

HUNTINGDON AREA HIGH SCHOOL

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“ALL LEARNERS, ALL FUTURES”

To: Students, Parents, and Guardians
From: Mr. Travis R. Lee, High School Principal
Re: 2022-2023 Scheduling Information
Date: March 22, 2023

Greetings Students, Parents, and Guardians,

We are now ready to begin the scheduling process for the 2023-2024 school year! Course scheduling is an important aspect of the high school planning process in order to ensure that students 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.

Please note that there is information included in the Course Selection Guide for scheduling BILD online courses, and the various learning models. Students selecting BILD classes will still need to participate in a BILD enrollment session prior to the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

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 student. 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 at the end of this week during the WIN period. Presentations for 8th grade students will take place during Social Studies courses at the end of this week.
 - The Course Selection Sheet is attached to this message for learners and families to review.
 - **HAHS students** should complete their Course Selection Sheets, and obtain their appropriate signatures, by **April 3rd**. They should retain their sheets and bring them to their scheduling seminar.
 - **8th grade students** should return their completed Course Selection Sheets to their **Social Studies teacher** by **Monday, April 3rd**.

- **Classroom Scheduling Meetings**
 - **HAHS Students** will make their course selections in Skyward, using their Course Selection Sheets as a guide, during the week of April 3rd during WIN scheduling sessions
 - 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 April 3rd
- **BILD Scheduling**
 - Information regarding BILD courses and learning options is outlined in the Course Selection Guide
 - Students and families should be prepared to make course selections on the Course Selection Sheet by April 3rd
 - Students will be receiving information regarding their school presentation time on April 3rd, and the scheduling process, from the Online Director, Mrs. Young
- **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 23-24 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