

Welcome!



*Ballston Spa High School
8th Grade Parent Night
March 2, 2017*

Evening Agenda

6:30 – 7:15 Auditorium

Welcome Address	Kris Jensen, Principal
PTSA	Kelly Mulrain
Student Council	Kara Woitkowski
Freshman Class President	Sarah Rule
8th Grade Important Dates	Carol Piotrowski
IB Information	Nicole Stehle, IB Coordinator
ECHS Information	Diane Irwin, K-12 Science Coordinator
Science Lab Requirements	Diane Irwin, K-12 Science Coordinator
Physical Education Requirements	Nicole Holehan, Assistant Principal
Graduation Requirements	Nicole Stehle, School Counselor
Course Selection Process	Cathy Roy, School Counselor
Instructional Technology	James Lovett, Instructional technology coordinator
Conclusion	Kris Jensen, Principal

8th Grade Important Dates:



March 6-10	Course Selection
March 28-30	NYS ELA Assessment
May 2-4	NYS Math Assessment
May 5	Deadline for Schedule Changes
May 24 – June 2	Science 8 Performance (in classes)
June 5	Science 8 Written Assessment
May 17-19	Washington D.C. Trip
June 23	Moving Up, HS Auditorium
End of summer	9 th Grade Orientation
<i>Regents Exams:</i>	
June 13	Algebra 1 (Common Core)
June 15	Physical Setting/Earth Science

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)

- The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme is a program for motivated students in the last two years of high school.
- The curriculum prepares students to succeed in college and to effectively participate in an increasingly global society. It is inquiry-based, allowing students to go more in depth on topics covered.
- Beyond the 6 required IB courses, students are required to complete the Inner Core, which includes:
 - Theory of Knowledge (TOK)
 - Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)
 - Extended Essay (EE)
- The Inner Core makes connections among all IB subject areas.



Why Choose IB?



IB students are encouraged to:

- Become independent, self-motivated learners
- Ask challenging questions
- Work hard
- Learn how to learn
- Develop a strong sense of their own identity and culture
- Develop the ability to communicate with and understand people from other countries and cultures

Studies show that IB students:

- Are more likely to be accepted to a selective four-year institution.
- Frequently received advanced standing in college, college credits and scholarships.
- Have a higher first-year retention rate.
- Are more likely to graduate with a bachelor's degree in four years.

Clean Technologies & Sustainable Industries

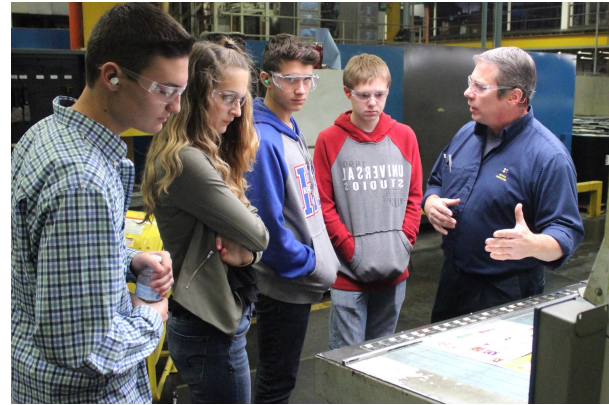
Early College High School

- Fully Connected Learning Environment
- College Readiness
- Career Pathways Leading to an Associate's Degree
 - Clean Energy
 - Computer Science
 - Mechatronics
 - Innovation/Leadership/Entrepreneurship
- Problem Based Learning – Real World Challenges
- Connections to Business & Industry – Mentoring & Field Experiences



Clean Technologies ECHS Overview:

- 9th & 10th Grade:
 - Summer Bridge Program
 - Mentors
 - Virtual Learning Projects
 - Field Trips
 - High school coursework taken at Ballston Spa High School
 - Clean Technologies Seminar Class built into schedule
- 10th Grade - Online high school and online college classes through HVCC
- 11th & 12th Grade:
 - Students attend school at TEC-SMART for high school AND college classes in the morning; return to home school in the afternoon.



Science

- The majority of students will be taking Living Environment (i.e. Biology) in 9th grade. The course culminates with the Living Environment Regents exam.
- A change from 8th grade is that NY State requires that all students in Regents level classes have 1200 minutes (20 hours), in addition to class time, for laboratory experiences.
- N.Y. also requires that students submit satisfactory written lab reports upon completion of a lab. Students must complete satisfactory lab reports in order to be able to take the Regents exam at the end of the year.





Physical Education is a graduation requirement.

- All students must PASS four years of Physical Education to graduate.

High School Grading Policy

30% Preparation- Appropriate attire and footwear

50% Participation & Effort- On time for class and meets OR
exceeds the expectations of the teacher

20% Cognitive (written) and/or Skills testing

****All unprepared students will be given an alternate activity.
There is no sitting out of any class****

MAKE UP CLASSES

- Students are expected to make up ALL missed classes.
- Make ups are every Tuesday after school, during a study hall, or by appointment with your teacher.



MEDICAL EXCUSES

- All medical notes go to the nurse.
- Please ask your doctor to record what you are able to do. PE classes can be modified.



