9TH GRADE ENROLLMENT
COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
INTRODUCTION
**WHAT ARE THE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS?**

- 24 credits
- College readiness
  - 4 levels math and English
  - 2 levels World Language
  - AP/Honors

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<td>Science (1 credit of Biological Science, 1 credit of Physical Science, 1 additional)</td>
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<td>Social Studies (Must include .5 credit of Government, 1 credit of World, 1 credit of U.S.)</td>
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WHAT CLASSES DO YOU TAKE AS A FRESHMAN?

- English 9
- Government
- Physics
- Mathematics (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2)
- Advisory
- 3 elective classes (Health/PE, plus 2 more)
WILL YOU GET ALL THE CLASSES YOU REQUESTED?

– No, even though first choice requests are honored as best as possible.
– Remember!!!: CHOOSE WISELY!
– You must request enough alternative choices
– Freshman can have an advisory class and a study hall class and still be academically eligible for participation in sports, choir, band, etc.
WHAT IF YOU WANT TO TAKE CHOIR AND/OR BAND?

• You will request choir, orchestra, band and jazz band.
• Speak with your current instructor for more information
• You will have to audition later in second semester for placement.
WHAT IS ADVISORY?

• A transition course, one of the 8 blocks (90 min) that all freshmen take.
• Students are introduced to the school, the educators who support students, and the support structures in place to ensure success for every student.
• Programming around academic skill, social/emotional growth and career planning.
• Study Time
INDIVIDUAL CAREER AND ACADEMIC PLAN (ICAP)

• Each student will complete an ICAP to prepare for requesting courses for high school.
• Review the current course guide available on the website.
• Plan your high school courses so you can take advantage of all course offerings and ensure you have room and pre-requisite courses met.
• Revise annually at registration time.
READ COURSE DESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY!

• When picking out courses understand building location of course.

• Make sure that there isn’t a class you have to take first to be able to get into the class you’re interested in (this is called a prerequisite).

• Make sure that the credits that can be earned in the course is something you can fit in with the other classes you must take.

• Make sure you can actually take the class by checking what grade levels it’s offered to.
DO MY PARENTS OR GUARDIANS HAVE TO APPROVE MY ENROLLMENT FORM?

• YES!
  – Your parent or guardian must sign your form
    • If you want to take an online class, your parent/guardian must initial that you both have read the CPS Online FAQs regarding online classes.
  – You must also sign your enrollment form.
  – If you have a Case Manager, they also must sign the form.
  – If you have an ELL Case Manager, they also must sign the form.
HOW CAN YOU GET MORE INFO ABOUT MY SCHOOL, COURSES, CLUBS, ATHLETICS?

• Attend the Course Fair
• Attend the CACC showcase
• Visit the High School Websites
• Talk with your current teachers
THE A+ SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM?

• A Missouri Scholarship program that allows eligible students to attend 2 year colleges and technical school in the state FREE of tuition.

• Program Requirements
  – Graduate with a 2.5 GPA and math proficiency
  – Maintain 95% attendance
  – Good Citizenship
  – 50 hours of volunteer service
    • 37.5-50 hours tutoring with a CPS teacher
    • 12.5 hours of job shadowing
WHAT ABOUT SUMMER SCHOOL?

• Information available February 1
• Students can take a variety of credit advancement courses
• Students can earn 1.0 credit in summer school
• Summer school courses count towards your high school GPA
BUILD YOUR 4 YEAR PLAN NOW (ICAP)

• Use the ICAP document to begin your 4 year high school plan
• Graduation requirements are pre-populated
• Plan your course of study (honors/AP courses)
• Plan out your electives to take courses of interest
HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION FOR 9TH GRADERS

- You have to have 24 credits to graduate!
- You may not get all the classes you requested! Have a back-up plan!
- Attend the Course Fair!
- Summer school is a great options for advance credits!
- COMMUNICATE! Talk to your parents/guardians, teachers, counselors, etc. If you need help or have questions, COMMUNICATE!