

# EAST GRAND RAPIDS HIGH SCHOOL



Academic Planning  
Class of 2023

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# Welcome to high school!

- ❖ Different surroundings
- ❖ New classmates, new teachers
- ❖ More choices ~ more advanced classes
- ❖ New rules and procedures
- ❖ Expanded opportunities
- ❖ More freedom ~ and responsibility
  
- ❖ **FRESH START!**

# Tips for High School

- ❖ Work to be organized
- ❖ Take care of yourself
- ❖ Ask questions
- ❖ Take responsibility for your learning
- ❖ Participate in something – get involved
- ❖ Have fun!

# Tonight's Objectives

- ❖ Academic Overview - terms you should know
- ❖ EGRHS Graduation Requirements and Michigan Merit Curriculum Requirements
- ❖ IB Diploma information
- ❖ Select elective and world language course options
- ❖ Please refer to the **Course Description Handbook**

# Terms you should know

## ❖ Credits

- .5 for each class – each semester
- Only recorded at the end of each semester
- 6 credits/year possible - 23 credits to graduate

## ❖ GPA - Grade Point Average

- determined at the end of each semester
- all courses are included
- cumulative throughout high school
- additional weight for honors, AP and IB courses = weighted GPA
- Both unweighted and weighted GPA are listed on transcript

# Terms you should know

## ❖ **Academic course = Core course**

- English, Math, Science, Social Studies, World Language

## ❖ **Non-academic course = Elective**

- Examples – Art, Choir, Band, Basic Mechanical Drafting, TV Production, Journalism and others
- Balance with academic courses

## ❖ **Required course**

- Courses you need in order to graduate
- Michigan Merit Curriculum

# Terms you should know

## ❖ Honors course

- More rigorous, moves more quickly, requires additional work outside of class

## ❖ Advanced Placement Program (AP)

- College level curriculum – standard across the US
- Preparation for an AP exam in spring

## ❖ International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IB)



# International Baccalaureate Diploma Program

- ❖ Academic program and courses for juniors and seniors
- ❖ Information Session geared toward 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents on **March 20, 2019**:
  - **6:00 p.m.** @ HS Learning Commons Conference Room
  - Learn about the IB Diploma Program and how it might impact your child's high school academic plan

# EGRHS Graduation Requirements

★	<b>English</b>	4 credits
★	<b>Mathematics</b>	4 credits
	<i>Including Algebra, Geometry, Advanced Algebra and a math course in senior year</i>	
★	<b>Science</b>	3 credits
	<i>Including Biology, Chemistry or Physics and a 3<sup>rd</sup> science</i>	
★	<b>Social Studies</b>	3 credits
	<i>Including US History, World History, and a semester of both Economics and Government</i>	
★	<b>World Language</b>	2 credits <b>same</b> language
★	<b>Health/Physical Education</b>	.5 credit of each
★	<b>Fine, Visual or Performing Art</b>	1 credit
★	<b>Electives</b>	5 credits
	<b>Total</b>	23 credits

\* See Page 5 of Course Description Handbook

# Course Placements for 9th grade

Course Placements for English, Math, Science, and Spanish courses are based on research and data – these have been preloaded in Skyward and can be found in your packets

## ◆ **Integrated Physics & Chemistry, Physics, Physics Honors**

- Current Math course and grade
- 6th & 7th grade MAP Math (NPR)
- 8th grade Science T1 & T2 grades

- **PSAT 8 - Analysis in Science**
- **8th grade Science final grade**

## ◆ **English or English Honors:**

- 6th & 7th grade MAP ELA (NPR)
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade English T1 & T2 grade

- **PSAT 8 - Evidence Based Reading & Writing**
- **8th grade English final grade**

## ◆ **Algebra, Geometry, Adv. Alg./FST(H)**

- Current Math course
  - Algebra final grade of 80% or above to move on to Geometry

## ◆ **Spanish 3-4 or Spanish 3-4 Honors**

- Honors is standard progression
- MS Spanish Teacher input

Math and Spanish are placements and one cannot choose to move up the sequence without testing out or taking the curriculum prior to enrolling.

English and Science are strongly encouraged placements based on data and historical experience. You may seek additional information regarding the placement by contacting our Director of Guidance, Lori Johnston.

# What is a Typical 9th Grade Schedule?

1. English
2. Mathematics
3. World Language
4. IPC, Physics or Physics-H
5. Preferred Elective or Social Studies
6. Health/Physical Education
7. Lunch

# English Placement for 9<sup>th</sup> grade

- ❖ English 1-2
- ❖ English 1-2 Honors
  - includes required summer reading!

