

# 9TH GRADE TRANSITION TO CB EAST



# TIMELINE FOR PROGRAM PLANNING 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

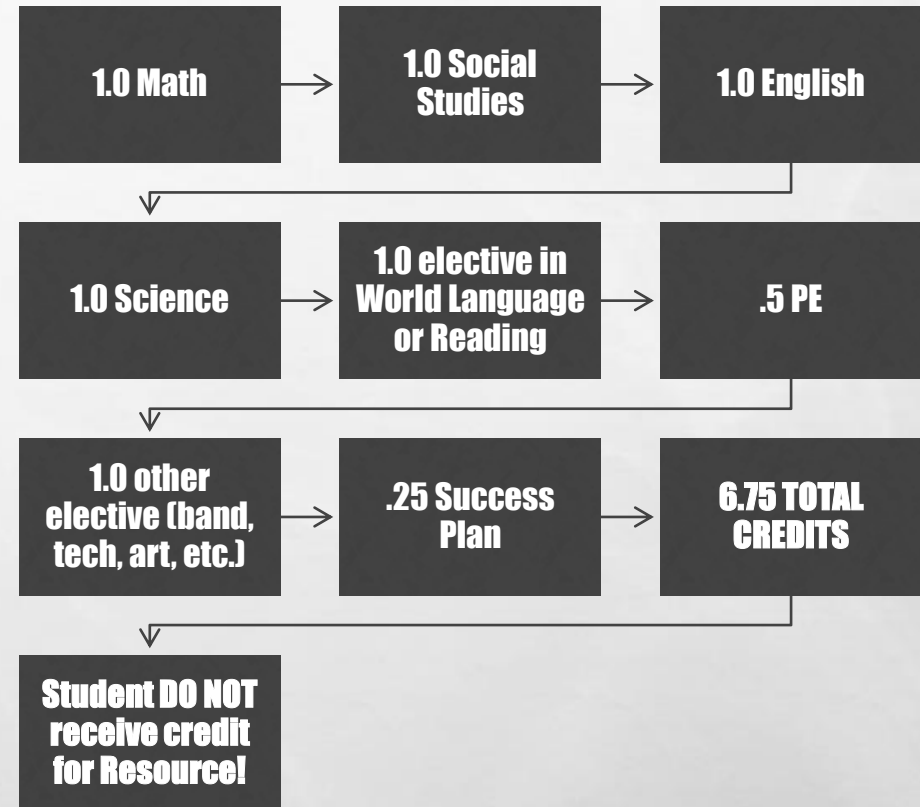
Friday, November 17 <sup>th</sup>	MBIT (Middle Bucks Institute of Technology) Presentation to 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students by Laurinda Hellwig – MBIT School Counselor
Wednesday, December 6 <sup>th</sup>	MBIT Open House and <i>Information Session</i>
Tuesday, January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Program of Studies for Rising 10 <sup>th</sup> graders available online CBSD.org
Tuesday, January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup> grade Program Planning Assembly during I&E – Mrs. Louderback (Holicong) & Mr. Moustakas (CB East)
Thursday, January 4 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Fair from CB East (see letter from Dr. Watters) <b>Beginning at 5:45 PM</b>
Friday, January 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Recommendation Day</u></b> - Recommendations will be shared by teachers with students.
Tuesday, January 16 <sup>th</sup>	Portal opens for students to begin input to course requests from home.
Thursday, January 18 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Presentation for 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parents
Sunday, February 4 <sup>th</sup>	Last day for 9 <sup>th</sup> grade student to enter classes into the Portal (complete by 11:59PM)
February 5 <sup>th</sup> - March 6 <sup>th</sup>	CB East Counselors will review each student schedule for completion and verification
Friday March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Verification sheets are available for parent review with electronic signature. Requests for changes must be submitted on Microsoft Form in link attached to Student Services email.
Wednesday March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Verifications in Portal due to Holicong. <b>No Changes can be made after this date.</b>

# CURRICULUM FAIR

**HELD AT CB EAST HIGH SCHOOL ON JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> @ 5:45**

- ✓ MEET WITH 10TH GRADE TEACHERS OF ALL SUBJECTS, INCLUDING THE ELECTIVES AVAILABLE TO YOU NEXT YEAR.
- ✓ LEARN ABOUT ACADEMIC, HONORS, AND AP LEVEL COURSES.
- ✓ REVIEW YOUR SCHEDULING PLANS WITH A HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR.
- ✓ ASK ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE AND CHECK OUT THE BUILDING!

