

Scheduling Helpful Hints

General Tips and Hints

- Use pencil when creating your schedule.
- Be prepared that your perfect schedule may not be possible. Unless you are going to be a senior, there will likely be one or more classes that will be full by the time you go through arena scheduling. Create a back-up schedule, or have several options that you'd be willing to take each hour so that you are prepared if you can't get into one of the classes you chose.
- Math Support and E2020 are not open to the general student population. Students should only sign up for these courses if they have been "invited" to do so.
- Most courses that are labeled A and B are sequential, meaning the first half must be successfully completed before taking the second half. However, there are exceptions:
 - Anatomy/Physiology – A student can take only A, only B, or both A and B.
 - Senior Math – A student can take only A, only B, or both A and B.
 - Digital Media – A student can take only A, only B, or both A and B.
 - Business Management – It is highly recommended but not required that a student take A before taking B. A student can take C without previously taking A or B.
 - Multimedia Communications (Broadcasting) – A student must take A or have previously taken Movie Making or Animated Media in order to take B or C.
 - Yearbook – A student must take A in order to take B or C.
 - Choir – A student must take Vocal Basics or have previous choral experience in order to take B or C.
 - Green Tech – A student can take only A but must have taken A in order to take B.

Class of 2010

- Retake any required class that you failed (see transcript). If you failed English 11 A this year, sign up for American Lit. A. If you failed English 11 B this year, sign up for American Lit. B.
- Make sure you have fulfilled all graduation requirements
- Are you college bound? You should sign up for a fourth year of English, math, social studies, *and* science. Additionally, you should sign up for Senior English to help you choose a school, search for scholarships, write personal statements, etc.
- Not ready for AP Calc or Pre-Calc? Sign up for Senior Math. It combines statistics, probability, and other fun topics
- Two years of Spanish are strongly recommended for college-bound students. If you're already taking Spanish, you should sign up for the next course in the sequence. If you've never taken it, there's no time like the present to start.
- Dual enrollment, work study, and RCTC are all options.
 - **Dual Enrollment**
 - Per state guidelines, students qualify for dual enrollment with their PLAN or ACT scores (Math – 18, Reading – 17, Science- 19, and English – 21). However, Washtenaw Community College requires students to have a reading score of 19 and a writing score of 20. If students do not meet those cut scores, they can take the COMPASS test at WCC to try to qualify.
 - Students must dual enroll for the entire year and must eliminate one class from their daily schedule.
 - We will hold a meeting for all interested students to hand out necessary paperwork and go over details.
 - **Work Study**
 - Work study allows you to eliminate 5th hour from your schedule and earn credit for working. You need to have a job and take Business Management in order to participate in this program.
 - **RCTC**
 - The following programs are available: Health Occupations, Construction Technology, Culinary Arts, Collision Repair, Auto Mechanics, Child Care, Computer Systems Technology, and Graphic Design.
 - RCTC students leave after 2nd hour to travel to the RCTC site in Ypsilanti. Seniors who want to attend RCTC should make sure they register for any unfulfilled graduation requirement during 1st and 2nd hours. Juniors who want to attend RCTC should register for Government, Economics, English 11 A and B, as well as the next level of math. They can complete their final science requirement during their senior year.
 - Although we currently provide transportation to RCTC, it may be cut for next year. If you're interested in attending, please inform the counseling office if you'd be able to provide your own transportation if bussing were discontinued.

Class of 2011

- Requirements
 - Science Chemistry or Physics
 - Social Studies Government or AP Government as well as Economics
 - English World Lit. or Honors British Lit.
 - Math Whatever class is next in the sequence (Algebra II or Pre-Calc)
 - Retake any required class that you failed (see transcript). If you failed either Intro to Chemistry or Intro to Physics, you need to sign up for Physics A and B as well as Science in the News.
- Recommended
 - Spanish 1, 2, or 3
 - ACT Prep
- Options
 - RCTC, dual enrollment, and work study are all options. See the information under the Class of 2010 for more information.

Class of 2012

- Requirements
 - Science Physics
 - Social Studies World History/Geography
 - English American Lit. or Honors American Lit.
 - Math Whatever is next in the sequence (Geometry or Algebra II)
 - Retake any required class that you failed (see transcript)
- Recommended
 - Spanish 1 or 2
 - Take both Geometry and Algebra II if your goal is to make it to AP Calculus as a senior.

New Classes and Classes with New Titles

	Teacher
21 st Century Skills	Taylor
Abnormal Psychology	Ward
Animated Media (combination of Movie Making and Comp. Animation)	DeShano
Behind the Screens	Taylor
BFS Readiness	B. Lemons
Business Basics	Sprow
Communication Skills	Sprow
Criminology	Easlick
Digital Media A (formerly Computer Arts)	Sprow
Digital Media B (formerly Digital Photography)	Sprow
Dramatic Fiction	Betz
Google AdWords	Taylor
International Business	DeShano
Finance	DeShano
Literature Connections	Stidham
Practical Law	Easlick
Science and Historical Fiction	Stidham
Science in the News	W. Lemons
Sociology	Ward
Swimming	B. Lemons
Sports and Entertainment Marketing	Sprow
Web Authoring (formerly Web Design)	DeShano