Above grade-level NWEA score

Honors Math courses require:

- Passing ISTEP+ Math score
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Honors Biology recommends:

- Strong desire for science, medical, or engineering profession.

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 2. English 9B
 3. Math A
 4. Math B
 5. Science A
 6. Science B
 7. World History A
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 9. PE/Health

ELECTIVES (see back side of this sheet for choices)

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1. Select your diploma

You **MUST** take 9th grade English.
There are three options:

- English 9
- English 9 Honors (need B or better and teacher recommendation)
- English 9 Early College (includes EC Honors students)

All of these are two semesters; one credit per semester.

To graduate high school, you must earn 2 English credits each year.

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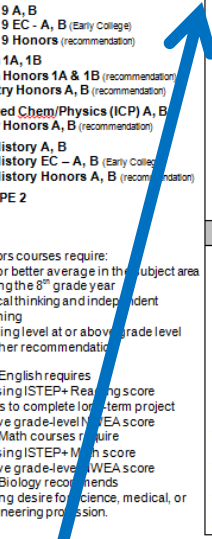
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2. Select your English class

You MUST pass Algebra to graduate from High School.

- Algebra is two semesters; one credit per semester.

If you are already taking Algebra in the 8th grade, you have three choices:

- Algebra
- Algebra Honors (need B or higher in Algebra & teacher recommendation)
- Geometry Honors (need A or higher & teacher recommendation)

3. Select your Math class

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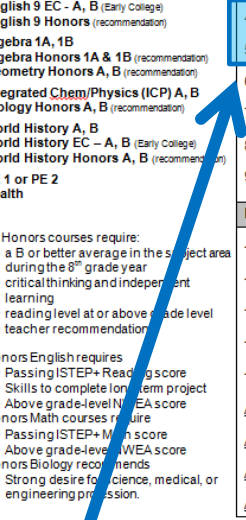
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- You must take two credits of science. You have two options. Both are two semesters, one credit per semester:
 - Integrated Chem/Physics
 - Biology Honors (need B or better)

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4. Select your Science class

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5. Select Social Studies

- Placement in classes labelled Honors, Early College, and RTI will be checked by your counselor. Counselors use past grades, test scores, and teacher recommendations to make sure you are in the right place.

How do I know I'm in the right class?

All diplomas require 2 credits of PE and 1 credit of health.

Freshman year is a great time to complete these required classes.

- You can take PE in summer school.
- Completing a sport or marching band and finishing the season in good standing can fulfill 1 PE credit. (This does not have to be a varsity sport—freshman or JV teams can count too.)

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6. PE & Health

- Now it's time to think about your elective classes. What interests you?

Classes to try if you like...

DESIGN

PLTW Engineering, Drafting, Art, Photography, Web Design, Graphic Design

CULTURE

Sociology, French, Spanish, Crim. Justice, Current Events, Music History, Art History, European History

BUSINESS

Accounting, Business Management, Marketing, Merchandising, Entrepreneurship, Professional Career Internship, Work Program

HANDS-ON

Automotive, Machine Tool, Construction, Art, Drafting, Nutrition/Wellness, Cadet Teaching, Photography, Fire & Rescue, Agriculture, Cosmetology, Project Lead the Way (PLTW), Innovation & Open Source Learning

HEALTHCARE

PLTW Biomed, Certified Nursing Assistant, EMS, Anatomy, Forensic Science

KIDS

Child Development, Cadet Teaching

SPORTS

Sports Marketing, Conditioning, Sports Fitness, Dance

MAKING THINGS

Automotive, Machine Tool, Construction, Nutrition/Wellness, 3D Art, Printmaking

NATURAL WORLD

Agriculture, Environmental Science, Astronomy

TELLING STORIES

Journalism, Pierian, Register, Radio/TV, Photography

TECHNOLOGY

Digital Apps, Web Design, Graphic Design, Computer Science, Radio/TV, PLTW, Photography

ART

2D Art, 3D Art, Sculpture/Jewelry Ceramics, Drawing, Painting, Printmaking

MUSIC

Music History, Band, Orchestra, Choir, Steel Drums, Percussion, Dance

Working w/PEOPLE

Cadet Teaching, Sociology, Interpersonal Relationships, Cosmetology, EMS, Fire & Rescue, Professional Career Internship, Work Program, Human Development & Wellness, Alt. Violence Project

These are some of the electives available at RHS in 2018-2019. Courses in bold are open to 9th graders. See your counselor for complete information.

- You should fill in the classes you hope to take.
- Because spaces in some classes are limited, you should also fill in alternate classes.
- If you don't get your first choice classes this year, you can request them next year!
- Look on the back of your paper for the full list of electives.

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7. Electives



- Being involved in clubs, teams and activities is important too!
- Students who are involved in extracurriculars are more likely to succeed in school, college, and careers.

Besides class, be involved!

- Summer School: PE, math, English, summer band
- Athletics: conditioning for fall athletes

Get started this summer!

- Your parents (and you) are invited to come to RHS on Thursday, February 8th at 6 p.m. in Civic Hall to learn more about the scheduling process and the transition to high school.
- Your intermediate counselor will be following up with you about the scheduling sheet you filled out today.
- You should talk to your parents about your choices and see your counselor with any questions.

See you February 8th?
