



9th Grade Registration Guide

**Registration will be Tuesday, Feb. 11th,
at RJEMS during the school day.**

As you prepare for high school, here are some guidelines to consider in choosing your classes.

- **There are 7 hours in the school day.**
- **English, Social, Math, and Science will take 4 hours of your day.**
- **1 semester = half year = 1/2 credit**
- **Some classes are only 1 semester long while others are 2 semesters (a full year) - a full year course has 2 numbers; one for each semester. You need to register for both semesters of a full year course!**

Before you register:

- Decide if you want to take a world language (German or Spanish), band, and/or choir. *Each* of these options has 2 numbers (one for semester 1 and one for semester 2) because they are **full year courses**.
- All 9th grade students will have “Freshman Seminar” semester 1. This is added to your schedule later – you do not need to enter a number. This hour is a study hall 4 days/week and provides academic and counselor lessons one day each week. If you want a study hall semester 2, request only 6 credits for the year; that will leave another hour empty to be filled with a study hall.
- Sometimes your first choice will be full and you will not get it on your schedule. (*You will get into English, Social, Math, Science, and, if you choose it, Band/Choir.*) In order to get a complete schedule, you should choose a few ***alternate*** choices. The alternate choices (not to be confused with “elective” credits or choices – see page 3 of this guide) will only be considered if one of your first choices is full.



Class Options

You will need **4 credits** in English to graduate - that's a *full year, every year*.

English:

- English 9 #1005 & 2005
- or
- Advanced English 9 #1006 & 2006

You will need **3 ½ credits** in Social Studies to graduate.

Social is 1 semester of Civics and 1 semester of Geography – you must take both.

- **Civics #1101** or **Advanced Civics #1400** (choose one)
- and
- **Geography 9 #1100** or **Advanced Geography 9 #1103** (choose one)

You must have **3 credits** of math and science to graduate from high school although **4 credits** is recommended (and *required* for some colleges) for your best preparation if you plan to continue onto college.

Math:

- Intermediate Algebra* #1212 & 2212 – 9th grade math
- or
- Geometry #1213 & 2213 – you must be in Intermediate Algebra in 8th (This is the advanced/fast track math.)

**Please note: Intermediate Algebra is the standard 9th grade math class. If you were in one of the advanced math sections in 8th grade, register for Geometry.*

Science:

- Physical Science 9 #1300 & 2300
- or
- Advanced Physical Science 9 #1302 & 2302



Other Requirements for Graduation

- 1 credit of Fitness (Phy. Ed.)
- 1 credit of Art
- ½ credit Health (Wellness for Life #1804)
- ½ credit Money Matters (#1508 – taken in 10th, 11th, or 12th)
- 6 ½ Elective Credits

Remember that ½ credit is one semester. The art classes and fitness classes are 1 semester (1/2 credit) long so students need two in high school (any year 9-12). Band and Choir count toward the art credit and are full year/1credit courses.

Elective Credits: These credits *can* be courses in World Languages, Technical Education, Business, Computers, and/or Music. **Or,** they might be additional courses in any area beyond what is required – for example, any art or fitness classes beyond the required credit or additional science or math beyond the required 3 credits will be applied to the elective credit requirement.

ART

- #1750 Foundations in Art
- #1764 Painting 1
- #1758 Drawing 1

CAREER PATHWAY/OTHER ELECTIVES

- #1313 Healthcare Careers Exploration
- #1515 Business Careers Exploration
- #1682 Personal Leadership Dev. Skills
- #1890 AVID (see guide for information)

COMPUTERS & BUSINESS

- #1515 Business Careers Exploration
- #1629 Adobe InDesign (½ Credit Art)
- #1504 iPad Creations (½ Credit Art)
- #1552 Web Site Design I (½ Credit Art)
- #2558 Web Site Design II* (½ Credit Art)
- #1554 Multimedia Mania (½ Credit Art)
- #1555 Adv. Multimedia Mania* (½ Cr Art)
- #1501 Keyboarding/Computer Skills
- #1538 Accounting I
- #2575 Accounting II*
- #1570 Personal Law
- #1824 PC Technology

TECHNICAL EDUCATION

- #1603 Engineering Design w/Solidworks
- #1611 Adv. Eng. Design w/Solidworks*
- #1645 Game: IT 1
- #1646 Game: IT 2*
- #1622 Design & Print 1
- #1623 Design & Print 2*
- #1630/#1631 Adobe Photoshop (full year)
- #1634 Geographic Info. Systems (GIS)
- #1640 Small Engines
- #1616 Outdoor Power Sports & Maintenance*(Prerequisite: Small Engines)
- #1604 Woodworking
- #1613 Advanced Woodworking*
- #1614 Basic Machining/Metals