# Math Placement for 9<sup>th</sup> grade

- ❖ Algebra - successful completion at 80%
- ❖ Geometry
- ❖ Advanced Algebra - successful completion of Geometry at 80%
- ❖ Adv. Algebra/FST -H

# Science Options for 9<sup>th</sup> grade

- ❖ Integrated Physics & Chemistry (IPC)  
- concurrent enrollment in Algebra
- ❖ Physics - need successful completion of Algebra
- ❖ Physics - H

# Social Studies Options for 9<sup>th</sup> grade

❖ No Social Studies in 9<sup>th</sup> grade

or

❖ World History

❖ AP World History



# World Language Options for 9<sup>th</sup> grade

- ❖ French 1-2 - able to access IB French in 11/12th
- ❖ French 3-4
  
- ❖ Spanish 1-2
- ❖ Spanish 3-4
- ❖ Spanish 3-4 Honors
  
- ❖ Latin 1-2 - able to access IB Latin in 11/12th

# Electives – Visual Arts and Technology

- ❖ \*Foundation Art I/II - full year
- ❖ Digital Photography I/II - full year
- ❖ Basic Mechanical Drafting I/II - full year
- ❖ Animation & Game Design I/II - full year
- ❖ AP Computer Science Principles - full year (Algebra is prerequisite)
  
- ❖ Interior Design - semester
- ❖ Gone Boarding - semester

\* prerequisite for all other art classes such as Sculpture, Drawing, etc

# Electives – Communication

- ❖ Public Speaking - semester
- ❖ Film Studies I/II - need I to take II
- ❖ Video Production - semester
- ❖ Intro to Journalism - semester
- ❖ Theater I/II - need I to take II

# Electives - Business

- ❖ Introduction to Business I & II – full year

# Electives – Performing Arts

- ❖ Symphony Band
- ❖ Orchestra
- ❖ Vocal Music
  - Women's Chorus
  - Varsity Men's Chorus

All are full year commitments!

# Health/PE Options

## HEALTH

- ❖ At EGRHS during school year
- ❖ During the summer through MVU or MySchool@Kent (info available in April 2019)
- ❖ By Testing Out on **August 8, 2019\***

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- ❖ At EGRHS during school year
- ❖ By Testing Out on **August 8, 2019\***
- ❖ Personal Curriculum+

\* See handout - application required

+ IB Diploma students will be eligible for a Personal Curriculum

# PERSONAL CURRICULUM

## Reasons for Personal Curriculum (PC):

- ❖ To go beyond the academic credit requirements by adding more math, science, English language arts, or world languages credits
- ❖ To modify the Advanced Algebra mathematics requirements
- ❖ To modify curriculum requirements based on the disability of a student with an Individualized Education Plan
- ❖ To modify credit requirements for a transfer student from out of state or from a nonpublic school who has completed the equivalent of two years of high school and is unable to meet the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements.

# Dual Enrollment

- ❖ Option to enroll in college classes with support for tuition and fees
- ❖ Academic course – not offered or not available
- ❖ Qualifying score on PSAT 8/9 test
- ❖ Must meet eligibility requirements from the state of Michigan and the individual college
- ❖ Maximum of 10 courses in high school
- ❖ 9<sup>th</sup> grade – maximum of two courses



# NCAA Eligibility

- ❖ Potential to participate in Division I or II athletics
- ❖ Qualify with core classes, GPA, and test scores
- ❖ Refer to the information in your packet for minimum requirements
- ❖ See your counselor or coach if you have questions

# What is next?

- ❖ Course review and selection
- ❖ Student logs into his/her Skyward account
- ❖ Check the **blue** half-page instruction sheet in your packet
- ❖ Review course placements – preloaded for you and in your packet
- ❖ Complete requests....**6 credits/12 classes and 1-2 alternates**
- ❖ Student can make changes until **March 28, 2019**

# Before you leave tonight.....

- ❖ Select classes in Skyward under the student's login
- ❖ Plan to attend the **IB Diploma Programme Scheduling** presentation on **March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm**, if you have questions about the IBDP
- ❖ Plan to attend the Freshmen Parent Forum in May following the PTO meeting at the High School
- ❖ Begin to look forward to four great years at the high school!

# QUESTIONS?

Call the HS Counseling Office

616-235-7594

*(Secretary ~Carolynne Allaben)*

- or -

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