

BRIDGEWATER-RARITAN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL COUNSELING
FRESHMEN SCHEDULING ORIENTATION

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Educational Philosophy

The educational philosophy of the Bridgewater-Raritan Regional School District is founded on the belief that the responsibility of school is to nurture intellect, civic mindedness, and sociability in students through the combined efforts of staff, administration, parents and community. Our Board of Education believes that students should be guided to attain the knowledge and to develop those skills necessary for success in future occupational endeavors and in the social world in which they will find themselves after formal schooling ends.

A fundamental aim of our schools is to develop in youth and understanding of, an appreciation for, and a devotion to the democratic way of life and instill a desire to improve this way of life.

The Board believes the welfare and development of each individual is the basis of our educational program. All children shall have an opportunity to learn. A well prepared individual, able to meet and solve the problems of society, is the goal.

The Board and staff accept the following charges to achieve this goal:

- To accept primary responsibility for giving students a mastery of the basic skills of learning, thinking and problem solving; for teaching them to use the various media of self-expression; for instilling in them a knowledge of the social and natural sciences; for acquainting them with the richness of our heritage; and for stimulating them to productive work in the various areas of human endeavor.
- To recognize their responsibility to help meet the physical, intellectual and emotional needs of children, particularly the needs to inquire, learn, think, create, establish aesthetic, moral and ethical values, and to relate satisfactorily to others in social situations involving family, work, government and recreation.
- To acknowledge the importance of their supplemental role to the home and other social agencies in developing habits which make for effective personal living, the maintenance of optimum physical and mental health, and the establishment of sound moral, ethical and aesthetic values.



Graduation — Requirements

Graduation Requirements: High School

Diplomas shall be granted only to students who have completed the requirements for graduation as mandated by state law and administrative code established and approved by the Bridgewater-Raritan Board of Education. Those requirements include:

- The achievement of approved levels of proficiency in all courses necessary to satisfy graduation requirements.
- The student's compliance with the district's attendance requirements as stated in *BOE Regulation 5200, Attendance*.
- The achievement of a passing score on the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA) in Grade 11. The assessment will be aligned to New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) for Grade 10 ELA and NJSLS for Algebra I and Geometry.

English Language Arts	Mathematics
NJGPA – ELA \geq 750 (Graduation Ready)	NJGPA – Mathematics \geq 750 (Graduation Ready)

If, after completing the NJGPA, a student does not demonstrate proficiency on the ELA or Mathematics section, the student may:

- Retake the NJGPA in the following summer or following fall, or
- Meet a designated cut score as indicated in the chart below, or
- Complete a portfolio appeal

Students who perform below statewide standards shall be provided with a comprehensive individualized assessment as specified in *N.J.A.C. 6:8-3.4*. On the basis of assessment students shall be provided with the services needed to remedy those identified deficiencies, which shall include but not be limited to the development and implementation of an individual student improvement plan.

For the Classes of 2024 – 2025 (only available if proficiency is not met on NJGPA):

English Language Arts	Mathematics
NJSLA ELA Grade 10 \geq 750 (Level 4) <i>or</i>	NJSLA Algebra I \geq 750 (Level 4) <i>or</i>
NJSLA ELA Grade 9 \geq 750 (Level 4) <i>or</i>	NJSLA Geometry \geq 725 (Level 3) <i>or</i>
NJSLA ELA Grade 11 \geq 725 (Level 3) <i>or</i>	NJSLA Algebra II \geq 725 (Level 3) <i>or</i>
SAT Reading Test \geq 22 <i>or</i>	SAT Math Test \geq 22 <i>or</i>
SAT Evidence-Based Reading & Writing Section \geq 450 <i>or</i>	SAT Math Section \geq 440 <i>or</i>
ACT Reading or ACT PLAN Reading** \geq 16 <i>or</i>	ACT or ACT PLAN Math** \geq 16 <i>or</i>
Accuplacer Write Placer \geq 6 <i>or</i>	Accuplacer Elementary Algebra \geq 76 <i>or</i>
Accuplacer Write Placer ESL \geq 4 <i>or</i>	Next-Generation ACCUPLACER Quantitative, Reasoning, Algebra, and Statistics (QAS) \geq 255
PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading \geq 22 <i>or</i>	PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math \geq 22 <i>or</i>
ACT Aspire Reading** \geq 422 <i>or</i>	ACT Aspire Math** \geq 422 <i>or</i>
ASVAB-AFQT Composite \geq 31 <i>or</i>	ASVAB-AFQT Composite \geq 31 <i>or</i>
Meet the Criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal	Meet the Criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal

**Test is no longer administered but can be used for the graduating year.

High School Credit and Course Requirements for Graduation

- A total of **120** credits are required for graduation, 90 of which must be earned at the high school level or through demonstration of proficiency as per Option II (see page 6).
- Courses amounting to at least 35 credits must be taken by all 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students. For these three grade levels, a minimum of seven courses must be scheduled at all times.
- 12th grade students are permitted to take the minimum number of credits needed for graduation. Students are required to take an English Language & Literature IV course and a Physical Education/Health IV course during their senior year.

