

8th Grade Parent Registration Meeting
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Credits and Blocks

Credit=Value assigned to a course

- Earn credits by:
 - Passing Benton Classes
 - Summer School
 - College classes

How to we add up credits?

- We use blocks to determine credits.
- 1 block= 1 period of class for 1 quarter=0.5 credits*
- Classes meet for 1 or 2 blocks*

*We do not use the term credit very often; we mainly talk in terms of blocks. However, know about the credit system is beneficial because we use credits for our transcripts.

Block Schedule

- Sample Freshman Schedule

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
A	Alg 1	Alg 1	Science	Science
B	English	English	Spanish	Spanish
C	Seminar	Seminar	Seminar	Seminar
D	EAH	MAH	Com. T	Foods
E	PE	Self D.	Ag I	Ag I

Graduation Requirements (in blocks)

- 8 English
- 6 Math
- 6 Science
- 2 World History
- 2 US History
- 1 Computer Technology
- 4 Cluster
- 1 American Government
- 1 Global Affairs
- 4 PE

- 4 Cluster Classes (These are special electives that help you learn about 21st century topics.) pg 8 of course book
 - Technology
 - Personal/Social
 - School-to-Work
- 21 Electives

Total Blocks

- 56 blocks=28 credits

Minimum College Entrance Recommendations (in blocks)

- 8 English
- 8 Math
- 6 Social Studies
- 6 Science (4 need to be lab based in biology, chemistry, or physics).
- 4 Foreign Language
- 1 Technology

GPA

- GPA –Average of grade points earned for total classes passed.
- Cumulative GPAs is the average of all grade points earned through all of high school.
- Schools and employers will look at your Cumulative GPA

A+ = 4.33	C+ = 2.33
A = 4.0	C = 2.0
A- = 3.67	C- = 1.67
B+ = 3.33	D+ = 1.33
B = 3.0	D = 1.0
B- = 2.67	D- = 0.67
F = 0.0 (no credit)	

Four Year Plans

- Your plan helps to guide you through high school
- Your plan helps you to be ready for your future career
- Help you make sure you have all the required HS classes
- Is not permanent and can be changed

Course Book

- 16 career clusters are provided with possible courses relating to that pathway (pg 47-54)
- Lists electives that may relate to be beneficial to many careers in the cluster
- Use this as a guide for class selection

Your Child's Job

- Complete 4-year plan
- Due by January 25, 2012
- Have your parents sign your plan (anywhere on plan) by January 25
- You will meet with Mrs. Nesbitt individually to review your plan and ask questions
- You will register online for classes on January 26 with Mrs. Nesbitt