

# Class of 2028

## Normal Community HS

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# What does a HS counselor do?

- Course selection/scheduling for students
- Career counseling, including use of SchoolLinks
- College and vocational counseling
- Registration of new students
- Individual counseling
- Academic counseling
- Communication with parents
- Collaboration with outside agencies as needed
- Test administration
- Assist with college applications, recommendations, scholarships, etc



We are here to help!

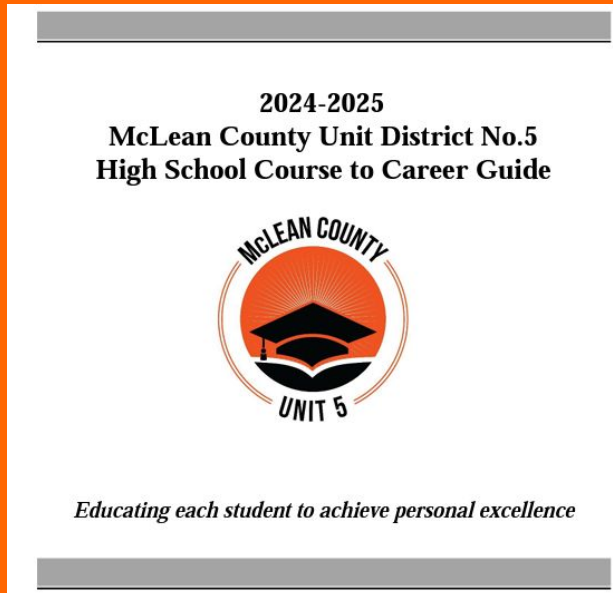
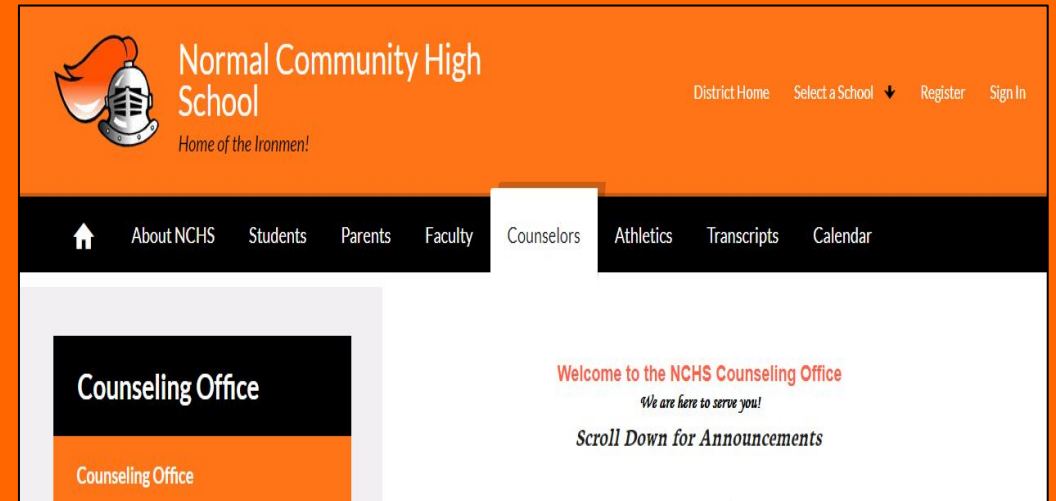


# Helpful Resources--other than us

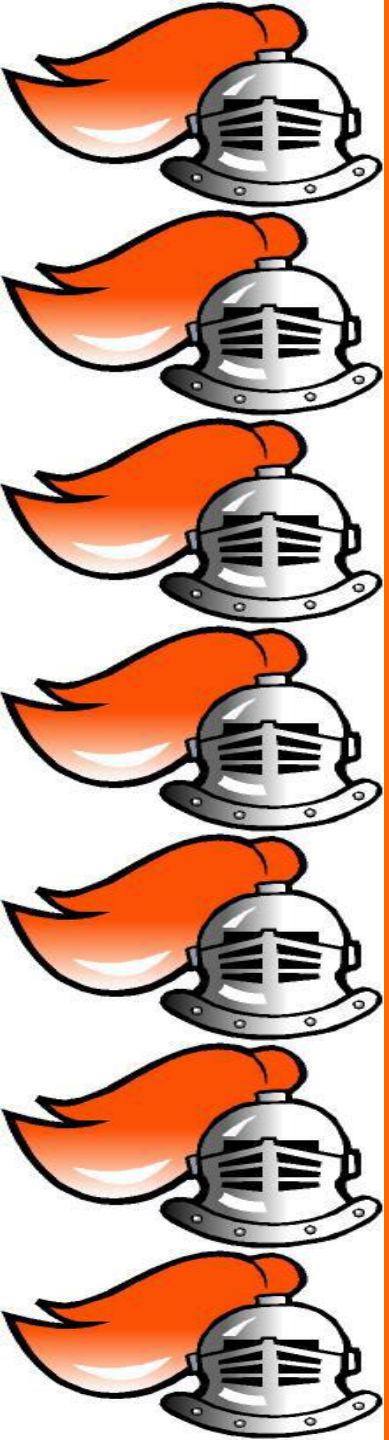


[NCHS Counseling webpage](#)

[Course to Career Guide](#)

