

SELECTING

9TH GRADE

COURSES

*class of 2029*



# EXPLORING YOUR OPTIONS

## Departments

- Agriculture
- Art
- Automotive / Engines
- Business Education
- Child and Education Studies
- Computer Science
- Construction Trades
- Digital Media & Technology
- Engineering & Design
- English
- Family & Consumer Education
- Health Care Careers
- Manufacturing & Welding
- Mathematics
- Music
- Physical Education
- Health
- Science
- Social Studies
- Special Education
- Tutoring
- Workplace Education
- World Languages

*Descriptions for each course offered can be found in the Program Of Studies linked [here](#).*

# FRESHMEN HONORS CLASSES

- Honors Human Geography (0.5 credit)
- Honors English 9 (1 credit)
- Honors Biology (1 credit)
- Honors Geometry (1 credit and must be taking Algebra in 8th grade)

## **Should I take an Honors class?**

### **Things to think about and consider...**

- Look at how you're doing in your current classes.
- Discuss with your current teachers.
- Do you enjoy that subject?
- Do you have a good work ethic?
- Is your goal to graduate with Laude Honors?

# SCIENCE COURSE OPTIONS

## **1. Biology**

a. Biology is a comprehensive introduction to the fundamental principles of life sciences.

## **2. Honors Biology (L)**

a. Honors Biology is an accelerated and enriched exploration of the fundamental principles of biology, designed for students with a strong interest in the sciences.

## **3. Principles of Biomedical Science (L)**

a. This is a good option for students who have strong science skills who are interested in the health field career path.

b. The activities and projects introduce students to human physiology, basic biology, medicine, and research processes while allowing them to design their own experiments to solve problem.

# FRESHMAN PHYSICAL EDUCATION OPTIONS

- **Freshmen Physical Education -**  
Can only be taken once
- **Athletic Performance -**  
rigorous strength and endurance training  
(Fall, Winter, Spring) Can take 1, 2 or all 3  
Trimesters.
- **Music Block Physical Education -**  
option for those in one music block class.

# SPANISH OPTIONS

- If you are currently taking Spanish 1, you must have earned a C- or higher to begin Spanish 2 in 9th grade.
- Students who earn less than a B should consider retaking Spanish 1 in their 9th grade year. Spanish 2 is a rigorous course that builds on the skills learned in Spanish 1.

# MHS TRIMESTER SCHEDULE

- 6 periods in a day
  - 5 classes and 1 Homeroom/Study Flex period
- 0.5 credit for each class in a trimester for a total of 2.5 credits per trimester
  - 24 credits are required for graduation
- 6 minute passing periods

**Dedicate time and thought when choosing your classes, do not pick based on what your friends are taking!**

# SAMPLE 9TH GRADE SCHEDULE

Fall Trimester	Winter Trimester	Spring Trimester
1. Algebra 1 (A)	1. Algebra 1 (B)	1. Biology (B)
2. Biology (A)	2. English 9 (A)	2. English 9 (B)
<i>Study Flex Period</i>	<i>Study Flex Period</i>	<i>Study Flex Period</i>
4. Spanish 1 (A)	4. Spanish 1 (B)	4. Athletic Performance
<i>2nd Lunch</i>	<i>2nd Lunch</i>	<i>2nd Lunch</i>
5. Health	5. Introduction to Computer Aided Design	5. Manufacturing Systems
6. Manufacturing and Welding 1	6. Small Animal Science	6. World Cultures



# SAMPLE 9TH GRADE SCHEDULE

## (MUSIC BLOCK: 2 MUSIC CLASSES)

Fall Trimester	Winter Trimester	Spring Trimester
1. Honors Geometry (A)	1. Honors Geometry (B)	1. English 9 (B)
2a. Band	2a. Band	2a. Band
2a. Show Choir	2a. Show Choir	2a. Show Choir
<i>Study Flex Period</i>	<i>Study Flex Period</i>	<i>Study Flex Period</i>
4. English 9 (A)	4. Honors Biology (A)	4. Honors Biology (B)
<i>2nd Lunch</i>	<i>2nd Lunch</i>	<i>2nd Lunch</i>
5. World Cultures	5. Honors Human Geography	5. Freshman Phy Ed
6. Introduction to Health Care Careers	6. Spanish 2 (A)	6. Spanish 2 (B)

# GRADING

## High School has letter grades.

Letter grades are made up of:

- 80% is Summative grades
  - Retakes cannot be taken without all formative work completed
- 20% is Formative grades

**Homework still counts!**

### Letter Grades and Grade Point Average (GPA):

- Grade Point Average is calculated based on trimester grades, with each course earning .5 credits
- GPA is computed by dividing the cumulative grade points by the number of eligible credits earned.
- Student grade point averages are computed on a 4.0 scale.
- The following chart shows the Grade Points awarded per Course Letter Grade

Grade in Trimester Course	Course Percentage	Grade Points
A+	99.5 - 100	4.0
A	91.5 - 99.49	4.0
A-	89.5 - 91.49	3.7
B+	88.5 - 89.49	3.3
B	81.5 - 88.49	3.0
B-	79.5 - 81.49	2.7
C+	78.5 - 79.49	2.3
C	71.5 - 78.49	2.0
C-	69.5 - 71.49	1.7
D+	68.5 - 69.49	1.3
D	61.5 - 68.49	1.0
D-	59.5 - 61.49	.7
F	Below 59.5	0

# GRADUATING WITH HONORS

## Laude Distinctions

- Upon graduation, top performing students receive a Laude distinction based on Laude Score.
- Must have a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0 to qualify

## Laude Distinctions

- Cum Laude (with honor):  
**20 - 39.999 Laude Score**
- Magna Cum Laude (with great honor):  
**40- 59.999 Laude Score**
- Summa Cum Laude (with highest honor):  
**60 or higher Laude Score**

**Laude Points  $\times$  Senior G.P.A. = Laude Score**

Example: 14 laude points  $\times$  3.76 = 51.8 (Magna Cum Laude)

\*\*Read more about the Laude System on pages 7-11 of the Program of Studies Guide

# SELECTING CLASSES FOR 2024-2025

**The Course Selection deadline is 11:59 PM on January 19th**

**Students should pick at least 6 alternates from various departments.**

**In case one or more classes do not fit into your schedule or fill up your alternates will be placed into your schedule for you.**

**Students and families can access all the information they need to know about Milton High School Academics and Course Selection by clicking the following links:**

**[Program of Studies](#)**

**[Scheduling Information](#)**

**[9th Grade Course Offerings](#)**

# MILTON HIGH SCHOOL COURSE SELECTION INSTRUCTIONS

**Step One:** Log into Skyward Student Access

**Step Two:** Select “Schedule” from the left navigation window

**Step Three:** Click on “View Requests for 2025-2026 in Milton High School”

**Step Four:** Choose classes by reviewing classes and moving them from the “Available Courses” area to the “Selected Courses” area. Courses can be moved back and forth by using the “Add Course” or “Remove Course” buttons.

Each Student must sign up for **\*at least 7.5 credits**

**\*Be sure to select at least 6 different alternate electives**

# WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING YOU JOIN US AT THE HIGH SCHOOL NEXT YEAR!



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