

William Annin Middle School PTO Presentation



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RHS Administration
Principal – Mr. Krause

Assistant Principals

Mrs. Dusebout (Grade 9)

Mr. Thompson (Grade 10)

Dr. Donlevie (Grade 11)

Mr. Thorp (Grade 12)



Other Ridge Administrative Resources

Director of School Counseling
Mrs. Smith

School Resource Officer
Officer Albanese

Athletic Director
Mr. Shello



Your Child's Support Staff

Teachers

Student Assistance Counselors

High School Counselors

School Nurses

Subject Area Supervisors

CST Personnel

Administrative Support Staff

Custodial Staff

Freshmen Class Advisors

Freshman Transition

- WE WANT YOU TO SUCCEED!
- Appreciate the Moment – 4 Years Goes Fast.
- Don't Be Afraid to Ask Questions or Ask for Help
- More Freedom = More Responsibility
- Keeping Score (credits, GPA, transcript, resume)

Advice From Upperclassmen

- You now have a “clean slate” (What type of future do you want to have?)
- Get Involved (clubs, activities, sports)
- Always strive to do your best – No Regrets!
- The professionals in the building are a resource, so use them.

Important Information

Regular Daily Bell Schedule

Period 1	7:35 – 8:18
Period 2	8:22 – 9:07
Period 3	9:11 – 9:53
Period 4	<i>(Lunch)</i> 9:57 – 10:39
Period 5	<i>(Lunch)</i> 10:43 – 11:24
Period 6	<i>(Lunch)</i> 11:28 – 12:09
Period 7	<i>(Lunch)</i> 12:13 – 12:54
Period 8	<i>(Lunch)</i> 12:58 – 1:39
Period 9	1:43 – 2:25

Important Information Cont'd

Attendance

- A student may lose credit in a course for excessive absences. Absences of 12 days in a course each semester of the school year (6 days in a PE or Health class per quarter) may result in a loss of credit.
- School sponsored field trip/sporting event, religious holidays recognized by NJDOE, suspension, 3 college visits for juniors and seniors, and Take Child to Work Day do not count toward loss of credit.

Important Information Cont'd

Cell Phones

- Cell phones may be used in common areas (hallways, cafeteria, lobbies, study halls) and in the classroom if permitted by the teacher for instructional purposes. Otherwise phones should not be out. Violations will lead to consequences, including parent pick up of phone if necessary.

Security Drills

- Conducted twice per month per State regulations. Standard Response Protocol (SRP).

Important Information Cont'd

Academic Integrity Policy

- In place to address cheating and academic dishonesty.

HIB (Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying)

- Handled per State law.

Passive Breath Alcohol Sensor Device_(Policy 5535)

- The Board authorizes PBASD screening before, during, and after school activities/events including, but not limited to: dances, athletic events, proms, class trips, drama productions, graduation ceremonies, or school assemblies.

Miscellaneous

Getting Information

- Instant Alert, Friday Folder, RHS Homepage, Daily Announcements, Outside LCD Sign, Naviance

Option II PE

- You must sign up each marking period. If you leave a team for any reason, other than an injury, you must immediately return to Physical Education.
- *Only Marking Periods 2 and 3 for Freshmen (MP1 Project Adventure, MP4 Health)*

Transitioning to Ridge High School

- **Social/Emotional Growth**
 - Exposure to new peers in each class, club, activity, or sport
 - Over 100 clubs & activities
 - Development into young adulthood
 - Character development and decision making
 - Strong support structure for you here
- **Academic Experiences**
 - Opportunity to create your “best fit” and 4 year plan that is appropriately challenging and rigorous
 - Chance to make mistakes and learn from them too
 - Exposure to many different teachers and fields
- **Post-Secondary Planning**
 - Your chance to plan your path! College, career, military

Scheduling and Program changes at Ridge High School

Amendments to POS At a Glance 2019-2020

SCHEDULING TIMELINE

- January, 2019: Program of Studies Published, Teacher Recommendations
- February-March, 2019: Counselor meetings and course selection
- April 5, 2019: Deadline to submit change requests
- April - July, 2019: Master schedule built
- June 24, 2019: Appeal and Late Qualification Deadline
- August 26, 2019: Schedules Posted
- August 26-30, 2019: Second window to request schedule changes

ADDING/DROPPING COURSES

- Courses may be dropped with no notation on the transcript:
Semester Course: 10 days [September 18th, 2019] [February 8, 2020]
Full Year Course: 20 days [October 2nd, 2019]
- After that time frame, any courses that are dropped will be noted on the transcript with a "W" for withdrawal
- Level changes until October 10, 2019. The transcript will reflect the level of the course into which the student switches.
- The grade for the new course will be determined by the new teacher.