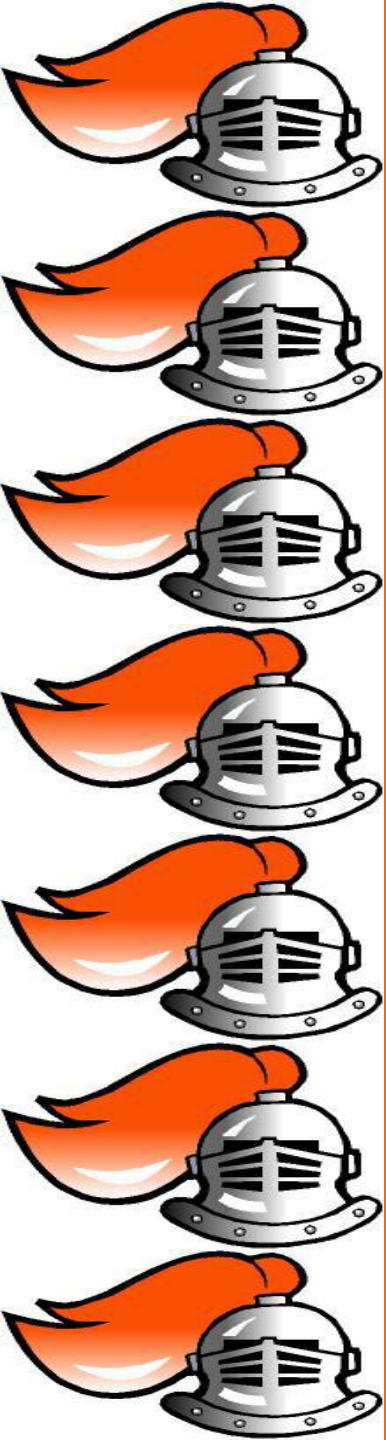


[NCHS Counselors' Course Selection Website](#) - all documents, presentations and links needed to make your selections.



# How is high school different?

- Much bigger school
- Year in school is determined by credits
- No teams
  - 6 to 7 classes
  - Teachers organized by subject (departments)
  - Different students in each class
- More independence and responsibility of student (missing assignments)

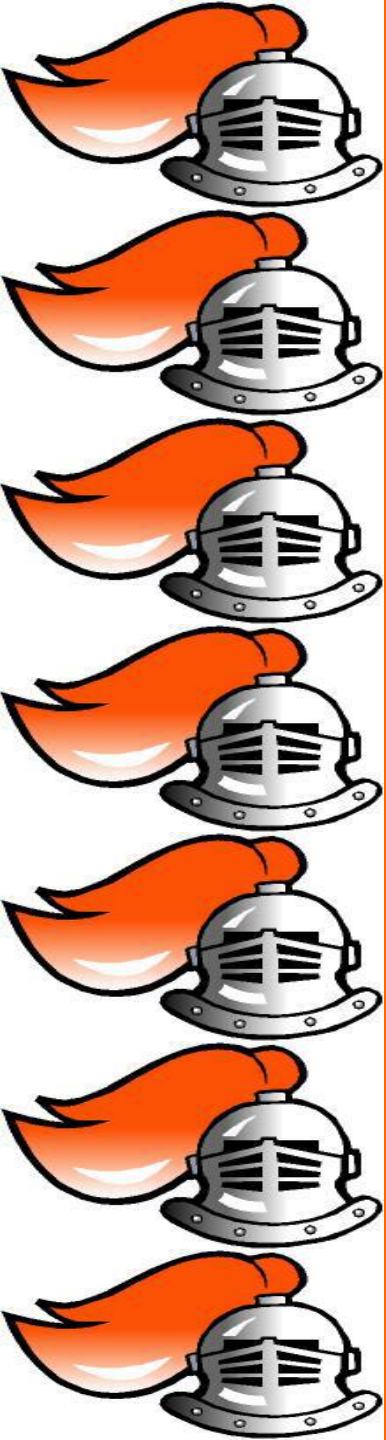


# Graduation Requirements

- English 4.0 credits
- Math 3.0 credits
  - Algebra I and Geometry Content
- Health/PE 3.5 credits
  - 1 Semester of Health required
- Social Science 2.0 credits
  - US History (Computer Literacy) and Civics (Constitution test)
- Science 2.0 credits
- Consumer Ed .5 credits
- Electives 9.0 credits

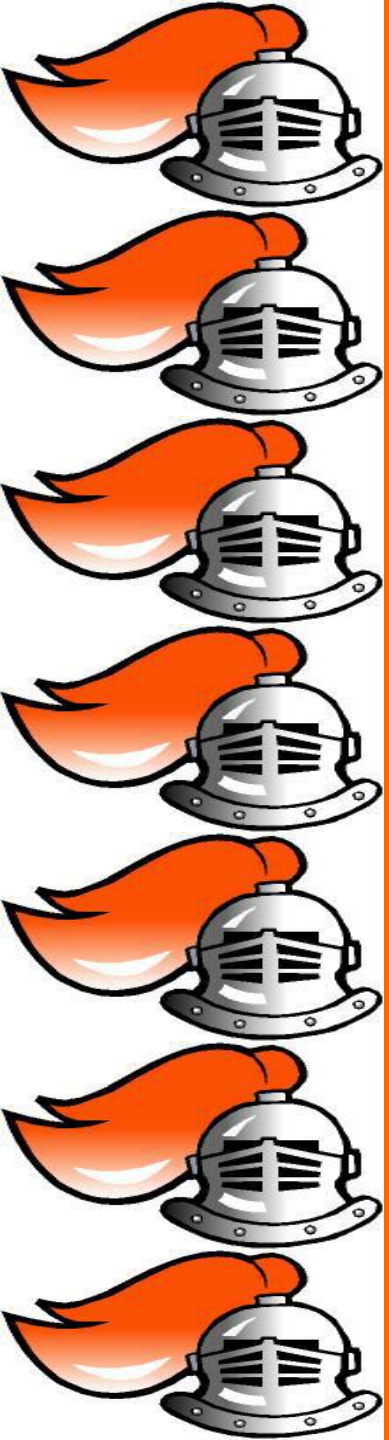
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*24 Total Credits*



