

Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District

**Incoming Grade 8
Parent Transition Meeting**
January 23, 2024

Introductions

Kerry Farrell, Principal

Brian Ciampo, Assistant Principal Grades 6 and 8

Dorothy Drexel, Assistant Principal Grades 5 and 7

Barbara Rusnack, School Counselor

Overview of Courses Available

Core Area Subjects: *(Every Day For One Period)*

- English
- Social Studies
- Science 8 /Earth Science
 - Accelerated Earth Science has additional lab period every other day
- Math 8/ Algebra
- World Languages
- Physical Education *(Every Other Day All Year)*

Special Area Subjects: *(Every Other Day All Year)*

- Art 8 or Studio Art 9 *(Meets Daily)*
- Music
- Technology
- FACS

So far...

You received a
Preference Form via
Parentsquare



8th Grade Specials Preference Form 2024-2025

Brian Ciampo • 12 days ago • Wednesday, Jan 10 at 3:00 PM • 7th Grade



Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School

"A Tradition of Excellence in Middle Level Education"

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Assistant Principal

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Principal

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Dear Parents/Guardians of our 7th Grade Students,

As we begin to prepare for the 2024-2025 school year, the time has come for you and your child to choose the special area courses that he/she/they will study next year. Based upon their other courses, 8th grade students will have availability in their schedule for between 0 and 3 special area courses. In order to provide us with feedback regarding what course(s) your child is most interested in taking, please rate each course according to your child's preference. Please note that every attempt to provide a child with his/her/their preferences will be made, but we cannot make any guarantees.

Please complete the Google Form linked to this message in order for our guidance department to schedule the special area course choice for your child for the 2024-2025 school year.

Please note, this Google form must be completed by Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

Please contact your child's guidance counselor, Mrs. Rusnack, with any questions or concerns.

The POBMS Grade 8 Specials Preference 24-25 Google Form can be found by following this link:

<https://forms.gle/789AgARJ7vBsYNRp6>

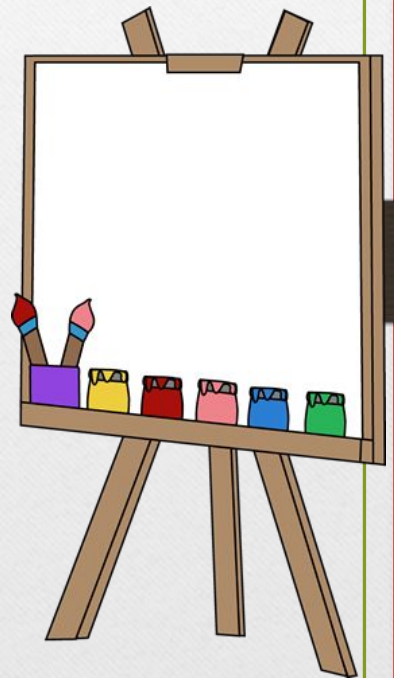
Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ciampo

Studio Art 9

Studio Art 9 is a high school level, full-year, art course that fulfills the NYS Arts requirement for graduation. This foundation level art course prepares students for the advanced drawing & painting, fashion, ceramics, or photography sequential art courses offered at the high school level; and covers all elements and principles of design. Students will use a variety of artistic mediums throughout this course, including paint, pencil, oil pastel, charcoal, clay, and other 3D materials.