COURSE CHANGES/UPDATES

- **Math:** Computer Science Principles, moved to Math from Technology
- **Science:** Qualification criteria for AP Science courses, Pre-requisite changes for Honors Bio, BioMedical
- **Career Department:**
 - *Technology Department renamed, merged with Business Department
 - *New course: Game Design and Development
 - *Course name change: Technology: Design & Innovation (formerly Technology: Design, Engineering & Innovation)
 - *Name Change: Computer Applications in Business (formerly Word Processing)
 - *Publications I: Prerequisite changed to Grades 9-12
 - *Publications II: Full year course changed to semester course
 - *Course name change: Senior Internship (formerly Business Education Practicum, No Credit awarded)
 - *Revised Graduation Requirement Option: Financial Literacy Online Summer
- **English Language Arts:** AP Research: New course
- **Social Studies Department**
 - *Introduction to Psychology/Dual Enrollment Course: New course
 - *AP Economics: Course pre-requisite change (no longer meets Financial Literacy graduation requirement beginning with the class of 2023)
 - *Semester Electives available: CP Psychology, Human Geography, Ethics, Human Rights, US History Through Film, History of the Middle East
- **World Language Department**
 - *New courses: American Sign Language Level 4, Levels 2-4 Honors
- **Physical Education**
 - *Health Requirement - Additional marking period Grades 10 and 11
 - *All students must be enrolled in the same course section of at least 4 days
- **Visual Arts Department**
 - *Course name changes: Ceramics I and II
 - *Course name change: Photo III: Photography Thesis/AP Option- Prerequisite change and AP Photo Option added
- **Performing Arts Department**
 - *5 credit course changed to 6 credits (lessons now included in course) for Concert Band, Honors Wind Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Concert Choir, Ridge Chorale

Please make sure you read the full Program of Studies for more details!

Please Join Us!

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR OUR 2019

Parent Academy

Wednesday February 27th

7:00-7:30pm

Location TBD

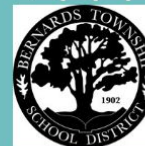
DISTRESS OR EUSTRESS?

Join us for a discussion about healthy stress, and how you can support your children with managing stressors.

All parents are encouraged to attend.

"When you choose to view your stress response as helpful, you create the biology of courage."

- Kelly McGonigal,
Stanford Health
Psychologist and Lecturer



The Timeline

January, 2019

- Program of Studies published
- Teacher Recommendations*

February–March, 2019: Counselor meetings and course selection

- Current 9th graders: February 6, 7, 8
- Current 10th graders: February 11, 12, 13
- Current 11th graders/Junior Conferences: March through April (course selection by 3/29)

April 5, 2019

- Deadline to submit requests to change a Course Request

April – July, 2019

- Master schedule built

June 24, 2019

- Appeal and Late qualification deadline*

August 26, 2019

- Schedules released
- *Open window to submit requests for schedule changes (*No requests for a teacher are permissible, and requests will only be honored pending seat availability*)

***New**

Adding, Dropping, and Level Changes

Add/Drop

- Courses may be dropped with no notation on the transcript:
 - Semester Course: 10 days [9/18/19 or 2/8/2020]
 - Full Year Course: 20 days [10/2/19]
- After that time frame, any courses that are dropped will be noted on the transcript with a “W”*

Level changes

- Can be made until October 10, 2019*
- The transcript will reflect the level of the course into which the student switches
- The grade for the new course will be determined by the new teacher*

***New**



Freshman Programming Updates

- Working with Advisors and peer leaders to implement more transition programming for freshmen early in the school year.
- Revamping Freshman Orientation to include SEL

Teacher Recommendations

- The purpose of the teacher recommendation is to provide students, parents and counselors with important feedback in order to guide their decision making process and assist students in making appropriate course requests.
- Teachers are strongly encouraged to make recommendations, but are not required to submit a recommendation for all students.
- Recommendations would be the most helpful for students who are on the borderline or who need encouragement.
- Recommendations are not binding.

Program Changes – New for Freshman

Science Department

- **Honors Biology** – Removal of Algebra I prerequisite requirement, implications for Honors Chemistry

Career Education Department

- Technology Department renamed, merged with Business Department
- New course: **Game Design and Development**
- Revised Graduation Requirement Option: **Financial Literacy Online Summer Option**

Social Studies Department

- Students will be able to satisfy the financial literacy graduation requirement with the successful completion of this course for school years 2019–2020, 2020–2021, and 2021–2022. Personal Finance will no longer be part of this course after that time.

World Languages Department

- New courses: **American Sign Language Level 4**, Levels 2–4 Honors

Physical Education Department

- For Health/Physical Education courses, all students must be enrolled in the same course section of at least 4 days of health/physical education to meet state requirements.



Q & A