# Credits determine Class

To Be Considered a	On track for graduation	Minimum to advance
Sophomore (10 <sup>th</sup> )	6 credits	5 credits
Junior (11 <sup>th</sup> )	12 credits	11 credits
Senior (12 <sup>th</sup> )	18 credits	17 credits



# Middle School Math

The following middle school math courses will be documented on high school transcript:

- Algebra
- Honors Geometry
- Honors Algebra 2

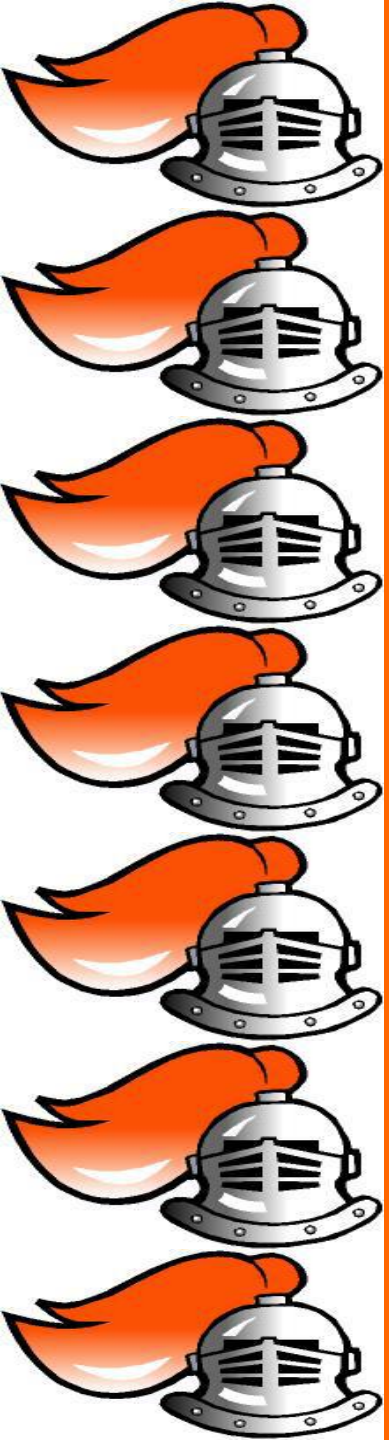
These courses will earn high school credit but not count towards GPA.



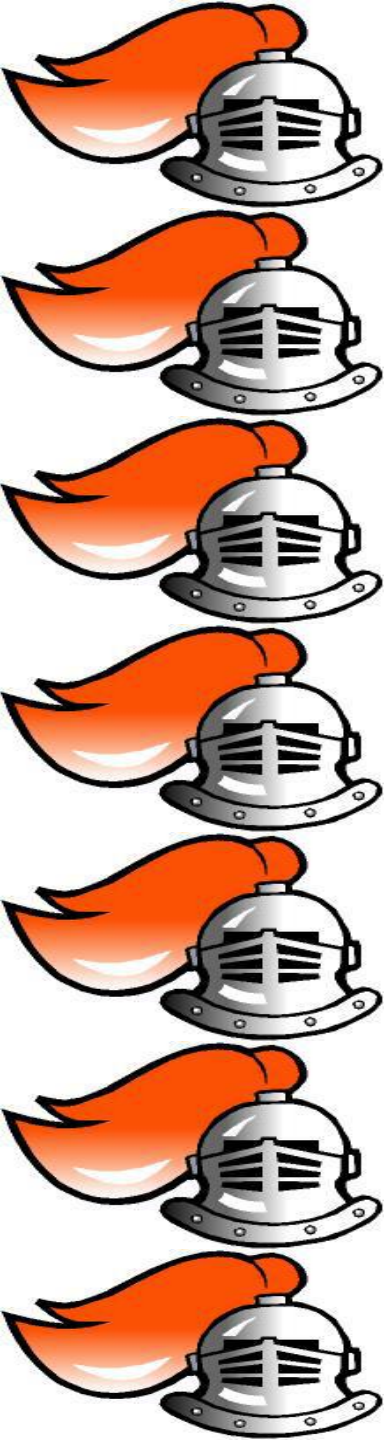
# Auto Acceleration

## Automatic Enrollment for Honors Classes

- Students will now be **automatically enrolled** into the next most rigorous level(s) of advanced coursework (**i.e., Honors level**) freshman year in English, Math, and/or Science freshman year if the student meets or exceeds state standards in these areas
- Parents can opt out via IC survey
- Letters have been mailed home to those who will be automatically enrolled with instructions for survey



