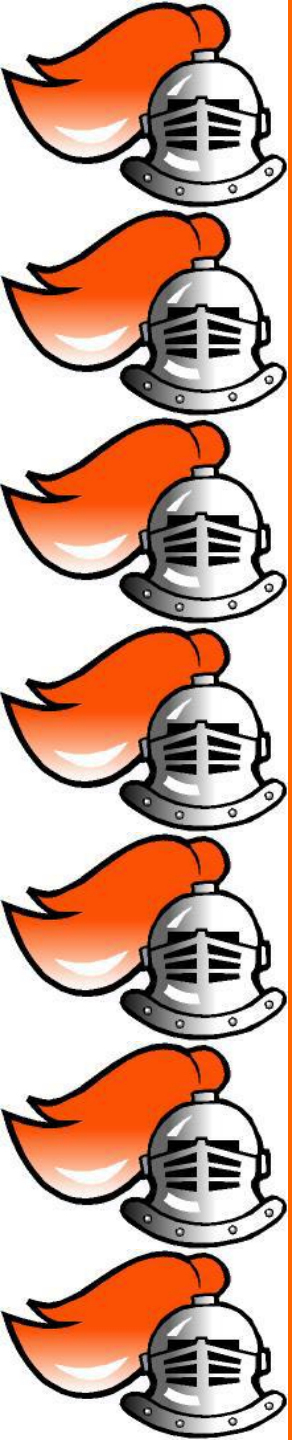


# Junior Course Selection

2024-2025



# Graduation Requirements

English	4.0 credits
Social Science US History (computer literacy) Civics or AP Gov't US (Constitution test)	2.0 credits
Math (Algebra 1 and Geometry content)	3.0 credits
Science	2.0 credits
Health/PE	3.5 credits
Consumer Ed	0.5 credit
Electives	9 credits
TOTAL	24 Credits



# CREDITS

To be a...	You must have...	It's recommended you have...
Sophomore	5 Credits	6 credits
Junior	11 Credits	12 credits
Senior	17 Credits	18 credits
HS graduate	24 Credits	REQUIRED TO HAVE 24 CREDITS!!!



# Available Options

- Zero Hour
- BL - Blended Classes
- [H] - Honors Classes
- [DC] - Dual Credit
- [AP] - Advanced Placement
- NCAA Eligible Classes
- STEM Concentration
- Seal of Biliteracy
- Education Pathway

\*Check the Course to Career Guide for additional information and course prerequisites.



# Available Zero Hour Courses 2024-25

Sports & Fitness

Personal Development

BL Physics

English 3

Culinary Arts 1

Culinary Arts 2

\*Course will have 0HR in Academic Planner  
when selecting the course



# Blended Courses [BL]

- Organization, communication skills, and self-advocacy are required for these courses.
- Similar to college classes - a significant amount of work completed outside of classroom.
- Select [BL] option through Infinite Campus.

**\*If your grade is below a C, you will be required to attend classes on flex days in order to get the assistance you need.\***

**\*\*You cannot leave the building on a flex day, unless your blended course backs up to study hall or is scheduled 1st or 8th period. You also cannot request specific periods for classes.**





# Dual Credit [DC]

College NOW Program

If you are interested in earning college credit as a high school student, you've come to the right place!

[Become a College NOW student](#)

**COLLEGE  
NOW**

- Apply by December 21, 2023
  - Heartland Application
- Meet placement criteria by December 21, 2023
  - Literacy placement required for all [DC] classes
  - SAT score of 480 (literacy)  
or
  - Assess with HCC
- [DC] Intro to Stats and Fundamentals of Chemistry
  - requires math placement or SAT math score of 500
- [DC] Finite Math
  - requires math placement or SAT math score of 620



# [AP] Course Exams

## Yearlong & Semester 1 AP Courses:

Exam registration and payment due by October 31st

## Semester 2 only AP Courses: (Psych, Comparative Gov, Human Geography, some US Govt classes)

Exam registration and payment due by February 28th

\*AP exams are required for potential college credit

Cost to take AP Exams = \$100/exam

Visit the NCHS [AP] website for more information

<https://www.unit5.org/Page/7863>





# Auto Acceleration

Information was sent home in November regarding this new system.

- ❑ If you have qualifying test scores from last school year (PSAT 9), you will be automatically placed in an honors or AP level course (core subjects only). Your parent was to accept or decline this placement in an Infinite Campus survey in November.
- ❑ We can make adjustments until the March 22nd deadline, if both the student and parent agree.