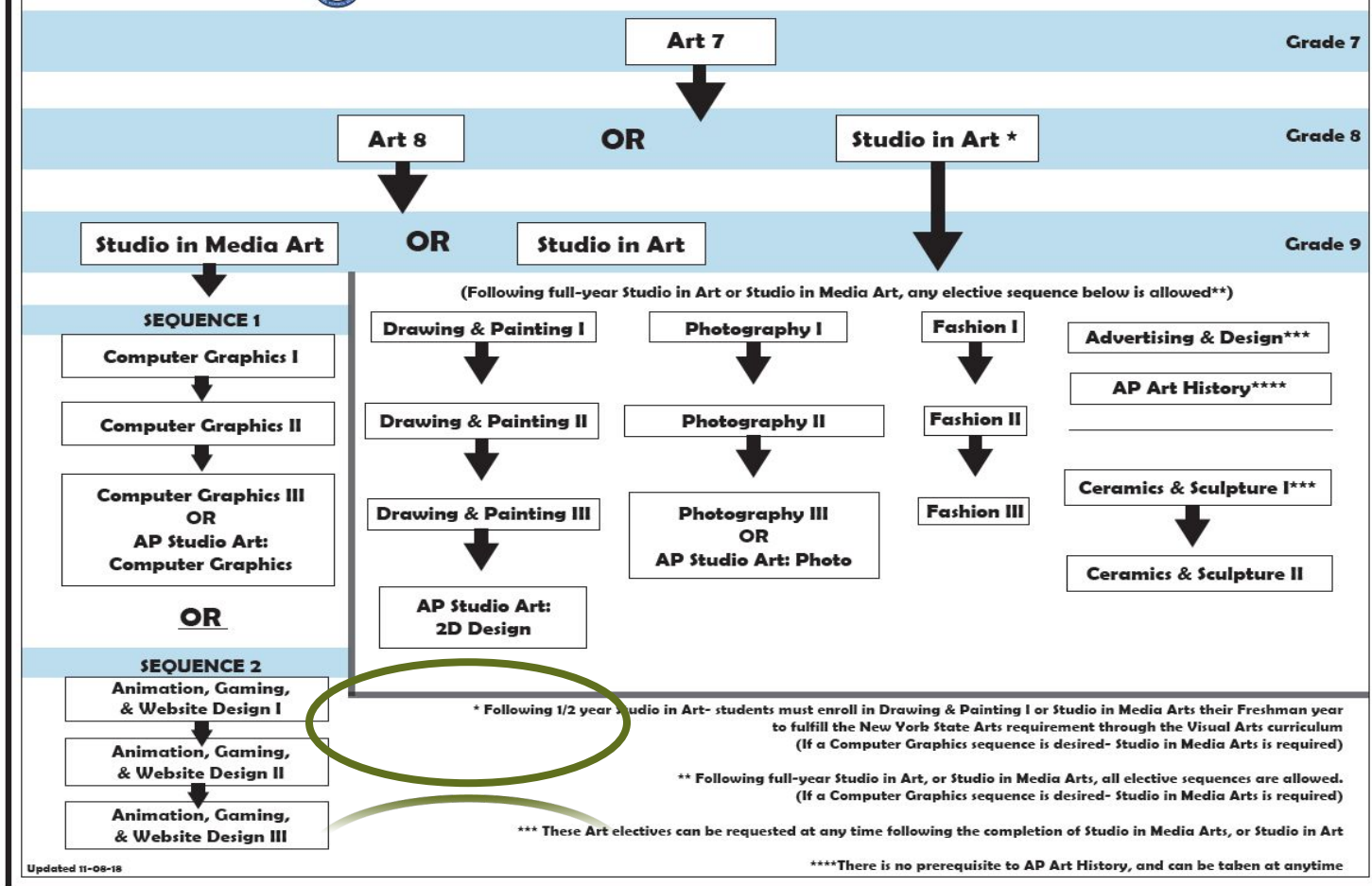


Art 8

Art 8 is a half-year level art course, that focuses on the core elements and principles of design. Students will complete projects to become creative thinkers throughout this course, and use a variety of artistic mediums to create art. Some of these mediums will include, but are not limited to; paint, pastels, pencil, charcoal, and a variety of 3D materials.



Art Department Flow Chart: Grades 7-12



Dr. Ben Wiley - Director of Art and Digital Instruction bwiley@pobschools.org

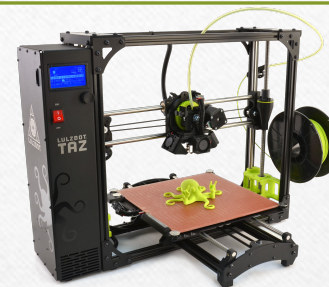
Music Studio 8



The 8th grade Studio Music course will continue to explore the groundwork set in the 7th grade course, however, it will dive deeper into formal musical composition, relating it to piano/keyboard skills, arranging, and musical theory. There will be aspects of performance based on piano/guitar/bass to accompany the audio recording component related to music software. Additionally, it will focus on STEAM connections and loop students into the high school music program seamlessly.



