



8th Grade IGP Meeting Overview

PURPOSE

- (1) South Carolina state law requires that beginning in 8th grade, schools are to conduct an Individual Graduation Plan meeting with all students and parents, at which time, the student identifies a career cluster of interest.
- (2) Since we will be discussing possible high school classes related to the student's career goal, this is a great time to register for 9th grade classes at Buford High School.

THE MEETING

The meeting itself should take approximately 20-30 minutes. The first part of the meeting will be the student discussing their career goals and identifying a career cluster. The second half of the meeting will be about selecting courses for 9th grade. To help prepare for course selections, please do the following steps:

- Review the document "BHS Upcoming 9th Grade Course Registration"
- If you would like to know more about a class, please review the "BHS Course Guide" and the "LCSD Career Center Course Guide" found on the school's website under the "Guidance" tab and the heading "8th Grade Individual Graduation Plan resources."

Notes to consider for class selections:

ENGLISH: 8th grade ELA progresses to ENGL 1; Students struggling (D or F) in 8th ELA will need to take BOTH ENGL 1 & ENGL STRATEGIES; PreAP/Honors ENGL 1 students may select ENGL 2 preAP/Honors, ENGL 2 non-Honors, or retake ENGL 1

MATH: 8th grade Math progresses to GEOMETRY; BMS *recommends* the following for current ALGEBRA 1 preAP/Honors students based on current grades:

- A or B--take Geometry preAP/Honors
- C--should consider Geometry non-Honors
- D or F--retake ALG 1

ACADEMIC SUPPORT elective class is for students who have an IEP that determines if needed.

BAND Band students may take either 1st or 2nd sem band or take both

FUNDAMENTALS OF COMPUTING is a required elective for graduation for ALL students.

LANCASTER CAREER CENTER classes are available if there is space available but upperclassmen have priority on these classes.

PARENTS: YOU MAY SCHEDULE YOUR CHILD'S IGP MEETING WITH MR. SMITH BY VISITING THE SCHOOL WEBSITE (SEE GUIDANCE PAGE) OR VISITING

<https://calendly.com/bms-smith/2025igp>