# WHAT ARE MOST 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS COMING TO 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE WITH?



# CENTRAL BUCKS SCHOOL DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



**4.0 credits of Math**



**4.0 credits of Social Studies (Social Studies must be taken each year, once per year)**



**4.0 credits of English (English must be taken each year, once per year)**



**3.0 credits of Science (EVERY 10<sup>th</sup> grader takes Biology)**



**1.0 credit of PE**



**.50 credits for Success Plan**



**10.75 electives (this includes World Language and any additional major subjects)**



**TOTAL CREDITS = 27.25**

# WHAT IS LEFT AFTER 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE?

**27.25 CREDITS**

**-6.75 CREDITS**

**20.5 CREDITS FOR GRADES 10, 11, AND 12**

**STUDENTS SHOULD PLAN TO TAKE AT LEAST 7.0 CREDITS PER YEAR!**

**COLLEGES DON'T LIKE TO SEE TOO MANY OPEN SPACES...THEY KNOW WE OFFER 8.0 CREDITS!**

**STUDENTS HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO EARN 31.0...3.5. THIS IS MORE THAN REQUIRED!**

# **BLOCK SCHEDULING IN GRADES 10-12 THE BENEFITS TO STUDENTS**



## **Organization of the School Day.**

**Block schedules are similar to a college course schedule: Most classes are 1 semester.**



**\* Students can take four courses per marking period**

**\*83 minutes each block**



**\* Allows for “doubling up” in a subject area.**

**Students can take multiple Math, Science and World Language classes in one year.**

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**



## **PE/Health is required!**

**Most students will take it during 10<sup>th</sup>, so you should plan for this in your schedule.**



## **Lunch & Learn**

**1 hr each day**

**Access teachers or peer tutors for help**

**You can eat, hang with friends, or use the gym**



**A/B elective options may not fit with every class. Taking a study hall opposite of a Music/Band/Choir class is a possibility- it is okay!**

# **BUILDING YOUR SCHEDULE**

- ✓ **MAIN SUBJECT CLASSES ARE ENTERED INTO IC BY YOUR CURRENT 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TEACHERS BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS.**
  - ✓ **STUDENTS ADD PE/HEALTH, ELECTIVES, AND ANY ADDITIONAL CLASSES.**
  - ✓ **THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT TO TAKE DURING 11<sup>TH</sup> AND 12<sup>TH</sup> SO YOU MEET COURSE PREREQUISITES.**
  - ✓ **CONSIDER SPORTS, ACTIVITIES, AND OTHER COMMITMENTS.**
  - ✓ **YOU MAY BE RECOMMENDED FOR MULTIPLE HONORS/AP CLASSES.**
- REMEMBER. BALANCE IS KEY!!**

# **BUILDING YOUR SCHEDULE**

- ✓ **AP CLASSES ARE COLLEGE LEVEL COURSES DESIGNED BY THE COLLEGE BOARD!**
- ✓ **READING & WRITING EXPECTATIONS WILL BE MUCH HIGHER THAN HONORS.**
- ✓ **FOR MOST STUDENTS, THERE WILL BE A PERIOD OF ADJUSTMENT.**
- ✓ **TIME & STRESS MANAGEMENT ARE IMPORTANT! IF YOU TYPICALLY DON'T HANDLE TIME AND STRESS WELL, THIS COULD BE AN ISSUE WITH A RIGOROUS SCHEDULE.**
- ✓ **9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS ARE VALUABLE. YOUR CURRENT TEACHERS KNOW YOU WELL AND WILL MAKE AN INFORMED RECOMMENDATION.**

# **SAMPLE STANDARD SCHEDULE**

**1 BLOCK=.5 CREDIT**  
**2 BLOCKS=1.0 CREDIT**

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Marking Period</b>
<b>Block 1</b>	English 10	English 10	Spanish 3	Spanish 3
<b>Block 2</b>	Modern World History	Modern World History	Journalism	PE/Health
<b>Block 3</b>	Biology	Biology	Geometry / Trig	Geometry / Trig
<b>Block 4</b>	Intro to Law	Astronomy	Accounting 1	Accounting 1