FITNESS AND WELLNESS

- #1800 Team Sports
- #1801 Intense Team Sports
- #1807 Fitness for Life I
- #1808 Fitness for Life II*
- #1804 Health/Wellness for Life
- #1813 Pickleball/Racquet Sports
- #1819 Dodgeball
- #1835 Backyard Volleyball

MUSIC

Semester I:

- #1783 Marching Band/Percussion
- #1782 Marching Band/Winds
- #1792 Marching Band/Color Guard
- #1796 Color Guard (1 qu./ .25 credit)
- #1791 Marching Band/Choir*
- #1779 Varsity Band (Non-Marching)
- #1789 Varsity Choir

Semester II:

- #2779 Band/9th Grade
- #2791 Varsity Choir

(**Enter #2779 AND #2791 if you entered #1791*)

Additional music offering:

- #1794 Classical Guitar
- #1797 and/or #2797 Ensemble

**This course has a prerequisite*

- #1674 Welding (2 hours)
- #1678 Large Wildlife Management
- #1681 Fisheries and Aquatic Systems
- #1679 Small Wildlife Management
- #1680 Wide World of Animals
- #1685 Recreational Animals Management
- #1625 Outdoor Recreation and Crafts
- #1647 Greenhouse/Landscaping (1/2 Cr Art)
- #1648 Forestry
- #1653 Natural Resource and Agriculture Projects

WORLD LANGUAGES

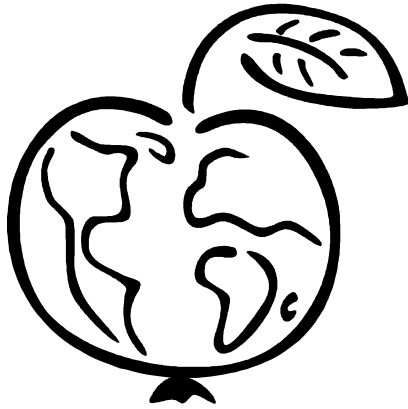
- #1418 & 2420 Spanish I
- #1401 & 2402 German I

> Academics

> Curriculum

Note that there are two guides on the website: one specifically for incoming 9th grade students – showing only the courses you can register for now – and one with *all* the courses offered at Grand Rapids High School so that you can plan ahead. There are also hard copies in the counseling department, library, and classrooms at RJEMS.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Carrie Fowler, GR High School Counselor, at cfowler@isd318.org.



For descriptions of the courses check the Curriculum Guide on our website:

www.grthunderhawks.com

Go to:

Registration Instructions

Registration is open in Parent Portal Jan. 31st-Feb. 14th. A counselor from the high school will be at RJEMS to help students register on Tuesday, Feb. 11th, but you can do it before then if you'd like to and the counselor will look it over that day. You can go in and change your selections as many times as you like over the course of the registration window.

If you are using an iPad for registration, access the Portal through the browser, not the app.

Follow these steps to register:

1. Log into Parent Portal which can be accessed on the www.grthunderhawks.com homepage. Your log-in is *firstname.lastname* for your "Username" and your e-mail account password. Contact the counseling department if you do not know your password.

2. Under your name choose “Academic Plan”. Here you can then enter your post high school plans OR you can choose “Next”.
3. Click in the box of the subject and year that you want to select classes for and your options will appear. Select the course(s) you would like. If you’re unsure of the course options, check this handout or go to the GR Thunderhawks website to refer to the curriculum guide.
4. You can plan ahead and select courses in future years as well. The plan is not final for future years (that is, beyond next year). You can also go in and change your plan while the registration window is open (through Feb. 14th).
5. Once you’ve requested your courses select “Save” at the top of the page – *ignore the alert that pops up - - it is saved!* This pop-up is noting that you have not completely filled out your plan for all 4 years – which is fine. We are focused on 9th grade right now. You can print when finished but it’s not necessary.

