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

- Registration Calendar
- Graduation Requirements
- 9th Grade Schedule
- Curriculum Information
- Q & A
REGISTRATION CALENDAR

- **Lanier MS**
  - **January 8:** FHS Counselors visit LMS for academic advising and course selection.
  - **January 21:** Course Information Fair

- **Rocky Run MS**
  - **January 14:** FHS Counselors visit RRMS for academic advising and course selection.

- **Private School Registrations**
  - **March 9-18:** Call 703-219-2202 for appointment
May - Course verifications are mailed home

June 23 - Last date to contact Fairfax High School to make any changes to 2016-2017 schedule
Graduation Requirements
## STANDARD DIPLOMA

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*Virtual Course
STANDARD DIPLOMA
*ELECTIVES REQUIREMENTS*

- **Sequential Electives**
  - Examples:
    - **Art 1 and 2**
    - **Spanish 1 and 2**
    - **Personal Fitness 1 and 2**
STANDARD DIPLOMA
*VERIFIED CREDIT REQUIREMENTS*
Students must earn 6 verified credits
(Verified Credit = pass the class and pass the SOL)

2 - English (Grade 11)
1 - Mathematics
1 - Laboratory Science
1 - History/ Social Studies
1 - Student Choice
ADVANCED STUDIES DIPLOMA
26 CREDITS

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ADVANCED STUDIES DIPLOMA
*VERIFIED CREDIT REQUIREMENTS*
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2 - English (Grade 11)
2 - Mathematics
2 - Laboratory Science
2 History
1 - Student Choice
SOL Classes

- English 11
- 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

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Typical 9th Grade Schedule: 7 Classes

- English 9 (Honors)
- World History & Geography 1 (Honors)
- Biology 1 (Honors)
- Algebra 1, 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
Preparation for AP Classes Starts Early

- Focus on reading, writing, critical thinking
- Consider taking Honors course(s)
- 10th Grade AP World History is the first available AP course for students
Economics and Personal Finance

- Recommend taking it in 11th or 12th grade
- Summer options are available
- Course is available online, self-paced, or in the classroom
Online Courses

- FCPS Online Campus offers a variety of courses.
- Students can take one online class per year.
- Available to students in grades 9-12.
- See your student’s school counselor for more information.
SPECIAL EDUCATION

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

- Courses are determined by WIDA level
- Testing happening in February
- Contact ESOL chair with specific questions
Visit with FHS Faculty Tonight and Start Planning Ahead

- Commons - Electives Courses
- Cafeteria - English, Math, HPE, Science, Social Studies, World Languages
- Front Hallway – School Counselors
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
Welcome,
Fairfax High School
Class of 2020