

Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School

Welcome Parents!
Incoming Grade 8
Parent Transition Meeting
7:00 PM

Ms. Kerry Farrell, Principal
Mrs. Dorothy Drexel, Assistant Principal
Mr. Brian Ciampo, Assistant Principal
Mrs. Valerie Zaffers, School Counselor
January 14, 2025

Introductions

Kerry Farrell, Principal

Brian Ciampo, Assistant Principal Grades 5 and 7

Dorothy Drexel, Assistant Principal Grades 6 and 8

Valerie Zaffers, School Counselor

Overview of Courses Available

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

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

Special Area Subjects:

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

So far...

You received a
Preference Form via
Parentsquare



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8th Grade Specials Preference Form 2025-2026

Brian Ciampo • 14 minutes ago • Thursday, Jan 2 at 9:22 AM • 7th Grade



Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School

"A Tradition of Excellence in Middle Level Education"

Dorothy Drexel
Assistant Principal

Kerry Farrell
Principal

Brian Ciampo
Assistant Principal

January 13, 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians of our 7th Grade Students,

As we begin to prepare for the 2025-2026 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 2025-2026 school year.

Please note, this Google form must be completed by Friday, January 24, 2025.

Please contact your child's school counselor, Mrs. Zaffers, with any questions or concerns.

The POBMS Grade 8 Specials Preference 2025-2026 Google Form can be found by following this link:

<https://forms.gle/9unpa7aYmeFTSVf16>

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

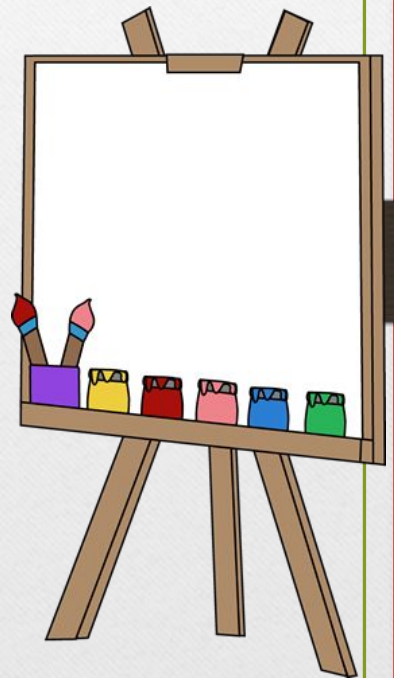
Mr. Ciampo

Assistant Principal

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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.



