

A classroom scene with a chalkboard and desks. The chalkboard is black with white text. The desks are light wood with orange chairs. The background is a light blue wall.

WELCOME RISING
9TH GRADERS TO
HIGH SCHOOL

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL

COUNSELORS:

DR. PRESSEY & MRS. MCLAUGHLIN

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN TODAY?

Learn

Students will learn graduation requirements

Learn

Students will learn difference between MS and HS

Be

Students will be made aware of postsecondary options

WHERE ARE YOU GOING NEXT YEAR???



Returning to North
Star?



Zone school? Contact
NOW to enroll!!



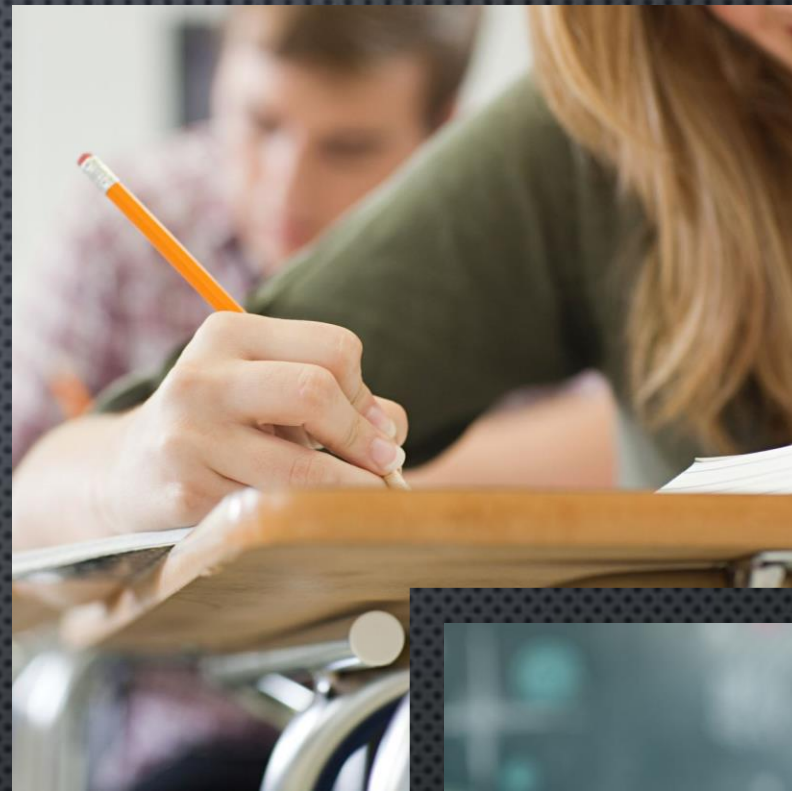
Other options?



Have you done
online Infinite Campus
registration?

WHAT ARE SOME DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MS AND HS?

- YOU MUST EARN CREDITS TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL
- YOU WILL HAVE MULTIPLE TEACHERS, TYPICALLY ONE FOR EACH SUBJECT
- EVERY CREDIT IS IMPORTANT AND COUNTS TOWARDS GRADUATION
- YOUR FRESHMEN YEAR COUNTS! COLLEGES LOOK AT ALL YEARS
- KEEPING UP WITH COURSES IS MUCH HARDER AND REQUIRES A STRONG WORK ETHIC!
- DEADLINES ARE MUCH MORE STRICT
- CLASSES ARE SEMESTER BASED
- ALL CLASSES WILL BE ON THE EDGENUITY PLATFORM



A black graduation cap with an orange tassel is centered in the image. The cap is a mortarboard style with a square top and a small button in the center. The tassel is made of many fine orange threads and hangs down from the left side of the cap. The background is a plain, light gray surface.

HOW MANY CREDITS ARE
REQUIRED TO GRADUATE
FROM HIGH SCHOOL???



STANDARD DIPLOMA

REQUIREMENTS: 23 CREDITS AND ACT EXAM

ENGLISH: 4 CREDITS

MATH: 3 CREDITS

SCIENCE: 2 CREDITS

SOC. STUDIES: 3 CREDITS (WORLD HISTORY; US HISTORY; ½ GOVERNMENT; ½ ECONOMICS)

PE/ROTC: 2 CREDITS

HEALTH: 0.5 CREDITS

COMP SCIENCE: 0.5 CREDITS

ELECTIVES: 6 CREDITS

ARTS/HUMANITIES/CTE: 1 CREDIT (ART, MUSIC, 3RD YEAR OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE)

