



**Class of 2026**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Student Schedule Selection PowerPoint**

**2021-2022**

# 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PRINCIPAL & GUIDANCE COUNSELOR



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# **COURSES NEEDED FOR GRADUATION**

- **English – 4 Units**
- **Mathematics – 4 Units**
  - **Must have Algebra II**
- **Social Studies – 3 Units**
  - **World Studies**
  - **US History**
  - **Government**
- **Science – 3 Units**
- **Fine Arts – 1 Unit**
  - **Includes Music, Art, Drama**
- **Health – ½ Unit**
- **Physical Education – ½ Unit**
- **Financial Literacy – ½ Unit**
- **Electives – 4 ½ Units**

**Total – 21 Units to Graduate!**

# ACADEMIC HONORS DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

- **English & Social Studies:**
  - 4 Units
- **Mathematics:**
  - 4 Units
  - Must include Algebra I, Geometry & Algebra II & a higher math course
- **Science :**
  - 4 Units
  - Including 2 unites of advanced science
- **Foreign Language -:**
  - 3 Units One Language or 2 Units of 2 different languages
- **ACT/SAT Scores of 27 /1280 (not including Writing)**
- **Fine Arts – 1 Credit**
  - Includes Music, Art, Drama
- **GPA of 3.5 or Higher**
- **Other Honors Diploma options available (see Course Selection Guide)**

# ENGLISH

- English Language Arts 8
- English I – HS Credit, 9<sup>th</sup> grade level class
  - This is a difficult class. This is not a class for a student not currently excelling in Language Arts. Must get current LA teacher recommendation!

# MATH

- Algebra II
- Geometry
- Algebra I
- Applied Algebra – teacher recommendation only, this course designed to strengthen Algebra skills
- Math recommendations are required for every math selection

# SCIENCE

- Science 8
- Honors Science 8
  - This class is at a faster pace because basic science principles should already be known and observed. It is higher rigor and will demand more time outside of the classroom. Must get current science teacher recommendation.

# **SOCIAL STUDIES**

- American History 8
- World Geography (see electives)



# PE REQUIREMENT

- PE – 2 ways to fulfill PE requirement
  1. Take 2 semesters of PE – ¼ credit each
  2. PE Waiver – 2 seasons of athletics or marching band
    - Cannot blend these two options
- **If you are planning to play HS athletics or participate in HS Marching Band you will be eligible for the Waiver (you don't have to sign-up for PE)**

# ELECTIVES

## Recommended:

- **Leadership and Community Engagement-** semester course
- **Health – ½ Credit, Summer Online or Traditional classroom**

## Optional:

- **World Geography – semester course, ½ credit of HS social studies**
- **Adventure in the Arts – intro HS Visual and Dramatic Arts**
- **Study Tables – semester or full year**
  
- **These electives are for a High School credit, except for Study Tables, and will appear on your transcript and count towards your accumulative GPA**

# MUSIC ELECTIVES

- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus**– full year, boys and girls can take this course
- **Band 8**– full year
- **Concert Strings**– full year
- **Music classes are for High School credit during 8<sup>th</sup> grade Year**

# FOREIGN LANGUAGE

- Spanish I or II
- French I
- German I or II
  
- These are for High School credit. They will include HS standards and HS rigor. Don't be in a hurry to take foreign language. They will be there in 9<sup>th</sup> grade and beyond.
  
- Foreign Language is not a graduation requirement!
  - 4 year colleges like to see classes of same language

# PLTW

- Introduction to Engineering & Design (IED)
  - This class is the introductory class in the Engineering pathway
- 8th Grade Robotics
  - Must be taking IED concurrently
  - Extensive practice required outside of the school day.
- Principles of Biomedical Science
  - This class is the introductory class in the Biomedical pathway
  - Must get science teacher recommendations

# NOTES AND CONSIDERATIONS

- Plan classes that will help meet your goals, not your friends
- Athletes and PE credit waiver
- Athletes must pass 5 classes in the previous quarter and maintain a 1.0 GPA or higher
- Make sure you have **PE and Health** completed before Junior year
- Make sure you talk to parents, teachers and guidance counselor
- Start looking at 5 year plan and scheduling classes to complete grad requirements and take what you want for college prep or career readiness

# TIMELINE

- Please review courses and talk with parents/guardians at home
- Course selection guide, selection form, and power point available on both High School and Edgewood Middle School websites
- Course selection sheets submitted by **May 26th.**



**Remember:**

**Make sure you meet  
the Prerequisites!**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Course  
Selection Guide**





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