Technology 8

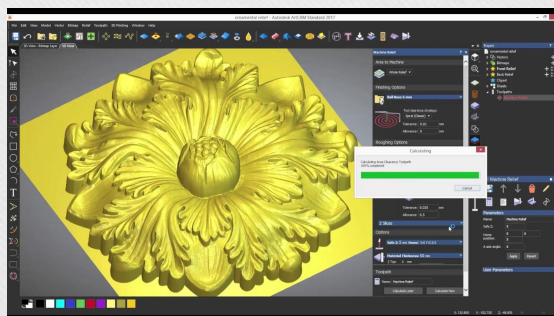


Technology 8 gives students the opportunity to explore an array of topics that are offered in the HS Technology Courses. It is designed to further develop their problem solving abilities and hands-on skills to help define their preferences for the future.

Computer Aided Design Programs

Inventor, TinkerCAD, and ArtCam

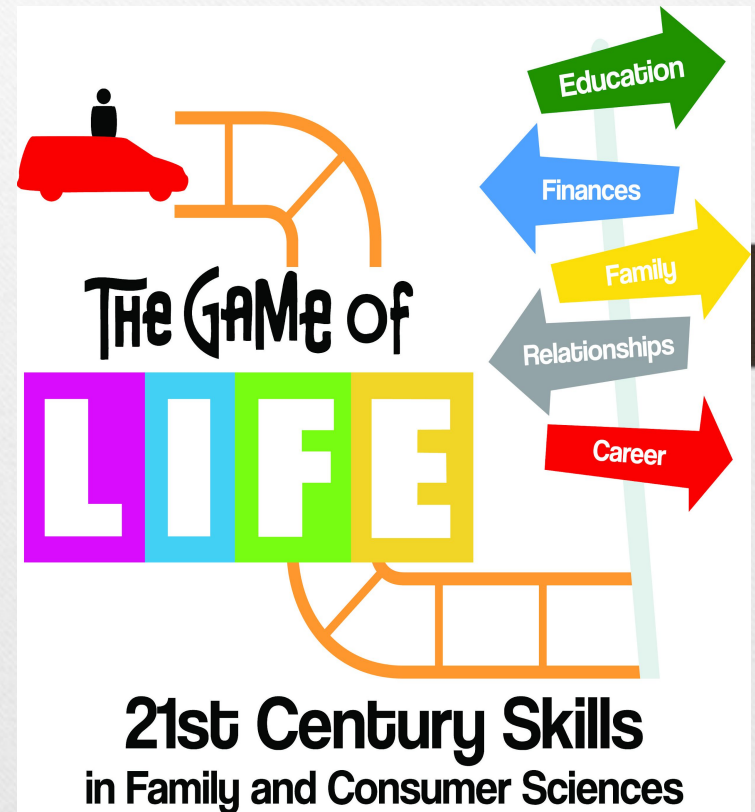
Engineering Concepts
3D printing
VEX Robotics



CNC router
Woodworking
Programming (robotics)

Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS)

- Career Exploration
- Nutrition & Healthy Cooking
- Entrepreneurship
- Personal Resources Management/Independent Living
- Personal Finance
- Community Service



Preference Form

- The 8th grade preference form was sent to all incoming 8th grade families via Parent Square
- Forms are due **January 31, 2024**

<https://forms.gle/iEpkqP7zrqenMZNK6>



Acceleration Options

➤ Algebra 1

Replaces Math 8

➤ Earth Science + Lab

Replaces Science 8 and includes a lab every other day

➤ Studio Art

Replaces Art 8

Each accelerated course will earn one high school credit towards graduation and will appear on your child's high school transcript.

