
Academic Planning

Rising 9th Graders

— Yorktown High School —

YORKTOWN
students achieve
*Equity, Excellence, and
Empowerment*

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Important Information for Freshmen!

- All freshmen students are assigned a student mentor in the fall.
- First Day of School – only freshmen report to school in the morning.
- Schedules will be mailed home at the end of August
- New Student Orientation will be held in August- TBD

High School Course Info

- Counselors will be visiting middle schools the first week of February to review course options and answer student questions
- Students will be talking with their middle school counselor and teachers about course recommendations for next year
- Follow any middle school instructions for selecting classes- student will have hard copy Course Request Forms this year for parents to sign
- Review the Program of Studies for course details!

Graduation Requirements

STANDARD DIPLOMA

English	X	X	X	X
Math		X	X	X
Science		X	X	X
History		X	X	X
PE/Health		X	X	
Language/Art/ Career/Tech Ed.		X	X	
Economics & Pers. Fin.			X	
Electives	X	X	X	X
TOTAL		22 CREDITS		

SOL - 5 Verified SOL Credits

ADVANCED DIPLOMA

English	X	X	X	X
Math	X	X	X	X
Science	X	X	X	X
History	X	X	X	X
PE/Health		X	X	
Language	X	X	X	(or 2 + 2)
Art/Career/Tech Ed.			X	
Economics & Pers. Fin.			X	
Electives	X	X	X	
TOTAL		26 CREDITS		

SOL - 5 Verified SOL Credits

Other Graduation Requirements

- 2 years of PE/Health
- Economics/Personal Finance (regular or AP)
 - Recommended 11th or 12th Grade
 - Fulfills Virtual Course
- 1 Virtual Course (Econ/Personal Finance fulfills this requirement)
- Elective Sequence (years 1-3 of language cannot count for Adv. Diploma)
- at least 1 Fine Art/Career & Technical elective
- 5 verified credits (SOLs)

Standard Diploma

- no language required
- 22 credits

Advanced Diploma

- 3 years of a language (or 2+2)
- 26 credits

Standard vs. Advanced Diploma

- ❑ Both diploma types prepare students for college and other post secondary options!
- ❑ There are many reasons why a student might choose either type of diploma
- ❑ Colleges are not aware of your diploma type- it is not officially designated on your transcript until you graduate
- ❑ Focus on classes that interest **YOU** and that will prepare you for **YOUR** future goals

General 9th Grade Schedule- 7 classes!

English 9 (grade level or intensified)

World History (grade level or intensified)

-Taught as a block

Science (Biology, Earth Science or Environmental Science)

Math (Alg. 1 Part 1, Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2)

Health/PE 9

Language or Elective

Elective Choice

English and Social Studies

	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
English	English 9 English 9 Int.	English 10 English 10 Int.	English 11 AP English 11	English 12 AP English 12
Social Studies	World Hist. II World History II Int.	World History I World History I Int. AP European Hist. AP World History AP Human Geography No History*	US/VA History AP US/VA History	US/VA Government AP US/VA Gov't.

* Students who have World Geography from middle school do not have to take a social studies in 10th grade

Math

9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II AFDA	Algebra II Algebra III (MAT) Probability & Statistics
Algebra I Intensified Geometry Geometry Intensified Algebra II/Trig Intensified	Geometry Intensified Algebra II Algebra II/Trig Intensified Precalculus Intensified	Algebra II/Trig Intensified Algebra III (MAT) Probability & Statistic Precalculus Intensified AP Calculus (AB or BC)	Precalculus/Trig. Precalculus Intensified AP Statistics AP Calculus (AB or BC) Multivariable Calculus

- Students are encouraged to check with their math teachers for best math placement as ALL math courses require a teacher recommendation
- Students must have a C or better to move onto the next level of math

Science

9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
<p>Biology Intensified Biology Earth Science Intensified Earth Science Environmental Science</p>	<p>Biology Intensified Biology Earth Science Intensified Earth Science Princ. Chem*** Chemistry* Intensified Chemistry** Princ. Physics*** Physics*</p>	<p>Earth Science Intensified Earth Science Astronomy Ecology Princ. Chem***/Chemistry* Intensified Chemistry** Princ. Physics***/Physics* Intensified Physics** AP Science** Career Center Science</p>	<p>Earth Science Intensified Earth Science Astronomy Ecology Princ. Chem***/Chemistry* Intensified Chemistry** Princ. Physics***/Physics* Intensified Physics** AP Science** Career Center Science</p>

* Recommended for strong math/science students (passed or taking Algebra II)

** Recommended for those that have completed Algebra II

*** For students who may have difficulties in math

Grade Level vs Intensified Courses

Grade Level

- Majority of work completed in class under the direction of the teacher.
- Course curriculum moves at a slower pace-focus on reinforcing foundational skills and content
- Less outside reading or independent work.
- More instructional support by teacher in the classroom.
- Concepts are usually explained and reinforced with classwork

Intensified

- Majority of work completed independently outside of regular classroom time.
- Course curriculum moves at a faster pace.
- Students seek and enjoy higher level thinking.
- More reading and outside homework assignments.
- Greater student responsibility for learning.
- Requires good self-discipline and time management skills.

Things to Think About!

- Choose courses carefully! You want to challenge yourself each year, but not be too overloaded. We want you to be successful!
- Changes may not be possible in the fall.
- Consider the overall schedule – other commitments outside of school, time for homework, etc.
- Balance is important – think about what classes will be best for YOU!
- Know yourself – interests & strengths when choosing classes.
- Understand the difference between regular and Intensified
- Talk to your parents, teachers, & counselor

The Yorktown counselors and teachers look forward to meeting you in the fall!



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Questions?

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