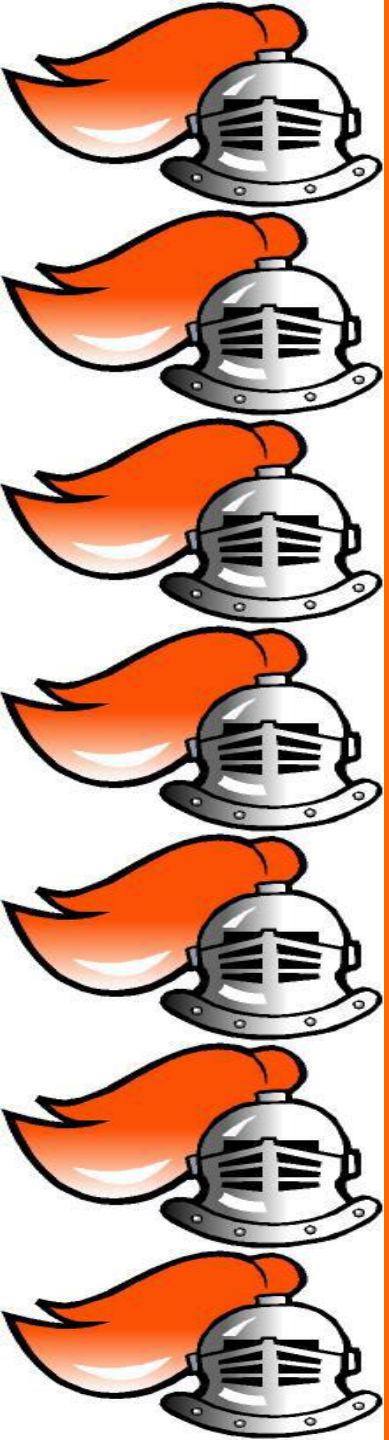




# Auto Acceleration

Assessment	Reading/Writing Score Needed	Math Score Needed
Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR)	Level 4: Met Expectations Level 5: Exceeded Expectations	Level 4: Met Expectations Level 5: Exceeded Expectations
PSAT9	410 or higher	450 or higher
PSAT10	430 or higher	480 or higher
SAT	540 or higher	540 or higher

Illinois Science Assessment
Level 3 (Proficient) Level 4 (Exemplary)



# Should I Take Honors or Not??

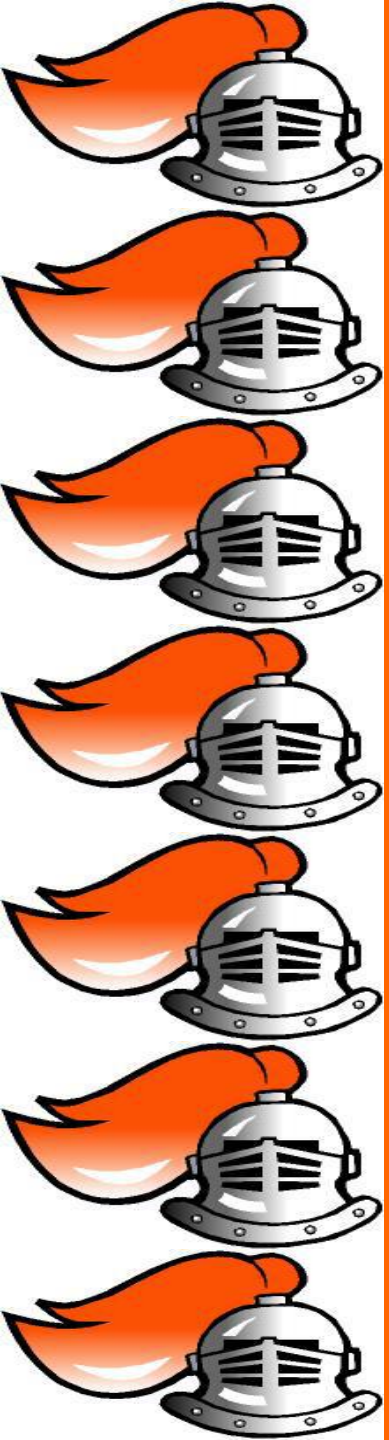
## Definition of Honors:

Honors courses are enriched; they offer the same material in greater depth and with a faster pace...

Honors courses emphasize critical and independent thinking to produce creative application of ideas...

**Motivation** is the main quality that characterizes an honors student

- Example: Honors English 1 requires significant amount of out of class homework reading & writing. Honors will be writing an analytical 4 page papers while English 1 are working on paragraph formation/1 page papers

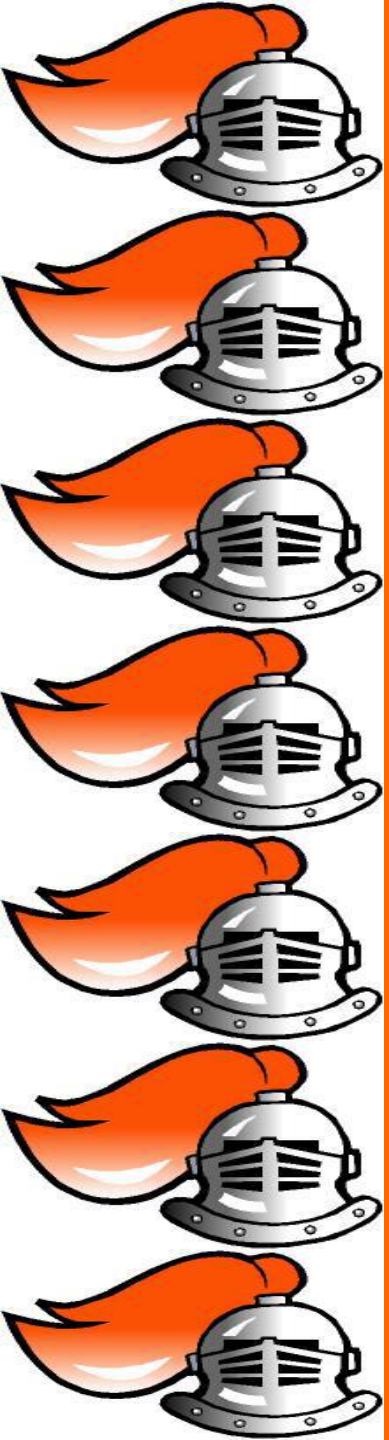


# English

English I  
or  
Honors  
English I

\*\*May be automatically  
enrolled based on IAR scores. Talk  
to your parents & School  
Counselor here at your junior high!



