# RISING JUNIORS SCHEDULING INFORMATION

## REGISTRATION FOR 2019-20

February 4 - February 7: You will meet with your Counselor during your English class.

February 15: Last date to turn forms in.

After that date, if your form is not turned in, your courses will be selected by your Counselor and you cannot change them.

#### Select 7 classes plus alternates.

If you don't select courses and alternates, Counselors pick your classes.

Many courses require teacher recommendations. Remember to have your teachers sign your form for advanced courses.

You are responsible for acquiring teacher recommendations prior to meeting with your Counselor.

Be sure that you have selected an English, math, science and social studies course.

If you select a one-semester course, you must pair it with another one-semester course.

#### **COURSE SELECTIONS ARE FINAL!!**

#### SHOULD I TAKE ADVANCED COURSES?



We recommend that you challenge yourself, but don't overdo it. Take the most rigorous course(s) that

YOU CAN HANDLE!

You are making a year-long commitment!

## What if you have failed a course?

If you have failed a course that is required for graduation, you will need to retake it. When selecting your 7 classes, be sure to include any graduation requirements that you need to retake. If you only need to make up one semester, be sure to choose a class to fill up the other semester.

## Díd you know?

Taking electives in high school is a great way to explore a variety of career fields. In college, you will pay for every elective course that you take, so most people can't afford to explore careers while in college.

#### **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

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ENGLISH	4	
MATH	4	
SCIENCE	3	
SOCIAL STUDIES	3	
HEALTH	0.5	
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	1.0	
FINE ART	0.5	
ORAL COMMUNICATION	0.5	
CAREER / TECHNOLOGY	0.5	
ELECTIVES	7	
TOTAL	24	

**Get involved!** Statistically, students who are involved in community service & school activities tend to make better grades.

STAY INFORMED

Join Mountie Counseling Remind
Text @mounties21 to 81010.

#### ARE YOU ON TRACK TO GRADUATE?

While RHS does not retain you for lack of credits, you can still end up behind in credits and unable to graduate on time. You need to earn a minimum number of credits each year to be on track to graduate.

- End of 9th grade 5.5 credits
- End of 10th grade 11 credits
- End of 11th grade 17.5 credits

#### **CONCURRENT CREDIT**

If interested in taking college classes as a senior, keep your GPA up and do your best on your ACT Aspire and ACT tests. These courses require a minimum GPA and test scores to qualify.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Feb. 15—Final date to turn in request forms

March 8—NWTI/SCC applications due

April 1—Final date to change course requests

#### WHY CHOOSE ALTERNATES?

Not everyone will get their first choices due to staffing, class loads, and course conflicts. Alternates are your opportunity to tell us your back up choices.

#### ALTERNATES GET USED!

- Getting an alternate on your schedule is not a mistake.
- You cannot request teachers, class periods, lunches, etc.
- Your 1st & 2nd semesters may not be the same! This is not an error.

#### **TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

\*Required for any advanced class. \*These are based on what is in your best interest, not on your feelings! \*If you are recommended for an advanced class that you don't want, let your Counselor know.

#### **AA PROGRAM**

The Associate's Program (AA) allows select students to graduate with a high school diploma and an Associate's Degree!

More info to come this spring.

#### **CLASS of 2021**

## **SCHEDULE CHANGES**

Course requests are an extremely important part of staffing the school and building the master schedule. For this reason, Counselors will not be making schedule changes in the fall. All course requests are considered final, and changes will only be considered in cases of Counselor error. Choose wisely as you are committing to the courses that you select. **COURSE SELECTIONS** ARE FINAL!!

### **WHAT EUE?**

ACT—Take Junior year, then again in the spring or fall of senior year if you want to. Students who receive free or reduced lunch qualify for 2 fee waivers.

Be mindful of your attendance! Don't allow yourself to lose credit in a course.

Can you raise your GPA this semester? You need a 2.0 to get your permit. A higher GPA can lead to more opportunities later!

What are you doing after high school? Don't wait until senior year to think about it!

Research colleges now and over the summer. Take visits if you can. Narrow down your options so senior year is less stressful!

#### NWTI/SCC

If you are interested in learning a trade while in high school, NWTI may be for you. You must apply by the deadline, submit qualifying test scores, and have a GPA of 2.0. Admission to programs is competitive.

#### Exciting new opportunity!

#### **AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMA: What is it?**

RPS students now have the opportunity to earn a nationally-recognized AP Capstone Diploma in addition to their RPS Diploma. This is a highly advanced program designed to prepare you for college. You will complete a college-level research project!

- Take 6 AP courses, including AP Seminar (11) and AP Research (12). You choose the other 4.
- To earn the diploma, you must earn a 3 or higher on all 6 AP exams.

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