

# Making the Transition to High School

*Welcome Class of 2021!*



*Oak Mountain High School*

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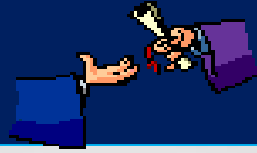


*So you want to be a 9<sup>th</sup> grader?*



*Then let's begin with the "END" in  
mind...*

# In Order to Graduate



## You Must:

- Earn 24 credits
- Take four years of the CORE subjects (English, Math, Science, and Social Studies - 4 X 4 requirements)
- Take 1 year PE **OR** 2 years of band
- Take 1 year of Career Preparedness
- Take ½ year of Health
- 3 Credits earned from the following elective areas:
  - ✓ Foreign Language and/or
  - ✓ Fine Arts and/or
  - ✓ Career Technical Education
- 2.5 Credits of other electives



# **Alabama High School Diploma SCBOE Advanced Academic Endorsement**

- **Minimum of Algebra II / Trig**
- **Chemistry**
- **2 consecutive years of the same foreign language**
- **Fine Art Course**
- **Minimum of 2 AP courses (or equivalent), one of which must be a CORE subject (English, Math, Science, or Social Studies)**

# Honor and Advanced Placement Courses

**What are honors and advanced placement courses?**

# Honor and Advanced Placement Courses

How do I decide if Honor /AP courses are for me?

- *Current performance*
- *Teacher Recommendation*
  - *ASPIRE results*
  - *Personal interest, aptitude, and commitment to work hard*

# Important Information to Consider...

- Pay close attention to course requirements outlined in the [curriculum guide](#).
- AP courses are very rigorous / college level.
- Summer Work in Honors and AP courses.



# Electives to Consider...

- Foreign Languages
  - Fine Art Classes
- Career Tech. Courses
  - Others
- Newspaper Staff (application process)

# 4 Year Plan

Subject	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English (4 Credits)	English 9	English 10	English 11	English12
Math (4 Credits)				
Science (4 Credits)	Biology I	Physical Science or Chemistry or Honors Chemistry		
Social Studies (4 Credits)	World History	US History to 1877	US History from 1877	Gov't / Economics
<b>Select 3 From Below Each Year</b>				
___ Physical Education or 2 Years Band (1 Credit)	PE Life / Band			
___ Career Preparedness (1 Credit)				
___ Health (.5 Credit)	Career Preparedness	1/2 Credit Health		
___ Career Tech. Education and / or Foreign Language and / or Arts Education (3 Credits)				
___ Electives (2.5 Credits)				
<b>Total Number of classes each year</b>	<b>Total 7 Classes</b>	<b>Total 7 Classes</b>	<b>Total 7 Classes</b>	<b>Total 7 Classes</b>
<b>Total Credits Required for Graduation</b>				<b>24</b>

# Sequence of Math Courses

<b>8th</b>	Pre-Algebra (C or D avg.)	Pre-Algebra (A or B avg.)	Pre-Algebra (A or B avg.)	Pre-Algebra (A or B avg. )	Algebra I	Algebra I Honors
<b>9th</b>	Algebra IA	Algebra I	Algebra I	Algebra I	Geometry or Honors Geometry	Honors Geometry
<b>10th</b>	Algebra IB	Geometry	Geometry	Geometry	Algebra II w/Trig or Honors Algebra II w/Trig.	Honors Algebra II w/Trig.
<b>11th</b>	Geometry	Algebraic Connections	Algebra II w/Trig.	Algebra II with Trig.	Pre-Calculus or Honors Pre-Calculus	Honors Pre- Calculus
<b>12th</b>	Algebra II	Algebra II	Analytical Mathematics	Pre-Calculus	Analytical Mathematics , Calculus	AP Calculus AB* or BC*

# Science Courses

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

Biology or Honors  
Biology

## 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

Physical Science  
Chemistry  
Honors Chemistry

## 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grades

Environmental Science  
Earth and Space  
Science  
Forensic Science  
**Chemistry**  
**Physics**  
**Anatomy/Physiology**  
**AP Biology**  
**AP Chemistry**  
**AP Environmental**  
**AP Physics**

# Course Selection

## Process for completing the Blue Course Selection Sheet...

\_\_\_ Need teacher recommendations for Honors / AP classes in English, Science and Social Studies

\_\_\_ Need math teacher's recommendation for math class /

\_\_\_ If taking a Foreign Language, English teacher needs to sign

\_\_\_ P.E. or Band

(Two years of Band = 1 year of PE)

\_\_\_ Override process (Math vs. other CORE)

# Registration Deadline...

- All materials, with **teachers' signatures and parent signatures**, are to be turned in during **Language Arts Class on:**

**Wednesday, February  
1st!**



# **Additional Deadlines...**

**Schedule change requests  
must be received no  
later than the last day of  
this school year:**

**May 25, 2017.**

# *Additional information to note...*

- Be thinking of ways to GET INVOLVED😊!
- “Give Me Five” program – Each student, grades 9-12, is required to have 5 hours of community service. Always due on April 15th
- Attendance is HUGE! Excessive absences can result in loss of credit for course(s) – NCA
- Student Athletes need to focus on the **STUDENT** part in order to maintain eligibility

# Valedictorian / Salutatorian

*For your class, there will be one Valedictorian and one Salutatorian per graduating class.*

# *Save the dates...*

- Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am  
or Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm - Parent Meeting regarding Course Selection / OMHS PAC
- High School 101 and tour for Rising Freshmen and their Parents - TBA
- Summer Registration Confirmation- TBA

*And you especially want to attend...*

**Freshman and New Student Camp!**

**JULY 2017**

Information will be coming your way this spring about FANS camp!

