


Some things to think about...



What do you envision for your child?


↓

What challenges do they face?



↓

Now what?




- What to Expect in High School
- 
- Greater independence and responsibility
  - Increased academic rigor
  - Additional extracurricular opportunities
  - New course offerings
  - New friendships and social opportunities
  - Opportunities to strengthen life skills (i.e., leadership, service, team work, motivation, etc.)
  - Greater emphasis on career and college readiness and planning

Advice for Freshman

What you do your Freshman year sets the foundation for the next 4 years of high school and life beyond!

Building A Strong Transcript



<p><b>Credits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awarded at semester for passing grades (60%)</li> <li>• Semester courses are worth 0.5 credits (PE is only worth 0.25)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Course History</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strength of schedule and total number of credits in subject areas</li> </ul>
<p><b>GPA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calculated each semester based upon semester grades (average of 2 quarters and exam)</li> <li>• 4.0 scale</li> </ul>	<p><b>Class Rank</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calculated each semester and based upon cumulative GPA and strength of schedule</li> </ul>

## Graduation Requirements – 3 Parts



Earn Required Credits

Take Seven Required End-of-Course Tests

Complete one of three graduation testing options

- Earn 18 Graduation Points on required end-of-course tests
- Earn a remediation free score on the ACT
- Earn 12 Credential Points and a passing score on WorkKeys

## Graduation Requirements



- 21 Total Credits
- 4 English
- 3 Social Studies - Global Studies, U.S. History & Government
- 4 Math – Including Algebra II
- 3 Science – Physical, Life & Advanced
- 0.5 Health
- 0.5 Physical Education (0.25 met in middle school)
- 0.5 Economics (not required if you attend Four County)
- Fine Art Requirement (met in middle school)
- Financial Literacy Requirement (met with Economics)



## Testing Requirements for Graduation: 3 Options



- **Option 1: Earn a cumulative passing score on seven end-of-course tests:**
- Students will take a series of 7 end-of-course tests and earn "graduation points" ranging from a score of 1 through 5.
- Exams will be taken in *Algebra I, Geometry, English I, English II, Biology, American History and American Government.*
- Students must score a total of 18 graduation points.
  - 4 points must come from English
  - 4 points must come from Math
  - 6 points must come from Science/Social Studies.
- Students will take these tests at the end of the year in which they take the course and will have an opportunity to retake tests if needed.
- Students may use a grade in a CCP course or AP Test score in place of the science/social studies end-of-course tests.

## Testing Requirements for Graduation: 3 Options



**Option 2: Earn a "remediation free" score on a nationally recognized college admission exam:**

- All students will take the ACT free-of-charge during the spring of their junior year.
- Students must score at a remediation free level on Reading, English and Math subtests as determined by the Ohio Department of Higher Education to meet this requirement.
- Current level for ACT is 22 Reading/22 Math/18 English

## Testing Requirements for Graduation: 3 Options



**Option 3: Earn an industry-recognized credential or a state license for practice in a vocation and achieve a score that demonstrates workforce readiness and employability on a job skills assessment:**

- The Ohio Department of Education has a list of pre-approved industry credentials and state licenses that meet this requirement (updated yearly).
- Each credential/license is worth so many "credential points" and students must earn a total of 12 credential points within one career cluster to meet this requirement.
- Students must also earn a passing score of a 14 on the ACT WorkKeys assessment to meet this requirement.

## Honors Diploma



### Must meet 7 of the 8 criteria

• Students are encouraged to pursue an Honors Diploma as it reflects a college-preparatory schedule.

- 4 English
- 4 Math
- 4 Science (New)
- 4 Social Studies
- 3 of one Foreign Language
- 1 Fine Art
- 3,5 GPA
- 27 ACT or 1210 SAT

## Honors Diploma



- Ohio has 3 new additional honor diplomas.
  - STEM Honors Diploma
  - Arts Honors Diploma
  - Social Science & Civic Engagement Honors Diploma
- These options have different credit criteria than the regular honors diploma and include a field experience and portfolio that must be reviewed and validated by external experts within the field.

## Required Courses for Freshman



- English 9
- Algebra IA, Algebra I CP or Geometry CP
  - Those currently taking Algebra I CP as 8<sup>th</sup> graders will earn high school credit and take Geometry CP next year.
  - Those in Math 8 who are doing well will take Algebra I CP.
  - Those in Math 8 who are struggling will take Algebra IA (teacher referral only).
- Global Studies
- Physical Science
- Health
- Physical Education II
  - Will be awarded 0.25 credits of PE for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade PE (Pass Grade)

## Elective Courses



- Agricultural Education
  - Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources
- Art
  - Art I
- Business
  - Accounting I
- Foreign Language
  - Spanish I
- Industrial Arts
  - Intro to Woods
- Music
  - Instrumental Music
  - Chorale or Women's Select
- Technology
  - Desktop Publishing
  - Web Design (semester)
  - Computer Graphics (semester)
- Study Hall
  - May have 1 per semester
  - HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!

## Scheduling Process



- Will be meeting with students as a class on Tuesday, January 29 at which time they will be given a "Student Education and Curriculum Guide" and a registration form.
- Please take time to sit with your child and discuss their scheduling options.
- Monday, Feb. 4: We will be back to register them for classes on line in the computer lab.
- **Registration sheets need to be brought back to school signed by a parent/guardian!**

## Schedule Changes



- Students will have the first 5 days of the semester to add/drop any course. Any drop after the 5<sup>th</sup> day will result in a withdraw fail.
- Students can request to make schedule changes anytime prior to the beginning of next year.
- **Please note that teacher and lunch changes/requests will NOT be made!**

## Student Orientation



- 8<sup>th</sup> graders will visit the high school in the spring for orientation.
- We will also offer an opportunity prior to the start of the year for students to pick up schedules and tour the building again.

## What You Can Do As a Parent



- Help them plan for the future and set school/career goals.
- Provide homework/study support at home.
- Check grades regularly and monitor progress.
- Meet and share concerns with school staff.
- Share a positive attitude about education.
- Encourage participation in school groups and events.
- Emphasize school attendance.
- Encourage healthy habits.
- Stay connected to their personal lives.

## School Counselor Contact Info



Mr. Shawn Grime

- Last Names A-L
- [sgrime@archboldschools.org](mailto:sgrime@archboldschools.org)

Mrs. Sharon Ziegler

- Last Names M-Z
- [sziegler@archboldschools.org](mailto:sziegler@archboldschools.org)

Visit the AHS Guidance Website for updates and information about programing for students.

Questions?