➤ Successful completion of the following courses:

- Four years (20 credits) of **English Language & Literature** (AP English Language & Composition and/or AP English Language & Literature included)
- Three years (15 credits) of **Social Studies**; two years (10 credits) must be American History and one year (5 credits) must be World Civilizations
- Three years (15 credits) of **Science** (5 credits must be in laboratory Biology and one additional laboratory/inquiry based science course in Chemistry, Physics, or Environmental Science)
- Three years (15 credits) of **Mathematics** (must include Algebra I and Geometry)
- One year (5 credits) in **World Languages**
- One year (5 credits) in **Visual and Performing Arts**

Visual and Performing Arts Courses:

AP Art History	Concert Orchestra	Intro to Guitar	String Orchestra 9
AP Music Theory	Concert Orchestra H	Mixed Choir	Symphonic Band
AP Studio Art	Cultural Ceramics	Multicultural Arts I, II	Symphonic Band H
Art History	Design	Painting and Drawing	Symphonic Choir
Art I, II, III, IV (all levels)	Digital Fine Arts I, II	Sculpture	Symphonic Choir H
Ceramics I, II, III, IV	Guitar Ensemble/Guitar III	Select Treble Choir	Symphony Orchestra H
Concert Band	Intermediate Guitar II	Select Treble Choir H	Wind Ensemble H

- One year (5 credits) in **21st Century Life and Careers**, or **Career-Technical Education**

21st Century Life and Career Courses:

Accounting I, II	Engineering Computer Graphics I
Advanced Topics in Computer Science	Entrepreneurship & Business Management
AP Computer Science A	Family & Child
AP Computer Science Principles	Family and Consumer Sciences
AP Macroeconomics	Fashion & Creative Design
AP Microeconomics	Filming & Video Editing I, II, III, IV
App Development	Fundamentals of Automated Design
Audio & Music Engineering	Home & Interior Design
Baking & Pastry Arts	International Foods
Business & Criminal Law	Introduction of Culinary Arts
Career Exploration and Awareness	Introduction to Business
CNC Production	Introduction to Electronics
Computer Aided Design Tech. I, II	International Business
Computer Applications & Keyboarding	Introduction to Electronics
Computer Repair & Tech. Support I, II	Introduction to Marketing through Social Media
Computer Science I, II	Leadership & Philanthropy
Cooking Across America	Photo Editing & Web Design
Culinary Nutrition	Photo Editing for Business
Cybersecurity I, II	Programming for Business
Design & Sewing Techniques	Programming for Business II
Desktop Publishing & Multimedia Presentations	Today's Living
Early Childhood Education	Wood Design and Fabrication I, II, III
All Programs of Study at Somerset County Vocational Technical High School	

- One-half year (2.5 credits) in **Financial, Economic, Business, and Entrepreneurial Literacy**

Accounting I	Financial Planning
AP Macroeconomics	Introduction to Business
AP Microeconomics	Today's Living
Economics Today	

- **Technological Literacy** – integrated throughout the curriculum
 - One credit year of **Physical Education, Health and Safety** for each year of enrollment.
- In some instances, as determined by the high school principal in consultation with the Superintendent, students may meet specific credit and curriculum requirements through *BOE Policy 5462, Option Two* (refer to page **6** for more information).

Requirements for Promotion

- 30 credits are required for placement in grade 10
- 60 credits are required for placement in grade 11
- 90 credits are required for placement in grade 12



Option II

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) recognizes and acknowledges that all students will not achieve Core Curriculum Content Standards (CCCS) in the same manner and/or with the same level of success. To this end, the Bridgewater-Raritan Regional School District is permitted to allow students with individualized learning opportunities outside of the traditional classroom that are stimulating and challenging and that enable students to meet or exceed the Core Curriculum Content Standards. This is commonly referred to as, "**Option II.**" Option II allows for the design and implementation of programs to meet the needs of **all** students. Students are permitted to earn credit toward graduation through Option II learning experiences. Credits toward graduation will be awarded only to students who have completed an 8th grade program. Prior to the completion of 8th grade, Option II may be utilized for the purpose of advancement only. These experiences include, but are not limited to: interdisciplinary or theme-based programs, independent study, early college credit, magnet programs, student exchange programs, distance learning, on-line learning, work-based programs, internships, service learning, co-curricular or extra-curricular programs, and/or other structured learning experiences. In addition, Option II allows for group programs based upon specific instructional objects that meet or exceed Core Curriculum Content Standards. Participation in Option II is predicated on the application process through which students seek approval. The process for application, evaluation and assessment is detailed below. Attainment of credit toward graduation is based on the successful completion of assessments that verify student achievement in meeting or exceeding the Core Curriculum Content Standards at the high school level.

