
■ Grade 9 Information Night

- Southwick Regional School

Freshmen Courses

- Core Courses:
 - English 9 – H or CP
 - World History – H or CP
 - Algebra I - Vol. 1/Vol. 2, Geometry – H
 - Physics – H or CP
 - Spanish I, II – CP, French I, II – CP
 - PE/Health

 - Electives:
 - Computer Programming
 - Explorations in Technology
 - Visual Arts Exploration
 - Theater I, Film Studies
 - Band/Chorus, Music Explorations

 - ❖ Student Services & transition meetings
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9th Grade Program “Sample”

Block Schedule:

- Semester 1: (September – January)
 - English 9
 - World History
 - Applied/Fine Art Elective
 - Math course

 - Semester 2: (January – June)
 - PE/Health
 - Science
 - Foreign Language
 - Math course (or elective course)
 - 84 minute classes
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MCAS TESTING

- **Current Requirements:**
 - **Passing score:**
 - **English Language Arts – 470**
 - **Mathematics – 469**
 - **Science/Technology – 220**
 - **Proficient score = 500**
 - **Students who do not obtain a proficient score will develop an Educational Proficiency Plan with their counselor/teachers**
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Transcripts

- **Grade Point Average**

- Or “GPA”
- Numerical average calculated quarterly

- **Weighting**

- “CP” = College Prep courses – 1.00 weight
- “H” = Honors courses – 1.05 weight
- “AP” =Advanced Placement – 1.10 weight

- **Class Rank**

- Students are ranked among their peers
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Post High School Plans

- College Planning:

- Start early
- Schedule College Prep Courses
 - **College requirements & high school requirements are similar**

Minimum 4 year college entrance requirements:

English – 4 classes

Math – 3-4 classes

*public colleges – 4 math courses (Algebra I, Geometry, Alg II, additional math course must be progressive/students are required to have math in their junior and senior year)

*private colleges – 3 math courses (Algebra I, Geometry, Alg II)

Natural Science – 3 classes

Social Science – 2 classes

World Language – 2 classes (same language)

Electives – 2 classes

- Trade School
 - Employment
 - Military
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Career and Technical Education

Center HS – West Springfield

- Course programs available upon the completion of grade 9 exploration course:
 - Automotive Technology
 - Building/Property Management
 - Carpentry
 - Cosmetology
 - Culinary Arts
 - Early Education & Care
 - Graphic & Visual Design
 - Health Assisting
 - Information Support Services & Networking
 - Landscaping Technology/Horticulture
 - Machine Technology
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Career and Technical Education HS

- LPVEC “Sample” Schedule
 - Semester 1
 - LPVEC – am only
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 - Physics
 - Math course
 - Semester 2
 - English 9
 - World History
 - Math course
 - PE/Health
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Thank You!

- Scheduling Timeline – Program of Studies & Course selections - March
 - August Orientation – TBA in June
 - Sports Information
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