

NORTH ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL

COURSE SELECTION 2020-2021

INCOMING FRESHMAN SHEET

Student name: _____

Parent Email: _____

We can't wait to welcome you to North Andover High School. Please take the time to carefully read the following information. The goal is for you to select courses that are both challenging and appropriate for your academic future.

***TRANSITION NIGHT - Monday - February 3rd, 6:30pm at the HIGH SCHOOL.**

This is a night for all 8th grade families who have questions about this process. Please join us.

1. High School students must take required core courses in English, History, Math, Science and World Language to meet graduation requirements. Ninth graders take either Honors or College Preparatory level courses for which they are recommended by their eighth grade teacher (based on their performance in their current courses).

2. At the High School we schedule students for 5 classes each trimester, a total of 15 classes over the course of the school year. Every student at the High School must fill all 15 blocks on their schedule with classes. The core classes picked for you by your current 8th Grade teachers will fill anywhere from 9 to 12 spots on your schedule. The amount of blocks these courses take up will be based on the classes required in that subject area.

(For example: Honors Biology takes up two spots while College Preparatory Biology takes up three spots)

3. Students at NAHS are required to pass four trimesters of the same World Language to graduate. NAHS supports starting with a World Language in freshman year. Your 8th grade language teacher will recommend 1B for successful performance in the language you are currently studying. You have the right to change languages, but you will be recommended for 1A of that new language (beginning class).

World Language I am currently studying OR French
 German
 Spanish

4. All 9th graders must take two specific Wellness electives. These courses are Fundamentals of Fitness AND Life Skills. These courses are graduation requirements and will automatically be added to your schedule.

1800 Fundamentals of Fitness

1801 Life Skills

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5. In addition to the Wellness courses and the core classes you are recommended for, you will need to select some electives from the list below to complete your schedule. Please select 5 electives and number them 1 through 5 in order of preference by placing the number in between the parentheses. If you plan to take Symphonic Band or Concert Choir please list this as your FIRST choice, each of these classes takes up 3 blocks on your schedule.

****Placement in your preferred elective(s) is not guaranteed and is based on seat availability.***

() 1160 CP Creative Writing	() 1714 CP Painting I
() 1161 CP Journalism	() 1715 CP Drawing I
() 1161A Honors Journalism	() 1716 CP Ceramics I
() 1162 CP Power of Public Speaking	() 1720 CP Graphic Design I
() 1163C CP TV Script Writing	() 1748 CP Guitar I
() 1171A CP Independent Reading	() 1749 CP Piano I
() 1171B CP The Graphic Novel	() 1749A Sound Recording & Engineering
() 1616 CP Business Management	() 1749B World Percussion
() 1618 CP Economics	() 1761 CP Introduction to Acting
() 1621 CP Marketing	() 1764 CP Dance
() 1635 CP Computer App. for the 21st Cent.	() 1753B CP Singing Essentials (1 trimester)
() 1636A CP Computer Science Essentials	() 1746 CP Concert Choir (2 trimesters)
() 1637 CP Web Design & Development	() 1744 CP Symphonic Band (3 trimesters)

6. We plan to run a **limited number** of sections of our freshmen interdisciplinary class (combining the English and History curriculums) called WORLD STUDIES. If you select this class (below), and get placed in the class, it will *take the place of* our traditional Grade 9 English and World Civilizations I. If you are interested in taking this class please select it below.

() YES, I am interested in taking WORLD STUDIES

****Placement in WORLD STUDIES is not guaranteed and is based on seat availability***

7. To help you fill out this course selection sheet we have posted next year's Program of Studies on the High School's website. Once you are on the High School website, please click on the link for Program of Studies (fourth link from the left, just under the NAHS banner at the top).

Please pay close attention to the following:

- * Minimum promotion and graduation requirements
- * Specific entrance requirements for Mass. State Colleges and Universities
- * Course descriptions for all subjects in which you have an interest

8. If you have services through Special Education we will be in touch with your current 8th Grade teachers on the specific courses you will need for us to support you here at the High School.

**THIS FORM (WITH SIGNATURES) IS DUE BACK TO MIDDLE SCHOOL HOMEROOM BY
Friday - FEBRUARY 7, 2020**

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____