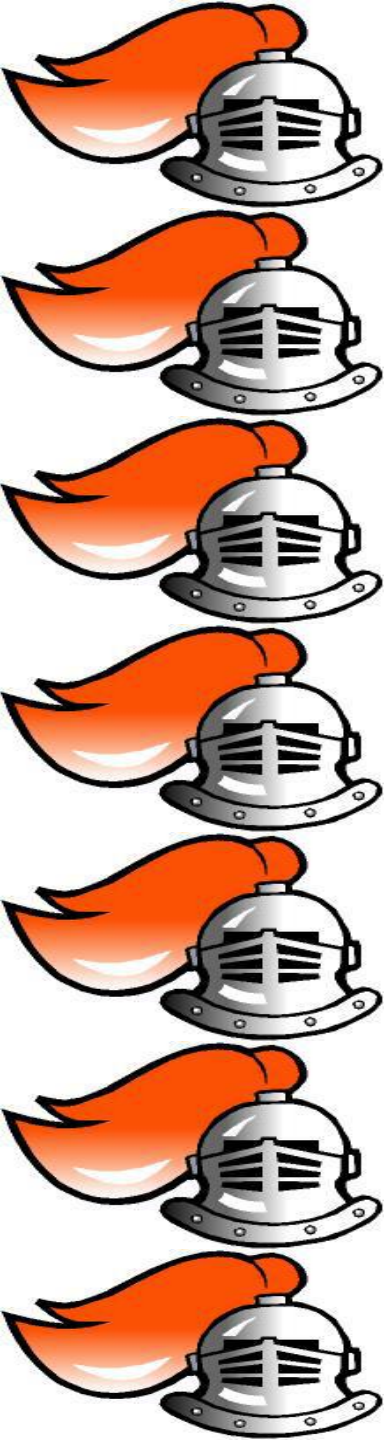


# MATH

- Pre Algebra
- Algebra 1
- Geometry / Honors Geometry
- Algebra 2 w/Trig or Honors Algebra 2
- Honors Pre-Calculus

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# Physical Education



Health (semester)  
Drivers Ed/Swim (semester)  
Advanced Aquatics (semester)

Foundations of Fitness (semester)  
Water and Land Activities (semester) -(SWIMMING!)

*Freshmen/Sophomores will take a minimum of 1 quarter of swimming*

Turns 15...	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter
Before May 1, 2024	DRV101	PHY101		
Between May 1, 2024 & July 31, 2024	PHY111	DRV111		
Between August 1, 2024 & October 15, 2024			DRV102	PHY102
Between October 16, 2024 & December 31, 2024			PHY112	DRV112

If a student turns 15 after December 31, 2024, they WILL NOT take Driver Education until the following school year.

# Highly Recommended Courses

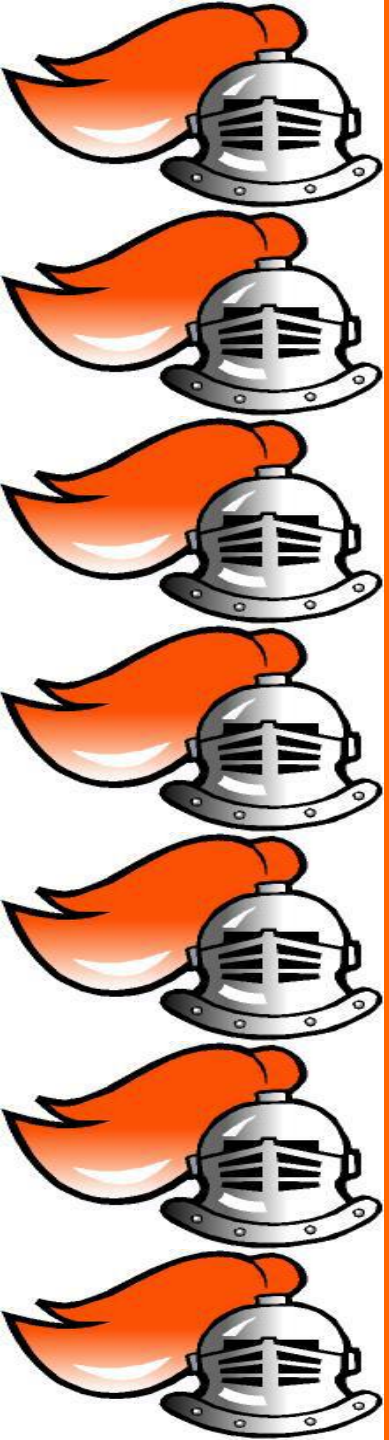
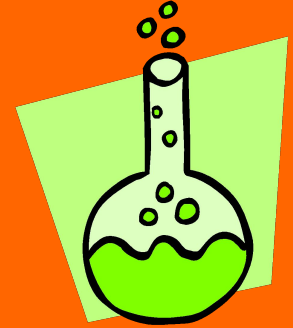
- Science

