

Canton High School

Parent Meeting for
2010-2011 Course Selection
March 10, 2010
7:00-8:15 pm

Agenda

- Greetings and Introductions
- School Schedule Overview
 - Graduation Expectations
 - Types of Courses
- Departmental Programs
- Scheduling Process
- General Questions
- Individual meetings with Dept. Coord.

Canton High School Administration

- Dr. Dias- Principal
- Mr. McDeed- Assistant Principal
- Mrs. Roache- English Department Coordinator
- Mrs. Augenstern- Foreign Lang. Dept. Coordinator
- Mr. Rubin- Guidance Department Coordinator
- Dr. Curry- Mathematics Department Coordinator
- Mrs. Collmer- Performing Arts Department Coordinator
- Mr. Staiti- Science Department Coordinator
- Mr. Connor- Social Studies Department Coordinator
- Mrs. Stenmon – Visual Arts Department Coordinator
- Mr. Boucher – Wellness Department Coordinator

Graduation Expectations

Students must pass all required classes and earn one hundred (100) credits necessary for graduation:

- Four (4) years of English
- Three (3) years of Social Studies (one of which must be U.S. History)
- Three (3) years of Math
- Three (3) years of Science
- A Wellness course every year (and Health in Grade 9)
- Five credits from courses in the Performing, Visual, or Industrial Arts
- Three credits in Computer Technology
- Students must also meet state law requirements regarding MCAS exams.

Recommendations:

Those students who plan to apply to State Colleges must **EXCEED** the graduation requirements to be considered for admission.

We recommend:

- At least two consecutive years in the same foreign language
- Electives that offer the opportunity to explore and develop particular interests
- Students should contact their Guidance Counselor for further information.

Types of Courses

- Core Courses:

- English
- Foreign Language
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies

- Required Courses:

- Wellness/Guidance Seminar

- Electives (some are required):

- *All of the above, including the Arts and Technology*

What Determines an Appropriate Level of Study?

- ⇒ Past Achievement
- ⇒ Current Grades
- ⇒ Teacher Recommendation
- ⇒ Time Spent on Studying
- ⇒ Academic Development
- ⇒ Motivation/Aspirations
- ⇒ Post-Secondary Plans
- ⇒ Extra-Curricular and Outside Activities

Prerequisites

- Students are required to meet the course prerequisite at the time that our teachers make recommendations.
- If a student satisfies the prerequisite in June, they should contact their guidance counselor and the appropriate Department Coordinator immediately.

Homework Expectations

➤ Accelerated 45 - 60 minutes

➤ Honors/ AP 30 - 40 minutes

➤ College Prep. 1 30 minutes

➤ College Prep. 2 20 – 30 minutes

Credits

- Full Year Courses
 - Meeting 6 out of 7 days = 6 credits
 - Meeting 3 out of 7 days = 3 credits
- Semester courses
 - Meeting 6 out of 7 days = 3 credits
 - Meeting 3 out of 7 days = 1.5 credits

Course Selection

- *All* Students should sign up for a *minimum* of 38 credits.
- It is recommended that students sign up for 41 credits.
- *In addition*, students should select 3 alternate electives.

PERIOD ROTATION SCHEDULE

TIME	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7
7:20 - 8:12	A1	G 1	F2	E3	D4	C5	B6
8:17 - 9:33	B1	A2	G2	F3	E4	D5	C6
9:40 - 10:30	C1	B2	A3	G3	F4	E5	D6
10:35 - 11:50	D1	C2	B3	A4	G4	F5	E6
11:57 - 12:47	E1	D2	C3	B4	A5	G5	F6
12:52 - 1:44	F1	E2	D3	C4	B5	A6	G6

STUDENT SCHEDULE- Semester 1

TIME	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7
7:20 - 8:12	Photo	Alg. 1	PE	Biol.	Span 2	World His	Eng 1
8:17 - 9:33	Eng 1	Photo	Alg. 1	Guid. Sem.	Biol.	Span 2	World His
9:40 - 10:30	World His	Eng 1	Photo	Alg. 1	PE	Biol.	Span 2
10:35 - 11:50	Span 2	World His	Eng 1	Photo	Alg. 1	Study	Biol.
11:57 - 12:47	Biol.	Span 2	World His	Eng 1	Photo	Alg. 1	PE
12:52 - 1:44	Study	Biol.	Span 2	World His	Eng 1	Photo	Alg. 1

STUDENT SCHEDULE- Semester 2

TIME	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7
7:20 - 8:12	Health	Alg. 1	Acting 1	Biol.	Span 2	World His	Eng 1
8:17 - 9:33	Eng 1	Health	Alg. 1	Acting 1	Biol.	Span 2	World His
9:40 - 10:30	World His	Eng 1	Health	Alg. 1	Acting 1	Biol.	Span 2
10:35 - 11:50	Span 2	World His	Eng 1	Health	Alg. 1	Acting 1	Biol.
11:57 - 12:47	Biol.	Span 2	World His	Eng 1	Health	Alg. 1	Acting 1
12:52 - 1:44	Acting 1	Biol.	Span 2	World His	Eng 1	Health	Alg. 1

Course Selection Time Line

- Wednesday, March 10th
 - Informational meeting for parents, 7:00 pm
CHS Auditorium
- Friday, March 12th
 - Student Class Meetings, POS Distributed
- Thurs., March 18th & Fri., March 19th
 - Course Selection Days

Course Selection Time Line

- Early April
 - Verification sheets mailed home with instructions regarding override requests
- Tuesday, April 13th
 - All requests for course changes **MUST** be in by this date in order to be considered
 - As of April 13th, **ALL** requests will be considered **FINAL**
 - Failure to meet course prerequisites will result in schedule change

Beginning Today...

- Start putting serious thought into next year's courses
- Teachers will begin to talk in class about options for next year
 - i.e. Algebra I students will be recommended for Plane and Solid Geometry Honors, Plane Geometry CP1, or Fundamentals of Geometry CP2
- Discuss major and elective choices

Course Selection Days - March 18 & 19

- Students receive selection sheet and transcript
- In class teachers conference with students to make recommendation and initial sheet

After Course Selection Day

- Data from course selection sheets entered into computer
- Verification sheets mailed home
- Opportunity to request changes
 - Overrides/“underrides”
 - Elective changes
- Master schedule created
- Students receive preliminary schedules

Scheduling Process

- 840 students x 9 courses (average)=
- 7,560 Course Selections
- Simple Course Tally
- Determination of Section Numbers
 - School Committee Guidelines
 - Safety (i.e. Science Labs, Shops)
 - Legal Requirements (i.e. Special Education)
 - Space (i.e. Computer Labs)
 - Staffing (A full-time teacher=5 Major Courses)

Sectioning:

■ Course Name	Number of Requests	Number of Sections
■ Basketweaving	40	2
■ Welding	25	2
■ Reading	240	10
■ Cartoon Animation	7	0
■ Forensic Science	30	?

Questions

- Please complete a Feedback Form before you leave the building.

Course Selection Materials

- [Sample Selection Sheet.pdf](#)
- [CHS Program of Studies](#)
- [CHS Course Selection Fact Sheet.pdf](#)