



ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL 9TH GRADE REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION MEETING

January 14, 2026
6:00pm, RHS Auditorium





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ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM



Ms. Monica Kellison, gr. 9 (Aa-Fz) and gr. 12

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BY THE END OF THE MEETING WE WILL HAVE:

- Evaluated Maryland High School credit requirements
- Learned about Rockville HS pathways and courses to graduation
- Addressed general questions related to curriculum and courses



WHAT IS A TYPICAL DAY AT ROCKVILLE HS?

- First period begins at 7:45 am (students should be here by 7:30am!)
- School gets out at 2:30 pm (activity buses leave at 4:25 for ECAs)
- We have one lunch – 40 minutes long
 - We do NOT have an open lunch
- Many academic/elective classes are mixed by grade level
- Classes are 47 minutes with 5 minutes for class transitions
- Wednesdays – 36 minute Wellness Wednesday class



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 4 credits of English
 - 4 credits of Math, including Algebra and Geometry
 - 3 credits of Social Studies, including US History, NSL Government and Modern World History
 - 3 credits of NGSS* Aligned Science, including a Life Science, Physical Science, and Earth Space
 - 2 credits in World Language or 4 credits in a Program of Study
 - 1 credit of Fine Arts
 - 1 credit of Physical Education
 - 1 credit of Health Education
 - 1 credit of Technology Education
 - 2 credits in any electives
- For more information, please refer to the MCPS Course Bulletin [here](#)

*Next Generation Science Standards

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- 75 Hours of Student Service Learning
- Pass required state exams
- Students MUST complete the following to be promoted to the next grade level:

End of	Total credits needed for promotion	Math	English	Science	Social Studies	Additional Credits
9 th Grade	5	1	1	0	0	3
10 th Grade	10	2	2	1	1	4
11 th Grade	15	3	3	2	2	5



CHOOSING THE RIGHT COURSES

- We offer many courses during registration; however, only courses meeting a minimum level of interest will run.
- Our staffing is determined by course requests made by students.
- Decisions about courses and hiring staff begin in March.
- AP and IB: The IB program and courses start in 11th Grade. Some AP options are available in 9th.
- Strongly consider the Programs of Study (POS) opportunities offered.
- Consider challenges and new experiences



WHAT ARE PATHWAYS AND PROGRAMS OF STUDY?

Pathways-

Group of courses with an area of concentration. Not state recognized

Program of Study-

County or state recognized set of courses.



COURSE REGISTRATION

- ❑ Students will be able to register for courses using their StudentVue account at home with their parent/guardian.
- ❑ The online registration window will ONLY be opened from January 14th to February 3rd.
- ❑ Students will meet with a RHS Counselor on February 4th to review course selections.

WHAT COURSES SHOULD 9TH GRADERS REGISTER FOR?

All 9th graders need to take a total of 7 courses per semester.

- ☐ Honors English 9A and B
- ☐ Math A and B (appropriate next level)
- ☐ Honors Bio A and B or On-level Bio
- ☐ Honors USH A and B, On-level USH, AP USH
- ☐ World Language A and B (highly recommended)
- ☐ Technology A and B (highly recommended)
- ☐ Health or Physical Education A and B (highly recommended)
- OR
- ☐ Fine Arts/Music A and B (highly recommended)



Rockville's Rising 9th Grade Course Registration Card

Student's Name:	Student ID:
Student's Cell #:	Date:

Students are required to register for SEVEN classes each semester

Courses	Please identify which level you would like to sign up for.	
Honors English 9 *Required	<input type="checkbox"/> Honors English 9 ENG2001A/B (all students take Honors English 9)	For students in our ELD program only: <input type="checkbox"/> English 9 for EMLs 1 and ELD Seminar 1 ESL2060A/B AND ESL2069A/B <input type="checkbox"/> English 9 for EMLs 2 and ELD Seminar 2 ESL2063A/B AND ESL2070A/B <input type="checkbox"/> English 9 for EMLs 3 ESL2066A/B <input type="checkbox"/> ELD Seminar 3 (Not a coreq) ESL2071A/B
English ELECTIVES	<input type="checkbox"/> Journalism 1 (Yearlong) ENG2053A/B <input type="checkbox"/> Yearbook 1 (Yearlong) - ENG 2060A/B <input type="checkbox"/> Theatre 1 (Yearlong) - ART2106A/B	<input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Novel Lit. ENG2048 (1 semester only) <input type="checkbox"/> Culture in Literature ENG2033 (1 semester only) <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing (Yearlong) ENG2048A/B
Math *Required Check that you have taken the prerequisite courses	<input type="checkbox"/> Geometry MAT2003A/B <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Geometry MAT2004A/B <input type="checkbox"/> Algebra 1 MAT2006A/B <input type="checkbox"/> Algebra 2 MAT2011A/B	<input type="checkbox"/> Honors Algebra 2 MAT2012A/B For students in ELD 1 and 2 ONLY: <input type="checkbox"/> MAPS MAT2026A/B
Biology *Required	<input type="checkbox"/> On-level Biology - SCI2000A/BX <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Biology - SCI2001A/BX	For students in ELD 1 and 2 ONLY: <input type="checkbox"/> Earth Systems and Sustainability - SCI2110A/B
USH *Required	<input type="checkbox"/> On-level US History SOC2000A/B <input type="checkbox"/> Honors US History SOC2001A/B <input type="checkbox"/> AP US History SOC2022A/B	
World Language	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish 1 WL20131A/B <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish 2 WL20132A/B <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Spanish 3 WL20133A/B <input type="checkbox"/> Honors Spanish 4 WL20134A/B <input type="checkbox"/> Honors French 3 WL202048A/B <input type="checkbox"/> Honors French 4 WL202049A/B <input type="checkbox"/> American Sign Language 1 WL202001A/B	For students who want to take Spanish and already speak Spanish at home: <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish for Spanish Speakers 1 WL202141A/B <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish for Spanish Speakers 2 WL202142A/B <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish for Spanish Speakers 3 WL202143A/B



THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN PICKING COURSES

- ❑ If you are interested in applying to Edison for the Cosmetology Program, you must take your required tech, PE, Fine Arts/Music as a 9th grader as well as apply in October 2026
- ❑ If interested in the IB DP/CP Program or Early College , it's recommended that you complete PE and Fine Arts in 9th grade

How to Choose the Courses?

- Students should be challenged
- Opportunities for required courses and courses of interest
- Choice based on:
 - Staff input and specific data points
 - Student Interest
 - Family decisions
 - Outside activities and responsibilities



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ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL'S RESPONSIBILITY



**Get All Students College and Career Ready,
Keeping in Mind the Whole Child!!!**

- Offer a wide variety of courses, clubs, and activities.
- Encourage students to challenge themselves.
- Provide a safe and secure environment to meet the needs of all students.
- Help students navigate processes and become college and career ready!

PARENTS: REVIEW INFO WITH YOUR CHILD

COURSE OPTIONS BY DEPARTMENT

- FY27 Course Bulletin – [RHS Website](#)
- Counselors just visited 8th grade classes on Jan.28th to [review](#) course offerings. At this time, students should register for courses on StudentVue at home. Registration must be completed by February 3rd.
- Counselors will review course selections with students on February 4th.





HOW TO REGISTER FOR COURSES ON SYNERGY (STUDENTVUE)

- ☐ Review Rising 9th Grade student [slide deck](#)
 - ☐ [SPANISH VERSION](#)
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ENGLISH – 9TH GRADE OPTIONS RESOURCE TEACHER – MR. MARTIN MCCARRICK

Honors English 9 A/B

Elective Options (does not meet English requirement)

- Journalism 1A/B
- Creative Writing A/B
- Yearbook 1A/B
- Graphic Novel Literature (Semester)

New IB Pathway Broadcast Journalism (Open to 11th gr)



ELD- 9TH GRADE OPTIONS RESOURCE TEACHER – Ms. HEATHER HOLCOMB

Current students taking English 9 for ELs 1 should register for the following courses:

- English 9 for ELs II A/B & ELD Seminar for ELs II course (double period course)

All other students in ELD will take an English 9 course code:
English 9 Grade Level 40

* ELD courses could change due to ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 testing results that will arrive in May



MATH – 9TH GRADE OPTIONS

RESOURCE TEACHER – MS. CAROLYN LANE

- Algebra 1 A/B
- Geometry A/B
- Honors Geometry A/B
- Algebra 2 A/B
- Honors Algebra 2A/B
- Pre-Calculus A/B
- Honors Pre-Calculus A/B

Students must enroll in four years of High School Math.



SCIENCE - 9TH GRADE OPTIONS

RESOURCE TEACHER - MR. SIDNEY HANKERSON

- Biology A/B
- Honors Biology A/B

Electives:

- Principles of Biomedical Sciences A/B (Part of the Project Lead the Way Biomedical Program. Not a technology credit).



SOCIAL STUDIES - 9TH GRADE OPTIONS RESOURCE TEACHER - MR. MICHAEL CELENZA

- US History A/B
- Honors US History A/B
- AP US History A/B -- a college level course with analysis and synthesis of advanced reading level materials



PHYSICAL EDUCATION- 9TH GRADE OPTIONS RESOURCE TEACHER - MR. MARK CRICHTON

- Team Sports A/B
- Basketball A/B
- Dance A/B (Fine Arts Credit)
- Yoga/Stretching A/B
- Dance A/B (PE Credit)
- Leadership Opportunities in PE A/B
- Soccer A/B
- Weight Training A/B
- Net Sports A/B
- Fitness (Walking and Conditioning) A/B
- Honors Health A/B

Students can enroll in a different Physical Education Course each semester.

