2021
8th Grade
Scheduling Options
Information Night

Presented by the Ray Middle School Counseling Office

Agenda

- Overview of Core Requirements
- Overview of Elective Options
- Scheduling Timeline

Core Subject Overview

All 8th grade students will be enrolled in:

- Math- either:
  - Pre-Algebra
  - Algebra I*
- Science- either:
  - Science Investigations w/ Lab
  - Living Environment Regents w/ Lab*
- World Language*
- English 8
- Social Studies 8
- 30 weeks of Career & Technical Education (CTE)*
- Art*
- Physical Education

Important Considerations

Taking a high school course as an 8th grade student results in the following:

- Posting of the final course grade on the High School Transcript
- Course credit earned and applied for grades 65 and above
- Factoring the final course grade into the high school cumulative grade point average (GPA).
- Reporting the Regents Examination grade on the High School Transcript *(students may re-take the Regents Examination and have the highest score achieved reported)*

What's a High School Transcript?

Your high school transcript is a complete record of your academic achievements in high school. It starts with the first grading period of your first year of high school and is updated each term until you graduate.

What is Grade Point Average (GPA)?

GPA the sum of all your course grades throughout your **high school** career.

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Charles W. Baker High School

CEEB Code: 330 300

Name:
Gender:
Address:
Parent:

SAMPLE

Class Rank:
Weighted GPA
Unweighted GPA
Credits Earned: 15.00
Counselor: Kristen Foote

2017-2018 Grade:8 Theodore R. Durgee Junior High School GPA:95.2500 Credits:2.00

Course Name	Local	RCT/Prof	Regents	Final Avg	Credits
DDP I				99	0.50
Spanish I	86			91	1.00
Studio in Art I				100	0.50

2018-2019 Grade:9 Theodore R. Durgee Junior High School GPA:85.8462 Credits:6.50

Course Name	Local	RCT/Prof	Regents	Final Avg	Credits
Algebra I			76	75	1.00
English 9R	83			89	1.00
Global History I	72			82	1.00
Health				92	0.50
Living Environment			81	84	1.00
Physical Education 9				100	0.25
Physical Education 9				100	0.25
Spanish II	67			85	1.00
Studio Media in Photography				94	0.50

2019-2020 Grade:10 Charles W. Baker High School GPA:92.0769 Credits:6.50

Course Name	Local	RCT/Prof	Regents	Final Avg	Credits
Earth Science R			EX	92	1.00
English 10R				88	1.00
Geometry			EX	82	1.00
Global History II (10R)			EX	95	1.00
Introduction to Psychology				96	0.50
Photography I				95	0.50
Physical Education (Fall)				100	0.25
Physical Education (Spring)				100	0.25
Spanish III				96	1.00

2020-2021 Grade:11 Charles W. Baker High School Credits:0.00

Course Name	Local	RCT/Prof	Regents	Final Avg	Credits
Algebra II				(87)	0.00
AP Psychology				(87)	0.00
Chemistry				(81)	0.00
English 11R				(93)	0.00
Physical Education				(100)	0.00
Spanish IV*				(95)	0.00
US History & Government (11R)				(90)	0.00

Testing Information

State Test Scores

Date	Exam	Score
06/19	Regents Common Core Examination in Algebra I	76
06/19	Regents Living Environment	81
06/20	Regents Common Core Examination in Geometry	EX
06/20	Regents Physical Setting/Earth Science	EX
06/20	Transition Regents Examination in Global History and Geography (Grade 10)	EX

Mathematics Option

On Grade Level

- Pre-Algebra
  - 35 Weeks of Middle-level Mathematics Concepts including, but not limited to:
    - Statistics
    - Geometry
    - Transformations
    - Rational and Irrational Numbers
    - Pythagorean Theorem
    - Expressions and Equations
    - Functions
  - 5 Weeks of Algebra 1 *(end of year)*

Accelerated

- Algebra 1
- This course will assist students in developing skills and processes to be applied using a variety of techniques to successfully solve problems in a variety of settings. Topics include
  - linear, quadratic, and exponential functions,
  - solving equations and inequalities, and
  - statistics,
  - as outlined in the NYS Common Core Standards.

