

# ATHENA HIGH SCHOOL!



# HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING CENTER

Room 109 across from main office

2019-20 School Year

Mrs. Lake: 9 & 11 A-L

Mrs. Ballard: 9 & 11 M-Z

Mrs. Giacalone: 10 & 12 A-Go

Mr. Carletta: 10 & 12 Gr- O

Mrs. Berardo-Nitsch: 10 & 12 P-Z

Mrs. Owen Counseling Secretary

Mrs. Hugh College & Career Center

# COUNSELING OFFICE

## How Can We Help You?

### ▶ Academic

- Academic intervention
- Scheduling
- Graduation planning

### ▶ Career

- Career planning
- College search and planning

### ▶ Personal/Social

- Individual counseling
- Mediation



# **MINIMUM COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

## **22 CREDITS**

- ▶ **4 credits each of English and Social Studies**
- ▶ **3 credits each of Math and Science**
- ▶ **2 credits of PE (1/2 credit every year)**
- ▶ **1 credit of Language other than English (LOTE)**
- ▶ **1 credit of Fine Art (Art, DDP or Music)**
- ▶ **Health (1/2 credit)**
- ▶ **Elective Courses (3 1/2 credits)**



# DIPLLOMA TYPES

## Regents Diploma:

- ▶ 5 Regents exams with a 65 or higher: Algebra I, Science, Global History, U.S. History, ELA
- ▶ **Regents with Advanced Designation (RAD):**
- ▶ 5 Required exams PLUS Geometry, Algebra 2, 2 sciences including Living Environment, and LOTE Level III exam
  - ▶ Students have the option of earning an elective sequence (5 credits) in Business, Art or Technology in place of the LOTE II, & III
- ▶ **RAD with Honors:** Average score of 90 or higher on 8 Regents exams required for RAD

# **COURSES FOR 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

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# ENGLISH / SOCIAL STUDIES

▶ **ENGLISH 9**

and

▶ **GLOBAL HISTORY AND  
GEOGRAPHY (9)**



- Or -

# ENGLISH / SOCIAL STUDIES

- ▶ **PRE-AP ENGLISH 9**
- and
- ▶ **AP WORLD HISTORY I (9)**

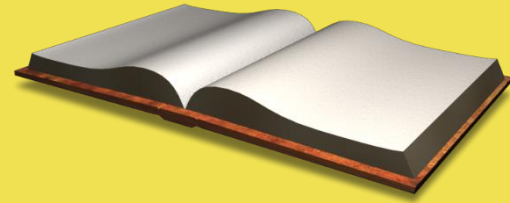


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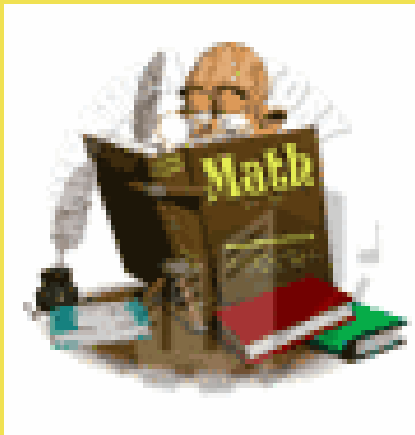
**(THE AP WORLD HISTORY EXAM IS GIVEN IN WORLD HISTORY II—in May)**



# WHAT IS AP?



- ▶ **College level work, more rigorous**
- ▶ **AP exams given in May**
- ▶ **College credit granted by colleges depending on exam score**
- ▶ **Mandatory Summer work**
- ▶ **8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers make recommendations for these classes**



