

# **9<sup>th</sup> grade Enrollment**



**Olathe Northwest  
High School  
2025-26**

# Introductions

- ▶ Chris Zuck, Building Principal
- ▶ Steve Page, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Assistant Principal
  
- ▶ Counselors:
  - Last names A–B & W–Z Sydnee Harris
  - Last names C–G Erin Olsen
  - Last names H–L Heather Jasper
  - Last names M–Q Rebecca Riffel
  - Last names R–V Lacey McDannald Gillis

# ***GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS***

**24 CREDITS TOTAL TO GRADUATE**

**18.5 FROM REQUIRED COURSES**

**5.5 FROM ELECTIVE COURSES**





# **REQUIRED CREDITS**



▶ **4 English**

▶ **3 Math**

▶ **3 Science**

- 1 Life Science – 9<sup>th</sup> grade
- 1 Physical Science – 10<sup>th</sup> grade
- 1 Science Elective – 11<sup>th</sup> grade

▶ **3 Social Studies**

- 1 Modern World History – 9<sup>th</sup> grade
- 1 US History – 11<sup>th</sup> grade
- 0.5 US Government – 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- 0.5 Social Studies Elective

▶ **1.0 STEM**

▶ **1.0 Art**

▶ **1.0 Language Applications**

▶ **0.5 Communications**

▶ **0.5 Financial Literacy**

▶ **0.5 Health**

▶ **0.5 Life Studies**

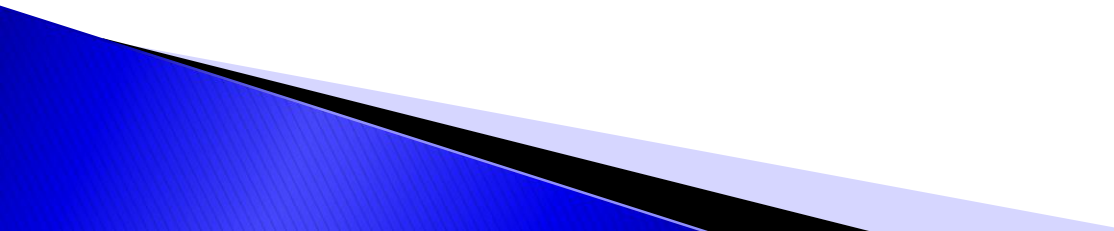
▶ **0.5 Physical Education**

▶ **5.5 Individual Focus (Elective)**

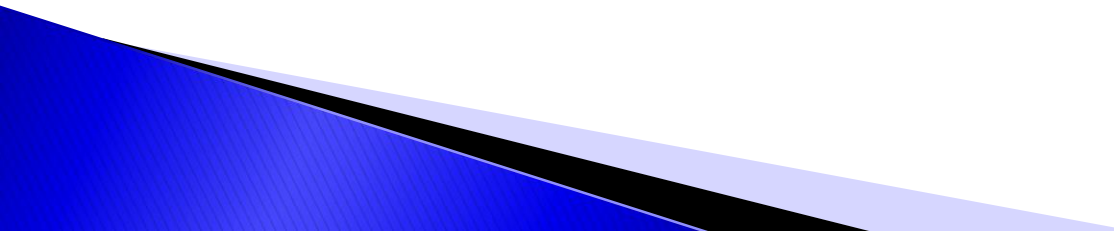
# Out-of-District Students

- ▶ Pick up enrollment folders after presentation.
  - In-District students receive enrollment folders at enrollment presentation with feeder pattern high school
- ▶ Can't enroll using included instructions
  - Email course requests and alternates to ONW counselor
- ▶ Need to enroll at ONW even if accepted to an academy.
  - Enrollment paperwork available after presentation.

