

HUNTINGDON AREA HIGH SCHOOL

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“ALL LEARNERS, ALL FUTURES”

To: Parents and Guardians
From: Mr. Travis R. Lee, High School Principal
Re: 2022-2023 Scheduling Information
Date: March 8, 2022

Greetings Parents and Guardians,

We are now ready to begin the scheduling process for the 2022-2023 school year. Course scheduling is an important aspect of the high school planning process in order to ensure that learners receive the courses they need, not only to satisfy local graduation requirements, but more importantly, to be in the best position possible to be college and career ready for individual interests and pursuits. The Course Selection Guide provides the information necessary for students to make sound decisions about course selections. Students should carefully review this information and the information provided during the school counseling presentation, discuss options with parents and guardians, and complete the course selection sheet according to the established timelines.

During the 22-23 course selection process, we hope to gather your current, best intention for the learning model of your choice for next school year on the Course Selection Sheet, as we know families are still mindful of the Covid-19 pandemic. Students interested in the BILD online program should continue to select courses following the regular HAHS scheduling method to facilitate the master scheduling process.

Students will have a follow-up meeting with school counselors for the learners to make their course selections utilizing Skyward. It's important that learners access Skyward ahead of time to review their previous courses and to be prepared to make their selections.

Please note the following documents to review, and important dates, during the scheduling process:

- **Course Selection Guide**
 - Review the guide with your learner. The guide explains the scheduling process and the philosophy behind course selection. Course descriptions and special notes are provided.
 - The Course Selection Guide is attached to this message.
- **Course Selection Sheet**
 - Students will receive a hard copy of this sheet during the counselor presentations. The presentations will take place for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors during the week of March 7 during the Covid-ER period. Presentations for 8th grade students will take place the week of March 7 in their Social Studies classes
 - The Course Selection Sheet is attached to this message for learners and families to review.
 - **HAHS learners** should return completed Course Selection Sheets to their **homeroom teacher** by **Monday, March 21**. **8th grade learners** should return their completed Course Selection Sheets to their **homeroom teacher** by **Monday, March 28**.

- **Classroom Scheduling Meetings**
 - **Students** will make their course selections in Skyward, using their Course Selection Sheets as a guide, during the week of March 21st during Covid-ER.
 - Note that the order of the scheduling days and grade levels will not impact the course selections made by the learners
 - 8th Grade students will not be using Skyward to make course selections. HAHS counselors will be collecting the information from the Course Selection Sheets turned in to HAMS by March 28.
- **BILD Scheduling**
 - Students that are currently fully online in the BILD program will not be scheduling at school. They should review the Course Selection Guide and submit their Course Selection Sheet to the HS Office, or email a digital copy to their school counselor, by Monday, March 21.
- **Course Levels and Keystone Exams**
 - Please note the information regarding course levels and Keystone Exam and PSSA performance as one factor in determining a student's schedule. This information is found on pages 4-5 and 7-9 in the Course Selection Guide
 - Students and families must be mindful about the Act 158 Graduation Requirements, which could impact scheduling for students that have yet to reach a proficiency level on the Keystone Exams or may need additional supporting evidence to meet the state level graduation requirements

If you have any questions during the course scheduling process, please reach out to your student's school counselor. We are excited to be utilizing Skyward during this process to facilitate a more timely turnaround for information about the 22-23 courses.

Thank you for reviewing this information, for adhering to the timelines previously outlined, and for taking a stake in the educational planning process for your student.

Sincerely,

Travis R. Lee,
HAHS Principal