

CHECKLIST FOR COURSE SELECTION PROCESS (2022-2023 School-year)

8TH GRADERS – YOG 2026

For updated information:

- Join Guidance Google Classroom YOG 2026 (**owc7g32**)
- Receive Remind texts (**text @2026rh to 81010**)

- 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 should see their School Counselor to discuss and complete the “Request for Change in Level” form and return to Guidance by **February 11, 2022**. “Request for Change in Level” forms returned after the deadline will not be reviewed until the beginning of the school year.
- 2) Review the **9th Grade 2022-2023 Course # Reference Sheet**.
- 3) Review the **Class of 2026 Graduation Requirements and Typical 9th Grade Schedule**.
- 4) View descriptions and prerequisites in the *Program of Studies* which can be found online at the RHHS website (<https://rhhs.rockyhillps.com/docsandlinks>).
- 5) Students will select courses online through PowerSchool (<https://rockyhill.powerschool.com/public/>) for the 2022-2023 school year by **February 11, 2022**.
- 6) Select a minimum of **7.25 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 since the master schedule is generated by these requests. Otherwise, there is no guarantee that courses will be offered.**
- 7) 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 issued 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.
- 8) Any student who has not completed the course selection process by **February 11, 2022** 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.
- 9) 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.**
- 10) 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://drive.google.com/file/d/16ghKyPH9b5d7seMZ_kjDJN_QjB6k2jTE/view?usp=sharing
- 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 tentatively scheduled for Monday, January 24th at 6:30 PM in the RHHS auditorium. We are asking that only one parent attend this session.

Class of 2026 Graduation Requirements

English	4.0 credits
Math	3.0 credits
Social Studies	3.0 credits (1 US History & ½ Civics)
Science	2.0 credits
Physical Education/Wellness	1.0 credit
Health/Safety Education	1.0 credit
World Language	1.0 credit
Fine Arts (Art/Music)	1.0 credit
Humanities (Humanities, English, Social Studies, World Language)	1.0 credit
STEM: Science, Technology (CTE – FCS, Business, Tech Ed), Engineering and/or Math	4.0 credits
Mastery-based diploma assessment Includes 50 hours of community service by graduation	1.0 credit
Elective credits (at least 1 advanced)	3.0 credits
Total credits required for graduation	25.0 credits

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. Lunch* 6. 9th Grade Science 7. S1: Freshman Seminar & alternating study hall / S2: PE or Elective 8. Elective (1 each semester or full year) 9. S1: Elective / S2: Study Hall 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. English 2. Math 3. Western Civilization I 4. World Language (or elective) 5. Lunch* 6. Biology (H) 7. S1: Bio Lab alternating w/study hall and Freshmen Seminar / S2: Bio lab w/study hall 8. Full-year elective OR S1 PE or elective / S2: PE or elective 9. Elective (1 each semester or full year)
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Students must request a minimum of 7.25 credits PLUS alternate class by FEBRUARY 11, 2022.

*This is a sample schedule. Lunch and class periods will be determined when schedules are created.

Remember to refer to the *RHHS Program of Studies* (found online) for specific course descriptions and prerequisites.