

SELECTING COURSES FOR YOUR SENIOR YEAR- IMPORTANT POINTS TO CONSIDER FOR 2020-2021



“SOS”- Strength of Schedule Take the most difficult courses you can that fit your interests and abilities but balance and do not overload yourself academically either. Colleges want to see good grades and that you have taken demanding courses in high school. Research shows that “SOS” is a significant predictor of college readiness and success.

THE BASICS OF A SENIOR SCHEDULE:

PERIOD	SAMPLE SENIOR SCHEDULE	SAMPLE SENIOR BOCES SCHEDULE
1	English 12, College English 1510/Public Spkg or College English 1530/1540	English 12, College English 1510 or College English 1530/1540, Tech ELA II at BOCES or Elective if no ELA
2	Govt & Economics	Govt & Economics
3	Elective	Elective
4	Phys Ed & Science Lab, Elective or Study Hall (every other day)	Phys Ed & Science Lab, Elective or Study Hall (every other day)
5	LUNCH	LUNCH-(leave for BOCES at 11:21AM)
6	Elective	PM BOCES class
7	Elective	(Includes ½ credit each of Tech Math II, Tech Science II & Tech ELA II)
8	Elective	PM BOCES
9	Elective or Study Hall	PM BOCES
10	Advisement	PM BOCES- (return at 2:55PM- no Advisement)

(The bell schedule and lunch design will remain the same next year.)

READ THE 2020-21 COURSE DESCRIPTION BOOKLET TO LEARN ABOUT ELECTIVE COURSES AVAILABLE TO YOU. I have print copies of this booklet, but it can also be found on the HS Guidance webpage by following these directions. Go to the BRCS homepage (www.brcs.wnyric.org), then pull down the Departments menu, click on Guidance and then over to the left click on HS Guidance and the course descriptions booklet is toward the top of the list on the left-hand side.

and we have limited seats available, so summer school is still the best option to catch up on a course- especially if you must take a regents exam and pass it with a specific regents-level course.

- Finish out your junior year courses strong as your end of junior year GPA is the grade point average that we will use on your college applications.
- Register on-line for the SAT and ACT exams if you have not already. Let me know if you need fee waivers for these exams.
- **IMPORTANT!!!!!!**You should be attending college fairs, open houses, and visiting campuses for general tours and sitting in on college majors of interest this spring and summer so that in the summer and fall you have some ideas of colleges and majors that are a good fit for you.
- There is a new Olean BOCES New Vision Education program available if you are interested in becoming a teacher. There is also a new Heavy Equipment Operations program at Belmont BOCES CTE Center.
- Check out the Accuplacer app and website for sample questions in case you need to placement test for specific college level courses.
- We will sit down in March or April individually to talk about your future and create your schedule. Your parents are welcome to come in as well. Please don't hesitate to ask me any questions about have about college, course and career planning at your individual meeting. We are here to help! Mrs. C-Bean



College Planning: 11th Grade

Junior year marks a turning point. This is because for most students and families, it's when college planning activities kick into high gear. Here are some things you can do this year to stay on track for college.

FALL

- Start with you:** Make lists of your abilities, social/cultural preferences, and personal qualities. List things you may want to study and do in college.
- Learn about colleges.** Look at their websites and find colleges at bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search. Talk to friends, family members, teachers, and recent grads of your school now in college. List the college features that interest you.
- Resource check:** Visit the counseling office and meet the counselors there. Is there a college night for students and families? When will college representatives visit your school? (Put the dates in your calendar.) Examine catalogs and guides.
- At school, speak to your counselor about taking the PSAT/NMSQT[®],** which is given in October. If you plan to ask for testing accommodations (because of a disability), be sure the College Board has approved your eligibility.
- Make a file to manage your college search, testing, and application data.** If appropriate (for example, if you're interested in drama, music, art, sports, etc.), start to gather material for a portfolio.
- Estimate your financial aid need.** Financial aid can help you afford college. Use the College Board's *Getting Financial Aid* and the financial aid calculator at bigfuture.org to estimate how much aid you might receive.

