

March 2, 2023

Dear 8th Grade Parents/Guardians,

The course selection process for high school is upon us! This is a very exciting time for you and your child. Please take some time, with your child, to look over the [Program of Studies Website](#), review the graduation requirements and the suggested courses that need to be selected. It is our goal to ensure that your child receives a rigorous and engaging schedule that will directly link to future aspirations and endeavors. Please see a brief overview of the course selection process and graduation requirements for the class of 2027 listed below. A detailed memo including specifics regarding the course selection process is attached [here](#) from the Middle School Counseling Department.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We value your involvement, partnership, and support in your child's education!

Sincerely,
Carrie Keramis
Principal

Course Selection Process, Important Dates:

Friday, February 24th

- Communication from Dr. Fedigan with assigned districted school information will be sent to each family.

Week of March 6th

- All 8th grade students will participate in a virtual elective fair prepared by the Milford Public Schools high schools.
- All 8th grade students will participate in a school counseling lesson to review the results of their Career Key Survey in Naviance to begin thinking about elective course options aligned to the post secondary interests.

Thursday, March 9th, 7:00–7:30 p.m. [Course Selection Virtual Family Information Night](#)

- There will be a family information session on the Program of Studies, including information on the graduation requirements and course selection process.
- Note: This information session will be recorded and emailed to all of you in case you are unable to attend. There will be a contact number for you if you have questions. I know that many of you will be at the Comedy Night run by our 8th grade committee. This date was set by the district and cannot be changed. Please also know that the students will be given the same presentation.

Week of March 13th

- All 8th grade students will conference with each of their core subject area teachers and discuss course selection options for 9th grade.
- Students will visit their districted high school on 3/16/23 during the school day.
- The portal in PowerSchool will open to enter course selection on 3/17/23.

- Students and families should review the Program of Studies and select the courses(s) they wish to register for on PowerSchool. The Student Course Selection Guide has been designed to assist in the process.
- Please be sure to list one or two “Alternate Electives” on PowerSchool.
- Please complete the course selection process on PowerSchool by Friday, March 24, 2023. Please be advised that all core classes and electives must be submitted in one session; there is no option to save progress. [Click here](#) for directions on how to enter course requests in PowerSchool.

March 22rd-April 21st

- Middle School Counselors meet with students and finalize course requests in PowerSchool.

Graduation Requirements Class of 2027

In accordance with the Board of Education, commencing with the graduating class of 2023, in order to graduate and be granted a diploma, students must satisfactorily complete a minimum of twenty-five (25) credits, including not fewer than:

Career Pathways
<p>Are you considering a career pathway? Use these planning tools to guide your selections. Business Management & Entrepreneurship - Computer Science - Therapeutic Services</p>
Humanities (Including Civics, The Arts and World Language) - 9.0 Credits
<p>English 4 credits required</p>
<p>Social Studies 3 credits required</p>
<p>World Language 1 credit required</p>
<p>Humanities Electives 2 credits required</p>
STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) - 9.0 Credits
<p>Science 3 credits required</p>
<p>Math 4 credits required</p>
<p>STEM Electives 2 credits required</p>
Student Development & Wellness - 2.0 Credits
<p>Health & Safety 1 credit required</p>
<p>PE & Wellness 1 credit required</p>

Electives (in addition to Humanities & STEM electives) - **3.0 Credits**

Electives

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Alternate Electives

(Please include 2-3 alternatives)

Study Hall - Optional

Mastery Based Diploma Assessment - 1.0 Credit

Total Credits = 25