Academic Program Review Mineola High School

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High School Program Overview

- Curriculum
 - National/State Requirements
 - ☐ AP Courses, Regents
 - Local Desire (Science Research, Financial Literacy)
- □ Instruction
 - How we teach it
 - What are we doing differently? (Marzano)
 - □ Role of Technology
- Assessment (Performance Indicators)
 - Regents
 - NWEA

Achieving the Mineola Mission Statement at the High School

- Develop well-rounded individuals who will leave high school ready to meet the challenges of college or the workforce.
- The high school strives to develop students who are good decision makers, think critically, and are good citizens.
- Provide enrichment & support.
- Meet the needs of all students.

Course Descriptions/Course Offerings – Grades 9 & 10

	Level	Grade 9	Grade 10	
Math	Accelerated	Geometry H	Algebra II & Trig H	
	Regents	Integrated Algebra	Geometry	
Science	Accelerated	Living Environ H	Chemistry	
	Regents	Living Environ	Earth Science	
English	Accelerated	English 9 H	English 10 H	
	Regents	English 9	English 10	
Social Studies	Accelerated	Global History 9 H	Global History 10 AP	
	Regents	Global History 1	Global History 2	

Course Descriptions/Course Offerings – Grades 11 & 12

	Level	Grade 11	Grade 12
Math	Accelerated	Pre-Calculus H	AP Calculus BC AP Calculus AB AP Statistics
	Regents	Algebra II & Trig or Probability/ Statistics or Integ Algebra & Trig or Pre-Calculus (Spring)	Pre-Calculus AP Calculus AB AP Statistics
Science	Accelerated	AP Science* or Physics R (*Chemistry, Biology, Physics or Environmental)	AP Science* (*Chemistry, Biology, Physics or Environmental)
	Regents	Chemistry	Physics
English	Accelerated	AP English Language & Comp	AP English Lit or College English
	Regents	English 11	English Electives
Social Studies	Accelerated	AP US History	AP Gov't. College Gov't. College Economics
	Regents	US History	Gov't/Economics

Instructional Differences Between Types of Courses

- Regents
 - Alignment to New York State Standards
 - College Preparation
- Honors
 - Alignment to New York State Standards
 - College Preparation
 - Prepare students for the challenges of higher-level courses
- Advanced Placement
 - Based on a National Curriculum
 - College preparation
 - Culminates in a National AP Exam
 - Opportunity for college credit

New Coursework

- □ Science Research
- □ Financial Literacy
- Musical Theater
- PE Leadership
- Contemporary Issues & Events in the World

Science Research Program

- Skills emphasized in this program:
 - Organizational skills
 - Internet skills
 - Laboratory experimentation
 - Documentation of results
 - Written & oral communication
 - Introduction to Science Research, Advanced Research I, and Advanced Research II

Highlights

- □ Long Island Science Congress
- □ Siemens and/or Intel competitions
- National Science Foundation/Noyce High School Science & Math Fair
- Long Island Science & Engineering Fair
- Research opportunities at Adelphi University and Winthrop University Hospital

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- Establish and communicate goals What is the learning goal?
- Design activities to increase student understanding – How are students engaged?
- Develop formative assessments to track student learning – How does the teacher assess students' progress?

Implementing Formative Assessment

- Quality Formative Assessments always...
- Emphasize the quality rather than the quantity of student work.
- Foster dialogue that explores understanding.
- Provide feedback that enhances student motivation & leads to improvement.

Performance Indicators (Assessments)

- □ Graduation rates
- Advanced Regents diplomas
- Regents passing rates
- □ AP enrollment
- AP Scholars

Regents Diploma Rates

Year of	Advanced Regents Diploma		Regents Diploma	
Graduation	Percent	No. Diplomas	Percent	No. Diplomas
2008	65%	121	92%	49
2009	65%	118	94%	53
2010	65%	117	94%	54

Future Concerns

Three Options:

- 1. Continuation of exams.
- 2. Charge cost of Regents to the schools.
- 3. SED will eliminate most Regents exams that are not Federally required: Italian, French, Spanish, US History & Government, Global History & Geography, Physics, Chemistry, Earth Science, and Geometry.

Conclusion – Continue to Improve Student Achievement

- Data analysis
- Use of assessment to improve teaching practices
- Application of the improved teaching practices