# English



Course currently taking	Grade in the course	Course to take next year
English II	Any grade	English III
English II	B or higher	AP English Language & Composition
Honors English II	D or Lower	English III
Honors English II	C or Higher	AP English Language & Composition

# Math

## Year-Long Courses:

Geometry  
Algebra 2 (slowed down version)  
Algebra 2 w/ Trig (Standard level)  
Honors Algebra 2  
STEM Trig  
BL Pre-Calculus  
Honors Pre-Calculus  
AP Statistics  
BL AP Calculus AB  
AP Calculus BC  
Honors Calculus 3

## Semester-Long Courses:

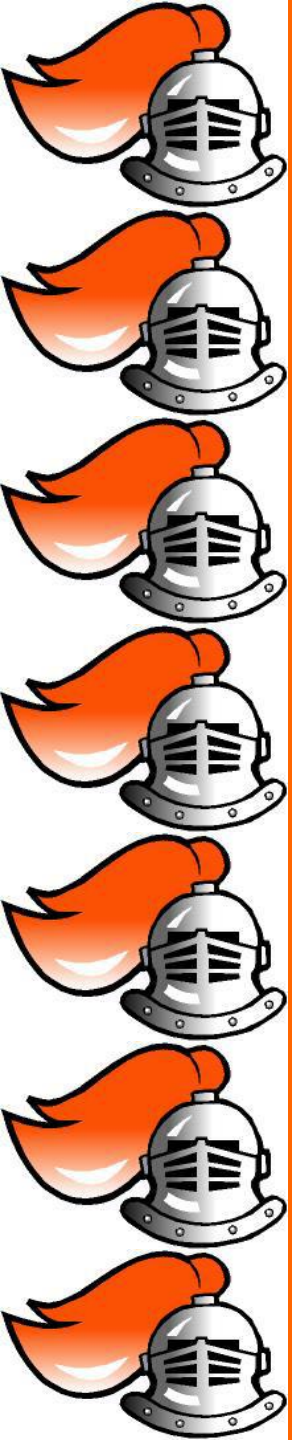
Finite  
Probability & Statistics  
Finite Math [DC]  
BL Intro to Statistics [DC]

## Computer Science Options:

AP Computer Science\*  
AP Computer Science Principles\*

\*1 CS course can count towards math credit requirement

***\*Talk to your math teacher for recommendations\****



# Science

Chemistry

BSAA

PSAA

BL Earth & Space Science

Biological Engineering

Molecular & Structural Biology

Environment Earth

Environment Earth [DC]

Fundamentals of Chem [DC]

BL Physics

## Courses with Physics

### Prerequisite:

AP Biology

AP Chemistry

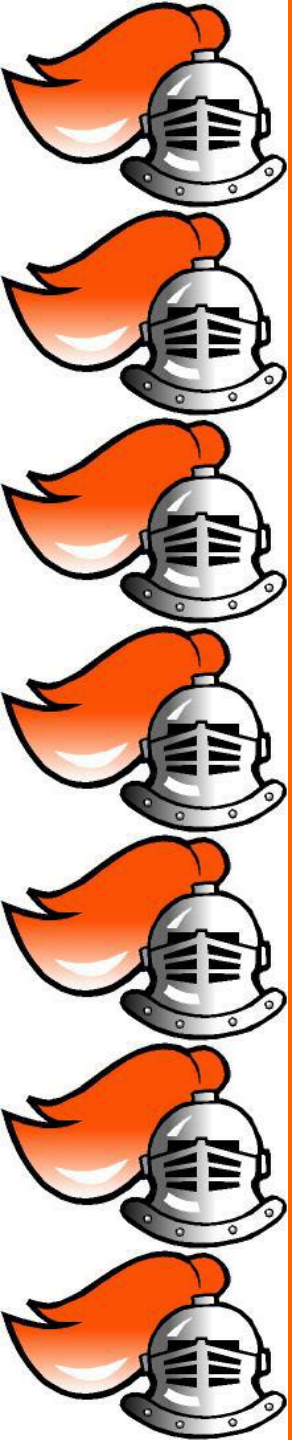
AP Physics C

***\*\*Talk to your science teacher for recommendations\*\****

# Social Studies Electives

ONE SEMESTER each

- Civics (meets graduation requirement)
- Economics
- Human Geography
- International Relations
- Introduction to Logic
- Multicultural Studies
- Psychology
- Sociology
- AP Psychology (After taking Psych)
- AP Government & Politics (meets Civics graduation requirement)
- AP Comparative Government
- AP Human Geography (after taking Human Geo)
- BL Western Civilization to 1500 [DC]
- BL Western Civilization since 1500 [DC]



# PE

- PE Exemption
  - IHSA activity/sport including Marching Band
  - Only for semester you are in the activity/sport
  - Winter sports - choose which semester (not both)
  - **List Exemption in Non-Credit Section of IC Academic Planner**
- Options:
  - Sports & Fitness
  - Lifetime Fitness
  - Personal Development
  - Dance Fitness
  - Water & Land Activities
  - Advanced Aquatics
  - Swim Guard
  - Lifestyle Management
  - Unified Physical Education (C or higher in all PE courses)








