

# 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE INFORMATION MEETING

# WELCOME

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# REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES FOR GRADUATION

- **Math:** 4 Credits (Alg 1, Geom, Alg 2, Adv Math class) (*Must be enrolled in a math every year in high school*)
- **English:** 4 Credits
- **Science:** 3 Credits ( Bio, Chem/Phys, and Lab science)
- **Social Studies:** 3 Credits (World Hist/Geo, US Hist/Geo, Econ/Gov)
- **Foreign Language:** 2 Credits of same foreign language
- **Wellness:** 1 Credit
- **PE:** .5 Credit (*this is a separate credit from Wellness*)
- **Personal Finance:** .5 Credit
- **Fine Arts:** 1 Credit
- **Focus Electives:** 3 Credits in same area (Humanities/Fine Art, Math/Science or CTE)
- Have taken **ACT** test
- **Pass TN Civics Assessment**
- **TOTAL: 22 Credits required**

- If you do not pass a class, then you may have to retake the class or do credit recovery for the class if your final grade is above a 50. Please call or email Ms. Hudson if you have questions.

# WAYS TO MONITOR PROGRESS, GRADES, ATTENDANCE, AND TO CONTACT TEACHERS

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- EDGENUITY
  - SHOWS PROGRESS FOR EACH CLASS WHEN YOU LOG IN
- POWERSCHOOL
  - SHOWS CLASS SCHEDULE WITH TEACHER NAMES/EMAIL, ATTENDANCE AND QUARTERLY GRADES
- CANVAS
  - TEACHERS PROVIDE USEFUL RESOURCES AND ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES AND TEACHER CONTACT CAPABILITIES

# CALCULATING GPA

- EVERY GRADE AT THE END OF A CLASS WILL GO ON THE STUDENT'S TRANSCRIPT AND WILL BE GIVEN AN ALPHA POINT VALUE ALONG WITH A NUMERICAL GRADE.
- As-4 points
- Bs—3 points
- Cs---2 points
- Ds---1 point
- Fs—0 points
- THE ALPHA POINT VALUES FOR ALL CLASSES ARE AVERAGED TO MAKE UP A STUDENT'S GPA

# WHY DOES GPA MATTER?

- ADMISSION TO COLLEGES AND CAREER PROGRAMS CAN BE DETERMINED BY THE STUDENT'S GPA.
  - TO BE ACCEPTED TO UTC, A STUDENT MUST HAVE A 2.85GPA. THIS IS EQUIVALENT TO AN OVERALL B-/C+ AVERAGE.
- SCHOLARSHIPS CAN BE AWARDED BASED ON GPA
  - TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE TN HOPE SCHOLARSHIP, A STUDENT MUST GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL WITH A 3.0 GPA. THIS IS THE EQUIVALENT OF MAKING ALL Bs.



# 9 TIPS FOR SUCCESS IN HIGH SCHOOL

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## EXPLORE

- DISCOVER YOUR INTEREST. THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS

## GET INVOLVED

- CONNECT WITH A GROUP OR ORGANIZATION

## READ!!!

- PICK SOMETHING YOU ENJOY
- IMPROVES TEST SCORES

# 9 TIPS FOR SUCCESS IN HIGH SCHOOL CONT.

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## GET TO KNOW YOUR TEACHERS

- VALUABLE RESOURCE

## ....AND YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR

- UTILIZE FOR INFORMATION AND AS AN ADVOCATE

## GET ORGANIZED

- FIND A SYSTEM THAT WORKS FOR YOU



# 9 TIPS FOR SUCCESS IN HIGH SCHOOL CONT.

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## DON'T SLACK OFF

- FRESHMAN YEAR GRADES DO MATTER

## TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

- USE STRESS REDUCING STRATEGIES

## BE YOURSELF AND HAVE FUN

- SURROUND YOURSELF WITH SUPPORTIVE AND POSITIVE PEOPLE



Start checking emails daily– it's how everyone communicates now!



Stay on pace with your classes.



Start your RESUME!



Record your Community Service – Dates & hours spent



Keep grades up

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WHAT SHOULD  
YOU START  
DOING :

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**WHAT SHOULD  
YOU START  
DOING CONT.:**

Attend

Attend College/Career Fairs (some are virtual)

Complete

Complete an interest inventory

<https://www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Careers/interest-assessment.aspx>

Do

Do online college/career searches:

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

[www.careeronestop.org](http://www.careeronestop.org)

Explore

Explore Careers and Job Shadow

The recording of this Zoom and the  
PowerPoint will be on the school  
website at

[https://virtualschool.hcde.org/social  
emotional support](https://virtualschool.hcde.org/social_emotional_support)

Let me know if you have questions  
or need assistance.

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