

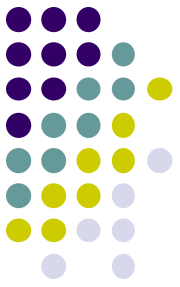
# Upperclassmen Registration for 2012-2013

Ridge High School Guidance Department

February 1, 2012



# Requirements for Graduation

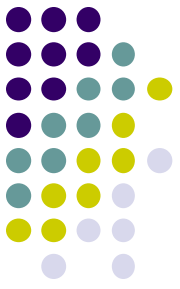





- All Students:
  - Courses/credits, as listed on pages 1-2
  - HSPA during junior year (for now)
  - Adhere to Attendance Policy
- Class of 2014 & 2015 Only:
  - Personal Finance



# Option II

## Athletic Opportunities

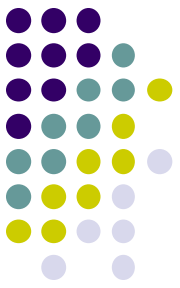


“Old”	“New”
Off-Site PE	Minimum of 150 minutes per week outside of school
Ridge Athletics	<p>Athletes take 2 MPs of SH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Fall Sport – MP1 &amp; MP2</li><li>- Winter Sport – MP2 &amp; MP3</li><li>- Spring Sport – MP3 &amp; MP4</li><li>- Marching Band – MP1 &amp; MP2</li><li>- Dance Team – MP2 &amp; MP3</li></ul>   

- All students must take Health at Ridge when offered for their grade, or online, at the family’s expense.
- Must replace PE with a Study Hall (can have 2 SHs)

# Option II

## Academic Opportunities



- Accelerate a level or remediate a course over the summer
- Earn original credit for courses
  - Online or traditional courses outside of the school day
  - Earn both HS and college credit, where possible (dual enrollment)
- Independent study
  - With an RHS faculty member
- Internships (grade 12)
  - No credit awarded
  - During or outside of school hours

**Option II Applications  
for summer/fall  
academic experiences  
are due June 15<sup>th</sup>.**

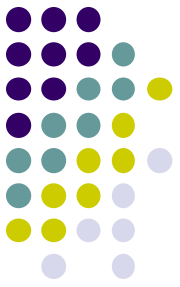
# Academic Policies



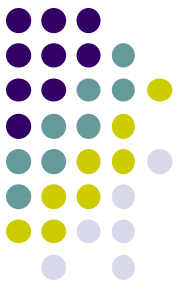
- Level Changes
- Adding and Dropping Courses
- Honors/AP Criteria
- Honors/AP Appeals
- Course Selection Agreement



# Level Changes



- Permitted through the first marking period only
- Dependent upon room in the class
- May have to rearrange your whole schedule
- Your grades will follow you, and will not be weighted or recalculated!



# Adding and Dropping Courses

- Adding an elective instead of a Study Hall
  - Needs administrative approval
- Dropping a class for a Study Hall
  - Needs administrative approval
  - At the beginning of the semester (through day 10)
    - Course will not appear on transcript
  - After the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the semester
    - Withdraw/Pass (W/P) or Withdraw/Fail (W/E) on transcript.

**No elective switches!**



# Honors & AP Criteria

- In Math:
  - Must earn **A** to bump up to Honors or AP
  - Must earn **B** to maintain honors/AP level
- In Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, and World Languages:
  - Must earn **A-** to bump up to Honors or AP
  - Must earn **B-** to maintain honors/AP level
  - Check prerequisites in World Languages

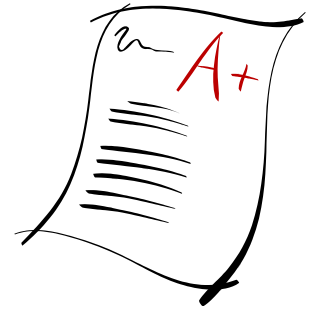
If you do not maintain Honors/AP criteria, you will **automatically** be dropped at the end of the year.

# Honors & AP Criteria



- At the time of scheduling, your placement is based on your **MIDYEAR AVERAGE**

Midyear Average includes:  
MP1, MP2 and Midterm Exam



- Your final placement is based upon your **FINAL AVERAGE**

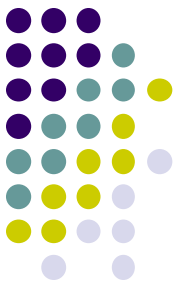
Final Average includes:  
All 4 MPs, Midterm Exam and Final Exam

# Late Qualification Form for Honors/AP



- You should fill out a Late Qualification Form when:
  - You didn't qualify for the honors/AP class at the time of scheduling, but your final grade is now in and you meet the criteria
  - You definitely want to enroll in the Honors/AP class

**Late Qualification Forms  
will be online, beginning mid-June.  
Due July 15<sup>th</sup>**

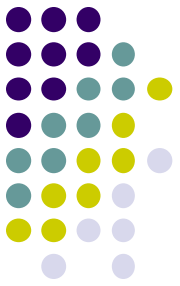


# Honors/AP Appeals

- You must fill out an Appeal form if:
  - You do not/will not meet the grade criteria, but have an *extenuating* circumstance and want to be in the Honors/AP level next year