# Consumer Education

Pass one of the below options to fulfill the State of Illinois' Consumer Education requirement for high school graduation:

- Introduction to Business (9, 10) - 1 year
- Consumer Education (11, 12) - 1 semester
- BL Personal Investment & Finance (11, 12) - 1 semester
- Agribusiness Management (11, 12) - 1 year
- Work Program Class/Work Program (11,12) – 1 year

# Elective Options

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- Agriscience and Technology
  - Art
  - Business
  - Computer Science
  - English
  - Family and Consumer Science
  - Foreign Language (FL Dept Info to Consider)
  - Music
  - Technology
  - Work/Career Exposure
  - BACC - Bloomington Area Career Center

**\*Consider your college/career path when selecting electives!**



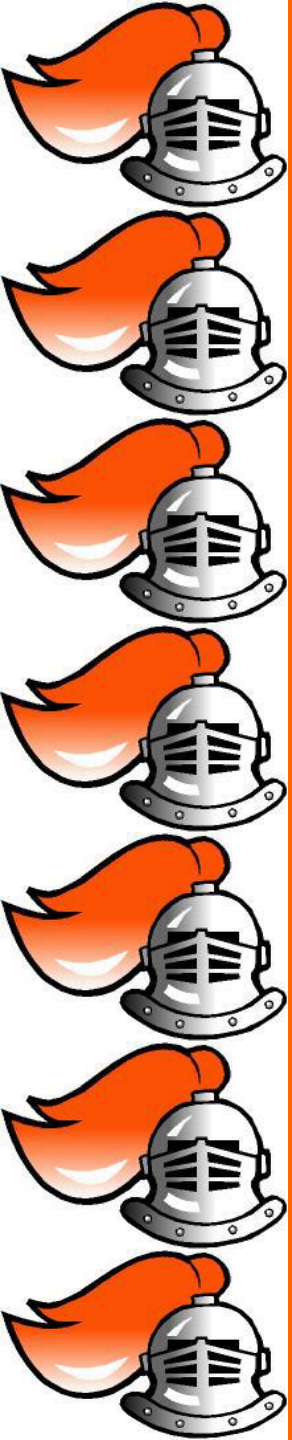
# Work Program

- 2-4 hours of your day
- 1 credit/year for Work class
  - Required for 1st year only
- 2 credits/year for Work Program
- Must have a job by the start of school
- 15-20 hours per week, some hours during the week.
- Must have own transportation
- Meets Consumer Ed. Requirement

Application & Information:

<https://www.teamunit5.com/workprogram>

Don't need to apply to get in, but need to complete application by first day of school.



# BACC

## Bloomington Area Career Center

- 3 hours of your day
- 2 credits/year
- Variety of vocational courses
  - Listed in Course to Career Guide
- Applications required/Acceptance in March
  - [Click Here for Online Application](#)
  - Apply NOW - programs are first come, first served
- Bus transportation provided
  - Zero hour must provide own transportation
- Watch for prerequisites
  - Culinary, Metalworking, Construction, Computer Technology & Networking, Robotics

**Do not** select BACC when requesting your classes in IC! Put in a full NCHS schedule. Your counselor will meet individually with you when we get BACC rosters.



# Typical Junior Schedule

Core Courses	BACC	Work Program
*English	*English	*English
Math	Math	Math
*PE	*PE	*PE
Science	Elective	Work Program Class
Social Studies	BACC course	Work
Elective	BACC course	Work
Elective/SH	BACC course	Work

\*Typically required credit for graduation

# Next Steps...

- Use Infinite Campus to select your classes
  - Deadline - Friday, January 12, 2024
- Contact your counselor with questions.
  - Email
  - In-person appointment
  - Counselors do not work during Winter Break
- No schedule changes after Spring Break!







# Exceptions for Course Selection Changes

- Conflicts that your counselor will discuss with you
- Successful completion of summer school courses
- To meet graduation requirements
- Failure to meet course prerequisite
- Missing requirement for university admission
- Move to higher weighted course
- Change Study Hall to course (1st 5 days of semester)
- Change a second semester course within first 9 weeks of semester 1 only
- Drop 7th course for study hall (within first 4 weeks of semester)



# Level Changes

For Next Semester and Next Year....

- May request within first 4 weeks of semester
  - If you have D or F
- When moving down a level, must show interventions have been implemented
- Completion of level change form

# How to Select Your Courses



**[Click here to view the Infinite Campus Academic Planner video](#)**

**[Click here](#) for text instructions on entering courses in your Academic Planner**

**[Click here](#) for Course to Career Guide (descriptions and course information)**

**[Course Selection Website - Resources](#)**