WINTER

- Sign up to take the SAT[®] in the spring.** You can register online or through your school. SAT fee waivers are available to eligible students. To prepare for the SAT, you can access free, personalized SAT practice tools at satpractice.org, including thousands of interactive questions, video lessons, practice tests, and more.
- Begin a search for financial aid sources.** National sources include the College Board's Scholarship Search and electronic sources. Don't overlook local and state aid sources. (Ask a counselor for help or check your public library.)
- With your family, make an appointment with your counselor** to discuss ways to improve your college-preparation and selection processes.
- Ask a counselor or teacher about taking the SAT Subject Tests[™] in the spring.** You should take them while course material is still fresh in your mind. You can download *The SAT Subject Tests Student Guide*, which offers test-prep advice, from SATSubjectTests.org.
- Explore AP[®].** The Advanced Placement[®] Program helps hundreds of thousands of high school students achieve their college dreams each year. Get the facts at apstudent.collegeboard.org/exploreap. If you're in AP classes, register for the AP Exams given in May.
- Opt in to the College Board Opportunity Scholarships at cb.org/opportunity.** You can earn scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 by completing individual college planning steps. Complete all six steps and you'll be eligible for the \$40,000 scholarship.

College Planning: 12th Grade

Want to know if you're on track in the college application process? This checklist shows you what you should be doing, and when.

When you complete steps marked with * you may be eligible for College Board Opportunity Scholarships. Learn more at: cb.org/opportunity.

FALL

- Strengthen Your College List***: Meet with a counselor about your college choices and, if you've not yet done so, download college applications and financial aid forms. Make sure you have a balanced list of academic safety, fit, and reach schools. Plan to visit as many of these colleges as possible.
- Create a master list or calendar that includes:**
 - Tests you'll take and their fees, dates, and registration deadlines
 - College application due dates
 - Required financial aid application forms and their deadlines (aid applications may be due before college applications)
 - Other materials you'll need (recommendations, transcripts, etc.)
 - Your high school's application processing deadlines
- Ask a counselor** to help you request a fee waiver if you can't afford application or test fees.
- Improve Your Score***: Many seniors retake the SAT in the fall. Additional coursework and practice with Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy® since your last test could help you boost your performance. Plus you already know what to expect on test day.
- Be sure** to have your SAT scores sent to the colleges to which you are applying.
- Complete the FAFSA***: To apply for most financial aid, you'll need to complete the FAFSA. Oct. 1 is the first day you can file the FAFSA.
- Complete the CSS Profile**: CSS Profile™ is an online application used by certain colleges and scholarship programs to determine eligibility for their aid dollars.
- Prepare** early decision/early action or rolling admission applications as soon as possible. Nov. 1–15: Colleges may require test scores and applications between these dates for early decision admission.
- Ask a counselor or teacher** for recommendations if you need them. Give each teacher or counselor an outline of your academic record and your extracurricular activities. For each recommendation, provide a stamped, addressed envelope and any college forms required.
- Write first drafts** and ask teachers and others to read them if you're submitting essays. If you're applying for early decision, finish the essays for that application now.
- Apply to College***: Submit your applications to the schools that you want to attend.
- Ask counselors** to send your transcripts to colleges. Give counselors the proper forms at least two weeks before the colleges require them.

2020-2021 BRCS HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE REQUEST FORM

