

FRESHMAN SEMINAR

*EVERYTHING
YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HIGH
SCHOOL*



Welcome Back!

Presentation Overview

- Graduation Requirements
- Attendance
- Course Requirements
- NJ State Testing
- Grading
- National Honor Society
- Athletics (Eligibility)
- Summer School



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Each student must complete a minimum of **140 credits**

Full year course = 5 credits

Half year course = 2.5 credits



EXCEPTIONS

- A full year science lab course = 6 credits
- A full year gym class or elective class will have one credit deducted if the course is missed 1 day per week due to a science lab. Course = 4 credits
- A failed course = 0 credits
- No credit given for study halls

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- A student must register for a minimum of **35** credits per year (7 courses).
- A student must maintain a minimum of **4** academic courses.
- Senior Structured Learning Environment (S.L.E.) students must have 3 academic courses.

ATTENDANCE

- A student must maintain good attendance having no more than **17** unexcused absences per year in a full-year course (8 absences for a semester course).
- You lose credit for excessive absences which can keep you from graduating on time.
- You can also lose credit by cutting class. Refer to the class cutting policy in the student handbook.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students must pass

- **4** English courses
- **3** Social Studies courses (World, US1 & US2)
- **3** Mathematics courses (Algebra I & Geometry & Algebra II)
- **3** Science courses (Such as Bio/Life Science, Chemistry and Physics or their equivalent)
- **1** World Language course
- **4** Physical Education & Health courses
- **6** Electives

MANDATORY ELECTIVES

- 1 out of the 6 must be a 21 Century Life & Careers)



Business
Engineering
Technology
Woodshop



Video



Clothing

Graphic Design
Computer Science
Structured Learning



MANDATORY ELECTIVES

- 1 out of the 6 must be a Visual & Performing Arts course:



Band
Chorus
Music Theory
Drama
Art
Video



Digital Photography

MANDATORY ELECTIVES

- 1 out of the 6 must be a Financial Literacy course:

Personal Financial Management



MANDATORY ELECTIVES

- Note: An extra academic class such as English class or Science class does not count as an elective.
- Drama can count as an English course OR Visual & Performing Arts course, but NOT both.
- Video can count as 21st Century Life & Careers OR Visual/Performing Art, but NOT both.

NJ STATE TESTING

- The **NJ-Start Strong** Test is tentatively scheduled for September 21st-23rd
- More information will be forthcoming once we hear back from the state.
- The **NJSLA** is scheduled for April.
 - Must pass ELA Grade 10
 - Must pass Algebra I

100 point GRADING SCALE

A 90-100

B 80-89

C 70-79

D 60-69

F 0-59

When calculating GPA:

Add 10 points to total grade for AP Courses.

Add 8 points to total grade for Honors Courses.

Physical Education, Lunch and Study Halls are NOT included.

Grade Point Average and CLASS RANK

- GPA and Class Rank are determined once final grades are in for the school year.
- GPA and Class Rank are cumulative (grades 9-12).
- Once the GPA's are computed, they are ranked from highest to lowest in number order.
- The highest number is the Number 1 student in the class.





CLASS RANK

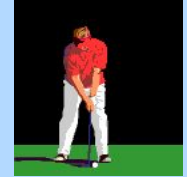
- A student should strive to be in the top half of the class and have at least a B average in order to be considered by a competitive 4 year college.
- NJ STARS Program is available for graduates in the top 15% of their class.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

- You can be eligible your junior and/or senior year.
- Selection based upon:
 - Character
 - Leadership
 - Service to school and community
 - GPA (90 or above)



SCHOLARSHIP ATHLETES



- Athletes who think they may be going to college on a Division I or Division II scholarship must take at least 16 core courses.
- The **NCAA Clearinghouse** must evaluate a potential student athletes academics to ensure one is eligible. Must maintain a 2.3 GPA for DIV I and 2.2 for Div II based on your NCAA approved “core courses“ only.
- Check out www.eligibilitycenter.org for more information.

KRHS ELIGIBILITY

- In order to participate in extracurricular activities you must be passing 7 courses.
- If you have a study hall, you must be passing all your courses.
- Eligibility is checked after the 2nd and 4th marking periods and is based on the semester average and final average for the year.

SUMMER SCHOOL



- Not available at Kittatinny
- Usually at Mt. Olive and Lenape Valley H.S. at an approximate cost of \$300-\$500 per course.
Some academic courses and physical education courses are usually offered.
- On-line classes are also available but must be pre-approved. Approximate cost is \$195 per course.
- If you pass a class in summer school that you failed for the year, you could become eligible for fall extracurricular activities.

ASK FOR HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT

- Find a study buddy in your class and work on things together.
- Stay after school and get extra help from your teacher.
- Keep on top of homework. It is part of your grade and reinforces what you are learning in the classroom.



STRUGGLING?

SEEK ASSISTANCE

- You still have many people to support you and provide assistance:
 - School Counselor
 - National Honor Society Tutors
 - School Nurse -- Mrs. Boffa
 - Athletic Director — Mr. Van Orden
 - Assistant Principal — Mrs. McCarney
 - And many caring and supportive teachers.



Assistance Cont.

- English Writing Club

Virtual and In-Person

Mondays and Wednesdays after school in Rm B48

Mrs. Pastor Poe & Mrs. Soltis

Google Code: **uvwnate**

- Math Round Table

Virtual & In-person

Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays after school in Rm B5

Mr. Cook & Mr. Arias

Google Code: **x6acrsx**

- Take advantage of teacher's office hours

- Please visit the Guidance Dept. Website for more resources

<https://krhsguidance.weebly.com/academic-help.htm>

MAKE YOUR GRADES COUNT

- Study and get the best grades you can.
- Get involved in school and community activities. Start building your resume.
- Get a part-time job in an area you are interested in.
- Start preparing now for the NJSLA, PSAT and SAT.
 - For a head start, explore www.collegeboard.com



THIS IS YOUR YEAR TO BUILD A STRONG FOUNDATION

- Colleges look at:
 - Grade point average and class rank
 - Courses completed and their difficulty level
 - SAT/ACT test scores





HAVE A
SAFE & PRODUCTIVE
FRESHMAN YEAR

