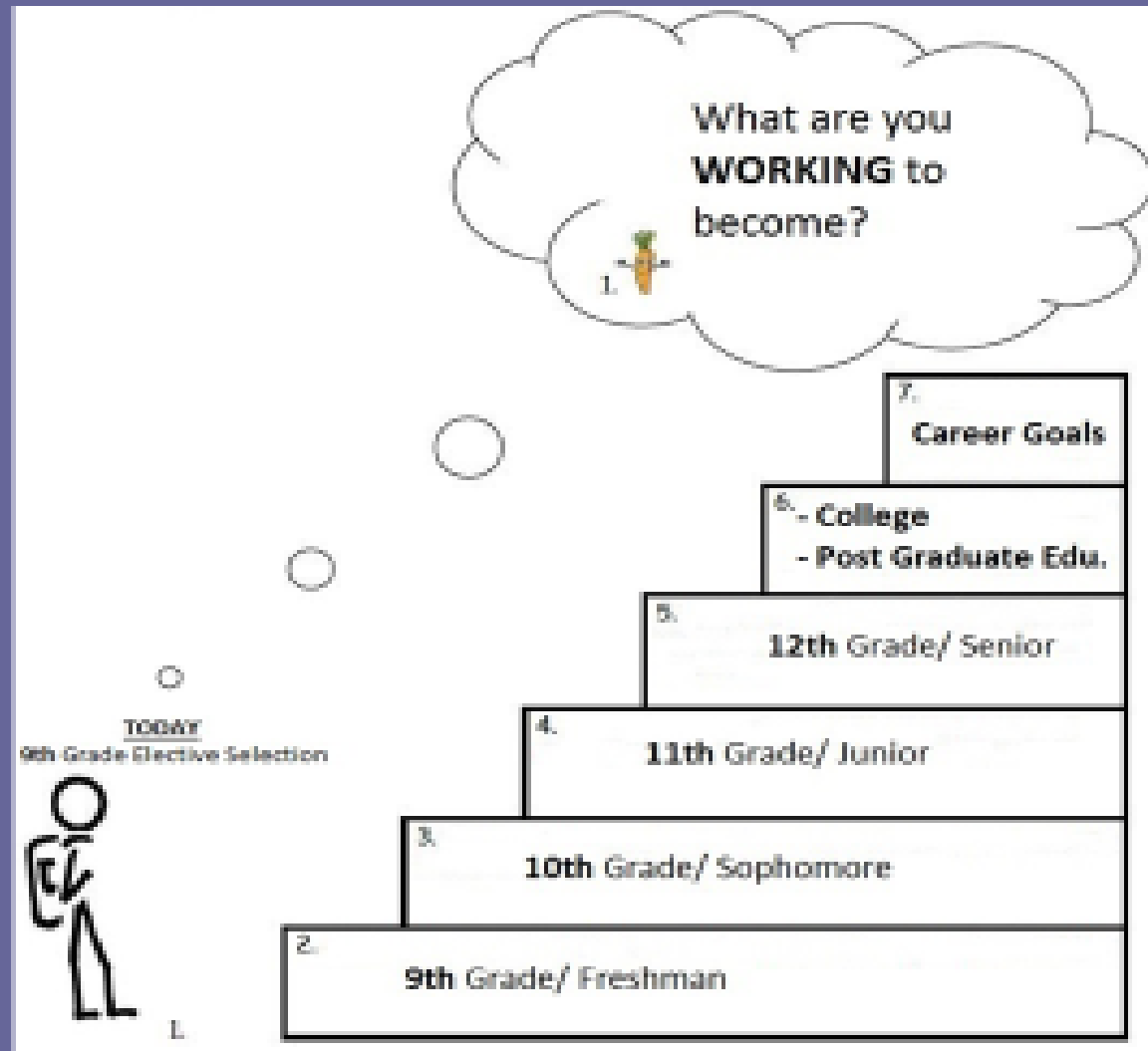
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8th to 9th Grade: Transitioning to the High School

SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Get **YOUR** Life!

(Get focused; Get your life together)



Graduation Requirements Advanced Regents Diploma

English	4 credits
Social Studies	4 credits
Math	3 credits
Science	3 credits
World Language	3 credits
Art/Music	1 credit
Health	0.5 credit
Physical Education	2 credits
Electives/Sequence	1.5 credits
Total Credits Required =	22 credits
1 credit = 1 full year class	

It is expected that students complete 4 years of English, Math, Social Studies, Science, and World Language.