# SAMPLE AP SCHEDULE

**1 BLOCK=.5 CREDIT**

**2 BLOCKS=1.0 CREDIT**

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Marking Period</b>
<b>Block 1</b>	English 10	English 10	Spanish 3	Spanish 3
<b>Block 2</b>	AP European History	AP European History	AP European History	PE/Health
<b>Block 3</b>	Biology	Biology	Geometry / Trig	Geometry / Trig
<b>Block 4</b>	Intro to Law	Astronomy	Accounting 1	Accounting 1

# **SAMPLE MBIT SCHEDULE**

**1 BLOCK=.5 CREDIT**  
**2 BLOCKS=1.0 CREDIT**

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Marking Period</b>
<b>Block 1</b>	English 10	English 10	Biology	Biology
<b>Block 2</b>	Modern World History	Modern World History	Geometry / Trig	Geometry / Trig
<b>Block 3</b>	MBIT	MBIT	MBIT	MBIT
<b>Block 4</b>	MBIT	MBIT	MBIT	MBIT

# SAMPLE MUSIC SCHEDULE

**1 BLOCK=.5 CREDIT**  
**2 BLOCKS=1.0 CREDIT**

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Marking Period</b>
<b>Block 1</b>	English 10	English 10	Spanish 3	Spanish 3
<b>Block 2</b>	Modern World History	Modern World History	Journalism	Intro to Law
<b>Block 3</b>	Biology	Biology	Geometry / Trig	Geometry / Trig
<b>Block 4</b>	Choir (A) <hr/> PE/ Health (B)	Choir (A) <hr/> PE/Health (B)	Choir (A) <hr/> Digital Imaging (B)	Choir (A) <hr/> Digital Imaging (B)

# Middle Bucks Institute of Technology (MBIT)

- ❖ Many programs are available in both Skilled Trades *and* Collegebound pathways. Learn more at [www.mbit.org](http://www.mbit.org).
- ❖ Offers career opportunities immediately after H.S. graduation!
- ❖ Elective credits earned at MBIT, and core subject area credits at East.
- ❖ You can schedule a tour of the building and see programs of interest.
- ❖ Apply online by February 15<sup>th</sup> (ASAP) – limited space for some programs!

# SELECTING COURSES

## DRAG SHEET ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>

- ✓ SPEAK WITH YOUR TEACHERS ABOUT COURSES / LEVELS.
- ✓ CURRENT 9<sup>TH</sup> TEACHERS ENTER RECOMMENDATIONS THEY WILL BEGIN SPEAKING WITH YOU THIS WEEK.
- ✓ COURSES WILL BE LISTED IN STUDENT IC PORTAL / VERIFICATION SHEET.

## ENTER ELECTIVES INTO IC PORTAL

- ✓ OPEN FROM TUESDAY, JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> TO SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>
- ✓ YOU WILL RECEIVE DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO ENTER IN COURSE REQUESTS.
- ✓ CHOOSE ELECTIVES CAREFULLY, YOU CANNOT CHANGE THEM AFTER PROGRAM PLANNING!

## SCHOOL COUNSELORS MEETINGS

- ✓ HS COUNSELORS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR Q&A SESSIONS IN JANUARY



# GPA WEIGHTING

Grade	Academic	Honors	Advanced Placement
A	4.0	4.25	5.0
A-	3.6	3.85	4.6
B+	3.4	3.65	4.4
B	3.0	3.25	4.0
B-	2.6	2.85	3.6
C+	2.4	2.65	3.4
C	2.0	2.25	3.0
C-	1.6	1.85	2.6
D+	1.4	1.65	2.4
D	1.0	1.25	2.0

# **HIGH SCHOOL CRITICAL COURSE CHANGE POLICY**

- **ONCE YOU REGISTER FOR A COURSE, AND THE WINDOW FOR CHANGES HAS CLOSED, (MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>) CHANGES MAY ONLY BE MADE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:**

- 1. A DEFICIENCY IN A PREREQUISITE.**
- 2. MISPLACEMENT INTO A COURSE.**
- 3. MUST REPEAT A COURSE DUE TO THE FAILURE OF A REQUIRED COURSE.**

