

Herricks High School Eighth
Grade Parent Orientation
January 21, 2020

Welcome Parents of the Class of
2024!

THE HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE OFFICE AND RELATED STUDENT SERVICES

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Guidance Chairperson



- Helping Students and Parents to Transition: Caring College, Career, and Personal Counseling
- Availability of School Counselors, Psychologists and a Social Worker
- Herricks Website and Guidance News
- Blackboard Connect

The Importance of Carefully Selecting Academic Classes

- Students should challenge themselves and consider taking at least one AP level class before graduation
- Students should be enrolled in the most challenging program in which they can be successful
- Remember: Quality vs. Quantity is key
- Seek advisement from teachers and your counselor when selecting classes
- Remember: All grades earned become part of your transcript or permanent academic record.

Beyond Academics

- Keep Track of Activities
- Be Passionate...Get Involved
- Quality vs. Quantity
- Types of Activities at HHS
- Seek Leadership Positions
- The Value of Volunteer Work
- The Value of Long Term Research Ability
- No Community Service Graduation Requirement – But encouraged!



Earning Credit

- Full Year Courses = 1 Credit
- ½ Year Courses = .5 Credit



Remember : The Required Total is 22 Credits

- The Transcript is a Permanent 4 Year Record of Your Academic Child's Achievement

Graduation Requirements

Students Must Complete and Pass:

- 4 Years of English
 - 4 Years of Social Studies
 - 3 Years of Math
 - 3 Years of Science
 - 3 Years of a World Language
 - 1 Year of Art or Music
 - ½ Year of Health Education
 - 4 Years of Physical Education
-And Earn a Total of 22 Credits



Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation

- Two Regents Science Exams
- Three Regents Math Exams
- One Regents History Exam
- World Language Checkpoint A and B Exams
- English Language Arts Regents Exam
- Plus one Pathway Assessment in the Humanities or STEM or Career Tech or the Arts or Bi-literacy



Incoming Freshman Timeline

Informational letters regarding the scheduling process were distributed to all Grade 8 students January 16th or 17th

Individual Scheduling Meetings with Middle School Counselors
January 29th - March 27th

The Eighth Grade Step Up Program (Parents and Students)
April 22, 2020 7:00 p.m.

High School Orientation and Visitation (Students Only)
End of June

Schedules will be available in August

Locks and Bagels Program (Students Only)
End of August