# Transitioning to High School

Class of 2025

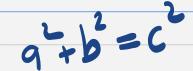
## Agenda

### **Counselor Introduction**

Meet your Counseling Department!

## Middle vs High School

Graduation Requirements and Main Differences



## **Transition into High School**

Tips for Success and more!

#### **Parent Events**

Upcoming Presentation Information



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# MEET YOUR COUNSELORS



**Madison High School** 

## Madison High School Counseling Department



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School Counselor



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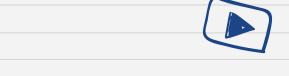
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## What can we help with?

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



## 02



# 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

#### Course Identity & Relationships Period 1 (Eng) Mathematics Period 2 (Specific to your level) 9th Grade Period 3 **Physical Education** Required Courses Biology or Green up Period 4 and Go Physics Period 5 Freshman Foundations Period 6 **ASL** or Spanish

## 9th Grade Courses



## Graduation Requirements

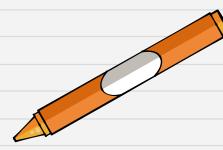
•	The specific set of
	classes you need to
	take and pass to
	earn your high
	school diploma

- 2.0 minimum GPA
- 44 Credits in total
- Some of you may graduate with more!

Subject	Years/Credits Required
History	3 Years (6 Credits)
English	4 Years (8 Credits)
Mathematics	3 Years (6 Credits)
Science	3 Years (6 Credits)
World Language	2 Years (4 Credits)
Visual or Performing Art	1 Year (2 Credits)
PE	2 Years (4 Credits)
Electives	4 Years (8 Credits)









# 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



## Tips for Success in High School

#### Get Involved!

Great way to learn more about the Warhawk

Community

#### **Attendance**

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

## 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

## 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!

## **Attendance**

When your student can't come to school, make sure they reach out to their teacher.

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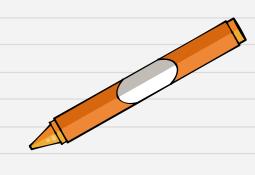
Help your students dedicate HW time every night.

## Ask for Help

Madison Counselors are here to help you!







## **PARENT MEETINGS**

#### **9TH GRADE**

Sept. 16th at 6:00 PM:

Transitioning into High School Apr. 21st at 6:00 PM: Preparing for 10th Grade

#### **11TH GRADE**

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

#### **10TH GRADE**

May 12th at 6:00 PM: Preparing for 11th 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

<sup>\*\*</sup>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\*\*











Do you have any questions?

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