

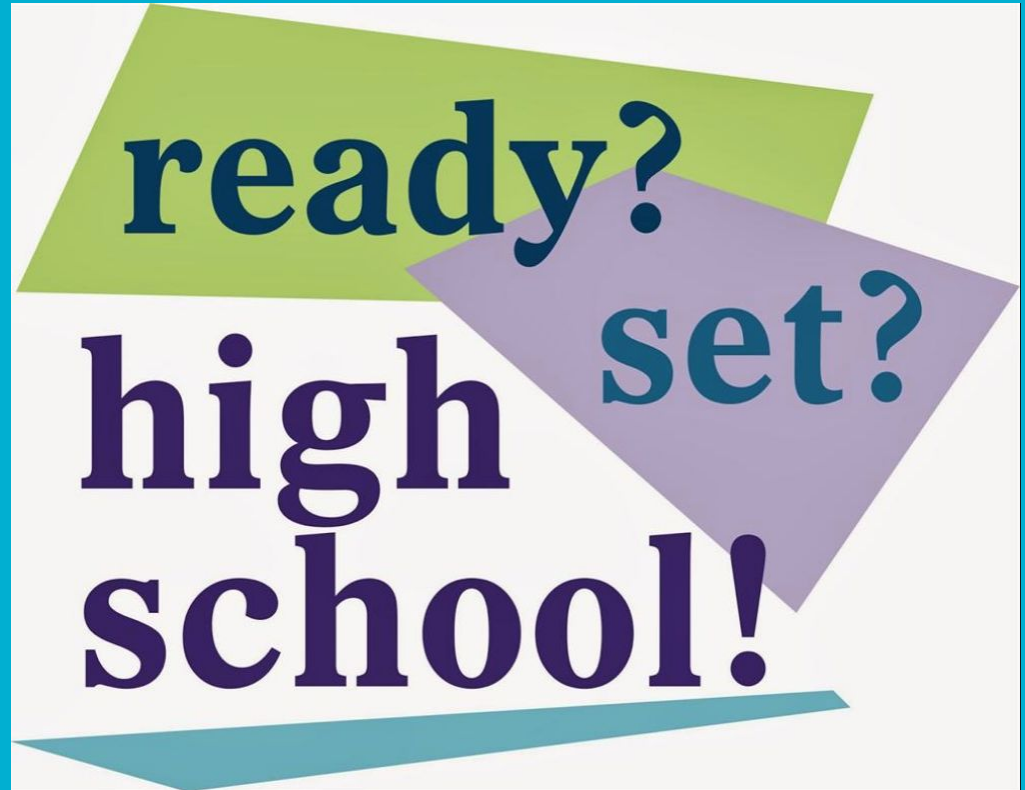
Preparing For High School!

Step 1: **Don't panic**

Step 2: **Review your elective options**

Step 3: **Make an informed decision**

Step 4: **Take a deep breath; you're doing great!**



Agenda

Review High School Graduation Requirements

Levels For High School Classes

Elective Options/Selection Process

Questions

Course Requirements for Graduation

- + Four credit years of English
- + Three credit years of Mathematics
- + Three credit years of social studies:
 - + US I
 - + US II
 - + Global Perspectives
- + Three credit years of natural or physical science
- + Two credit years of the same world language
- + One credit year of PE for each year of enrollment
- + One credit year in visual/performing art and one credit year in practical arts
- + One half credit year of Financial Literacy

Academic or Accelerated

How Recommendations Are Determined:

Factors:

- Departmental recommendation
- Grades
- Standardized test scores
- District writing samples and/or assessments
- Student placement criteria rubrics

*Recommendations will be sent to students and parents in the Spring. Any level inquiries should be communicated to the content supervisor.

Accelerated Courses May Be For You...If:

- You are exceptionally self-directed, take initiative, and persevere.
- You are highly organized and have excellent time-management skills.
- You can analyze, evaluate and synthesize more complex and in depth concepts.
- You are able to complete independent work at home.
- You can maintain shorter timelines for project completion.
- You can analyze more difficult texts, often independently.
- You can make sophisticated connections between concepts.
- You can apply what you learned beyond the classroom.
- And you have a genuine interest in the subject and the work associated with it.



Let's Look At The Freshman Schedule:



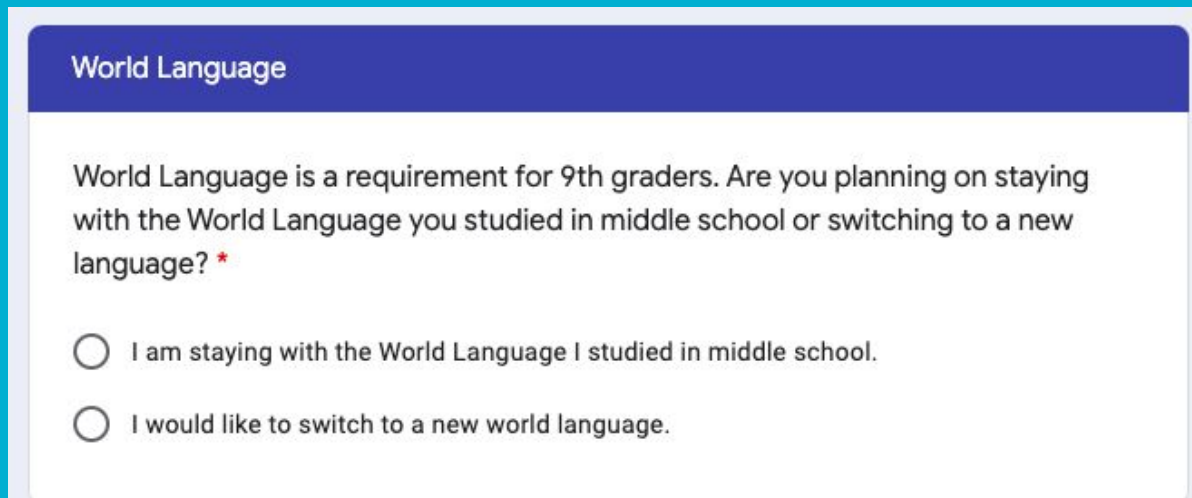
Required Courses

- + English I
- + World Language
- + Math (Algebra OR Algebra and Analytic Geometry)
- + Science (Bio I)
- + U.S. History I
- + Health/ PE
- + Study Hall

*** These courses are pre-selected and assigned. No need to select courses.

World Language Options:

1. Keep current World Language
2. Change to:
 - a. Spanish I
 - b. Mandarin I



World Language

World Language is a requirement for 9th graders. Are you planning on staying with the World Language you studied in middle school or switching to a new language? *

I am staying with the World Language I studied in middle school.

I would like to switch to a new world language.

3. Complete on Google Form.

Choice of 5 Total Elective Credits

- As a Freshman you are eligible to take an additional 5 total ELECTIVE credits within your schedule.
- Some electives are 5 credits- Full Year Courses
- Some electives are 2.5 credits- ½ Year Courses

Full Year (5 Credit) Electives

- + Chorus
- + Concert Band
- + Concert Choir/Band

Band and Chorus

Are you planning on taking band, chorus or BOTH next year as a 9th grader?

Note: If you select band, chorus or both, this is the only elective you will take in 9th grade. Please make your selection below. *

- Band
- Chorus
- Band AND Chorus
- I do NOT plan on taking band or chorus.

- + Wind Ensemble- Audition Process- Selection determined by Music Dept

*** If you are selecting a music course, this will complete your 5 credit elective requirement. No other electives may be selected.

Full Year (5 Credit) Elective -Computer Programming

*Accelerated Level Only

To succeed you will need to demonstrate:

- Independence, an interest in computer programming/coding, perseverance, and strong problem-solving skills.
- A strong math aptitude. You do not necessarily have to be in Math 8 Honors but math should be an interest and a desire to continue demonstrating your math foundational skills.
- This course is really designed around critical thinking and problem solving.

½ Year (2.5 Credit) Electives

- Public Speaking
- Digital Video Production
- Dramatic Lit and the Actor
- Intro to Broadcast Journalism & Studio TV
- Journalism I
- Photo Journalism and Yearbook I
- Creative Writing A
- Business Technology
- Consumer Finance
- Drawing I
- Global Art Immersion
- Digital Photography
- 3-D Design
- Piano
- Engineering Tech.
- Wood I
- Wood II
- Drafting and Design
- Architectural Design
- Robotics
- Intro to Foods
- Advanced Foods
- Economics and Financial Literacy

Refer To: Program of Studies

Half Year Electives (2.5 Credits) Top Choices # 1- 2

- + Language Arts Options
- + Business Education Options
- + Art Options
- + Music- Piano
- + Industrial & Technological Education
- + Family & Consumer Finance Options
- + Social Studies Options

Select the top TWO electives that MOST interest you.

	First choice	Second choice
Computer programming (Full year course)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public Speaking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Digital Video Production	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dramatic Literature and the Actor	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Intro to Broadcast Journalism and Studio TV	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Alternate Elective Options # 3-6

Total must equal any combination of 10 credits (Either Half or Full Year Elective Options)

Select FOUR alternate electives that interest you. These should be different from your top two choices above. These will be your back up courses in case your first two choices are full.

	Third choice	Fourth choice	Fifth choice	Sixth choice
Computer programming (Full year course)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public Speaking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Digital Video Production	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dramatic Literature and the Actor	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you are selecting Music option (Band, Chorus)- You will not see/ nor complete this on the google form.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Do grades count?

- a. Yes, in 2 ways! You will earn two grade point averages on your transcript.
 - i. **All Course GPA**- every class is calculated in your grade point average.
 - ii. **Academic GPA**- Only full year academic classes are calculated (English, World Language, Math, Science, and Social Studies).

2. How do I decide which elective is the best choice for me?

- a. As a Freshman, your schedule is already jam packed with core requirements. These classes are pre-planned for you. So the elective option(s) is your one area of freedom and opportunity that you may wish to study, pursue later in college, engage within the workforce, or consider due to personal interest.

1. What sports are offered at the High School?

- a. The High School [Athletics page](#) provides detailed information.
 - b. Please look out for updates closer to June.
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2. What happens when I'm pursuing music but I also want to be eligible to take other electives?

In 10th grade, they can replace one semester of study hall with a financial literacy elective.

3. [Clubs / Co-curricular Activities](#) - Check out the list available on the Counseling Website

Final Steps

- ❖ A recording of this presentation and a copy of this slide show will be available on the Nettingham Counseling Website.
- ❖ Course Selection [Google Form](#) be must be **COMPLETED** by March 4, 2022.
- ❖ [Program of Studies](#)