Algebra/Earth Science

- Students currently enrolled in Math 7 will be enrolled in Math 8
- Students currently enrolled in Math 7 ACC will be recommended for either Algebra or Math 8
 - For students who are currently struggling in the 7th grade accelerated math class, please note that the teacher recommendation may indicate Math 8 next year instead of Algebra. In this circumstance, please follow up with the teacher for further discussion.
- All 7th grade students will receive a recommendation for either Science 8 or Earth Science

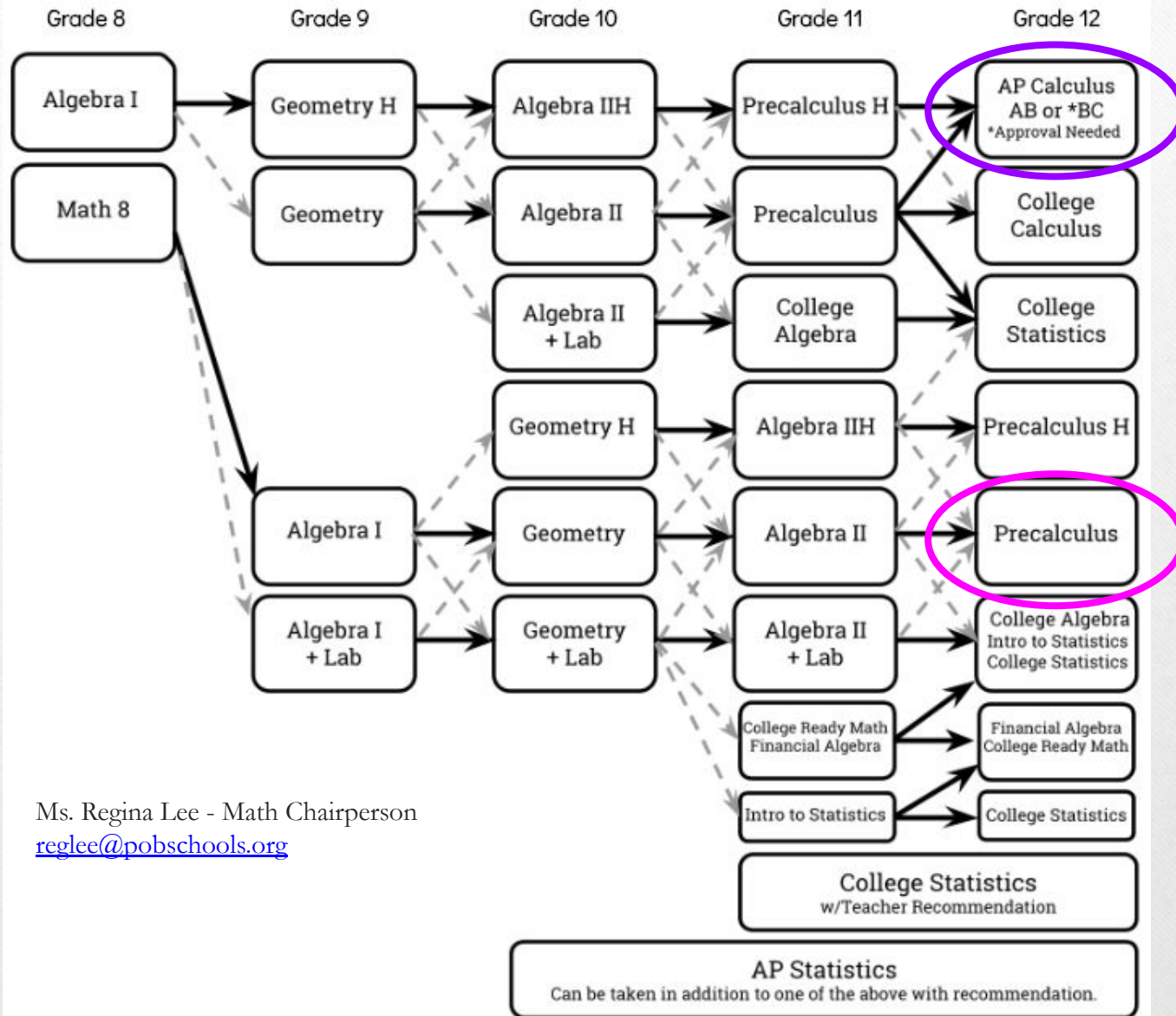
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Where do my choices lead me?