FLEX CREDIT: 1.0 CREDIT***

***FLEX CREDITS CAN BE: A 2ND OR 3RD YEAR CTE COMPLETER COURSE IN ONE PROGRAM OF STUDY, OR A 4TH YEAR OF MATH (INCLUDING ALG 2 OR HIGHER), OR A 3RD YEAR OF SCIENCE, OR A 4TH YEAR OF SOCIAL STUDIES

No GPA REQUIREMENT



ADVANCED DIPLOMA

REQUIREMENTS: 24 CREDITS AND ACT EXAM

ENGLISH: 4 CREDITS

MATH: 4 CREDITS (MUST INCLUDE ALGEBRA 1, GEOMETRY & ALGEBRA 2 OR EQUIVALENT)

SCIENCE: 3 CREDITS

SOC. STUDIES: 3 CREDITS (WORLD HISTORY; US HISTORY; ½ GOVERNMENT; ½ ECONOMICS)

PE/ROTC: 2 CREDITS

HEALTH: 0.5 CREDITS

COMP SCIENCE: 0.5 CREDITS

ELECTIVES: 6 CREDITS

ARTS/HUMANITIES/CTE: 1 CREDIT (ART, MUSIC, 3RD YEAR OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE)

GPA REQUIREMENT OF A 3.25 (WEIGHTED OR UNWEIGHTED)

MEETS THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE NEVADA MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP



HONORS DIPLOMA

REQUIREMENTS: 24 CREDITS AND ACT EXAM

ENGLISH: 4 CREDITS

MATH: 4 CREDITS (MUST INCLUDE ALGEBRA 1, GEOMETRY & ALGEBRA 2 OR EQUIVALENT)

SCIENCE: 3 CREDITS (2 CREDITS MUST BE IN BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, OR PHYSICS)

SOC. STUDIES: 3 CREDITS (WORLD HISTORY; US HISTORY; ½ GOVERNMENT; ½ ECONOMICS)

PE/ROTC: 2 CREDITS

HEALTH: 0.5 CREDITS

COMP SCIENCE: 0.5 CREDITS

ELECTIVES: 6 CREDITS (2 CREDITS OF THE SAME WORLD LANGUAGE REQUIRED)

ARTS/HUMANITIES/CTE: 1 CREDIT (ART, MUSIC, 3RD YEAR OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE)

8 CREDITS OF THE ABOVE CLASSES MUST BE HONORS (AP COURSES AND SOME DUAL ENROLLMENT COLLEGE COURSES CAN COUNT TOWARDS THIS REQUIREMENT)

GPA REQUIREMENT OF A 3.4 (WEIGHTED OR UNWEIGHTED)

MEETS THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE NEVADA MILLENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP



DIPLOMA OPTIONS/ENDORSEMENTS

- COLLEGE AND CAREER READY DIPLOMAS
- SEAL OF BI-LITERACY
- STEAM
- STEM
- CTE CERTIFICATE

- [LINK TO GRADUATION GUIDE](#)
- [LINK TO SEALS INFO](#)

HOW MANY CREDITS DO YOU EARN FOR ONE CLASS?

All classes are semester based
(Semester 1 & Semester 2) = .5 credit

Full year classes are 2 semesters added together= 1 credit

Ex: You need 4 years (4 credits: 8 semesters) of English to graduate

What is GPA?

Attendance

YOUR GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

- **GPA** = THE GRADES EARNED IN ALL CLASSES ADDED TOGETHER AND DIVIDED BY THE NUMBER OF CLASSES
 - EACH GRADE EQUALS A GRADE POINT
 - (A=4; B=3; C=2; D=1; F=0 NO CREDIT)
- MANY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ONLY COUNT **CORE CLASSES** (ENGLISH, SCIENCE, MATH, SOCIAL SCIENCE, WORLD LANGUAGE, ETC.) IN GPA CALCULATION
- ADD .025 (HONORS) OR .050 (AP OR DUAL CREDIT) TO GPA FOR EVERY SEMESTER TAKEN TO CALCULATE YOUR **WEIGHTED GPA**
- **ATTENDANCE!! MATTERS FOR MILENNIUM SCHOLARSHIP & DMV ATTENDANCE REPORT**

DMV & ATTENDANCE

- IF YOU WANT TO GET YOUR LICENSE YOU NEED TO GO THE NORTH STAR RESOURCES [LINK](#) ON THE MAIN PAGE TO REQUEST THE NEEDED PAPERWORK FOR THE DMV.
- YOU MUST PLAN AHEAD AS IT MAY TAKE A DAY OR TWO TO GET THE FORM YOU NEED.