1 High School Credit

Sample High School Plans – Mathematics

7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Accelerated Math 7	Algebra 1 (Common Core)	Geometry	Geometry, Algebra 2 or Math Elective	Algebra 2 or Pre-Calculus or Math Elective	Pre-Calculus, Calculus or Math Elective / AP Math
Math 7	Pre-Algebra	Algebra 1 (Common Core)			

Science Option

On Grade Level

- Science Investigations -
  - Introduction to Laboratory based Science skills
  - NYS Middle School level Life Science Curriculum

Accelerated

- Living Environment (Regents)
  - This course is based on the NYS Living Environment Core Guide. Topics include Biology as a science, methods of science, ecology, cells as unifying living features, exploring diversity, human physiology, genetics, reproduction, and evolution.

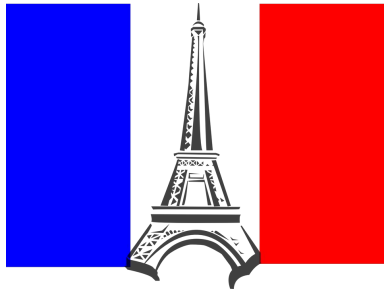
1 High School Credit

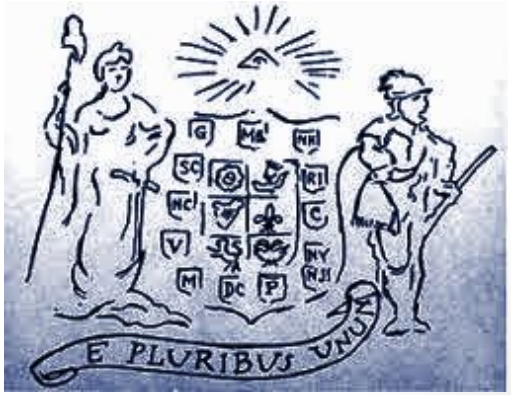
Sample High School Plans – Science

7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Accelerated Science 7	Living Environment	Earth Science	- Earth Science - Chemistry - Physics - Electives - PLTW Science	- Earth Science - Chemistry - Physics - Electives - AP Sciences - PLTW Science	- Earth Science - Chemistry - Physics - Electives - AP Science - PLTW Science
Science 7	Science Investigations	Living Environment			

WORLD LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

- **FRENCH 1**
- **GERMAN 1**
- **LATIN 1**
- **SPANISH 1**





Ray Counseling Office Website

Bville | Baldwinsville central school district

Registration | Athletics | TipLine | Schooltool

- Ray Home
- Counseling Office
- Learning Commons (Library)
- Staff Pages
- Virtual Open House
- Parent Technology Tutorials
- Pearson Easy Bridge
- Physical Education
- Positivity Project
- Ray 'Cups' Challenge
- School Hours, Attendance Areas, & Closing Info
- School Picture Retakes
- School Supplies 2020-21
- Student COVID-19 Health Screening Questionnaire
- Yearbook Ordering Information
- Carpool Parent Permission Form

Counseling Office: 315-638-6114

Name	Title	
Tom Crosby	Counselor	Students with last names A-F
Heidi Dwyer	Counselor	Students with last names G-N
Tiffany Stubbmann	Counselor	Students with last names O-Z
Pam Stern	Psychologist	(315)-638-6110
Jill Joseph	Social Worker	(315)-638-6117
Jenna Wolken	Psychologist	(315)-638-6114

Downloads

- 7th to 8th Grade Scheduling Presentation
- 8th Grade Course Catalog
- 8th Grade Course Selection Form

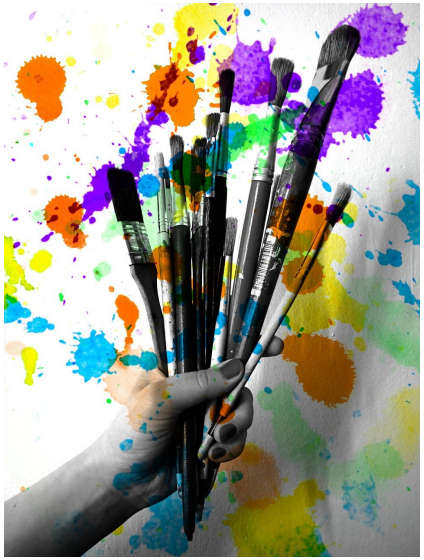
Middle Level Art Requirement

8th grade students will be enrolled in at least 10 weeks of Art

- Art 8 (10 week course)

  or
- Studio Art I

  (20 week course, ½ high school credit, satisfies ½ Fine Arts requirement for graduation)



Career & Technical Education (CTE) Middle Level Requirement

8th grade students will be enrolled in at least 30 weeks of CTE.

