Fairfax High School Rising 9th Grade Curriculum Night
Putting the Pieces Together...

- Registration Calendar
- Graduation Requirements
- 9th Grade Schedule
- Curriculum Information
- Questions and Answers in Commons and Cafeteria
REGISTRATION CALENDAR

- **February 6-** Fairfax Counselors to Rocky Run for Registration Process
- **February 17-** Fairfax Counselors to Lanier for Registration (Course Selection Fair on February 22)
- **March 12-16-** Private School Registrations
  - Call 703-219-2202 for appointment
March 2 - Registration sheets due from Middle Schools

May - Course verifications mailed home

June 19 - Last date to contact Fairfax High School to make any changes to 2012-2013 schedule
Graduation Requirements
# STANDARD DIPLOMA

## 22 CREDITS

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*Standard Technical Diploma requires only 1 Fine Art or World Language and 4 Electives from a career concentration*
STANDARD DIPLOMA
*ELECTIVES REQUIREMENTS*

- Sequential Electives
  - Examples:
    - Art 1 and 2
    - Spanish 1 and 2
    - Personal Fitness 1 and 2
    - And more!
STANDARD DIPLOMA

*VERIFIED CREDIT REQUIREMENTS*

Students must earn 6 verified credits
(Verified Credit= pass the class and pass the SOL test)

- 2 English (Reading and Writing) - 11th grade
- 1 Mathematics
- 1 Laboratory Science
- 1 History/ Social Studies
- 1 Student Choice
## ADVANCED STUDIES DIPLOMA

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*Advanced Technical Diploma requires the 3 Additional Electives to be from a career concentration.*
ADVANCED STUDIES DIPLOMA

*VERIFIED CREDIT REQUIREMENTS*

Students must earn 9 verified credits (Verified Credit= pass the class and pass the SOL test)

- 2 English (Grade 11)
- 2 Mathematics
- 2 Laboratory Science
- 2 History
- 1 Student Choice
SOL Classes

- English 11 (2 TESTS)
- World History and Geography 1
- World History and Geography 2
- US Virginia History

- Algebra 1
- Geometry
- Algebra 2
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Geosystems
High School Academic Planning

- Course Description Guide and Sample Registration Sheet

- Begin at the end...

- Sample Academic Planning Card/Course Sequences Chart
# Sample Academic Planning Card

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Typical 9th Grade Schedule: 7 Classes

- English 9 or English 9 Honors
- World History & Geography 1 or WHG 1 Honors
- Biology 1 or Biology 1 Honors
- Algebra 1 or Algebra 1 Honors, Geometry or Geometry Honors, Etc.
- HPE 9
- World Language or Elective
- Elective
9th Grade Academic Options
STANDARD COURSES

- Based on rigorous program of studies that go beyond state expectations of SOL

- Courses provide students with the opportunity to meet graduation requirements while focusing on college/future readiness
9th Grade Academic Options
HONORS COURSES

- Courses extend the standard program of studies in depth and complexity
- May be a stepping stone for future Advanced Placement courses
When to Consider an Honors Course

The student...

- Is personally interested in the Honors course
- Is willing and able to work independently and is self-motivated
- Seeks to understand and explain material instead of just memorizing it
Characteristics of Honors Courses

- Strong emphasis on reading and writing
- In-depth analysis of material
- Increased number of challenging projects and papers
- Fast pace
Advanced Placement Program

- Advanced Placement (AP)
- Curricula developed by College Board
- College Level Courses
- Mandatory AP Exam in May for each course
Preparation for AP Classes Starts Early

- 10th Grade AP World History is the 1st available AP course for students
- At FHS, 27 total AP course options
- AP/Honors Boot Camp in summer
- Focus on reading, writing, critical thinking
- Consider taking Honors course(s)
SPECIAL EDUCATION

- Courses are determined by IEP placement prior to completing 8th grade
- Contact case manager with questions
ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

- Courses are determined by WIDA levels
  - Testing happening this semester
- Contact ESOL chair with specific questions
Visit with FHS Faculty Tonight and Start Planning Ahead

- Electives Courses: Commons
- English, Math, HPE, Science, Social Studies, World Languages: Cafeteria
- School Counselors: Front Hallway
Get Involved!

- PTSA
- FHS Student Clubs and Activities
  - Many classes and subjects have clubs or programs that match it. Ask the teachers here tonight!
- FHS Athletics
- Parent Coffees
- Parent Nights
For additional information...

- FHS Website
- Meet with teachers this evening
- Review the Course Description Book available now online
- Speak with your student’s school counselor
- Speak with your student’s current teachers
2011-2012 Counseling Assignments*

- Mr. St. Clair Phillips  A-Bla
- Mr. Peter Uncles     Blb-Dav
- Mr. Erik Beall       Daw-Fara and AVID
- Ms. Tiffany Haddock  Farb-Ht
- Ms. Renee Schmeider  Hu-Led
- Mr. Dan Zwicker      Lee-Morri
- Ms. Jill Wilson      Morrj-Reg
- Ms. Jennifer Washechek Reh-Tg
- Mrs. Tracy Hartley   Th-Z
- Mrs. Elizabeth Velazco Transition Counselor

** Counseling assignments for the 2012-2013 school year will be determined in August**
Welcome,
Fairfax High School
Class of 2016