- Biology
- Honors Biology

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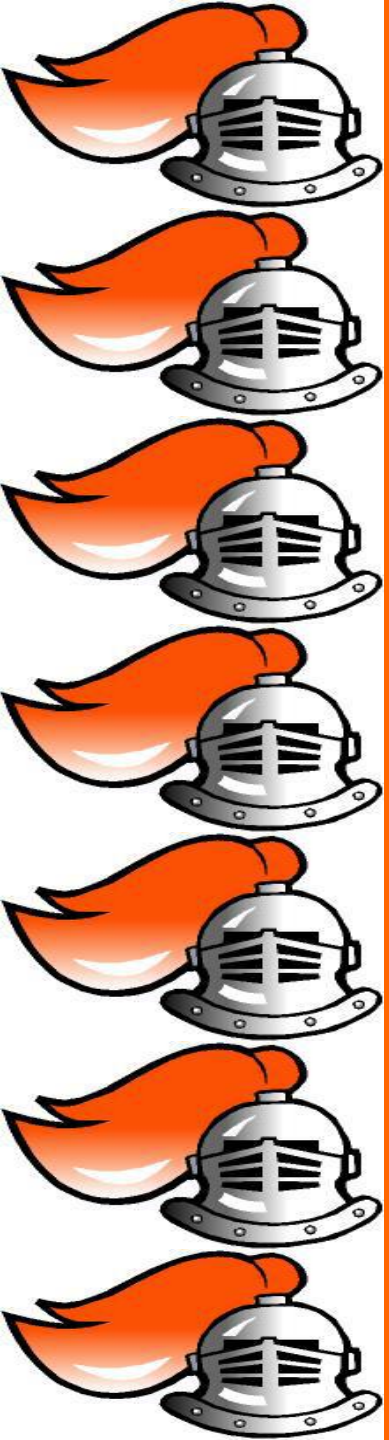
- Social Studies

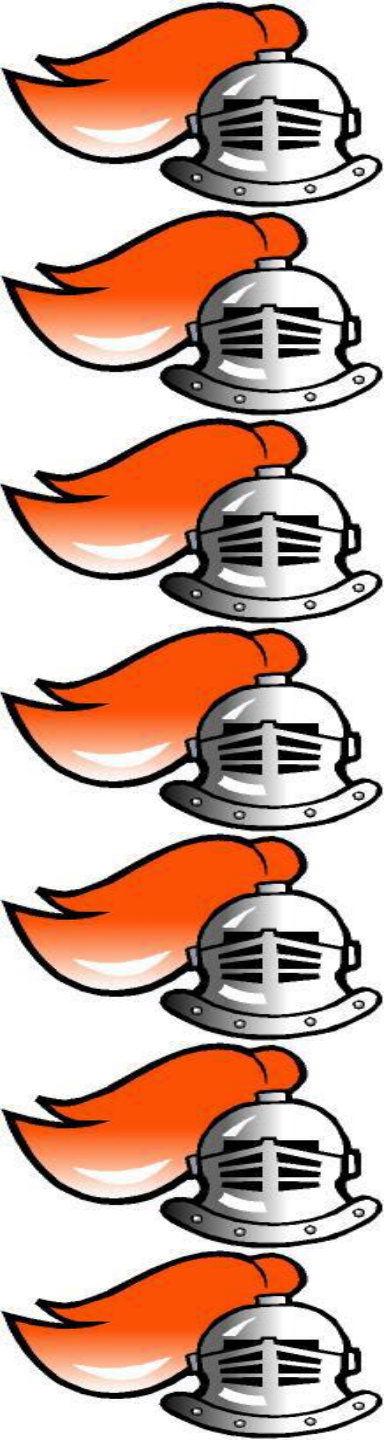
- Regional World Studies



# Level Changes

- May request within first 4 weeks of semester, ONLY if you have a D or F
- When moving down a level, must show interventions have been utilized. Students must fill out form that is provided in counseling office.
- When moving up a level, teacher recommendation and grade are considered.
- Courses with different levels:
  - English
  - Biology
  - Math