GRHS Credit Requirements and Registration Worksheet

Required Credits	9 th Grade Credits Earned	10 th Grade Credits Earned	11 th Grade Credits Earned	12 th Grade Credits Earned	Remaining Required Credits
English 4 Credits	English 9 (1) ____ Adv. Eng. 9 (1) ____	English 10 (1) ____ Adv Eng. 10 (1) ____	IB/CITS English 11 (1) ____ Coming of Age Lit(.5) ____ Survival Lit (.5)____ Dystopian Lit (.5) ____	IB/CITS English 12(1) ____ Mystery Lit.(.5) ____ Dark/Gothic Lit(.5) ____ Eng. 12 Compos. (.5)____ Coll. Prep Wrtg. (.5) ____	
Social 3 ½ Credits In Grades 11/12, <u>World History I & II and Economics</u> are required unless IB/CITS courses are taken.	Civics (.5) ____ Adv. Civics (.5) ____ Geography (.5)____ Adv. Geog. (.5) ____	U.S. History 10 (1) ____ _____ Adv. US Hist. 10 (1) ____ _____	World Hist I (.5) ____ World Hist II (.5)____ Economics (.5) ____ IB/CITS Geog. (1) ____ IB/CITS Euro. 11 (1)____ Psychology (.5) ____ Sociology (.5) ____	World Hist I (.5)____ World Hist II (.5)____ Economics (.5)____ IB/CITS Geog. (1) ____ IB/CITS Euro. 12 (1)____ Psychology (.5) ____ Sociology (.5) ____	
Math 3 Credits* Students <i>must start</i> with Int. Algebra either in 8 th or 9 th grade.	Int. Algebra (1)____ Geometry (1)____	Int. Algebra (1) ____ Geometry (1) ____ Adv. Algebra (1) ____ GR Math (1) ____	Geometry (1) ____ Adv. Algebra (1)____ GR Math (1)____ IB Pre-Calculus (1) ____ Trigonometry (.5) ____ College Prep (1) ____	Adv. Algebra (1) ____ GR Math (1) ____ IB Pre-Calculus (1)____ Trigonometry (.5) ____ College Prep (1) ____ IB/CITS Calculus (1) ____	
Science 3 Credits* All students must take <u>Chemistry or Physics</u> for a high school diploma in Minnesota.	Physical Science 9 (1) ____ Adv. Physical Science 9 (1) ____	Biology (1)____ College Prep Biology (1) ____	Chemistry (1) ____ IB Chemistry I (1) ____ Physics w/Astro.(1) ____ IB Physics I (1) ____ Brain Anatomy (.5) ____ Anatomy I (.5)____ Anatomy II (.5) ____ Anatomy III (.5) ____ Forensic Science (.5) ____ CITS Health Sci. (.5) ____ IB Biology (1) ____ Ecology (.5) ____	Chemistry (1) ____ IB Chemistry I (1) ____ IB Chemistry II (1)____ Physics w/Astro.(1) ____ IB Physics I (1) ____ Brain Anatomy (.5) ____ Anatomy I (.5)____ Anatomy II (.5) ____ Anatomy III (.5) ____ Forensic Science (.5) ____ CITS Health Sci. (.5)____ IB Biology (1) ____ Ecology (.5) ____	
Physical Ed. 1 Credit*					
Art 1 Credit*					
Health/Wellness ½ Credit					
Money Matters ½ Credit					
Elective Credits 6 ½ Credits					
Total Required: 23 Credits	9th Grade Total: ____	10th Grade Total: ____	11th Grade Total: ____	12th Grade Total: ____	

**Additional credits in any area go toward the 6 1/2 required elective credits along with all foreign language, business (except Money Matters), and technical classes.*

Name _____

Course Selection Guide

Parent Portal: User Name (first name.last name) _____ Password (iPad/e-mail pw) _____

You have two options for each of the core subject areas – **enter one number for each semester.**

Course	Semester 1	Semester 2
English	English 9 - #1005 or Advanced English 9 - #1006	English 9 - #2005 or Advanced English 9 - #2006
Social	Civics - #1101 or Advanced Civics - #1400	Geography 9 - #1100 or Advanced Geography 9 - #1103
Math	Intermediate Algebra - #1212 or Geometry* - #1213	Intermediate Algebra - #2212 or Geometry* - #2213
Science	Physical Science 9 - #1300 or Adv. Physical Science 9 - #1302	Physical Science 9 - #2300 or Adv. Physical Science 9 - #2302

* You can only sign up for Geometry if you had Intermediate Algebra in the 8th grade!

→ There are 2 more hours semester 1 and 3 more hours semester 2 that can be filled. ←

Remember: Band, Choir, and World Languages are full year courses – *enter both numbers!*

Course Name _____ # _____ Course Name _____ # _____

Course Name _____ # _____ Course Name _____ # _____

Course Name Freshman Seminar _____ Course Name _____ # _____

Only enter four numbers above if you want a study hall semesters one *and* two. Study halls are put into the schedule before school starts – **you do not enter a number for them.**

Alternate Courses:

1) Course Name _____ # _____

2) Course Name _____ # _____

3) **Course Name** _____ # _____

4) **Course Name** _____ # _____