# MATH



▶ **ALGEBRA I (Common Core)**

**OR**

▶ **GEOMETRY (Common Core)**



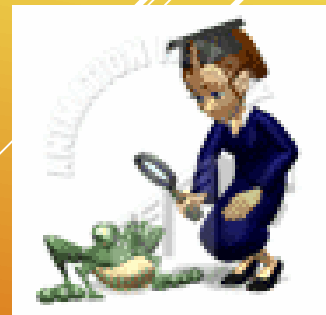
# SCIENCE

REGENTS SCIENCE INCLUDES LABS AND A  
REQUIRED **REGENTS EXAM**

▶ **EARTH SCIENCE**

**OR**

▶ **LIVING ENVIRONMENT**



# LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH (LOTE)



▶ **Level I Spanish**

▶ **Level II Spanish, Italian or ASL**

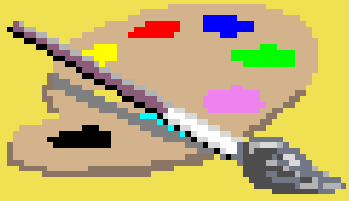




# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

**1/2 CREDIT PER YEAR – 2 CREDITS REQUIRED  
FOR GRADUATION**





# FINE ART REQUIREMENT



One credit of fine arts may be met by taking:

- Studio in Art
- DDP (Design and Drawing for Production)
  - Project Lead the Way
- Music course (Chorus, Band, Orchestra)



# ADVANCED READING

- Some students may be recommended for Advanced Reading Class.
- -placement based on reading scores and ELA grades
- This course counts as an elective credit
- Reading class would replace LOTE or fine arts course in 9<sup>th</sup> grade

# ADVISEMENT

- ADVISEMENT is a block at the end of the day usually every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
- Most 9<sup>th</sup> grade students may have extra Math and English classes scheduled during ADVISEMENT
- Students may get pre-signed passes to meet with teachers during ADVISEMENT





# IMPORTANT DATES!



- December**                      **Course selection with 8<sup>th</sup> grade counselor**
- January**                        **Copy of course requests given to parents at  
8<sup>th</sup> grade high school planning night**
- May/June**                      **Course requests mailed to students**
- June**                              **Deadline for course selection changes**
- August 28, 2019**    **Freshmen Orientation Day! (9<sup>th</sup> Grade  
students get schedules)**

# HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

## Greece Career Pathways

- Options designed for 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> grade year
- Pathways offerings vary by high school location but all Greece students have access to Career Pathway courses via bus transportation
- Athena's Career Pathway courses are Business Specialist, Civic Leadership, Computer Programming, Early Childhood, Pre-Engineering, & Transportation

## WEMOCO

- Career & Technical Education located at the BOCES 2 Spencerport Campus
- Most programs are a two-year commitment for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade


## New Visions

- College & career exploration program for 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Application & interview process midyear 11<sup>th</sup> grade
- Health, Justice, & Emerging professions


# WHAT IS DUAL ENROLLMENT?

- High school courses approved for college credit
  - Partnerships with MCC, FLCC, RIT, and Niagara University
  - Course offerings vary across the Greece high schools
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# COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

- College & Career Center
    - Explore college, vocational, school to work, and other post-secondary options
  - PSAT/SAT/ACT
  - NAVIANCE Family Connection
    - College & Career search tools available to all students and families.
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# **SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL SUPPORTS**

- **Substance Abuse Prevention**
    - **Coordinator-Stephanie Rago**
  
  - **Greece Family Support Center**
    - **Free family counseling for Greece residents**
    - **Evening hours**
    - **966-4471**
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# **STARTING NOW YOUR STUDENT SHOULD:**

- **Use school planner**
- **Do homework and study every day**
- **Ask questions and get help from teachers**
- **Take school seriously**
- **Take time to have fun**

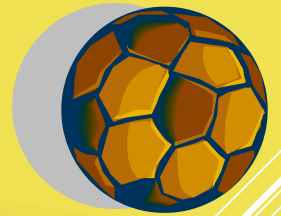


**DOING THIS NOW WILL HELP THEM GET INTO  
GOOD HABITS FOR HIGH SCHOOL!**

# WHEN IN HIGH SCHOOL, ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENT TO GET INVOLVED!



- Participate in Extra-Curricular Activities
  - Join clubs, school musical, sports teams
  - Volunteer in the community
- Research suggest that students that are involved in extracurricular activities are more successful in school and are more likely to graduate on time.



# Questions and Answers