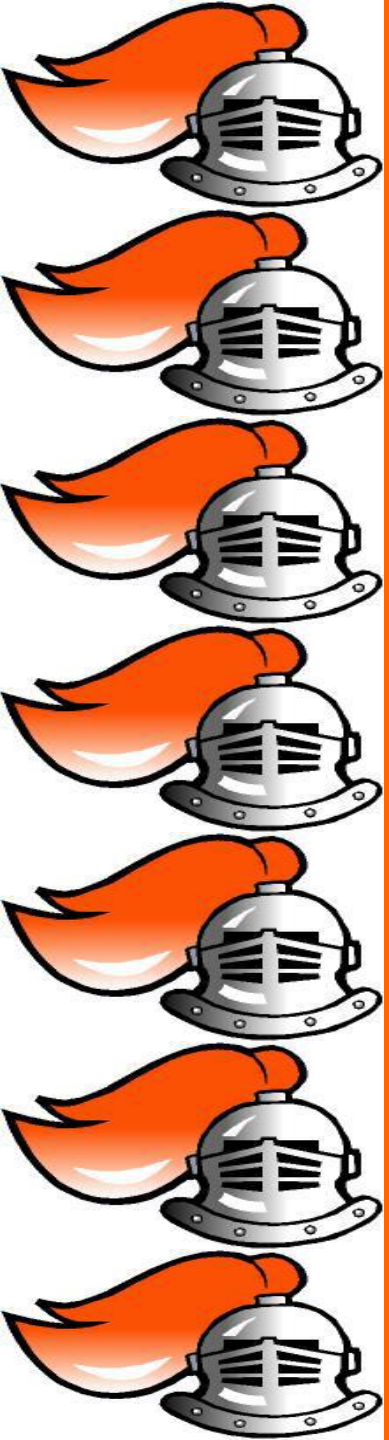
# 6 versus 7 courses

Course Title
1. Algebra (.5)
2. Study Hall (no credit)
3. Health (.5)
4. Regional World Studies (.5)
5. Lunch/HR
6. Biology (.5)
7. French 1 (.5)
8. English (.5)
Total: 3.0 credits earned

Course Title
1. Algebra(.5)
2. English I (.5)
3. Foundations of Fitness (.5)
4. Regional World Studies (.5)
5. Lunch/HR
6. Culinary Arts (.5)
7. French 1 (.5)
8. Biology (.5)
Total: 3.5 credits earned

**A credit can only be earned for a grade of D or higher.**





# Freshman Electives

- Agriculture
- Art
- Business
- Computer Science
- Family and Consumer Science
- Foreign Language
- Music
- Technology



# How to Read the Course to Career Guide

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## **SCI 101/102 BIOLOGY I**

**(Yearly 1 Credit) (9, 10)**

This course is based upon fundamental life sciences concepts...

## **MAT 601/602 HONORS GEOMETRY**

**(Yearly 1 Credit) (9,10) (Honors Level)**

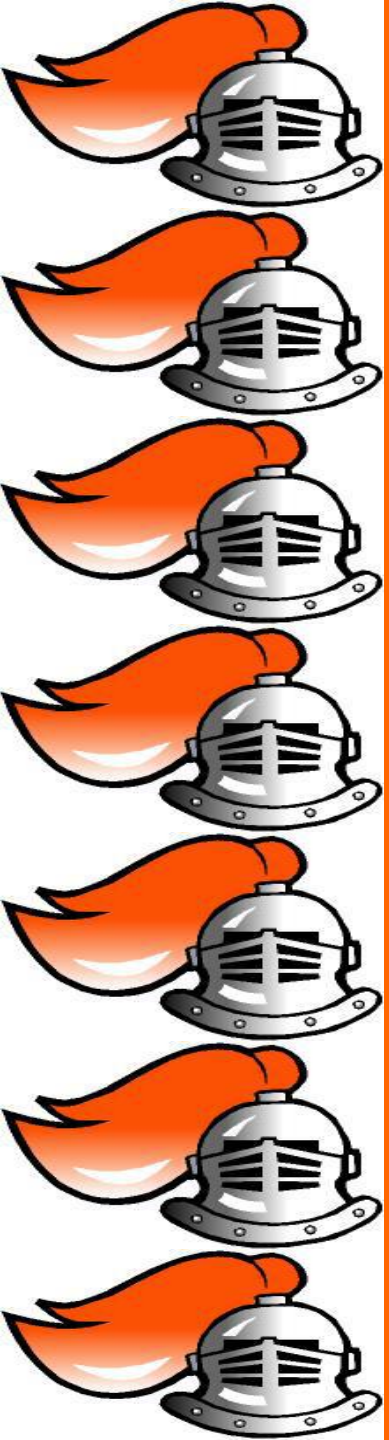
**Prerequisite: "A" in Algebra 1 or Teacher recommendation**

Honors Geometry is a rigorous course designed for anyone who desires a more challenging...

## **ART 061/062 CREATIVE CAREERS in ART**

**(Semester ½ Credit) (9,10, 11, 12)**

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to a variety of viable options in the visual arts....



# How to Read Your Course Selection Sheet and Course to Career Guide

## Course Selection Sheet

(0.5) = a semester long course

(1.0) = a full year course

Course #'s ending in 1 = semester 1

Course #'s ending in 2 = semester 2

You need 7 courses (1 can be study hall) selected for each semester. You have 4 weeks into the semester to drop a 7th class for a study hall.

# What's Next?

- December-January
  - Middle School Counselors meet with students to select their freshman classes (using Infinite Campus)
- March – Copy of course requests can be viewed in Infinite Campus

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

The following courses are available to incoming freshmen (9<sup>th</sup> graders) at both high schools. To find out more specific information about each course and possible prerequisites, refer to the *Course & Career Guide*. The number in parentheses indicates the credit for each class. \*\*Students must select a Math, English and PE/Health course. Due to facility limitations, students may be placed in a PE course other than the one selected.