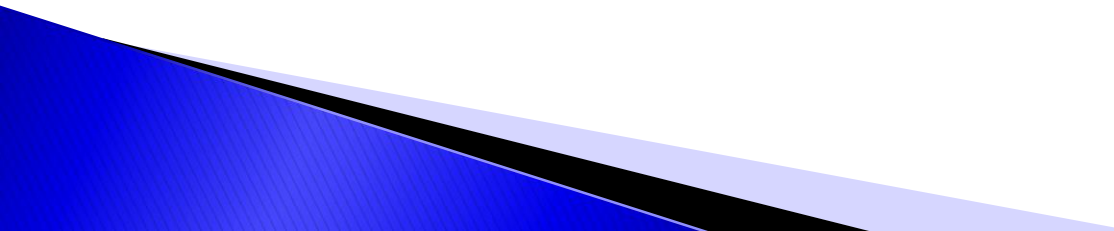
# World Language

- ▶ Not an Olathe graduation requirement
  - ▶ 2 years of the same world language **strongly recommended** for college-bound students
  - ▶ Required by some colleges
  - ▶ **Does** count toward Language Application graduation requirement
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# Honors /Weighted Grades

- ▶ Honors Core Classes are available to freshmen
  - ▶ More rigorous
  - ▶ Prepare students for college
  - ▶ Significant time commitment
  - ▶ Honors English Summer Assignment [here](#)
  - ▶ Read more about weighted GPAs on page 6 of the district Program Planning Guide [here](#)
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# Required 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Courses

- ▶ English 9 or Honors English 9
  - ▶ Modern World History or Honors Modern World History
  - ▶ Biology or Honors Biology
  - ▶ Math
  - ▶ PE Concepts/Health or Strength & Conditioning/Health
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# PE/Health at ONW

## Required for all freshmen

- ▶ PE Concepts classes are co-ed
- ▶ Cheer & Dance
  - Also need to enroll in Health
  - Add PE Concepts twice as a placeholder until tryouts
- ▶ Strength & Conditioning
  - See Strength & Conditioning flyer in enrollment folder
  - Also need to enroll in Health
  - Select PE510A and PE510B to enroll for the whole year.
  - Select only one to take it one semester

Summer weights = Pre-Requisite for weights during the school year but does not guarantee a spot due to the number of course requests

# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective Courses

- ▶ 5 required credits + 2 elective credits
  - Resource, Gifted, and Academies will use elective credits
- ▶ 0.5 credit = 1 semester
- ▶ 1.0 credit = full year

## Sample Elective Options:

- ▶ **Spanish 1 / French 1 / German 1 / Japanese**
  - Full year = 1 credit
  - Select both A and B course #s
- ▶ **Concert Band / Choir / Orchestra**
  - Full year = 1 credit
  - Select both A and B course #s
- ▶ **Business Communications**
  - 1 semester class = 0.5 credit



# Tryouts



- ▶ **Cheer/Dance:** Select PE Concepts twice and it will be replaced with cheer/dance if you are selected after tryouts.
- ▶ **Yearbook:** Choose another elective that you are interested in taking, then email your high school counselor to let them know which elective to drop if you are selected.
  - Sponsor: Mr. Kistner
  - [APPLY HERE](#)
- ▶ **Band/Choir/Orchestra:** Choose Concert Band/Concert Choir/Freshmen Orchestra. We will adjust enrollment after auditions.
- ▶ **Jazz Band:** Choose once if you want it 1 semester and twice if you want it both semesters.
- ▶ **Peer Mentor:** Complete application and return to ONW Student Services.

# CTE Programs

## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Academies

Apply in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

4-Year Academies

Attend Grades 9 – 12

### Engineering

- ▶ Requires Honors Science and Engineering classes grades 9 – 12
- ▶ Facilitator: Andrew Edmondson

### eCommunications

- ▶ 1 hour of eComm grade 9
- ▶ 2 hours of eComm grades 10 – 12
- ▶ Facilitator: Andy Netterville

## OATC

Apply in 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

Attend 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

ONW 4 hours

OATC 3 hours

### 2 Year Programs

- ▶ Culinary Arts
- ▶ Healthcare Sciences
- ▶ Construction Trades
- ▶ Auto Tech
- ▶ Welding
- ▶ Animal Science
- ▶ Electronics

### Seniors Only

- ▶ Emergency Medical Services

# eAcademy Classes

- ▶ Small selection of online classes for students who don't have room in their schedule
  - Example: A student in Band, Engineering, and OATC
- ▶ Taught by OPS teachers
- ▶ No live lectures
- ▶ Must be approved by your high school counselor
- ▶ Earliest option = summer after 9<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Summer eAcademy
    - 8 weeks
    - \$200 per 0.5 credit class
    - 2 classes max
  - School Year eAcademy
    - Semester long
    - Free
    - 1 class per semester
    - Outside of 7-period schedule

[Read about OPS eAcademy here](#)