Let's talk about pathways for:

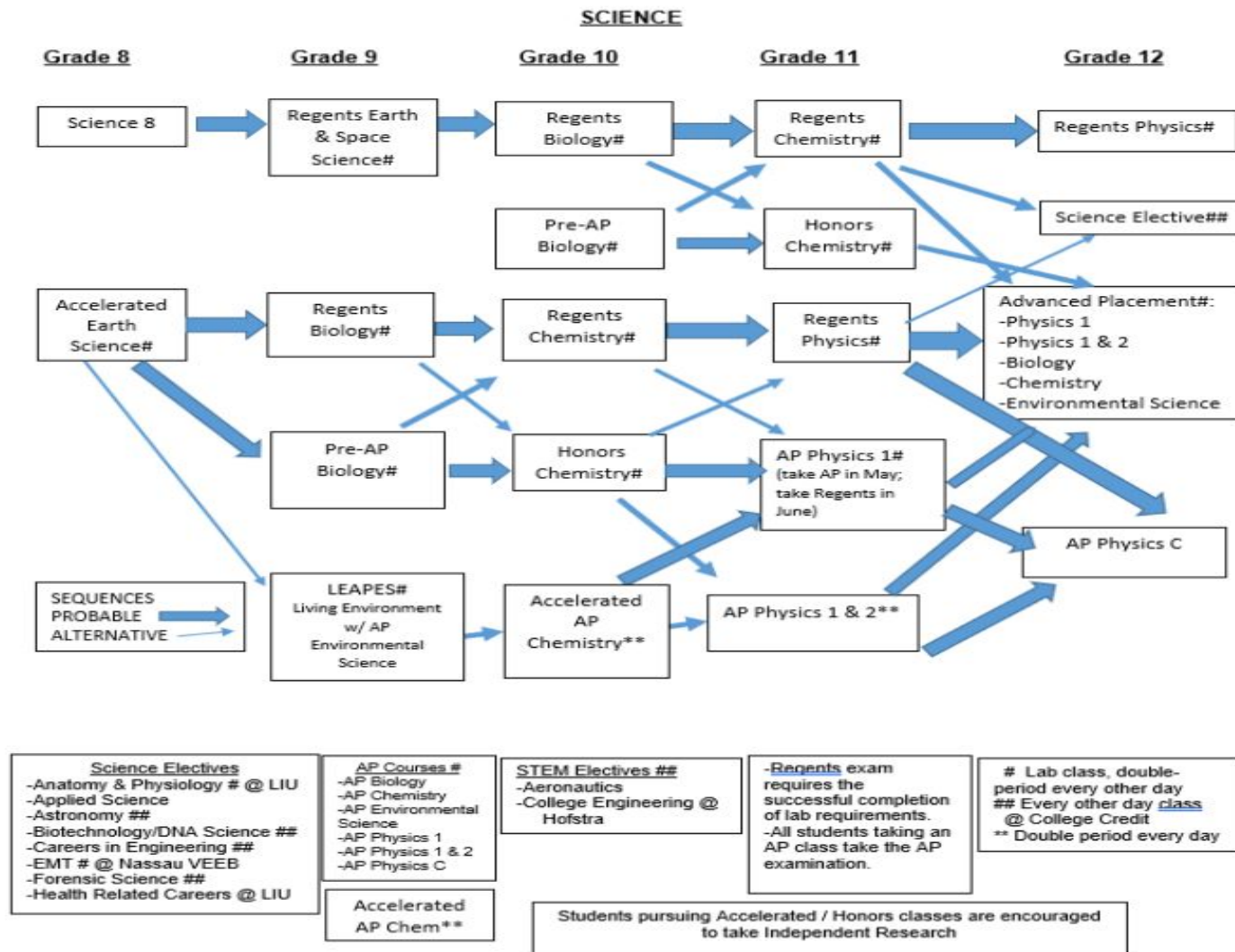
- Math
- Science
- Art*
- Self-Selection

POB Mathematics Flowchart



Ms. Regina Lee - Math Chairperson
reglee@pobschools.org

POB Science Flowchart



Ms. Joyce Barry - Science Chairperson
jbarry@pobschools.org

What is Self-Selection?