PLAGIARISM REMINDER

- WHAT IS PLAGIARISM?
 - COPYING AND PASTING INFORMATION FROM THE INTERNET WITHOUT CITATION
 - PARAPHRASING SOMEONE ELSE'S WORDS/IDEAS WITHOUT CITATION
 - TEACHERS USE SOFTWARE TO DETECT PLAGIARISM
 - DON'T DO IT!!!!
 - YOU WILL FACE DISCIPLINE ACTION: SEE NORTH STAR STUDENT HANDBOOK

POST SECONDARY PLANNING (WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT DOING AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?)



Research college admission requirements early. Use sites such as the following to research colleges:

- [Big Future on Collegeboard](#)
- [NICHE Best Fit](#)
- [Cappex](#)

Go to directly to the your college of interest's admissions webpage. Search Freshman Admissions Requirements

** Many require 2 years same foreign language and 1 year of visual/performing art*

Not sure what you want to do? Check out [Nevada Career Explorer](#)
(Use Library Card to create account)



CTE Programs: <https://doe.nv.gov/CTE/>
<https://www.tmcc.edu/academics/certifications>



Military

<https://www.goarmy.com/>
<https://www.airforce.com/>
<http://nationalguard.com/NV>
<https://www.navy.com/>
<https://www.marines.com/>



THINKING OF PLAYING SPORTS IN COLLEGE? WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT NCAA ELIGIBILITY!

DIVISION I: 16 CORE COURSES

- ENGLISH, MATH, SCIENCE, SOCIAL SCIENCE
- ADDITIONAL COURSEWORK FROM ABOVE AREAS
- SAT/ACT SCORES (MUST BE SENT DIRECTLY TO NCAA)
- NCAA DOES **NOT** ACCEPT CBE, A PLUS, OR BYU: **PASS YOUR CLASSES THE FIRST TIME IN THE CLASSROOM!**
- REVIEW APPROVED COURSES AT:

WWW.ELIGIBILITYCENTER.ORG

COURSE SELECTION

- NORTH STAR COURSE OPTIONS SHEET: [CLICK HERE FOR COURSE OPTION LINK](#)

- USE THIS LIST TO HELP WITH YOUR COURSE SELECTIONS FOR NEXT YEAR
- COURSE DESCRIPTIONS ARE IN PROGRESS AND WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON, PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR UPDATES
- EVERY NEW AND RETURNING NORTH STAR STUDENT WILL NEED TO COMPLETE A COURSE SELECTION FORM
- COURSE SELECTION FORM WILL BE USED TO BUILD YOUR SCHEDULE FOR THE FULL YEAR, PLEASE CHOOSE WISELY.
- PLEASE NOTE, SCHEDULE CHANGES WILL NOT BE DONE FOR ELECTIVES YOU HAVE CHOSEN ON THIS FORM.
- THESE FORMS WILL NEED TO BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED ONLINE BY **APRIL 7, 2023** IF YOU DO NOT SUBMIT A FORM BY THIS DATE, YOUR CLASSES WILL BE CHOSEN FOR YOU. PLEASE BE SURE TO SUBMIT YOUR SELECTIONS BY **APRIL 7, 2023**

• **COURSE SELECTION LINK: [CLICK HERE](#)**

• **[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/R/GBLNCGHBBZ](https://forms.office.com/r/GBLNCGHBBZ)**

NORTH STAR online school
*****This is NOT the Course Selection form.*****
All courses are offered online via the Edgenuity platform

ENGLISH (4 Credits Minimum)

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
English 1-2	English 3-4	English 5-6	English 7-8
Honors English 1-2	Honors English 3-4	Honors English 5-6	Honors English 7-8

MATH (3 Credits Minimum)

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Algebra 1-2*	Geometry 1-2	Algebra 2 1-2	Probability and Statistics
Honors Algebra 1-2*	Honors Geometry 1-2	Honors Algebra 2 1-2	Financial Math
			Honors Pre-Calc w/Trig

* If student has taken Algebra 1 in middle school, they would then start with Geometry

SCIENCE (2 Credits Minimum)

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Biology 1-2	Physical Science 1-2	Environmental Science 1-2	Option to take any science not previously taken (talk to counselor for more details)
Honors Biology 1-2	Chemistry* 1-2	Honors Physics*	
	Honors Chemistry* 1-2		

*Admission into Chemistry, Honors Chemistry and/or Honors Physics is dependent on grade earned in previous science class

SOCIAL STUDIES (3 Credits Minimum)

