



What We Wish We Knew

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Introductions

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Is Middle School Important?

Yes!

- Advanced Classes count for GPA.
- Learn skills, study habits, and work ethic.
- Lays the groundwork for success in high school.

But...

- There's no need to be competitive.
- Being perfect is not the key. Learn and develop so you can do good in the future.

Class Selection

- Plan ahead.
- Meet with guidance early.

Advanced Classes

- Starts in 8th grade.
- Allows for more options later.
- More difficult but enables you to do it and more.
- If you do not feel ready, don't rush into them, you will have just as many opportunities.

Class Types

- Regents
 - Through New York State
- AP
 - Advanced Placement through College Board
 - National Test scored 1-5
 - Widely Accepted
- CAP
 - College Advanced Placement through Clinton
 - Accepted at many NY schools
- AS
 - Advanced Studies through Paul Smiths
 - Accepted at many NY schools

Diploma Types

•Regents Diploma

English Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies	Pathway
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And 22 Various Credits (Less than Seton's requirements)

•Advanced Regents Diploma

English Language Arts	Math	Math	Math	Science	Science	Social Studies	Pathway
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And same 22 Various Credits as Regents Diploma

And 1 of the 3 below

2 additional credits in World Languages (for a total of 3 credits) and the locally developed Checkpoint B World Languages Exam	5-unit sequence in the Arts	5-unit sequence in CTE
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Pathways

- Arts Pathway
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) Pathway
- Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) Pathway
- Civics Pathway
- **Humanities Pathway***
 - (Additional Social Studies or English Regents or Alternative)
- **STEM Pathways***
 - (Additional Science or Math Regents or Alternative)
- **World Languages Pathway***
 - (Checkpoint B Exam)

More Info on [NYSED.gov](https://www.nysed.gov)

Diploma Endorsements

For both Regents or Advanced Regents Diplomas

- Honors- Earn a computed average of 90 or above on all Regents required for diploma type.

For only Advanced Regents Diploma

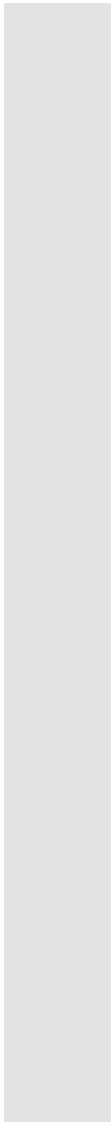
- Mastery in Mathematics-Score an 85 or higher on 3 math regents*
- Mastery in Science-Score an 85 or higher on 3 science regents*

- *Exceptions due to Covid-19



GPA

- Unweighted.
 - Weighted.

 - Tips.
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Clubs and Extracurriculars

So many opportunities and options...

- Jump at any you get and get involved.
- Find what you enjoy and do it!
- Great way to make friends and try something new.

College Search

- January of junior year is generally a good time to start thinking about future plans.
- 4-year college is not the only option post-high school! Make sure to explore your choices and make an informed decision.
- Prior to visiting colleges, think about what you would like to major in and explore colleges that offer classes relevant to your future. Unsure? Entering undecided is always an option.
- Visit and tour colleges you are interested in if possible. Don't wait till senior spring to tour. Start early.
- Write your personal statement and create a college list summer before senior year.
- Be familiar with app deadlines and different types of admission.
- Connect with admissions officers and utilize other resources provided.
- Be proactive!

SAT/PSAT/ACT

- PSAT
 - October Junior Year.
 - Scholarships.
 - Use the same email on the test and for your College Board account.
- SAT/ACT
 - Requirements depend on desired school.
 - Practice.
 - Be familiar with the format of the test and time limits.

Competition vs. Collaboration

- School is not a race, there is not a winner and a loser.
- Working together to learn and to find success together is best.
- Many classes grow divided because of competition, and it hurts everyone's experience.

Questions?



Thank You!

- Thank you on behalf of all of Student Council and Good luck!
- Feel free to reach out with any additional questions.
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