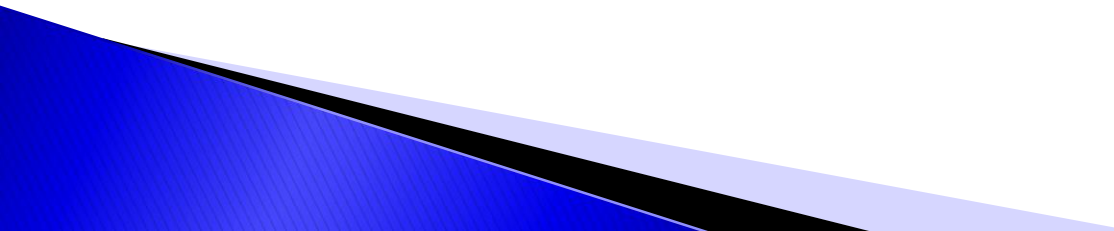
# NCAA

## NCAA Information Night

- ▶ Olathe West annually in September
- ▶ Date and time will be shared in the Student Services Newsletter next fall
- ▶ Recommended for all students planning to play sports in college



# Enrollment Instructions

- ▶ 7 credits in course requests
  - ▶ 1.5 credits (3 classes) in alternates
  - ▶ Choose your alternates wisely! If a first choice is not available, you will be assigned your chosen alternate.
  - ▶ Schedule changes will be limited!
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# Schedule Changes

- ▶ Much different in high school than middle school
- ▶ Due prior to school beginning in August
- ▶ Students do not have the opportunity to “try” a class and then change
- ▶ Students cannot pick what hour they have a class
- ▶ Students cannot pick which teacher they have
- ▶ Students cannot pick classes based on when/where friends are





# Next Steps

- ▶ Complete 4–Year Plan on [page 12](#) of the Program Planning Guide
- ▶ Enrollment due **February 14 at midnight**
  - Other OPS high schools may have a different deadline
- ▶ Be sure to choose the “A” and “B” sections for full–year classes
  - Example: Modern World History = SS210A and SS210B
- ▶ Check out ONW’s elective videos [here](#) for more information
- ▶ Look up classes in the district Program Planning Guide [here](#) for more information
  - The Program Planning Guide is a district–wide document. Some classes listed are not offered at ONW.

# Enrollment Steps

- ▶ Log in to [StudentVUE](#)
- ▶ Select Course Requests

StudentVUE: Gerdes, Connor x ParentVUE x

https://synergytest.olatheschools.com/Frameset\_PXP.aspx?P=Login\_Student\_PXP.aspx

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Home My Account

Help Close

Good afternoon, Connor Gerdes, 1/13/2015

Recent Events

Connor has no recent events to note at this time  
Home School: Olathe Northwest High School

District Announcements

01/19/2015: No School - No School. All district buildings closed. [Read more...](#)

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**Out-of-District students will email their course requests to their counselor.**

1:47 PM 1/13/2015

# Enrollment Steps

- ▶ Select “Click Here to Change Course Requests”
- ▶ Classes Pre-Loaded and Unlocked
  - Modern World History
  - English
  - PE & Health
  - Biology (Engineering Honors locked)
- ▶ Classes Pre-Loaded and Locked
  - Math
    - Talk to *current* math teacher if you'd like to change
  - Academy classes
  - Resource

# Enrollment Steps

- ▶ Search for classes
  - Select “Add Request” for a course request
  - Select “Add Alternate” for an alternate request
- ▶ Course Request Total must equal 7.0
- ▶ Alternate Course Requests must equal at least 1.5
- ▶ Your requests will save automatically

*Refer to 4-year plan on [page 12 of the district Program Planning Guide](#) to track graduation requirements.*

# Need Enrollment Help?

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in the order they are received.





# ONW AVID



# AVID Purpose

- 4 year College Readiness Class
- Helping Students succeed on a path to College and Career Readiness
- Providing students with additional Academic, Social and Emotional Support to help them succeed in rigorous courses
- Inspiring students to take control over their own learning

# Attributes of AVID Students

- We are looking for self-motivated students
- Students that want to attend college
- Students have a willingness to try new learning strategies
- The Program ONLY works if students truly buy in to the process
- Students will remain with the same teacher for 4 years



# Have a Great Evening!

We look forward to seeing you at ONW!