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
No Social Studies course in 9th grade	World History 1-2	US History 1-2	American Gov (1 sem)
	Honors World History 1-2	Honors US History 1-2	Honors American Gov (1 sem)
			Economics (1 sem)

HEALTH (0.5 Credit Required)/COMPUTER SCIENCE (0.5 Credit Required) Both courses typically taken in 9th and 10th grade

Health (1 sem)	Computer Science (1 sem)
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PHYSICAL EDUCATION (2 Credits Minimum) PE typically taken in 9th and 10th grade

PE 1-2	Lifetime Fitness 1-2
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ELECTIVES (1 Credit Minimum of Arts/Humanities Required)

Spanish 1-2	Intro to Health Science 1-2
Spanish 3-4	Intro to Careers in Education and Training (1 sem)
Spanish 5-6	Art History 1-2*
Career Essentials 1-2	Psychology 1-2*
Intro to Business 1-2	Communication & Speech 1-2*
Strategies for Academic Success (1 sem)	Intro to Medical Terminology 1-2*
Personal Finance (1 sem)	Sociology (1 sem)*
Intro to Information Technology 1-2	

*Can be used as an Art/Humanities credit

[CLICK HERE FOR COURSE OPTIONS LINK](#)

COURSE SELECTIONS & HIGH SCHOOL PLAN OF STUDY



Look at the 9th grade column on the plan of study



Selections will be made online: [LINK](#)



All Freshmen must carry a minimum of 6 courses

2 can be at zone school (you must go to your zone school to register as concurrent and meet with the counselor to choose classes)



Honors Courses: Recommended B average or better to take Honors classes



Course Sheets must be submitted ONLINE by APRIL 7TH

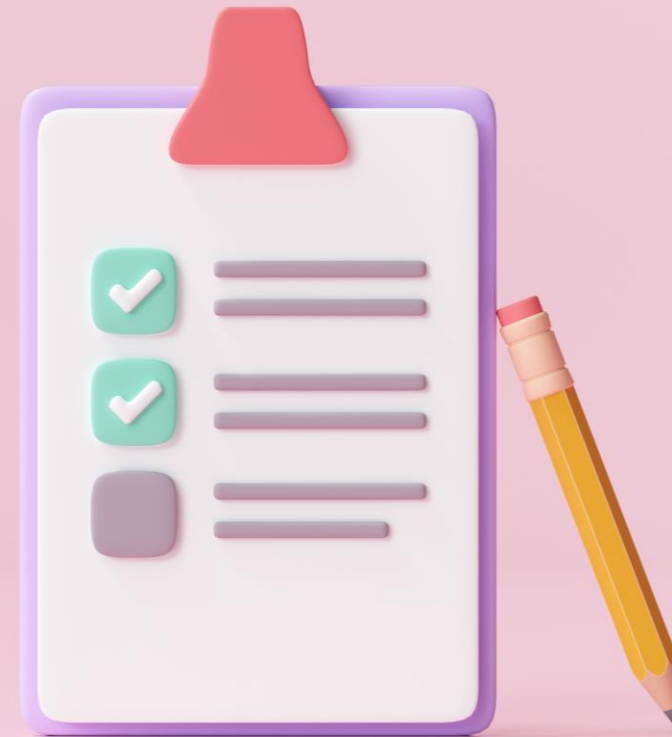


Rising 9th Grader Q&A on April 5th @ 12pm (Optional)

SURVEY

PLANNING FOR FRESHMEN
YEAR SURVEY:

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/YBKD](https://tinyurl.com/yBKD98DP)
98DP



HOW TO CONTACT ME??

FOR HIGH SCHOOL QUESTIONS OR APPOINTMENTS (INCLUDING SCHEDULING FOR NEXT YEAR):

CONTACT MRS. MCLAUGHLIN (HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR)

MEETING LINK: [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/HMCLAUGHLIN](https://tinyurl.com/HMCLAUGHLIN)

WCSD EMAIL: HEATHER.MCLAUGHLIN@WASHOESCHOOLS.NET

PHONE: 775-353-6909

FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL QUESTIONS OR APPOINTMENTS

CONTACT DR. PRESSEY (MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNSELOR)

MEETING LINK: [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/DRPRESSEY](https://tinyurl.com/DRPRESSEY)

WCSD EMAIL: DPRESSEY@WASHOESCHOOLS.NET

PHONE: 775-353-6911

▣ SEE THE NORTH STAR COUNSELING WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO [HTTPS://WWW.WASHOESCHOOLS.NET/NSCOUNSELING](https://www.washoeschools.net/NSCOUNSELING)