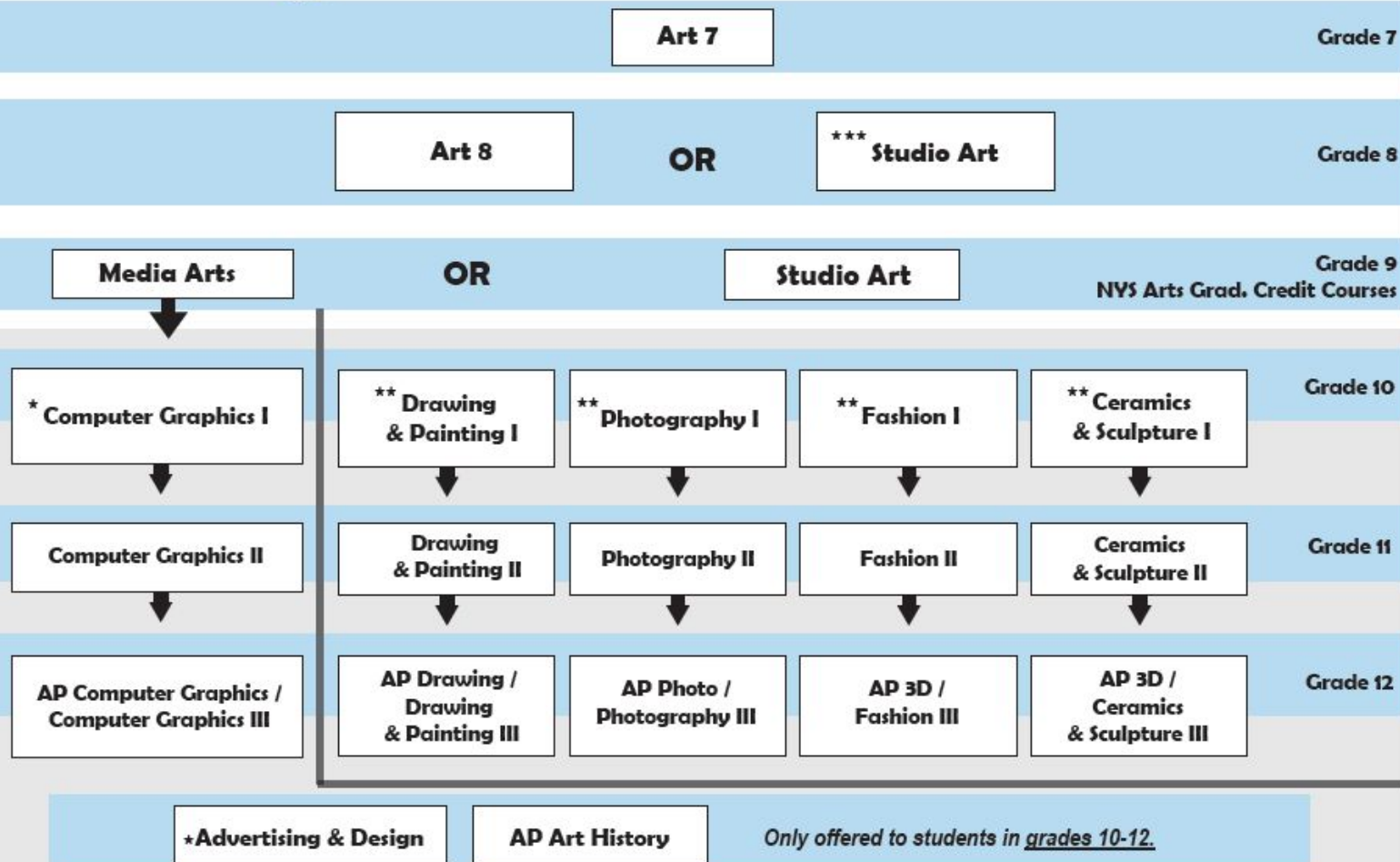


Art 8

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



* The prerequisite of Computer Graphics I and Advertising & Design is Media Arts.

** Although Studio Art is the recommended prerequisite for all non-computer based art sequences (*Drawing & Painting, Photography, Fashion, Ceramics & Sculpture*), Media Arts can also serve as a prerequisite to these courses.

*** Drawing & Painting I, Photography I, Fashion I, and Ceramics & Sculpture I are allowed after Studio Art is taken in grade 8.

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

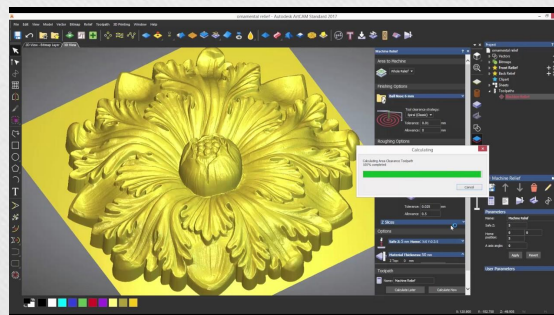


Technology 8 gives students the opportunity to explore an array of topics that are offered in the HS Technology Courses. It is designed to further develop their problem solving abilities and hands-on skills to help define their preferences for the future.