STUDENT	GRADE FOR 2020-2021 YEAR
109 YEARBOOK DESIGN	520 SPANISH II
110 ENGLISH 9	530C HONORS SPANISH III
120 ENGLISH 10	540C HONORS SPANISH IV
130 ENGLISH 11 ^R	600 INTRO TO VIDEO PROD
131 HONORS/COL ENG 11 ^R	610 STUDIO IN ART
131S * COLLEGE ENG 1510	620 ADVANCED ART I
140 ENGLISH 12	630 ADVANCED ART II
151 *COLLEGE ENGLISH 1530	640 SURVEY OF ART
153 *COLLEGE ENGLISH 1540	641 *COL INTRO CERAMICS
1610CMM *COL. PUB. SPEAKING	642 *INTRO TO SCULPTURE
152 CREAT. WRITNG/JOURNALISM	650 INDEPENDENT ART
210 GLOBAL HISTORY I	653 DIGITAL MEDIA I
220 GLOBAL HISTORY II ^R	654 DIGITAL MEDIA II
230 US HISTORY ^R	715 OFFICE PROC-MOS CERT
231 US HISTORY HON./CLEP ^R	720 DIGITAL DESIGN
240 PART. IN GOVT & ECON	730 SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY
243 *HISTORY THROUGH FILM	731 DRAW & DESIGN PROD
245 *HIST. OF AMERICAN WARFARE	740 *FASHION & DESIGN
250 COLLEGE SOCIOLOGY	741 *GOURMET FOODS
310C ALGEBRA I ^R	746 *INDEPENDENT LIVING
311C ALGEBRA IA	750 *HEALTH EDUCATION
313 CODING SWIFT	752 *FITNESS & NUTRITION
315 INT. TO APP DEVL MNT (NEW)	753C *COL SPORTS MGMNT
320C GEOMETRY ^R	756C *COL SPORTS IN SOCIETY
319 GEOMETRY APPS	801 BUS. OWNSHP & MKTNG
321C ALGEBRA IB ^R	804 ACCOUNTING
330C ALGEBRA II ^R	809 CAREER & FIN MNGMT
330COL COL. ALGEBRA/TRIG*	820 CHORUS
331C ALGEBRA II APPS.	821 *CHORUS
341COL *COLLEGE PRE-CALCULUS	838 *CONCERT BAND
350 AP CALCULUS AB	838F CONCERT BAND
352 CONSUMER MATH	837 *HONORS JAZZ ENSEMBLE
353 *COLLEGE STATISTICS	840 *ORCHESTRA
351 *COL MATH PROB SOLVING	849 SR.ORCHESTRA
410 EARTH SCIENCE & LAB ^R	843 MUSIC THEORY
420 LIVING ENVIRON & LAB ^R	844 DRIVER'S ED (NO CR)
421 SUSTAINABLE LIV & AG	850 *PHYSICAL EDUCATION
422 SUSTAINABLE LIV & AG II	
430 CHEMISTRY & LAB ^R	
430H *HONORS CHEMISTRY CLEP	
431 GENERAL CHEMISTRY	
440 PHYSICS & LAB ^R	
441 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE	
510 SPANISH I	
	924 ANIMAL SCIENCE I
	925 ANIMAL SCIENCE II
	926 COLLISION REPAIR TECH I
	927 COLLISION REPAIR TECH II
	928 AUTO TECHNOLOGY I
	929 AUTO TECHNOLOGY II
	930 CARPENTRY & CONST. TRADES I
	931 CARPENTRY & CONST. TRADES II
	932 EARLY ENTRY CTE
	940 COSMETOLOGY I
	941 COSMETOLOGY II
	942 CRIMINAL JUSTICE I
	943 CRIMINAL JUSTICE II
	944 CULINARY ARTS I
	945 CULINARY ARTS II
	979 HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATION I
	980 HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATION II
	946 EARLY CHILDHOOD I
	947 EARLY CHILDHOOD II
	948 NEW VISION HEALTH PROF. (Srs. Only)
	950NV NEW VISION EDUCATION CAREERS (NEW)
	952 MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS I
	953 MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS II
	954 MEDICAL ASSISTING I
	955 MEDICAL ASSISTING II
	956 NATURAL RESOURCES I
	957 NATURAL RESOURCES II
	960 PRE-ENGINEERING I
	961 PRE-ENGINEERING II
	962 WELDING I
	963 WELDING II
	133 *TECH ELA I
	143 *TECH ELA II
	332 *TECH MATH I
	342 *TECH MATH II
	432 *TECH SCIENCE I
	442 *TECH SCIENCE II

**ALL STUDENTS MUST TAKE AT
LEAST 6.5 CREDITS PER SEMESTER
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198 RES. HS. ENGLISH
298 RES. HS. SOC. ST.
398 RES. HS MATH
498 RES. HS SCIENCE

R = REGENTS EXAM

SIGNATURE REQUIRED OVER---->

ACADEMIC INTERVENTION

111	ELA SUPPORT
222	**SAT TEST PREP
333	MATH SUPPORT

College Board Opportunity Scholarships

Turn your efforts into scholarships



The College Board Opportunity Scholarships guide you through the college planning process and offer you a chance to earn money for college for each action you complete. The more effort you put in, the more opportunities you'll have to earn. It doesn't require an essay or an application, and it doesn't have a minimum GPA or test score requirement. Scholarships can be used at 2- and 4-year colleges.

Learn more and get started at [cb.org/opportunity](https://collegeboard.org/opportunity).



1. Build Your College List: \$500

Get started by exploring colleges you're interested in on BigFuture™.



2. Practice for the SAT: \$1,000

Use Official SAT® Practice on Khan Academy® to get ready for test day.



3. Improve Your Score: \$2,000

Show how practice pays off by improving your SAT score from your PSAT/NMSQT® or a previous SAT score.



4. Strengthen Your College List: \$500

Make sure your college list on BigFuture has a mix of safety, match, and reach schools.



5. Complete the FAFSA: \$1,000

Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to apply for financial aid.



6. Apply to Colleges: \$1,000

Apply to colleges you want to attend.



Complete Your Journey: \$40,000

Complete all six scholarship steps to be eligible for a \$40,000 scholarship.