

Ninth Grade Classroom Guidance



General Promotion Requirements

- ▶ Need a minimum of 5 credits for promotion to 10th grade
- ▶ Minimum of 11 credits needed for 11th grade
- ▶ Minimum of 16 credits needed for 12th grade
- ▶ Minimum 2.0 GPA and pass 5 classes/semester for sports/activities eligibility



Aviation Academy Requirements

- ▶ An “F” or 2 “Ds” for the semester earns academic probation
- ▶ Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.2
- ▶ No failing semester grades in Math and science
- ▶ Perform 25 hours of community service annually



Grade Point Average(GPA)

Letter Grade	AP Class	Honor Class	Standard Class
A	5.0	4.5	4.0
B	4.0	3.5	3.0
C	3.0	2.5	2.0
D	2.0	1.5	1.0
F	0.0	0.0	0.0



Diploma Options

- Standard Diploma
- Advanced Studies Diploma

Obtaining An Advanced Diploma

Discipline Area	Units of Credit	Beginning in 2011 – 2012 for 9 th graders	Number of Credits Verified Via SOL tests
English	4	4	2
Math	4	4	2
Science	4	4	2
History / Social Studies	4	4	2
Health & PE	2	2	
Foreign Language	3	3	
Fine Arts / CTE	1	1	
Economics and Personal Finance		1	
Electives	2	3	
Student Selected Test			1
Total	24	26	9

Obtaining A Standard Diploma

Discipline Area	Units of Credit	Beginning in 2011–2012 for 9 th graders	Number of Credits Verified Via SOL tests
English	4	4	2
Math	3	3	1
Science	3	3	1
History / Social Studies	3	3	1
Health & PE	2	2	
Fine Arts / CTE	1	2	
Economics and Personal Finance		1	
Electives	6	4	
Student Selected Test			1
Total	22	22	6

Why Take Challenging Classes?

- ▶ Colleges like to see students take honors and advance placement classes.
- ▶ Shows motivation, willingness to work and learn.
- ▶ Your mind works like your body – mental workouts versus physical workouts
- ▶ Heavier weights build up your muscles; heavier courses will build up a student's mind.



Why Should I Choose College?



Career Minded

- ▶ 49 of the 50 highest paying jobs require a college degree or higher.
- ▶ 19 of 20 jobs that are about to become extinct employ high school graduates or dropouts.
- ▶ Of the 20 hottest jobs, the highest average salary is:
 - More than \$70,000 for jobs that require a two-or four-year degree.
 - Less than \$30,000 for jobs that require a high school diploma or less.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor



YOUR FUTURE

You don't have to choose college but if you stop with a high school diploma, you will:

- ▶ Have difficulty fulfilling your dreams.
- ▶ Miss out on a great opportunity to reach your full potential.
- ▶ Limit how well you can provide for yourself and/or your family
- ▶ Qualify for fewer jobs.
- ▶ Make a whole lot less money.



Keys to Academic Success

- ▶ Good Attendance
- ▶ Time Management
- ▶ Study effectively
- ▶ Take Responsibility
- ▶ Respect Authority



Good Attendance

- ▶ Research indicates that each absence can result in lost of 5–10 points off of grade
- ▶ Highly correlated with future job and or post-secondary school attendance
- ▶ Reflected on official transcript



Time Management

- ▶ Set and adhere to deadlines
- ▶ Learn to balance work and play
- ▶ Practice writing important dates, assignment, projects, etc. in an agenda or notebook
- ▶ Learn to set priorities and stick to them (study time and homework before TV, video games, phone texting)
- ▶ Study with minimal distractions
- ▶ Diet and proper rest



Study Effectively

- ▶ Concentrate on teacher instruction/lecture
- ▶ Write down main ideas
- ▶ Use abbreviations
- ▶ Review/rewrite notes
- ▶ Participate in class
- ▶ Stay for after school tutoring
- ▶ Jot down key points as you read
- ▶ Communicate with teachers, counselor, and parents



Take Responsibility

- ▶ Don't play the blame game
- ▶ Every decision has consequences
- ▶ Success is achieved by sacrifice
- ▶ Intelligence cannot stand alone, must have discipline and dedication
- ▶ Join organizations/clubs and stay active
- ▶ The more you learn, the more you earn



Respect Authority

- ▶ Remember everyone has to “answer” to someone
- ▶ You can disagree without being disagreeable
- ▶ Treat others like you want to be treated



What Are Career Pathways?

- ▶ Career Pathways are groupings of professions, occupations and industries that require similar talents, knowledge, and skills.
- ▶ These groupings are used as an organizing tool for curriculum design.
- ▶ NNPS has 12 Career Pathways.

