

COUNSELOR CONNECTION

Course Registration for the 2011 - 2012 School Year

Students received their 2011-2012 Catalog of Courses, Registration form and Registration Policies and Procedures handout in their Advisory Class on December 8th. Students need to complete their Registration forms and turn into their Advisory Teacher by **January 12th**.

Registration forms:

- Current 11th graders will have yellow registration forms.
- Current 10th graders will have pink registration forms.
- Current 9th graders will have blue registration forms.

Some Helpful tips:

- Choose courses wisely! Students should take time to read about the courses they are interested in selecting to make sure that they understand the expectations of the course. There is no guarantee that students can change their course schedule once they register for a course.
- Graduation diploma requirements have increased for all classes. Students should review the chart on page 7 of the Catalog of Courses to ensure that they are registering for correct courses.
- Students can **not** repeat a course for credit, unless noted in the course descriptions. If a student is unsure if they already took a class, that student should see his/her counselor.
- Students who fail to register by the deadline (January 12, 2011) will be programmed by their counselor and forfeit their rights to program changes.
- All designated signatures are required prior to submitting the registration form. This includes Teacher Initials, when indicated by a "TI" next to the course selection.

If a student or parent has any questions regarding Registration, please contact the counselor. In addition, there will be After Hours Registration Counseling for students and parents from January 4th to January 11th, 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the WHS Library.

Increased Diploma Requirements for Board of Education Diploma - Class of 2013 & 2014

For the Class of 2013 and 2014, there are increased diploma requirements for math.

- Four (4) math credits including Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra 2 or equivalent. **Students also must meet the standard on the Algebra 2 End of Course Exam. Students are only able to take this exam when enrolled in Algebra 2.**

There are also changes to other course requirements. For a complete list of diploma requirements, please refer to the chart on the back of this newsletter.

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Counselors

- Mrs. Phyllis Clemmer, ext 276
School-wide Counselor
- Mrs. Johna Lyman-Mandaloniz, ext 290
ALC/CSAP/AVID Counselor
- Mrs. Toni Sakai-Kawada, x353
12th Grade Counselor
- Ms. Penny Yanagisawa, x270
11th Grade Counselor
- Mrs. Heather Tagawa, ext 269
10th Grade Counselor
- Mr. Adrel Vicente, ext 267
9th Grade Counselor

Educational Assistant

- Mrs. Nancy Okinaka, ext 268

Advanced Placement

The 2011 AP exams will take place during May 2011. Registration for AP exams will be announced through the morning bulletin during 3rd Quarter. For more information, see Mrs. Lyman-Mandaloniz or Mrs. Tagawa in GRAC.

SAT & SAT Subject Tests

The Counseling Dept. will be administering the SAT on January 22 and June 4. Register at www.collegeboard.com/mysat. Please remember to bring your picture ID, Admission ticket, approved calculator and pencils.

HAWAII STATE ASSESSMENT (2010 - 2011 School Year)

10th graders will have a 2nd and 3rd opportunity to re-take the HSA in order to meet the standards in those subjects. A parent letter will be sent home in January.

ASK FOR HELP

Students can sometimes feel overwhelmed with having to manage their time between academics, athletics and other school activities. Please remember that there are extra supports on campus. You can see your teachers for extra help or you can go to the following resources on campus:

BENCHMARK CAFÉ (MATH)

Where: D202

When: Lunch recess and after- school (2:30 – 3:00 pm)
(Monday & Tuesdays – Tutoring)
(Thursday & Fridays – Testing)

Bring: Ticket (provided by a student's Math teacher) & a picture ID

MATH LAB

Where: Q103

When: Before school, lunch & after-school
Bring: Ticket (provided by a student's Math teacher) & a picture ID

Services Provided: Tutoring (Testing is only available to special education students at this site)

A.I.M (Attendance Is Mandatory) Classes

If a student has more than five (5) absences per class per semester, the student needs to attend A.I.M classes in order to make up time lost from class instruction. All A.I.M classes will be held in the WHS cafeteria. Students must have assigned work from their teacher and a valid WHS ID to enter. All regular school rules apply.

