

# How to be Successful in High School





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Answer any questions  
that you may have  
about high  
school

You

- Have a better understanding of high school terminology and expectations
- Sign-up for 4 Elective Classes: even if you are attending a school other than E.O. Smith

# Tips for Making 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Successful

- Attendance. Work on getting to school on time everyday!
- Talk to your teachers! Don't wait for your teachers to approach you! That's your job!
- Do your HOMEWORK!!!
- STUDY!!!



# [Words to Know]



- Program of Studies
- Graduation Requirements
- Credits
- Electives
- Prerequisite
- Course Selection Sheet
- High School Transcript

# [ Program of Studies ]

- A booklet that you will all become very familiar with
- Information on what you need to graduate
- Description of all the classes offered



# [ Prerequisite ]

- Some courses require that you take a class prior to signing up for a more advanced one
- For example, Culinary 2 has a “prerequisite” of Culinary 1. This means that you must take Culinary 1 before you can take Culinary 2.



# Credits



- You get a credit for each class you pass
- You need **25 credits** to graduate from high school
- Attendance policy requires you to be in class in order to receive credit (see Student Handbook)
- In most cases, a full year course = 1 credit and a half year course = 0.5 credit

# Graduation Requirements

<p><b>English</b></p> <p><b>4 Credits</b></p>	<p><b>Mathematics</b></p> <p><b>4 Credits</b></p>	<p><b>Social Studies</b></p> <p><b>3 Credits</b> (Global Studies, US History, Western/ Non-Western or equivalent and Politics)</p>	<p><b>Science</b></p> <p><b>3 Credits</b> (Biology, plus one physical science and one credit in one other science course)</p>
<p><b>Physical Education</b></p> <p><b>1 Credit</b></p>	<p><b>Health</b></p> <p><b>1 Credit</b></p>	<p><b>Career and Technical Education <u>or</u> Fine Arts</b></p> <p><b>1 Credit</b></p>	<p><b>World Language</b></p> <p><b>1 credit</b></p>
<p><b>Electives</b></p> <p><b>6 Credits</b></p>			<p><b>Successful Completion of Portfolio &amp; Presentation</b></p> <p><b>1 Credit</b></p>



# Principles of Baking

- S1 or S2 Open to 9, 10, 11, 12
- Credit: 0.5
- Prerequisite: None
- Principles of Baking gives students the opportunity to learn about careers in the baking industry. Units included are baking, decorating, safety and sanitation, quantity cookery, and careers. The course is especially recommended for those seeking employment in food service or a related occupation. Students will learn about the preparation and marketing of baked goods. Students prepare baked goods for the public and merchandise them to meet the needs of a specific clientele. The course competencies concentrate on production and quality control of baked goods. All students must pass a rigorous safety and sanitation exam prior to food lab preparations.

# [ Algebra 2 ]

- YR
- Open to 11, 12
- Credit: 1.0
- Prerequisite: Geometry
- Algebra 2 is the third course in the College Preparatory sequence of mathematics courses. The Common Core High School Standards for Mathematical Content topics that are taught in this course are the properties of the real number system, linear functions, absolute value functions, equations and inequalities, graphing functions, systems of linear equations and inequalities, quadratic functions, factoring, complex numbers, polynomial functions and radical functions. Students will apply this knowledge when solving real world applications on topics such as landscaping, carpentry, finance, physics and engineering.

# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

- All students will sign-up for 6 classes plus PE:
  - English
  - Math
  - Science
  - Social Studies
  - Foreign Language
  - Elective (or 2)

# High School Transcript

- This gives all of your academic information on one document
- Grades
- Credits Earned
- G.P.A. (Grade Point Average)
- Anticipated Graduation Date (2027)
- Test Scores (SATs)

Who looks at a Transcript?



# What Are Colleges Looking For?

- At least 2-3 years of the same World Language
- Take the most challenging courses that you can handle
- Show that you grew academically (for example, work towards taking higher level classes) by senior year
- Make yourself as competitive as possible.  
Seriously consider taking 4 years of social studies and science, even though E.O.Smith does not require this.

# Next Steps

- **Counselors from E.O. Smith will be coming to Hall on Wednesday, March 29th.**
  - **During that time, you will sign-up for 9<sup>th</sup> grade classes in powerschool**

# WRAP-UP

## Sign-Up for 4 Electives

- If you want to read a description of the course: go to the EO Smith website:
  - Support Services
  - School Counseling
  - Program of Studies '22-'23

