



8th Grade Parent Orientation





Objectives for Tonight

- To provide an overview of DFHS:
 - High School Graduation Requirements
 - The DFHS Academic Program
 - The IB Program
 - Co-Curricular Programs
- To discuss the transition to DFHS:
 - Course Registration
 - Orientations
 - Developing a plan





DFHS Key People

- Dr. John Falino, Principal (ext. 3048)
- Candace Reim, Assistant Principal (ext. 3057)
- Scott Patrillo, Dean of Students (ext. 3027)
- Marion Halberg, IB DP Coordinator
- Jen Hickey, IB MYP Coordinator
- Dr. Erin Vredenburgh, Director of Special Ed. (ext. 3072)
- Andrew Klaich, Director of Athletics (ext. 3109)





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High School Graduation Requirements





Important Documents!

What?

- DFHS Course of Study Guide 2019-20
- IB Handbook 2019
- Student Handbook 2018

Where?

- High School Website



NYS Graduation Requirements



One credit = a full year course that meets daily

½ credit = a full year course that meets every other day or every day for one semester

- 4 credits of English
- 4 credits of Social Studies
- 2 credits of Physical Education (½ credit each year of high school)
- 3 credits of Math
- 3 credits of Science
- 1 credit of LOTE
- ½ credit of Health
- 1 credit of Art or Music
- 3 ½ elective credits
- **22 total credits needed**



What Dobbs Ferry High School Recommends

4 years of the following subjects:

English

Social Studies

Math

Science

LOTE

(In addition to NYS requirements of PE, Art/Music,
Health and Elective Courses)





Required Testing

NYS Regents Exams Recommended for Graduation

- 1 Math (Algebra 1, Geometry or Algebra 2)
- 1 Science (Earth Science, Living Environment, Chemistry or Physics)
- Global Studies
- US History
- ELA

Required Exams for an Advanced Regents Diploma

- 3 Math
- 2 Science
- Global Studies
- US History
- ELA





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DFHS Academic Program





Course of Study: Grade 9 to Grade 11

Math

- ✦ Geometry Regents (IB Math Analysis or IB Math Applications)
- ✦ Geometry Honors (IB Math Analysis HL)
- ✦ Algebra I (IB Applications)

History

- ✦ Global Studies 9 (U.S. History 11)
- ✦ Global Studies 9 Honors (IB History HL)

English

- ✦ English 9 (IB English SL)
- ✦ English 9 Honors (IB English HL)





Course of Study: **Grade 9 to Grade 11**

Science

- ✦ Living Environment (Regents) (Chemistry 11)
- ✦ Living Environment (Honors) (IB Chemistry SL, IB Biology SL, IB Physics SL)
- ✦ Advanced Science Skills (elective)

Language

- ✦ Spanish, French, Italian (Level 2) (IB Language B SL)

Electives

- ✦ Choose 2-3





Guidelines for Honors

General guidelines include:

- Exceptional academic performance
- Exceptional reading/writing (social studies) and/or mathematical skills (math)
- Teacher recommendation



Academic Programs & Electives

- IB Program (p. 9)
 - ✦ IB Middle Years Program (MYP) (Grades 6-10)
 - ✦ IB MYP Personal Project
 - ✦ IB Diploma Program begins in Grade 11 (read IB Handbook!)
 - ✦ “IB for All”
 - ✦ Expanded offerings (SL Chemistry, HL Music, HL Math, IB English SL, IB Spanish Ab Initio)
 - ✦ Honors courses in grades 9 & 10
- Science Research (p. 28)
 - ✦ 3-year Program
 - ✦ Begins in grade 10
 - ✦ Complements the IB DP



Academic Programs & Electives

- Additional Electives Include:
 - ✦ Advanced Science Skills
 - ✦ HS Yearbook
 - ✦ Computer Science
 - ✦ AP Computer Science Principles
 - ✦ Financial Literacy
 - ✦ MYP Research (Personal Project)
 - ✦ Modern Music and Culture: From Rock to Hip Hop
 - ✦ Broadcasting and Media
 - ✦ Business for the 21st Century
 - ✦ Science Research (grades 10-12)
 - ✦ IB Approaches to Learning (Advisory)
 - ✦ AIS English & Math Labs





Electives & Co-Curricular Clubs

- 15 courses in Art/Music (p. 34)
 - ✦ Musical Theater
 - ✦ Performance
 - ✦ Digital Design, IB Film, IB Art, IB Music
- Over 25 Clubs (See Website or Facebook Page)
 - ✦ Peer Tutoring
 - ✦ Activities Branch
 - ✦ Legislative Branch
- Athletics





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Course Selection & Transition





Grade 9 Experiences

- 9th Grade Teacher Team
 - ✦ Plan interdisciplinary IB MYP learning experiences
 - ✦ Student support
 - ✦ Parent meetings
- 1:1 Chromebooks
- Academic Study or Advisory (Approaches to Learning)
- MAC Day and school spirit!





Grade 9 Experiences

- Service Learning Opportunities
- Social and Emotional Learning
- A focus on digital citizenship
- Open Campus
- Co-Curricular Clubs





DFHS Key People

School Counselors

- Michelle Propersi (ext. 3018)
- William Palmer (ext. 3012)
- Cristin Silk (ext. 3019)
- Denise Helgesen (Secretary)(ext. 3042)





Course Selection Process

- Ms. Mittan, and a high school counselor will visit all Social Studies classes on March 5th:
 - ✦ Students will receive a student portal account and will login via Eschool.
 - ✦ While the counselors are in the class they will assist the students with choosing their electives.
 - ✦ Students will be able to see the teacher recommendations for their core course.
 - ✦ Parents will be able to view course choices on the parent portal following the counselor visit.

Resources:

- ✦ Contact Ms. Mittan at ext. 3072 with questions
- ✦ HS Course of Study Guide on DFHS Website
- ✦ IB Handbook on DFHS Website





Transition Process

- Course Selection Day:
 - Portal closes on March 11th
- Transition Day – May
 - ✦ Facilitated by the HS Counselors, HS teachers and DFHS students
- High School Parent Orientation: August 26
- Student Orientation: August 27th





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DFHS Communication





Ongoing Communication

- High School Facebook Page
- Principal's Blog (johnfalino.com)
- Grade-level and school-wide emails
- Individual teacher email and phone calls
- Parent & Student Portal
- Twitter ([johnfalino1](#) & [careim2](#))



Quick response!