Example: Semester 1: Yoga
Semester 2: Weight Training



MUSIC AND ART ELECTIVES- 9TH GRADE OPTIONS RESOURCE TEACHER - MR. MARK CRICHTON

Fine Arts - Visual Arts

- 2D Studio Art A/B
- Digital Art 1 A/B
- Ceramics/Sculpture A/B*
- Photography 1 A/B*

*Semester A is a Pre-Req for Semester B



MUSIC AND ART ELECTIVES – 9TH GRADE OPTIONS

RESOURCE TEACHER – MR. MARK CRICHTON

Fine Arts – Music

- Guitar 1 A/B
- Piano 1 A/B
- Percussion (Beginning Band) A/B
- Concert Band A/B
- Symphonic Band A/B*
- Concert Orchestra A/B
- Symphonic Orchestra A/B*
- Jazz Ensemble A/B*
- Chorus 1 A/B
- Chamber Singers A/B*
- Music Technology A/B (this is not a tech credit)

*Audition



WORLD LANGUAGES – 9TH GRADE OPTIONS RESOURCE TEACHER – MS. FERNANDA CHANEY

- Spanish 1 A/B
- Spanish 2 A/B
- Honors Spanish 3 A/B
- Honors Spanish 4 A/B
- French 1 A/B
- Honors French 3 A/B
- Honors French 4 A/B

- American Sign Language 1 A/B
- Spanish for Spanish Speakers 1 A/B*
- Spanish for Spanish Speakers 2 A/B*

*Students that speak Spanish at home should register for SSS 1 A/B

**Recommendation needed from Wood's World Language RT



TECHNOLOGY/ PATHWAYS/ PROGRAMS OF STUDY ELECTIVES - 9TH GRADE OPTIONS RESOURCE TEACHER - MR. JASON LOMAX

- Hospitality and Tourism Management
- Child Development Associate Preschool Program
- Project Lead the Way - Biomedical Science
- Project Lead the Way - Engineering
- Computer Science
- Broadcast Journalism (11th/12th grade)



TECHNOLOGY/ PATHWAYS/ PROGRAMS OF STUDY ELECTIVES – 9TH GRADE OPTIONS RESOURCE TEACHER – MR. JASON LOMAX

Project Lead the Way Engineering

- Introduction to Engineering Design A/B **
- Principles of Engineering A/B (IED is a pre-req.)

Computer Science

- Foundations of Computer Science A/B **
- AP Computer Science Principles A/B **

**** Counts as Technology Credit**



MR. THOMAS REA, SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCE TEACHER

- Learning and Academic Disabilities
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Autism
- Learning for Independence

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR DEPARTMENT RTs

Department	Resource Teacher
English	<u>Mr. Martin McCarrick</u>
Math	<u>Ms. Carolyn Lane</u>
Science	<u>Mr. Sidney Hankerson</u>
Social Studies	<u>Mr. Michael Celenza</u>
World Language	<u>Ms. Fernanda Chaney</u>
ELD	<u>Ms. Heather Holcomb</u>
Fine Arts/Music & PE/Health	<u>Mr. Mark Crichton</u>
CTE	<u>Mr. Jason Lomax</u>
Special Education	<u>Mr. Thomas Rea</u>
IB Coordinator	<u>Ms. Natasha Ezerski</u>
School Counseling	<u>Ms. Alejandra Crawley</u>

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ROCKVILLE'S COUNSELORS

Student's Last Name	Counselor's Name
SLIFE & EML	<u>Kelly Serna</u>
Aa-Ci	<u>Jenna Capacchione</u>
Cj-Gp	<u>Andrew Lambert</u>
Gq-Maj	<u>Cindy Harrison</u>
Mak-Rak	<u>Ronald Schwartz, Jr.</u>
Ral-Uz	<u>Shanel Ramos-Jones</u>
Va-Zz	<u>Alejandra Crawley</u> (Resource Counselor)

COURSE REGISTRATION SITE: bit.ly/RHSCoursesInfo

Information	Link
Course Registration Cards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rising 9th graders course registration card• Rising 10th graders course registration card• Rising 11th graders course registration card• Rising 12th graders course registration card
Course Description Information and Programs of Study Descriptions	bit.ly/RHSCoursesInfo <ul style="list-style-type: none">• arranged by department and program of study• includes course descriptions, prerequisites, and videos by teachers
MCPS Course Bulletin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MCPS Course Bulletin

For questions on scheduling and courses, contact the counselor. For questions related to the IB Program, please contact Natasha Ezerski, IB Program Coordinator.



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Rockville, Maryland 20851
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For questions on enrolling at Rockville High School, please contact Ms. Toni Waterton at 240-740-6620.



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TO A GREAT
2026-2027
SCHOOL YEAR.**



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RHS Course Registration Website:
bit.ly/RHSCoursesInfo

QUESTIONS

