



8th to 9th Grade Scheduling

Newfane Senior High School

2023-2024



Goals for Today:

- ⦿ Hear about some of the elective courses that you can take
- ⦿ Intro into high school graduation requirements and courses
- ⦿ Understand that you meet with your school counselor *annually* to select courses for the next year
- ⦿ Answer your questions

Terminology:

- ◎ **Required Courses:** Courses that you must take and pass
- ◎ **Elective Courses:** Courses you choose to take
- ◎ **Credits:** Unit of measure of what the course is worth (based on seat time)
 - ◎ Full year/every day classes = 1 credit
 - ◎ Half year/every other day classes = .5 credits
- ◎ **Regents Exams:** Exams needed by NYS Dept. of Ed. Need to pass several in order to graduate
- ◎ **Prerequisite:** Course need to take prior to another

Graduation Requirements:

Three categories of graduation. You must complete all 3!!!

1. Take and pass all required courses (9-12)
2. Take and pass all required Regents Exams (number of exams depends on diploma type - can retake exams)
3. Accumulate more than 22 credits by the end of 12th grade (all passed required and elective course credits)

Graduation Requirements

Regents Diploma Exams: # Exams

- * English 11 (ELA) 1
- * Algebra 1 1
- * Global Studies 2 1
- * US History 1
- * Science 1

(Liv. Environment or Earth Science)

Total= 5

Adv. Reg. Diploma Exams: # Exams

- * English 11 (ELA) 1
- * Algebra 1, **Geometry, Algebra 2** 3
- * Global Studies 2 1
- * US History 1
- * **Two** Sciences 2

(Liv. Environment **PLUS** Earth Sci., or Chemistry or Physics)

- * **Span. 3** 1
(or accrue 5 credits in art, tech., business or BOCES)

Total= 8 or 9

Graduation Requirements Courses

* Regents Diploma

- * 4 English
- * 4 Social Studies
- * 3 Math (1 Regents Level)
- * 3 Science (1 Regents Lvl.)
- * 1 Art or Music
- * Health/Allied Health
- * 4 PE/Gym

- * One Spanish
- * *(Plus take elective courses)*

* Advanced Regents Dipl.

- * 4 English
- * 4 Social Studies
- * 3 Math (All Regents Level)
- * 3 Science (≥ 2 Regents Lvl.)
- * 1 Art or Music
- * Health/Allied Health
- * 4 PE/Gym

- * 3 Spanish or one Spanish & 5 credit major.
- * *(Plus take elective courses)*

Total of 22 credits for both diploma types



Core Classes: Must take in Grade 9!

- ⊙ English 9
- ⊙ Global Studies 1
- ⊙ Phys. Ed
- ⊙ Science

⊙ Living Environment with Lab

or

⊙ Earth Science with Lab if
accelerated in Grade 8

- ⊙ Math

⊙ Algebra 1 (plus Math Lab if
needed/recommended)

or

⊙ Geometry if accelerated in
Grade 8 - No math lab

- ⊙ Art or Music Course
 - ⊙ Studio Art, Band, Chorus, or CAD DDP
- ⊙ Plus one other elective course
 - ⊙ Spanish 2 (especially if plan to go to college)
 - ⊙ Other available in electives in Tech / Art / Music /Computers

Spanish:

- ◎ LOTE (Languages Other Than English) = Spanish
 - Spanish 1 (must pass course and exam - unless exempt)
 - Minimum for graduation (or pass Spanish 9)
 - Spanish 1 leads to Spanish 2 in Grade 9
- ◎ College-bound students should take a minimum of 3 years!!!
 - Can still be accepted to college without continuing on with Spanish but easier to get an Advanced Regents Diploma and fulfill college foreign language requirements by sticking with it
 - Junior and Senior Year: Can take College Spanish classes

Electives:



Art

- Studio in Art
- Drawing I and II (if accelerated in grade 8)



Music

- Symphonic Band
- Festival Chorus
 - College Music Theory (recommended for Grade 9) extra music course
 - Prerequisite: Chorus or Band
 - All music students are assigned to 1 Lesson per week. These are essential to the development of musical knowledge, musicianship, and performance skills. They are required



