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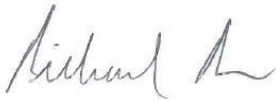
8th-Grade Students and Parents:

Now that your 8th-grade year is underway, we wanted to give you information about the 9th-grade course selection process for North Hunterdon and Voorhees High Schools. It may seem early for this information, but students will be taking placement tests and selecting courses for next year before you know it. It is especially important to review this information now so that you understand how students' current grades affect the recommendation process.

This packet contains a timeline for placement tests and course selections, information about the courses available at North Hunterdon and Voorhees High Schools, and information about rubrics used for placements for some subjects.

We hope you have a great year in 8th grade, and we look forward to helping you transition into high school next year. Please feel free to contact us at any time about the course selection and placement process for 9th-grade classes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Broan".

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### Course Selection/Placement Timeline

- November 2020: English placement test (reading assessment and essay)
  - The essay is scored by two different high school English teachers
  - Scorers do not see student names
- December 2020: Math placement test
- January 2021: Course selections completed for the following year
- January 4, 2021: Voorhees Eighth-Grade Student Orientation for Lebanon Township, Hampton, Clinton Public, and non-public schools (during the day) (subject to change based on COVID-19 restrictions)
- January 5, 2021: Voorhees Eighth-Grade Student Orientation for Tewksbury, Califon, and High Bridge (during the day) (subject to change based on COVID-19 restrictions)
- January 6, 2021: North Hunterdon Eighth-Grade Student Orientation for Bethlehem Township, Union Township, Franklin Township, and non-public schools (during the day) (subject to change based on COVID-19 restrictions)
- January 7, 2021: North Hunterdon Eighth-Grade Student Orientation for Clinton Township and Clinton Public (during the day) (subject to change based on COVID-19 restrictions)
- January 7, 2021: Voorhees High School 8th-Grade Parent Orientation (6:30 p.m. in the auditorium) (subject to change based on COVID-19 restrictions)
- February 1-12, 2021: Voorhees 8th-grade parent appointments
- January 13, 2021: North Hunterdon High School 8th-Grade Parent Orientation (6:30 p.m. in the theater)
- February 1-12, 2021: North Hunterdon 8th-grade parent appointments

### Course Offerings

The Course Selection Guide for 2021-2022 will be available in December, but you can get a good idea of the courses offered at North Hunterdon High School and Voorhees High School by looking at the [Course Selection Guide for 2020-2021](#).

As you consider what courses to take, it is important to keep in mind the following graduation requirements. All students are required to take and earn the following credits:

- [English](#): 20 Credits (English I, II, III, IV)
- [Science](#): 15 Credits (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- [Math](#): 15 Credits
- [Social Studies](#): 15 Credits (Early American History, Modern American History, and World History)
- Financial Literacy: 2.5 Credits
- [World Language](#): 5 Credits (although at least two years of the same language is recommended)
- Practical Arts: 5 credits (courses in [Business](#), [Computer Science](#), [Family and Consumer Sciences](#), and [Technology Education](#) fulfill this requirement)
- [Fine Arts](#) and/or [Music](#): 5 credits
- [Physical Education/Health](#): (20 Credits - 2.5 credits of each every year)

Click on the subject above to view the course flow charts for each department.

**Placement Rubrics**  
**(Subject to change)**

English: The placement rubric for 9th-grade English classes takes into account the following information:

- Final grade for 7th-grade English
- Average assessment grade so far in 8th-grade English
- Markers of student success
- Common assessment score
- Teacher recommendation

Math: The placement rubric for 9th-grade Math classes takes into account the following information:

- Common assessment score (for students going into Algebra 1)
- Common assessment score (for students going into Geometry)
- Average assessment grade so far in 8th-grade Math
- Markers of student success (completes homework, independent learner, strong work ethic, and asks questions/active participant)
- Teacher recommendation

Science: The placement rubric for 9th-grade Science classes takes into account the following information:

- 9th-grade English placement
- 9th-grade Math placement
- Average assessment grade so far in 8th-grade Science
- Teacher recommendation