Graduation Requirements Advanced Regents Diploma *Required Exams* (passing score is 65 or above)

- English Regents
- Global History Regents
- US History Regents
- Algebra CC
- Geometry CC
- Algebra II CC
- Two Science Exams
One physical science and Living Environment
- Checkpoint B
French, Spanish or Italian

Sample 9th Grade Schedule

- 1 English
- 2 Social Studies
- 3 Math
- 4 Science
- 5 Science Lab/ P.E.
- 6 World Language
- 7 Lunch – periods 3-8
- 8 Music/Art
- 9 Health/Elective

Bellport High School 2018-2019 Course Description Guide

- The guide can be found on the BHS Website, under the Guidance tab
- All of the high school courses can be found in this guide. Course descriptions are provided along with grade requirements.

Academic Class Options

MATH

- Honors Geometry – 85 average or higher in 8th Grade Honors Algebra 1 AND 85 or higher on Algebra I Regents
- Geometry CC – Less than an 85 average in 8th Grade Honors Algebra 1
- Algebra 1 – 75 average and higher in Math 8
- Algebra 1 Extended – 74 average and lower in Math 8. This class has a built in every other day Math Lab

Academic Class Options

SCIENCE

All 9th Graders take Lab Science = class meets daily with an extra every other day Lab

- Honors Earth Science – 85 average and higher in 8th Grade Honors Living Environment AND 85 or higher on Living Environment Regents
- Regents Earth Science – Less than an 85 average in 8th Grade Honors Living Environment
- Regents Living Environment – Completion of 8th Grade Science

Academic Class Options

ENGLISH

- Honors English 9 – 90 average and higher in 8th Grade English
- Regents English 9 – Completion of 8th Grade English
- AIS English - Every other day lab English class based on 8th grade English progress

Academic Class Options

Social Studies

- Pre-AP World History – 90 average or higher in Social Studies 8 AND qualifying score on Social Studies assessment
- Honors Global History 9 – 90 average or higher in Social Studies 8
- Regents Global History 9 – Completion of 8th Grade Social Studies
- Global 9 Skills– less than a 70 average in Social Studies. Every other day AIS class.

Academic Class Options

World Language

- All 9th grade students are expected to continue in World Language as it is part of a rigorous academic program which is important for college and career readiness after high school.

Spanish 2

Italian 2

French 2

Academic Class Requirements

Physical Education and Health

- Physical Education - all students must successfully complete 2 credits of PE (every other day for 4 years) in order to graduate high school.
- Health - .5 Credit of Health is required to graduate from high school. All 9th grade students will be enrolled in Health in order to fulfill this NYS requirement.

9th Grade Electives That Fulfill Art/Music Requirement – 1 Credit

- Studio in Art
- Creative Crafts
- Music In Our Lives
- Music Theory I
- Symphonic Band
- Mixed Chorus
- Orchestra
- Wind Ensemble (audition required)
- Design and Drawing for Production

9th Grade Alternate Day Electives

.5 credit

- **Studio in Art A**
- **Ceramics**
- **Piano I**
- **Introduction to Robotics**

Other 9th Grade Elective Options

- Career & Fin Mgmt / Human Relations
- Computer Programming I/II (65+ in math)
- Production Systems / Woodworking
- Engineering for the Future
- Robotics
- Spanish I
- Cadet Core I
- Research I (85 min. in Alg./L.E.)

There is limited room in a 9th grade schedule for electives. Every students needs are different. Counselors will discuss student programs during individual meetings

College and Career Planning

- Why does academic achievement matter?
- What is the connection between level of education and quality of life?
- What can I do now to prepare for College and a Career? Explore!
 - www.careerzone.ny.gov
 - www.naviance.com

What Do Colleges Look For?

- Rigor of Academic Courses
- GPA (Grade Point Average)
- SAT/ACT (College Entrance Exam) Scores
- Extracurricular Activities (clubs/athletics)
- Community Service
- Work Experience/Real World Experience
- College Essay
- Letter of Recommendation

Scholar Athletes - NCAA

- To be eligible to play a Sport in College, students must maintain a high GPA in High School taking NCAA approved Regents Level Courses. A competitive SAT or ACT score is also required

Attendance is crucial for academic achievement!

- BHS begins at 7:15 a.m. Make sure that you have an alarm and that you use it daily!
- Schedule vacations around school breaks.
- If you are interested in applying for a vocational program at "The Academy/BOCES" for 11th and 12th grades, you must show that you had very consistent attendance for 9th and 10th grades.

Questions?

How can I contact my counselor?

Be Sure To:

- Set goals which are clearly defined and achievable
- Monitor your progress and take personal responsibility
- Work as hard as you can!