Minimum Credits for Graduation

Required Subjects

English

Social Studies

Mathematics

Science

Health

Physical Education

Second Language

Art/Music

Total
(including
electives)

Regents Diploma	Advanced Regents Diploma
Credits	Credits
4	4
4	4
3	3
3	3
½	½
2	2
1	3*
1	1
3 ½ elective classes 22 minimum	1 ½ elective classes 22 minimum

*The difference in credits reflects the need for two additional courses in LOTE. This requirement can be fulfilled by earning 5 credits in arts, technology or business



Required Regents Exams - Class of 2021

Regents Diploma

English (Common Core)

Global History

U.S. History

Algebra I (Common Core)

Science (Earth Science or Biology)

Advanced Regents Diploma

English (Common Core)

Global History

U.S. History

Math (Algebra, Geometry, and Algebra 2)

Biology (Life Science)

Any Physical Science (Earth Science, Chemistry or Physics)

Additional Diploma Options:

- Honors (average of 90 or higher on all required exams)
- Math Mastery (score of 85 on 3 exams)
- Science Mastery (score of 85 on 3 exams)

9th Grade Course Selection Process for 2017-18 School Year

- School counselors (from the middle school & high school) will meet with all 8th graders next week.
- Every student will be given a personalized Course Selection Sheet.
- 8th grade teachers provided counselors with recommendations for appropriate placement in: mathematics, science, social studies, and LOTE classes.
- Students will select their own art/music/technology and other elective courses.

NO SCHEDULE CHANGES WILL BE MADE AFTER MAY 5th

Required Courses for 9th Grade

English	English 9	
Social Studies	Global History 9 AP World History I	Recommendation by Department
Math	Into to Algebra Algebra I Geometry *Graphing Calculator TI-84Plus	Recommended by Department
Science	Biology Regents Biology Honors	Recommended by Department Linked to Math Recommendations
Physical Education	PE 9/10 Guard Start Lifeguarding	(must be 15 years of age to take lifeguarding)

Elective Courses for 9th Grade

LOTE: French 2 or Spanish 2 (Recommendation required)

Art: Studio in Art (prerequisite for other art courses), Drawing & Painting 1, Ceramics, Drawing & Video Game Design

Music: Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Concert Orchestra, Symphonic Orchestra, Concert Chorus, Festival Choir, Music in our Lives, CHS Music Fundamentals I, Applied Music, CHS Introduction to Theatre

Business: Introduction to Career and Technical Education

Science: PLTW Principles of Biomedical Science

Technology: UHS/PLTW Introduction to Design and Drawing for Production (prerequisite for other technology courses), UHS/PLTW Civil Engineering & Architecture, UHS/PLTW CIMS, Drawing & Video Game Design, Introduction to Video Production, Advanced Broadcasting & TV Production, Introduction to Robotics, Introduction to Computer Science 1 and 2, Basic Principles of Construction

**BALLSTON SPA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
2017-2018 COURSE SELECTION SHEET**

Parent email _____

Parent phone _____

Name: _____

REQUIRED COURSES

Bold = Half Year Course

English

HS1106 English 9 Regents

Social Studies

HS1165 AP World History I

HS1159 Global History 9 Regents

Science

HS1254 Biology Honors

HS1255 Biology Regents

Mathematics

HS1724 Introduction to Algebra

HS1215 Algebra 1

HS1210 Geometry

Physical Education

HS1351 Guard Start

HS1353 Lifeguarding

HS1391 PE Boys 9-10

HS1390 PE Girls 9-10

ELECTIVE COURSES

Bold = Half Year Course

Business

HS1706 Intro to CTE 1

HS1707 Intro to CTE 2

Performing Arts

HS1502 Applied Music

HS1553 CHS Music Fundamentals 1

HS1509 Concert Band

HS1525 Wind Ensemble

HS1521 Concert Orchestra

HS1551 Symphonic Orchestra

HS1535 Concert Chorus

HS1510 Festival Choir

HS1569 CHS Introduction to Theater

HS1526 Music in Our Lives

Visual Arts

HS1514 Drawing and Painting I

HS1500 Studio in Art

HS1508 Studio in Ceramics

HS1522 Drawing & Video Game Design

Foreign Language

HS1300 French 2

HS1306 Spanish 2

Technology

HS1651 Basic Princip of Construction

HS1650 UHS/PLTW DDP

HS1656 UHS/PLTW CIMS

HS1655 UHS/PLTW Civil Eng&Archit

HS1522 Draw & Video Game Design

HS1679 Intro to Robotics

HS1681 Intro to Computer Science 1

HS1905 Intro to Computer Science 2

HS1658 Intro to Video Production

Clean Technologies: Early College

HS2067 P-Tech 21st Century Skills

Science

HS1280 Principles Biomedical Science

Special Education

HS1400 L/R 9/10

HS1107 Literacy

REQUESTED COURSES

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

ELECTIVES

6. _____

7. _____

*Indicate Study Hall on line 8
if desired.*

8. _____

NOTES

- Students must enroll in a minimum of 7 credit bearing courses per semester.
- Students may enroll in a maximum of 8 credit bearing courses per semester.
- Studio in Art; DDP; Theater; or Music can fulfill the 1 credit "Art/Music" graduation requirement

Requests for Changes

Must be submitted by:

May 5th, 2017

Recommended Courses

No student will be enrolled in a course for which he/she was not recommended (except in the case of electives for which there are no prerequisites).

If a parent wishes to override a teacher's recommendation, then the family must request to meet with the counselor and an administrator by 5/5. Please contact the guidance office at 884-7150 ext. 2362 to set up this appointment.

Instructional Technology

- Incoming 9th grade students will receive Chromebooks
- Will travel class to class and be taken home
- Google Docs and Schoology
- Web-filtered on and off campus
- Checked twice a year for damage
- Digital Citizenship and Net-iquette

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*Thank you for joining us this
evening*

*We look forward to welcoming
the Class of 2021 to the High
School!*



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