

CHECKLIST FOR COURSE SELECTION PROCESS (2024-2025 School-year)

8TH GRADERS – YOG 2028

Counselor Assignments are by Last Name:

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For updated information:

• Join Guidance Google Classroom YOG 2028 (rjmcdiv7)	• Receive Remind texts (text @2028rh to 81010)
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- 1) Teachers make level recommendations in PowerSchool. Students are strongly encouraged to follow teacher recommendations. If students want to request a different level, they should speak to their current teacher.
 - If teachers agree with a different level, they can change their recommendation in PowerSchool.
 - If teachers do not agree, students can complete the “**Course Level Change Request**” form and return to Guidance by **February 12, 2024**. “**Course Level Change Request**” forms returned after the deadline will **NOT** be accepted.
- 2) Students will select 7 credits online through PowerSchool (<https://rockyhill.powerschool.com/public/>) for the 2024-2025 school year by **February 12, 2024**.
- 3) Select **7 credits**, plus at least one alternative course (either one full-year or two ½ year classes in both Semester 1 and Semester 2) to serve as a backup to your first elective. *IMPORTANT: All students must select courses for next year (even if students have applied to a different high school). These course requests help determine what courses will be offered in the master schedule. Otherwise, there is no guarantee that courses will be offered.*
- 4) Reading Support and/or Math Problem Solving classes may be automatically added based on current teacher recommendation.
- 5) NOTE: Honors level English students will be required to complete summer prerequisite reading. The honors class will have a specific novel to read and detailed note taking requirements. Before students leave for the summer, a packet will be provided on where to find specific course materials and requirements. When students return to school, students should be prepared to actively discuss and complete assignments related to the text.
- 6) Any student who has not completed the course selection process by **February 12, 2024** may not be enrolled in their preferred electives or classes. If students do not make selections by the deadline, counselors will add recommended academic/core classes and randomly select electives.
- 7) Individual meetings to verify schedules for next year with Counselors will be scheduled late spring – this is the only opportunity to make any changes to the schedule. **Students may not make any changes to their schedule after the last day of school without administrative approval.**
- 8) Students who are interested in playing Division I or II athletics in college should start preparing as early as freshman year. Students must meet very specific academic requirements, as noted on the NCAA website (<http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future/how-register>). Students can view NCAA approved RHHS classes by going to <https://web3.ncaa.org/hsportal/exec/hsAction>. Search by the school name or CEEB/ACT code (070648).

OTHER INFORMATION

- Refer to the Connecticut Career Paths Guide for career strategies, job advice, education, training, wages, job descriptions and local, statewide and online resources:
<https://www1.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi/pubs/Connecticut%20Career%20Paths%202021.pdf>
- More information on specific careers and paths can be found online at the [CT Department of Labor website](#).
- Credit Card is maintained by School Counselor and student to track graduation requirements
- Student Success Plans will be tracked using Naviance at the high school.
- Attendance at high school – can potentially lose credit if exceed absences. Refer to online Student Handbook.
- Summer school: If students fail a class with at least a 50 or if they lose credit due to attendance, they will be notified at the end of the year about summer school options.
- 8th Grade Parent Orientation Night is scheduled for Wednesday, January 24th in the RHHS auditorium for parents only.

Class of 2028 Graduation Requirements

Humanities	9 Credits:
English	4 credits
Social Studies (incl. US History and Civics)	3 credits
Fine Arts	1 credit
Additional Humanities (English, Social Studies, World Language)	1 credit
Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM)	9 credits:
Mathematics	3 credits
Science (incl. Physical and Biological)	2 credits
STEM [Science, Technology (Family Consumer Science, Business, Tech Ed), Engineering, Math]	4 credits
Physical Education and Wellness	1 credit
Health and Safety Education	1 credit
World Language	1 credit
Personal Finance Management & Financial Literacy	.50 credit
Community Service Hours (50 hours)	.50 credit
Additional Classes	3 credits
<i>Total credits required for graduation</i>	<i>25.0 credits</i>

Typical 9th Grade Classes

*** Based on a 9 period schedule – not in any order ***

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. English 2. Math 3. Western Civilization I 4. World Language (or elective) 5. 9th Grade Science 6. Lunch 7. Each semester: PE / half-year elective 8. Elective: 1 each semester or full year 9. Study Hall 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. English 2. Math 3. Western Civilization I 4. World Language (or elective) 5. Biology (H) 6. Biology Lab alternating w/study hall or lunch 7. Study Hall OR Lunch 8. Each semester: PE / half-year elective 9. Elective: 1 each semester or full year
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*This is a sample schedule. Lunch and class periods will be determined when schedules are created.

REMINDERS:

- Students must request 7 credits PLUS one alternate elective by **2/12/2024**
- Review the 9th Grade 2024-2025 Course # Reference Sheet.
- View descriptions and prerequisites in the Program of Studies which can be found online at the RHHS website (<https://rhhs.rockyhillps.com/docsandlinks>).