More Electives:

- ◎ Technology
 - CAD Design and Drawing for Productions (DDP)
 - Counts as an Art credit towards graduation
 - Production / Manufacturing Systems

- Computer Science
 - Computer Science Principles

9th Grade Course Selection Sheet

Grade 9 Course Requests (disregard order of classes):

- 1- English 9
- 2- Global Studies 1
- 3- Lunch
- 4- Gym/Science Lab/Science Study Hall

Current Accelerated/HS Courses:

- Spanish 1 ____
- Studio Art ____
- Living Environment ____
- Algebra 1 ____

5	Science: Living Environment ____	5	Science: Earth Science ____
6	Math: Algebra 1 ____	6	Math: Geometry ____
7	_____ (Elective- if not recommended for Math Lab)	7	_____ (Elective- unlikely need Geometry Math Lab)

- 8- _____ {Art or Music choice: Studio Art, Band, Chorus, or CAD DDP?}
- 9- _____ {Spanish 2 or other elective course- ie. Tech, Art, Music, Computers}

High School 4-Year Plan Template

GRADE 9

English 9
Global Studies I
Living Environment
Math _____

Physical Education

GRADE 10

English 10
Global Studies II
Earth Science
Math _____
*Health

Physical Education

GRADE 11

English 11
U.S. History & Government
Chemistry
Math _____

Physical Education

GRADE 12

English 12
Participation in Government
Economics

Physical Education

* The required 1/2 unit of health is recommended to be taken in the Sophomore year, leaving the option of an alternating class or study hall.

School Policy mandates a minimum course load of 6 credits plus physical education each semester.

CTE – Career and Technical Education

- Animal Science
- Conservation
- Building Maintenance and Management
- Building Trades
- Electricity and Electronics
- HVAC
- Animation, Film, and Visual Effects
- Computer Technology
- Graphic Communications
- Web Development and Game Programming
- Allied Health
- Certified Personal Trainer
- Emergency Medical Services
- Health Occupations Technician
- Culinary Arts
- Cosmetology
- Fashion and Interior Decorating
- Security and Law Enforcement
- Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering
- Project Based Engineering
- Welding
- Auto Body Repair
- Automotive Technology
- Diesel Technology, Heavy Equipment, and Agriculture Mechanics

Honors and AP Courses at Newfane High School

AP Course

- ⊙ English 10
- ⊙ English 11
- ⊙ Environmental Sci.
- ⊙ PIG/Econ.
- ⊙ Psychology
- ⊙ US History
- ⊙ World History

CAP Course

- ⊙ Biology I & II
- ⊙ Environmental Science
- ⊙ Business Management
- ⊙ Principles of Marketing
- ⊙ Business Law
- ⊙ MS Office
- ⊙ CAD Engineering/Manufacturing
- ⊙ English I & II
- ⊙ Healthy Living
- ⊙ Allied Health
- ⊙ Pre-Calc.
- ⊙ Calculus I & II
- ⊙ Statistics
- ⊙ Music Theory
- ⊙ Spanish 4 & 5

NUSTEP Course

- ⊙ Sociology

GCC Course

- ⊙ Math

How to Succeed

- ◎ Do your homework and attend school!
- ◎ If you need help:
 - ◎ AIS (Academic Intervention Services)
 - ◎ Tutoring - Teacher, Peer (upperclassmen)
 - ◎ Stay after school with the teacher
 - ◎ Attend review classes for tests or Regents Exams

Interim Report (at 5 week points)

Report Cards (at 10 week points)

Parent Portal - Parents can check your grades at any time online
or with your Counselor



What is Next?

Freshman Orientation

- Late August
 - Receive schedule, meet mentor & teachers, find classrooms
 - Will not be allowed to change schedule

High School 4 Year Plan Meetings - select your courses! End of January

- Grades 9-11 happens in February or March annually
- Course selections are mailed or emailed home. Parents sign and return course selection sheet then you are locked in with these courses

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