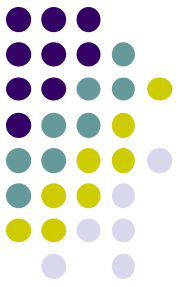
**Honors/AP Appeal Forms  
will be online at the end of March.  
Due June 8<sup>th</sup>**

# GPA



- In your packet:
  - Explanation of GPA
  - Chart of Weighted grade values
  - Instructions on how to calculate GPA
  - Example of GPA calculation

# Course Selection Agreement



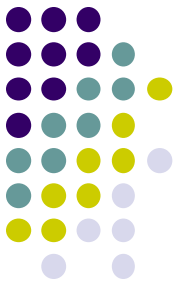
- Changes to courses are not permitted after

**April 5<sup>th</sup>**

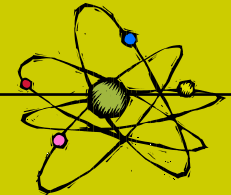
- Changes are only made afterwards due to scheduling conflicts, courses not running, or not maintaining grade criteria.

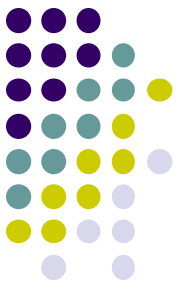


# What's New and/or Different for Next Year



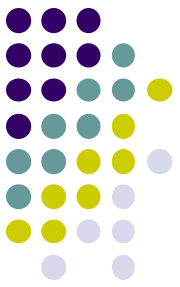
<b>Social Studies</b>	<p>AP Human Geography offered to grades 10-12.</p> <p><i>Challenges of Democracy</i> is now <i>Current Issues in Contemporary America</i> (still a grade 12 elective).</p>
<b>Science</b>	<p>No “NJ Biology Competency Test” this year</p>





# Reminders

<b>Math</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- AP/Honors Criteria higher for math</li><li>- Must be in Honors Algebra II to move into Honors Analysis</li><li>- Must be in Honors Analysis to move into AP Calculus I</li></ul>
<b>PE/SH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 2MP SH if you play a sport</li><li>- Can have 2 study halls (a scheduled SH plus an additional SH through Option II)</li><li>- Dance I or II can count for PE or Art, but not both (Dance III can only count for Art)</li></ul>
<b>Option II</b>	Online form(s) for summer/fall academic experiences are due June 15

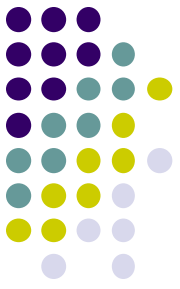


# Highlights for Grade 11

- GPA
- Transcript trends
- Senior Schedule
- Option II
- Senior Year Privileges



Juniors will meet with their counselors starting  
**February 7<sup>th</sup>**  
to select courses for next year.

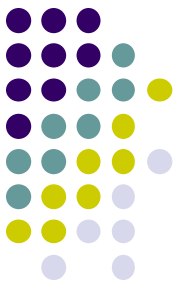


# Highlights for Grade 10

- Why is Junior year so important?
- GPA
- Transcript Trends
- Selecting electives
- Assess current academic level
- Option II
- Naviance/Career Interest Inventory



Sophomores will meet with their counselors starting  
**February 28<sup>th</sup>**  
to select courses for next year.



# Highlights for Grade 9

- Scheduling for grade 10
  - Community Service Requirement
  - Personal Finance
- GPA
- Transcript Trends
- Assess current academic level
- Option II

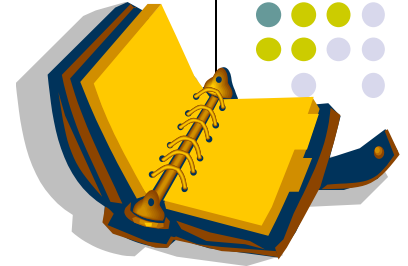


Freshmen will meet with their counselors during the

**Week of March 19<sup>th</sup>**

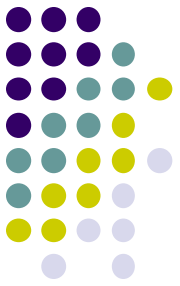
to select courses for next year.

# Final Notes and Reminders



- Student responsibilities:
  - Read and understand the *Program of Studies*
  - Discuss with parent(s)/guardian(s)
  - Come to your scheduling appointment prepared with your completed *Course Selection Sheet*
    - Pencil in 7 periods' worth of courses, plus lunch & PE/Health
    - Select at least 6 alternative electives
    - Copies of the *Course Selection Sheet* can be downloaded from the RHS Guidance Web site (click "Grades 10-12 Academic Planning & Scheduling")

# Deadlines



- **April 5<sup>th</sup>:** Last day to see your counselor for course selections changes
- **June 8<sup>th</sup>:** Honors/AP Appeal forms due
- **June 15<sup>th</sup>:** Option II forms due for summer/fall academic experiences
- **July 15<sup>th</sup>:** Last day to submit Late Qualification Form for Honors/AP Classes

