Transitioning to High School

Class of 2025
Agenda

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MEET YOUR COUNSELORS

Madison High School
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<td>Mrs. Elizabeth Guerra</td>
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<td>Ms. Yesenia Canizalez</td>
<td>Counseling Administrative Assistant</td>
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What can we help with?

- Academic Advising
  - Monitoring progress, a-g and graduation requirements, credit recovery, etc.
- Social/Emotional Support
- College Preparation
- Schedules/Course Options
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MIDDLE VS HIGH SCHOOL

What’s the main Difference?
Middle vs High School

- Bigger school
- 6 classes per day (55 min each)
- More extracurricular activities to get involved in
  - Athletics, clubs, volunteer organizations, etc.
- More homework given daily
- All grades earned starting in 9th grade count towards your GPA for college
  - Transcript begins now!
Middle vs High School

- Each class is worth 2 credits per year
  - 12 credits can be earned each school year
- 1 credit is earned each semester by passing a class with a “D” grade or higher
  - Receiving an “F” (no credit) means you have to recover the credit by taking the class again
- Students must earn 44 credits to graduate
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<td>Mathematics (Specific to your level)</td>
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<td>Physical Education</td>
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<td>Biology or Green up and Go Physics</td>
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## Graduation Requirements

- The specific set of classes you need to take and pass to earn your high school diploma
- 2.0 minimum GPA
- 44 Credits in total
- Some of you may graduate with more!

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TRANSITION INTO HS
Transition into High School

Socially
- With a lot more students, your 9th graders are meeting a lot of new friends and fellow students
- This can induce stress for students
- After 18 months at home, social experiences may feel different for students

Academically
- High School can be an overwhelming experience at first
- A lot more work is given and it can be stressful to keep track of it all
- More responsibility is placed on the students to take ownership of their education
- The work is more challenging
SO HOW DO WE GET THROUGH THIS?
# Tips for Success in High School

## Get Involved!
- Great way to learn more about the Warhawk Community

## Organization
- All 9th graders received a planner last week to help keep track of assignments!

## Time Management
- Scheduling time for homework and learning to prioritize

## Attendance
- Being IN class is the best way to never fall behind!

## Ask for Help
- If your student is struggling, reach out to their counselor for support!
# How Parents can Help

## PowerSchool Portal
- Get real-time updates on your students’ grades and attendance!

## Organization
- All 9th graders received a planner last week to help keep track of assignments!

## Time Management
- Help your students dedicate HW time every night.

## Attendance
- When your student can’t come to school, make sure they reach out to their teacher.

## Ask for Help
- Madison Counselors are here to help you!
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PARENT EVENTS
MADISON COUNSELING DEPARTMENT'S

PARENT MEETINGS

9TH GRADE
Sept. 16th at 6:00 PM: Transitioning into High School
Apr. 21st at 6:00 PM: Preparing for 10th Grade

10TH GRADE
May 12th at 6:00 PM: Preparing for 11th Grade

11TH GRADE
May 19th at 6:00 PM: Spring into College - Preparing for 12th Grade

12TH GRADE
Sept. 30th at 6:00 PM: Applying to College
Jan. 6th at 6:00 PM: Financial Aid for Seniors
Apr. 7th at 6:00 PM: Award Letters/How to Make a Decision

ALL GRADES WELCOME
Nov. 4th at 6:00 PM: College 101: How to Plan for College
Nov. 30th at 6:00 PM: Articulation Information (Course Options)
Feb. 10th at 6:00 PM: Career Exploration & Options after High School
Feb. 24th at 6:00 PM: Financial Aid 101: How to Pay for College

**ALL Parent Meetings will be held via Zoom to begin the 2021-2022 school year. Parents will be notified if meetings will be held in person again**
Thanks!

Do you have any questions?

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