- Opportunity to enroll in an accelerated course when not recommended
 - ✓ Conversation with the student
 - ✓ Conversation with teacher, appropriate chairperson, and school counselor
- What is the process for self-selection?
 - ✓ Complete and return a Self-Selection form for each accelerated course.
 - ✓ Form will be sent on February 12th and must be returned by February 15, 2024.

How will I know the recommendations for my child?

Course Registration Verification Forms

- All course registration verification will be available to viewed on the parent portal at 3pm on February 12, 2024.
- Changes should be submitted to your child's respective Guidance Office by February 15, 2024.
- Parents have the opportunity to discuss the recommendation with the teacher, appropriate chairperson, and school counselor.

Message Center

Today

Calendar

Assignments

Grades

Grade Book Updates

Attendance

Schedule

Academic Plan

Fees

Documents

More

The “More” tab is located on the bottom left of the Parent Portal. Please select “More” then select “Course Registration” to view your child’s courses. There is an option to print at the bottom of the page.

More

Assessments

Course Registration

Course Registration Verification Form

STUDENT NAME

Student Number: XXXXXXXXX

Grade: 08

Requested Courses:

806 LUNCH 8

812 ENGLISH 8

822 MATH 8

830 SOCIAL STUDIES 8

805 PHYS ED 8

850 SPANISH 1B

903 STUDIO ART

403-1 EARTH SCI-R+LAB

403-2 EARTH SCI-R-LAB

Eighth Grade SAMPLE Schedule

	Marking Period 1	Marking Period 2	Marking Period 3	Marking Period 4
MAP	MAP	MAP	MAP	MAP
1	English	English	English	English
2	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies
3	World Language	World Language	World Language	World Language
4	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
5	Math 8/ Algebra	Math 8/ Algebra	Math 8/ Algebra	Math 8/ Algebra
6	Science or ES	Science or ES	Science or ES	Science or ES
7	PE/ Special 1 (OR ES LAB)	PE/ Special 1 (OR ES LAB)	PE/ Special 1 (OR ES LAB)	PE/ Special 1 (OR ES LAB)
8	Special 2/Special 3	Special 2/Special 3	Special 2/Special 3	Special 2/Special 3

Eighth Grade Services

- ICT Support
- Resource Room (3/6 or 6/6)
- AIS services (Reading, Math, Writing)
- Reading services
- ENL services
- Speech
- Occupational Therapy

End of Year Assessments

- Students taking Earth Science and Algebra will take the New York State Regents Exam in those subjects.
- Students will take the World Languages Checkpoint A Exam.
- These scores will be reflected on students' high school transcripts.

* Students will also take final exams in major subject areas *

Successful 2024/2025 School Year

- A developmental year with many transitions:
 - Chronological vs. Developmental
 - Becoming more self aware
- Reinforce that support in school becomes a vital resource.
- The relationship between home and school is critical.
- It is important to communicate with your child as peer groups become an important outlet.
- Construct a program of courses that is appropriate.
- Acceleration in all courses is not always the best option.



All 3 have to be connected in the triangle
If the triangle is incomplete,
there's a break in reaching our goals.

Successful 2024/2025 School Year

- Take into account course recommendations prior to Self-Selecting.
- Continually monitor the information on the Portal.
- Teacher Contact (Phone, E-mail & Team Meetings)
- Join and attend PTA Meetings.
- Remind students to bring a charged chromebook everyday.
- Remind students to wear their ID Badges.
- It is important to communicate with your child the proper use of cell phones.
- Encourage the use of remedial whenever possible.
- Reach out to your child's school whenever you have a question or concern. We are a team!



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Empowering Approaches

Your child should:

- Check their own Infinite Campus
- Self-advocate
- Reach out to their teachers
- Take healthy risks
- Meet new people
- Be realistic about what they need
- Reality v. Rigor
- Set reachable goals and have a plan
- Be more responsible at home and on social media

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