Option II Credit Attainment

Students planning to pursue course work for credit external to the traditional offerings of BRHS curriculum are required to submit a completed application to the High School's Principal's Option II Credit Review Committee. This committee will be comprised of the High School Principal, a designated Departmental Supervisor, Supervisor of School Counseling, and a designated School Counselor. **Deadlines for submission are June 1st for Summer and Fall Semester course work; January 1st for Spring Semester course work.** The Principal's Option II Credit Review Committee will review each application to determine eligibility and grant approval/disapproval based on the criteria outlined. Each student's application will be reviewed on its own merit. The committee will ensure that each student is on track to fulfill graduation requirements. The Assistant Superintendent will review all decisions of the committee.

Grades for approved Option II course work will be reflected on a student's transcript with the designation of "P" (Pass) or "U" (Fail). Upon approval, policies regarding the dropping of said course work will follow those procedures as outlined by the institution providing the course work **and** the procedures as outlined in the BRHS Program of Studies. Option II course work will not be included in the calculation of a student's overall Grade Point Average (GPA). Official transcripts generated by course work taken outside of BRHS may be attached to a student's BRHS transcript. Such requests must be made through the student's assigned school counselor. Once credit has been earned in an approved Option II course, students will not be permitted to enroll in an equivalent BRHS course.

Scheduling Procedures

The high school's master schedule and staffing patterns are determined by the course selections of the students. The process of selecting an academic program is one in which many people are involved and which requires several months of preparation and consultation. Student course selections are made after serious deliberation among student, parents, faculty, and counselor. The selection program is designed to meet the student's personal and educational needs and goals. Class size considerations and staffing are determined by initial student course requests. Every attempt is made to accommodate each student's requests. However, due to the complexities inherent in building a master schedule for a school our size, conflicts arise which result in the school's inability to fulfill all requests. Board of Education policy indicates that each course must have a minimum of 15 students to be offered. There may be occasions when a course will not be offered due to insufficient enrollment. This will necessitate the selection of an alternate request. All 8th grade students will engage in an online registration process in which elective course requests will be selected by the individual student. Incoming freshmen (current 8th grade students) will register for elective courses only during the week of January 30 – February 6, 2023. Changes to individual student course requests will not be accepted after the close of scheduling meetings with assigned school counselor, therefore, it is essential that the original selections are given careful and thoughtful consideration. Scheduling meetings with school counselors will begin on February 21, 2023, and conclude on April 6, 2023. Changes to course requests will not be permitted after this date. Students will receive a copy of their 2023-2024 schedules prior to the start of school. Please note that the schedule received is tentative and subject to change without notice. The basis for such changes are a result of systemic needs, e.g., to balance sections of courses, programmatic changes, and staffing patterns. Following the start of school, schedule changes must follow the procedures as outlined in the **Program of Studies**. The policy of Bridgewater-Raritan High School is not to make preference-based or lateral course changes. Requests to accommodate the choice of a specific teacher, and/or other scheduling arrangements will not be permitted.