Quarter	Dates
3 rd Quarter	February 26 (Saturday)
	March 2 (Wednesday)
	March 5 (Saturday)
4 th Quarter	April 2 (Saturday)
	April 30 (Saturday)
	May 7 (Saturday)
	May 14 (Saturday)

Parent's Corner

We'd like to work together with you to assure our students' success in these high school years. Please contact the school immediately with any questions or concerns. Do not wait until you receive a mid-quarter progress report or quarterly report card. Teachers' extension numbers can be accessed through the main faculty directory by calling 974-4888 and following the prompts. Please remember to call during **non-instructional times** so that lessons are not interrupted. Thank you!

DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS - Classes of 2013 & 2014

Course Requirements	BOE Recognition Diploma **	High School Diploma
English ***	4.0 credits including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English LA 9 (1.0) English LA 10 (1.0) Expos. Writing (0.5) 	4.0 credits including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English LA 9 (1.0) English LA 10 (1.0) English LA 11 (1.0) English LA 12 (1.0)
Social Studies	4.0 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> US History (1.0) World History (1.0) MHH/PID (0.5 ea) 2 – SS elective (0.5 ea) 	4.0 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> US History (1.0) World History (1.0) MHH/PID (0.5 ea) 2 – SS elective (0.5 ea)
Mathematics	4.0 credits including: Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 or equivalent <i>Students must meet standard on Algebra 2 End of Course Exam</i>	3.0 credits
Science	3.0 credits including: 2.0 credits in Chemistry, Biology, and/or Physics <i>No science equivalent courses allowed</i>	3.0 credits 1 science equivalent course allowed
World Language Fine Arts Career and Technical Education	2.0 credits in the same language <u>or</u> 2.0 credits in same Fine Arts discipline (visual or performing) <u>or</u> 2.0 credits in the <u>same</u> pathway (TA, TB, TH, TI, TN, TP)	2.0 credits in the same language <u>or</u> 2.0 credits in same Fine Arts discipline (visual or performing) <u>or</u> 2.0 credits in the <u>same</u> pathway (TA, TB, TH, TI, TN, TP)
Senior Project	1.0 credit Awarded at the end of the 3 rd qtr of the senior year.	Not required
Physical Education	1.0 credit PE Lifetime Fitness (0.5) PE Basic Elective (0.5)	1.0 credit PE Lifetime Fitness (0.5) PE Basic Elective (0.5)
Health	0.5 credit	0.5 credit
Personal Transition Plan	0.5 credit Awarded at the end of Semester 1 of senior year.	0.5 credit Awarded at the end of Semester 1 of senior year.
Electives	5.0 credits	6.0 credits
TOTAL	25.0 credits	24.0 credits

**Graduates with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better will be awarded the BOE Recognition Diploma with Honors.

*** Advanced Placement (AP) Lang/Comp (grade 11), Advanced Placement (AP) Lit/Comp (grade 12) can be used to meet the Expository Writing requirement.

A **Certificate of Completion** of an Individually Prescribed Program shall be issued to specifically identified disabled students who complete all the requirements set by the program. (Certificates do not constitute graduation from high school.)

Don't forget...

- Scholarship and college information are announced in the morning bulletin. The morning bulletin can also be accessed via the school website.
- If you are interested in signing up for a GRAC presentation, please see Mrs. Okinaka in GRAC for a pass. Informational flyers regarding presentations are located in classrooms and in GRAC.
- GRAC not only hosts presentations, but offers information on testing (SAT, AP & ACT), financial aid (including scholarship information), military, universities/colleges and community programs.
- Seniors & Senior Parents! Need help with the FAFSA? Attend CollegeGoal Sunday on January 23rd from 1 to 4 pm at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, Campus Center Dining Room. Bring your W-2 and other tax information. For more information, see your counselor!