**Normal Community & Normal West**  
2023-2024 Freshman Course Choices

HOME/ROOM (WEST ONLY)	AGRICULTURE	ART	BUSINESS	COMPUTER SCIENCE	ENGLISH***	FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE	FOREIGN LANGUAGE	MATH***	MUSIC	PHYSICAL EDUCATION***	SCIENCE	SOCIAL STUDIES	STUDY HALL (No Credit)	TECHNOLOGY
HOME 101/102 HOME 111/112 HOME 121/122 HOME 131/132 HOME 141/142	AGR 101/102 Introduction to Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources (1.0)	ART 061/062 Creative Careers in Art (0.5) ART 121/122 Graphic Design I (0.5) ART 131/132 Graphic Design II (0.5) ART 142 Drawing & Painting I (0.5) ART 200/202 Drawing & Painting II (0.5) ART 212 Ceramics & Sculpture I (0.5) ART 212 Ceramics & Sculpture II (0.5)	BUS 011/012 Introduction to Business (1.0) BUS 111/112 Computer Applications I (0.5) BUS 101/102 Computer Applications II (0.5) BUS 101/102 Online Keyboarding Apps (1.0)	CSC 151/152 Computer Science Essentials (1.0)	ENG 111/112 English I (1.0) ENG 171/172 Honors English I (1.0)	PCS 111/112 Culinary Arts I (0.5) PCS 122 Culinary Arts II (0.5) PCS 120/119 Breaded Child Development (0.5) PCS 351 Only if interested in Education Pathway Foundation of Fashion (0.5) PCS 352 Clothing Construction (0.5)	FOR 111/112 French I (1.0) FOR 211/212 French II (1.0) FOR 221/222 German I (1.0) FOR 231/232 German II (1.0) FOR 241/242 Spanish I (1.0) FOR 411/412 Spanish for Heritage Speakers (1.0)	MAT 211/212 MAT 221/222 MAT 231/232 MAT 241/242 MAT 251/252 MAT 261/262 MAT 271/272	MUS 111/112 Music I (1.0) MUS 211/212 Music II (1.0) MUS 141/142 Concert Choir (1.0) Concert Orchestra (1.0) Concert Band (1.0)	PHY 011/012 PHY 111 & DRV 101 PHY 121 & DRV 101 PHY 131 & DRV 101 PHY 141 & DRV 101 PHY 151 & DRV 101 PHY 161 & DRV 101 PHY 171 & DRV 101 PHY 181 & DRV 101 PHY 191 & DRV 101 PHY 201 & DRV 101 PHY 211 & DRV 101 PHY 221 & DRV 101 PHY 231 & DRV 101 PHY 241 & DRV 101 PHY 251 & DRV 101 PHY 261 & DRV 101 PHY 271 & DRV 101 PHY 281 & DRV 101 PHY 291 & DRV 101 PHY 301 & DRV 101 PHY 311 & DRV 101 PHY 321 & DRV 101 PHY 331 & DRV 101 PHY 341 & DRV 101 PHY 351 & DRV 101 PHY 361 & DRV 101 PHY 371 & DRV 101 PHY 381 & DRV 101 PHY 391 & DRV 101 PHY 401 & DRV 101 PHY 411 & DRV 101 PHY 421 & DRV 101 PHY 431 & DRV 101 PHY 441 & DRV 101 PHY 451 & DRV 101 PHY 461 & DRV 101 PHY 471 & DRV 101 PHY 481 & DRV 101 PHY 491 & DRV 101 PHY 501 & DRV 101 PHY 511 & DRV 101 PHY 521 & DRV 101 PHY 531 & DRV 101 PHY 541 & DRV 101 PHY 551 & DRV 101 PHY 561 & DRV 101 PHY 571 & DRV 101 PHY 581 & DRV 101 PHY 591 & DRV 101 PHY 601 & DRV 101 PHY 611 & DRV 101 PHY 621 & DRV 101 PHY 631 & DRV 101 PHY 641 & DRV 101 PHY 651 & DRV 101 PHY 661 & DRV 101 PHY 671 & DRV 101 PHY 681 & DRV 101 PHY 691 & DRV 101 PHY 701 & DRV 101 PHY 711 & DRV 101 PHY 721 & DRV 101 PHY 731 & DRV 101 PHY 741 & DRV 101 PHY 751 & DRV 101 PHY 761 & DRV 101 PHY 771 & DRV 101 PHY 781 & DRV 101 PHY 791 & DRV 101 PHY 801 & DRV 101 PHY 811 & DRV 101 PHY 821 & DRV 101 PHY 831 & DRV 101 PHY 841 & DRV 101 PHY 851 & DRV 101 PHY 861 & DRV 101 PHY 871 & DRV 101 PHY 881 & DRV 101 PHY 891 & DRV 101 PHY 901 & DRV 101 PHY 911 & DRV 101 PHY 921 & DRV 101 PHY 931 & DRV 101 PHY 941 & DRV 101 PHY 951 & DRV 101 PHY 961 & DRV 101 PHY 971 & DRV 101 PHY 981 & DRV 101 PHY 991 & DRV 101 PHY 1001 & DRV 101	SCI 101/102 Biology (1.0) SCI 201/202 Human Biology (1.0)	SOC 101/102 Regional World Studies (1.0)	STH 101 Study Hall 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester (0) STH 102 Study Hall 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester (0)	TTC 081/082 Intro to Technology Concepts (1.0) TTC 211/212 Intro to Mechatronics & Robotics Technology (1.0) TTC 411/412 Intro to Engineering Design (1.0) TTC 401/402 Intro to Automotive & Welding (1.0)

Total Number of Credits Chosen: \_\_\_\_\_





# Course Selection Changes

March 22nd, 2024

Last day to make a change in a student's course selection for next school year!

Questions?????

- Before spring break contact middle school counselor
- After spring break contact high school counselor

# Top Questions

1. Foreign language? Is it a graduation requirement?
2. Do I have to take swim as a 9th grader?
3. How do I sign up for behind the wheel?
4. Can I take a zero hour next year as a 9th grader?