9th Grade Course Offerings

English					
English Lang. & Lit. I – A	5.0				
English Lang. & Lit. I – H	5.0				
English Lang. & Lit. I – S	5.0				
(Electives)					
Drama	2.5				
Forensics – A	2.5				
Intro Creative Writing – A	2.5				
Journalism – A	2.5				
Kid Lit Literacy	2.5				
LP: Lyrical Poetry	2.5				
Publication Dev & Prod	5.0				
Reading Animation	2.5				
Speech – A	2.5				
Theatre Production	2.5				
Mathematics					
Algebra I – A	5.0 or 10.0				
Algebra II – A	5.0				
Algebra II – H	5.0				
Geometry – A	5.0				
Geometry – H	5.0				
(Electives)					
Computer Science I	2.5				
Computer Science II	2.5				
Cybersecurity I	2.5				
Cybersecurity II	2.5				
Social Studies					
World Civilization II – A	5.0				
World Civilization II – H	5.0				
World Civilization II – S	5.0				
(Electives)					
Civics	2.5				
Economics Today	2.5				
Women's Studies: Evolving Image of Women - A	2.5				
Women's Studies: Social Change: Changing Gender Roles – A	2.5				
Science					
Biology – A	6.0				
Biology – H	6.0				
Biology – S	5.0				
Performing Arts					
Concert Band	5.0				
Intro to Guitar	5.0				
Intermediate Guitar II	5.0				
Mixed Choir	5.0				
String Orchestra 9	5.0				
Fine Arts					
Art I	5.0				
Art History	5.0				
Ceramics I	2.5				
Ceramics II	2.5				
Multicultural Arts I	2.5				
Multicultural Arts II	2.5				
Cultural Ceramics	2.5				
Digital Fine Arts I	2.5				
Digital Fine Arts II	2.5				
World Language					
Spanish I – A	5.0				
Spanish II – A	5.0				
Spanish II – H	5.0				
French I – A	5.0				
French II – A	5.0				
French II – H	5.0				
German I – A	5.0				
German II – A	5.0				
German II – H	5.0				
Italian I – A	5.0				
Italian II – A	5.0				
Italian II – H	5.0				
Latin I – A	5.0				
Latin II – A	5.0				
Latin II – H	5.0				
Chinese I – A	5.0				
Chinese II – A	5.0				
Chinese II – H	5.0				
Business Education					
Accounting I	5.0				
App Development	2.5				
Business & Criminal Law	2.5				
Career Explor & Awareness	2.5				
Computer Applications	2.5				
Comp Repr/Tech Supp I	2.5				
Comp Repr/Tech Supp II	2.5				
Desktop Pub & Multimedia Pres	2.5				
Entrepren & Bus Mngmnt	2.5				
International Business	2.5				
Intro to Business	2.5				
Intro Marketing–Social Media	2.5				
Leadership & Philanthropy	2.5				
Photo Editing & Web Des	2.5				
Photo Editing for Business	2.5				
Program for Business	2.5				
Program for Business II	2.5				
Industrial Technology					
Audio/Music Engineering	2.5				
CAD Tech I	5.0				
CNC Production	2.5				
Film/Video Editing I	2.5				
Film/Video Editing II	2.5				
Intro to Electronics	5.0				
Wood Dsgn & Fab I	5.0				
Family & Consumer Science					
Baking & Pastry Arts	2.5				
Cooking Across America	2.5				
Design & Sewing Techs	2.5				
Family & Cons Sciences	2.5				
Home & Interior Design	2.5				
International Foods	2.5				
Intro to Culinary Arts	2.5				
Sewing Concepts	2.5				
Vocational Technical School					
Vo Tech – A	15				
Vo Tech – C	15				
Language Support Services					
Biology SI	5.0				
ESL I Grammar & Convers	5.0				
ESL II Grammar & Convers	5.0				
ESL III Read & Writing Fluency & Lit	5.0				
Lang & Lit Transition I	5.0				
Lang & Lit Transition II	5.0				
Language & Literature SI	5.0				
Algebra I SI	10.0				
Geometry SI	5.0				
Social Studies SI	5.0				
Physical Education					
Phys Ed & Health 9	5.0				
Lunch					
Lunch	0.0				
In Class Support					
Algebra I – A	5.0				
Biology – A	5.0				
English Lang. & Lit. I – A	5.0				
Geometry – A	5.0				
Spanish I – A	5.0				
World Civilization II – A	5.0				
Pre-Vocational					
Career & Comm Exp-CCE	15.0				
Career Exploration	2.5				
Employment Orientation (1 per)	5.0				
Resource Center					
Biology	5.0				
Eng Lang & Lit I	5.0				
Essentials of Algebra I	5.0				
Literacy Support	5.0				
Math I or II Workshop	5.0				
Study Skills	5.0				
World Civilization II	5.0				
Life Skills					
Art	5.0				
Crafts-LS	2.5				
Digital Fine Arts-LS	2.5				
English 9/10	5.0				
Life Skills	5.0				
Math 9/10	5.0				
Media Communications	2.5				
Science 9/10	5.0				
Science/Social Studies	5.0				

BRIDGEWATER-RARITAN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL***SAMPLE SCHEDULE***

Block	Time Slot	Day 1 (drop 4 & 8)	Day 2 (drop 2 & 7)	Day 3 (drop 2 & 6)	Day 4 (drop 1 & 5)	Length
B1	7:20 – 8:15	English Lang & Lit	Phys Ed	Mathematics	Elective 1	55"
B2	8:21 – 9:14	Elective 1	English Lang & Lit	Phys Ed	Mathematics	53"
B3	9:20 – 10:13	Mathematics	Elective 1	English Lang & Lit	Phys Ed	53"
Lunch	Lab: 10:13 – 10:33 10:18 – 11:07 Lab: 10:52 – 11:12	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	49"
B4	11:12 – 12:05	World Civ II	World Lang	Elective 2	Biology	53"
B5	12:11 – 1:04	Biology	World Civ II	World Lang	Elective 2	53"
B6	1:10 – 2:03	Elective 2	Biology	World Civ II	World Lang	53"