Choose a combination from:

- Technology
  - Design, Drawing, & Production (DDP)
    (20 week course, ½ high school credit, satisfies ½ Fine Arts requirement for graduation)
  - Technology 8 (20 week course)
  - Technology 8 Gateway (10 week course)
- Family & Consumer Science (FACS)
  - FACS 8 (10 week course)
- Business
  - Career & Financial Management (CFM)
    (20 week course and ½ high school credit)

Elective Overview

- Chorus (40 week course and 1 high school credit)
- Band (40 week course and 1 high school credit)
- Orchestra (40 week course and 1 high school credit)
- Practical Musicianship (20 week course and ½ high school credit)

**40 week course satisfies Fine Arts requirement for graduation

Scheduling Timeline

8th Grade Planning Google Form will be available to families on **Monday, February 1, 2021.**

Please complete Form by **Monday, February 8, 2021.**

Ray Counselors will begin to meet with each student in February to review course selections.

We cannot guarantee your first choice elective but will make every effort to do so depending on demand.

8th Grade Planning Form

8th Grade Schedule Planning Form

Please complete the form below by February 8, 2021. All efforts will be made to give students their first choice elective, however, we cannot guarantee students will be enrolled in all their requested elective courses.

Course descriptions can be found in the Course Catalog on the Ray Counseling Office webpage.

https://www.bville.org/tfiles/folder817/7th%20to%208th%20Grade%20Course%20Catalog.pdf

* Required

Email address *

Your email

STUDENT LAST NAME *

Your answer

STUDENT FIRST NAME *

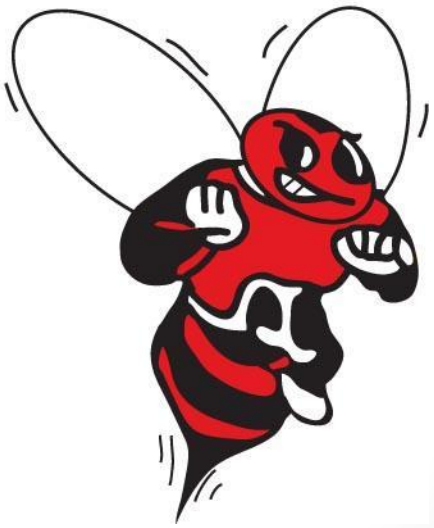
Anticipated Bell Schedule at Durgee

Period	Marking Period 1	Marking Period 2	Marking Period 3	Marking Period 4
1	World Language	World Language	World Language	World Language
2	Math	Math	Math	Math
3	English	English	English	English
4	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies
5-1	LINK	LINK	LINK	LINK
5-2	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
5-3	LINK	LINK	LINK	LINK
6	Science	Science	Science	Science
7	Science Lab (A Day) Phys. Ed. (B Day)	Science Lab (A Day) Phys. Ed. (B Day)	Science Lab (A Day) Phys. Ed. (B Day)	Science Lab (A Day) Phys. Ed. (B Day)
8	CTE Course* (20 week course)		CTE Course* (10 week)	Art* (10 week)
9	Elective or Study Hall	Elective or Study Hall	Elective or Study Hall	Elective or Study Hall

EXAMPLE

Additional items to consider when planning with your student:

- Out of school commitments
- Clubs, Activities (such as involvement in marching band, sports)
  - The Code of Conduct has specific sections outlining expectations pertaining to extra-curricular activities and sports
  - Additional requirements can add additional stress
- Time management skills
- Intrinsic motivation
- Willingness to seek help when needed and capitalize on the supports that are available

No one knows your student better than you!

Common Questions