

Course Planning Presentation Agenda



- **Scheduling timetable**
- **Graduation requirements**
- **Types of diplomas**
- **Course selection**
- **Planning for the future (college and work)**
- **NCAA eligibility for college-bound student athletes**

Scheduling Timeline



February 4th ~ Course Planning Assembly

February 6th ~ Scheduling Day, Part 1 ~ Teachers
Discuss Course Selections with Students

February 11th & 13th ~ Scheduling Day, Part 2 ~
Student Portal Input

End of February - April ~ Individual Student Schedule
Meeting with School Counselor. (Parents are welcome
to attend the meeting. If you wish to attend contact the
Guidance Office)

COURSE PLANNING ASSEMBLY IN FEBRUARY



Students will receive the following during this assembly:

- **A Grade Planning Worksheet with NYS Minimum Graduation Requirements on the back and the Scheduling Day process.**
- **Elective course pairings sheet by department**

On the scheduling day students will will receive the following materials:

- **A Course Selection Sheet from their Period 1 teacher**
- **Challenge Agreement (if needed)**

Please note that students will take their Course Selection Sheet to each of their individual teachers to discuss course selection for the 2020-2021 school year. At that time teachers will give their recommendation and if needed a Challenge Agreement will be issued. At the end of the day, Period 11, the Course Selection Sheet will be collected and given to the Guidance Department for future Student Portal input.

MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



REQUIRED SUBJECTS	REGENTS DIPLOMA	ADVANCED REGENTS	
English	4	4	
Social Studies	4	4	
Math	3	3	
Science*	3*	3**	
Language Other than English	2	3***	
Art/Music****	1	1	
Health	0.5	0.5	
Physical Education	2 (.5/yr)	2 (.5/yr)	
Additional Courses/Electives	2.5		1.5
TOTAL (Minimum)	22	22	

MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



REQUIRED
REGENTS EXAMS

REGENTS
DIPLOMA

ADVANCED
REGENTS

Passing Score = 65

English Language Arts	√*	√
Global History	√*	√
U.S. History	√*	√
Algebra 1	√*	√
Regents Science	√*	√
Geometry	Not Required	√
Algebra 2	Not Required	√
2 nd Science	Not Required	√
Language Other than English*	Not Required	√

Transfers from outside NYS: Juniors may be exempted from the Global History testing requirement, and Seniors may be exempted from the Global History and Science testing requirements.

*Traditional Pathway

DIPLOMA TYPES



For a ***Regents diploma with honors***, students must score an average of at least 90 on the required Regents exams.

For a ***Regents diploma with advanced designation with honors***, students must score an average of at least 90 on the required Regents exams.

For a ***Regents diploma with advanced designation with an annotation on the diploma that denotes mastery in mathematics and/or science***, students must score at least 85 on three Regents exams in that subject.

COURSE SELECTION



- There are 8 class periods + 1 (shorter) lunch period.
- ***All students must take at least 5 credits + PE.*** (5.5 Credits)
- Students may carry up to 7 credits + PE, provided there are no scheduling conflicts.
- Seniors in good standing may request late arrival and/or early dismissal, but there is no guarantee that these can be scheduled.
- If students are recommended for remedial or lab help, this will take priority over an elective.
- All Regents and AP science classes require an additional alternate day LAB period.
- All prerequisites, as outlined in the course descriptions, must be met.

COURSE SELECTION GUIDE 2020-21



Go to the school district website at www.hffmcsd.org:

- **Select *James I. O’Neill High School*;**
- **Click on *Guidance: Academic Planning*;**
- **Click on *Course Selection Guide 2020-2021*.**

PREREQUISITES



Please refer to the course descriptions and prerequisites in the *Course Selection Guide 2020-2021* and to the reverse side of your planning worksheet.

- Continuing in Honors
- Moving up to Honors
- Taking a College-Level Course
 - any student interested in taking college level courses are required to pay the associated fees to be a part of the course (AP exam fee) and (College-Level course fee).
- Please keep in mind that students must meet any prerequisites that are described in the *Course Selection Guide*.

