

# Rising 9th Grade Registration

2017-18



# IMPORTANT DATES



**March 6, 2017**- Students received BJHS Registration Packet

**March 13 - 17- Spring Break**

**March 20- 24** - Parent/Counselor Appt. (20 minutes)  
DMS parents should call Kelle Moody at 256-837-3735  
for rising 9th grader registration

**March 28**- ALL DMS students should have course request form completed and signed.

# More Important Dates . . .

**March 29-31**- DMS students with completed forms will use INOW to enter in course requests and turn in all their registration forms during their Language Arts class. Your teacher will let you know which day.

**March 31**- Last day to make any changes to course requests through Mrs. Moode.

**May 2-6** Summer School Registration at the BJHS Front Desk from 8:30 am - 2:30 pm.

# Things to think about before finalizing course requests.

Many sports have a PE that is required both Fall and Spring. Do I have both semesters requested?

Will I be a member of the swim & dive, track, cross-country or soccer teams at BJHS? These PE classes are offered 5<sup>th</sup> block (after school).

Have I signed up for the correct core courses?

- ▶ Regular vs Pre-AP vs AP
- ▶ Have you met the prerequisites? (found in online course catalog)

# BJHS Schedule

1.0 credit courses = 18 weeks

.5 credit courses = 9 weeks

	1st Semester (Fall)		WINTER BREAK	2nd Semester (Spring)	
Blocks	<u>1st Term</u> (9 weeks)	<u>2nd Term</u> (9 weeks)		<u>3rd Term</u> (9 weeks)	<u>4th Term</u> (9 weeks)
1	ENGLISH 9			AP World History	
2	Algebra IA			Algebra IB	
3	Art I			Biology	
4	Composition Expository (.5)	Career Prep A (.5)		Creative Writing	
5th block After school	Cross Country (1.0 credit) Swim & Dive (1.0 credit)			Indoor/Outdoor Track (1.0 credit) Soccer (1.0 )	

# Things to think about before finalizing course requests.

Have you requested a total of **at least 8 credits**?

Have you put **alternate requests for electives** on your request form?

Have you **discussed your choices** with your parent?

# Graduation Requirements- Cohort 2021

- ▶ 4 credits of English
- ▶ 4 credits of Social Science
- ▶ 4 credits of Math (must include Alg 2 or Alg2/Trig)
- ▶ 4 credits of Science



- ▶ 1 credit of LIFE PE, AFROTC, or Athletic PE
- ▶ .5 credit Health  
or 1.0 credit Foundations of Health Science
- ▶ 3 Elective Credits- Must be from areas  
World Languages, Career Tech or Fine Arts
- ▶ Career Prep A and B
- ▶ A grand total of 26 credits to graduate



# Madison City Schools

## Additional Diploma Endorsements

### ▶ Advanced Academic Endorsement

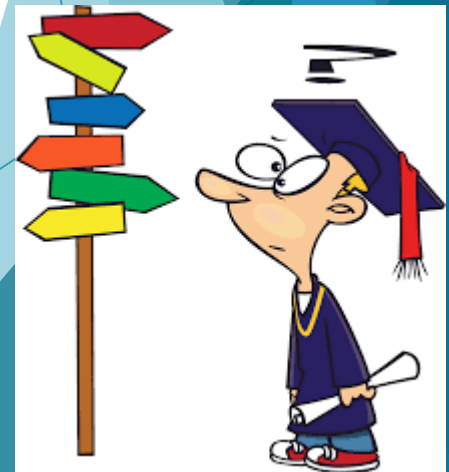
- ▶ Algebra 2/Trig
- ▶ 2 World Languages
- ▶ **1** Advanced Placement Course

### ▶ Seal of Academic Distinction

- ▶ Algebra 2/Trig
- ▶ 2 World Languages
- ▶ **3** Advanced Placement Courses (total)

# Process of Choosing Courses

If at any time you have questions or concerns about the best class choice for your child, **please contact your child's 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher**. They have tremendous insights about your child and what is expected at the next level.



# English and Math

English- Know that there is summer reading for all levels of English. Please have assignment completed by the first day of school. If you are not sure, please speak with current English teacher for a recommendation.

Math- Please consult with current math teacher as to which level of math student should sign up for based on the math taken in 8th grade. (see math path pg. 44)

# Science

Biology - Most students should sign up for a Biology course in 9th grade.

Biology Pre-AP- Honors Credit Awarded- This is an accelerated course designed to prepare students for AP Biology. There is an obligation to do enrichment work outside the class, both individually and in groups. Students should be self-motivated and self-starters.

Physical Science- This is a survey of concepts taught in chemistry and physics and students should have good basic math skills.

# World History

- ▶ World History

- ▶ AP World History

- ▶ Summer work is required.
- ▶ Strong reading comprehension and critical thinking skills will be tested by essay writing, document analysis and outside reading assignments.
- ▶ Participation in the national AP test is required in the spring. (Exam fee required)



# Career Prep A and B

If you took **Career Prep A in 8<sup>th</sup> grade** here are your options:

- ▶ Select Career Prep B/Composition Expository  
classroom / online / summer school
- ▶ Take AFJROTC 480022- This will count as your Prep B/Composition Expository

If you **did not take Career Prep A in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade** here are your options:

- ▶ Select Career Prep A/Composition Expository  
classroom / online / summer school
- ▶ Take AFJROTC 480001- This would count as your Prep A/Composition Expository

# Electives—Fine arts

## Registering for a Fall Band:

Marching      Competition Marching      Marching Percussion

Fall band students are **required to participate in summer band camp.**

Students may audition for upper levels of **Band, Choir and Drama**, but an **approval/placement form** from that department is required to be turned in with registration form.

Without this form, the course will not be approved. It is the student's responsibility to turn in the form.

# World Languages

## German, French, Latin and Spanish

- ▶ If Spanish 1 or French 1 in 8th grade, register for Levels 2 and/or 3 in the 9th grade.
- ▶ If taking HS World Language for the first time, it is recommended to request both levels 1 and 2 in the same year.  
EX: German 1 and 2
- ▶ 2 courses of Foreign Language are required for the Advanced Endorsement and the Seal of Academic Distinction, but not for graduation.
- ▶ **Many universities require at least one credit of world language for admission.**





# Freshman Options Open Courses

(Courses taken online outside the school day)

Option 1: Career Prep A/Composition Expository

Option 2: Career Prep B/Composition Expository

\*\*5th block LIFE Athletic PE Classes are open to all grade levels.

# Summer activities

- ▶ **AP World History** has summer reading and a required assignment. Please have these ready on the 1st day of school.
- ▶ Each student will be **mailed a fee payment notification** this summer. This document will give you a list of courses that require a fee. This is not their schedule.
- ▶ **Patriot Night- August 2, 2017** This is the opportunity to pick up their schedule, meet their teachers and find their classrooms.

Who do I contact if I have a question about my child's 9th grade course requests?

**Kelle Moody @ DMS**

**[kmoody@madisoncity.k12.al.us](mailto:kmoody@madisoncity.k12.al.us)**

Mrs. Moody is the counselor and point of contact for all current 8<sup>th</sup> grade registration.

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