COLLEGE-LEVEL COURSES



AP courses offered at O'Neill*

Biology AP

Calculus AP

Chemistry AP

Computer Science AP

Environmental Science AP

English 12 AP

Physics AP

Studio Art AP

United States History AP

European History AP

AP Capstone ~ Seminar

**An AP course may not be offered if there is not sufficient interest.*

COLLEGE-LEVEL COURSES



Advanced Placement (AP):

- College-level courses
- College credit may be awarded depending on the exam score: This varies from college to college.
- ***Students must take the AP exam for the course.***
- Exam fees are due in October; this year the cost of each exam is **\$94**. With the exception of AP Seminar and AP Research the cost of those exams are each **\$142**. (subject to change). There will be a \$40.00 cancellation fee if a student drops an AP course.
- Admission to most AP courses is selective. Note the prerequisites.

COLLEGE-LEVEL COURSES



Syracuse University Project Advance (SUPA):

- Syracuse University courses taught here at O'Neill by teachers who have been trained at Syracuse.
- College credit is based on the final grade earned in the course (in contrast to an AP course).
- The college credit is generally transferable to other colleges, but this is determined by the receiving institution.
- The cost for one semester is \$345. For each semester students receive .5 high school credit and 3 college credits. (subject to change)
- Admission to SUPA classes is selective. Please note the prerequisites.

COLLEGE-LEVEL COURSES



SUPA courses offered at O'Neill:

SUPA English (for seniors): Fall & Spring semesters

SUPA Economics (for seniors) Fall semester

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SUPA Public Policy (for seniors) Spring semester

SUPA Personal Finance (for juniors & seniors) Fall semester

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COLLEGE-LEVEL COURSES



Orange County Community College (OCCC):

- College credit is determined by the final grade in the course.
- The college credit is generally transferable to other colleges, but this is determined by the receiving institution.
- Students are advised to inquire about the transferability of these courses by contacting the Admissions Office(s) at the institution(s) to which they plan to apply.
- Payment is due at the beginning of each semester. This year the cost is **\$200** for each semester. (subject to change).
- O'Neill will offer OCCC courses for students at the **Spanish 5 and Chinese 4 and 5** levels. Admission is selective: Refer to the course descriptions.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE: COLLEGE



Factors in 4-year college admissions:

- *Rigor of the student's course load for grades 9-12:* Students should take the most demanding course load they can handle and continue as far as possible in math, science, and foreign language.
- Grade point average (cumulative average starts with Grade 9)
- Class rank
- SAT or ACT scores (some 4-year colleges are test optional and do not require test scores)
- Rigor of academic program
- Activities (note that services activities may be a separate category)
- Recommendation(s)
- Essay(s)
- SAT Subject Tests (may be required by the highly competitive colleges)
- Interview (rarely required)

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE: COLLEGE



- Visit college websites and click on *Admissions* or *Prospective Students* to check their course and test requirements for admission.
- You can also use one of the college handbooks, like the College Board's *College Handbook*.
- Use websites like Naviance (use the link from the district website) or the College Board at www.collegeboard.org.
- Pay particular attention to course requirements in math, science, and foreign language.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE: WORK



Consider BOCES Career-Technical (CTEC) programs. Most are 2-year programs that students take in 11th and 12th grades, but they can be taken for one year.

Appearance Careers

Environmental Careers

Business Computer Careers

Health Careers

Construction Careers

Security Careers

Culinary Careers

Transportation Careers

Education Careers

Visual Arts Careers

Engineering Careers

O'Neill students will be visiting BOCES (CTEC) on 2/19: If students would like to go and have not turned in their visitation passes to the Guidance Office, they should do so as soon as possible.

BOCES CTEC PROGRAM FOR GRADE 11



PM CTEC Schedule:

Periods 1-5/6: English 11 R
 U.S. History R
 Math
 Science
 Physical Education

Period 7: Lunch

Periods 8/9-11: BOCES CTEC Program

Bus returns to O'Neill around 3:30 p.m. and to the morning bus stop around 4 p.m.

BOCES CTEC PROGRAM FOR GRADE 12



AM CTEC Schedule:

Periods 1-5/6:	BOCES CTEC Program
Period 7:	Lunch
Periods 8/9-11:	English 12 R Economics (1/2 yr) Participation in Gov't (1/2 yr) Physical Education

ATHLETES & THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER



If a student intends to participate in Division I or II **athletics** as a college freshman, the student must register and be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center.

Please refer to the NCAA's website at www.eligibilitycenter.org and discuss with your child's guidance counselor.

To be eligible students must:

- ★ Complete a set number of CORE courses. Note that not all courses count as CORE courses. Please check the NCAA's website for the list of O'Neill's CORE courses that have been approved.
- ★ Earn a minimum required grade point average in those core courses; and Earn a combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches the core-course grade point average and test score sliding scale.