Computer Aided Design Programs

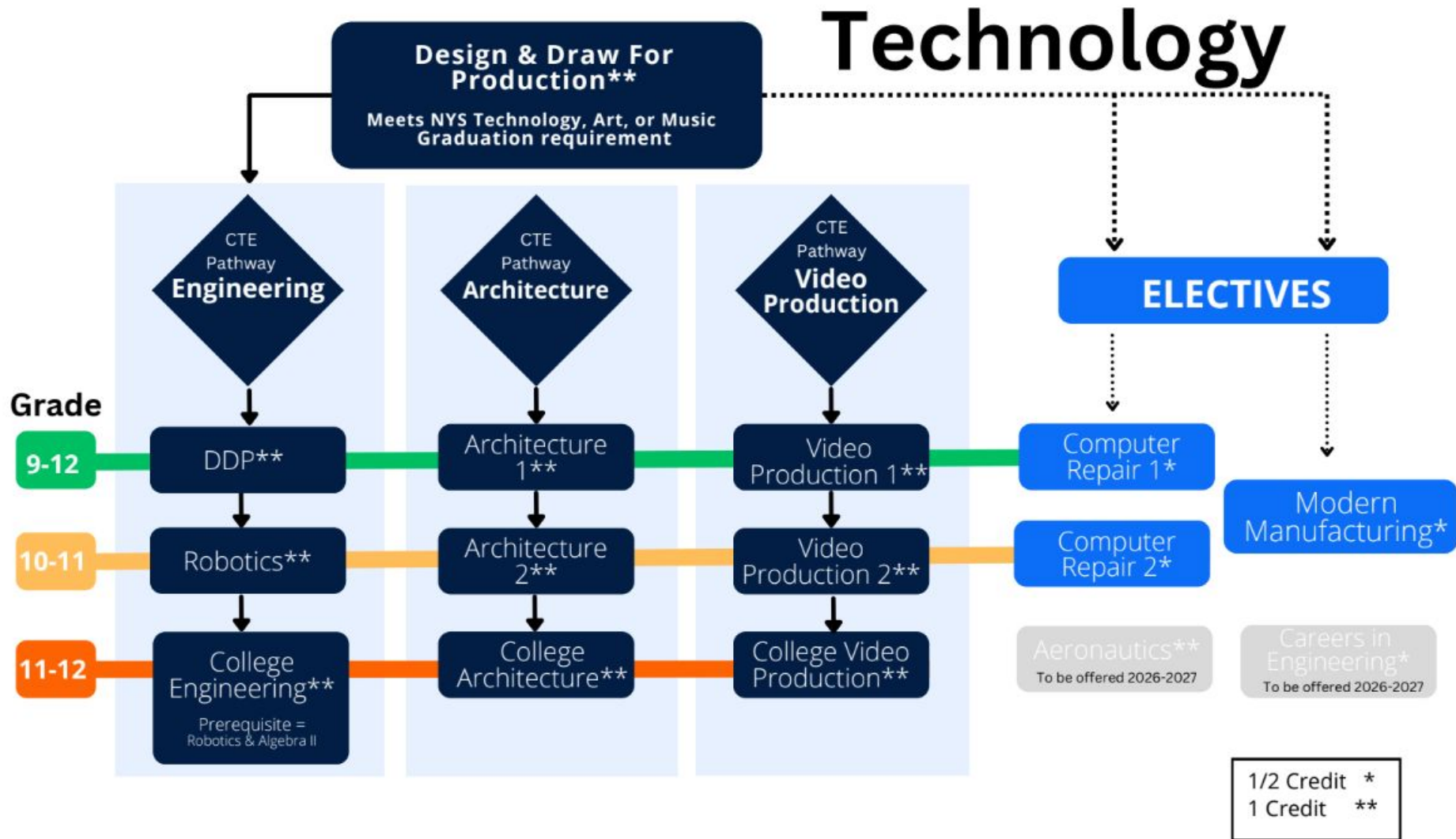
Inventor, TinkerCAD, and ArtCam

Engineering Concepts
3D printing
VEX Robotics



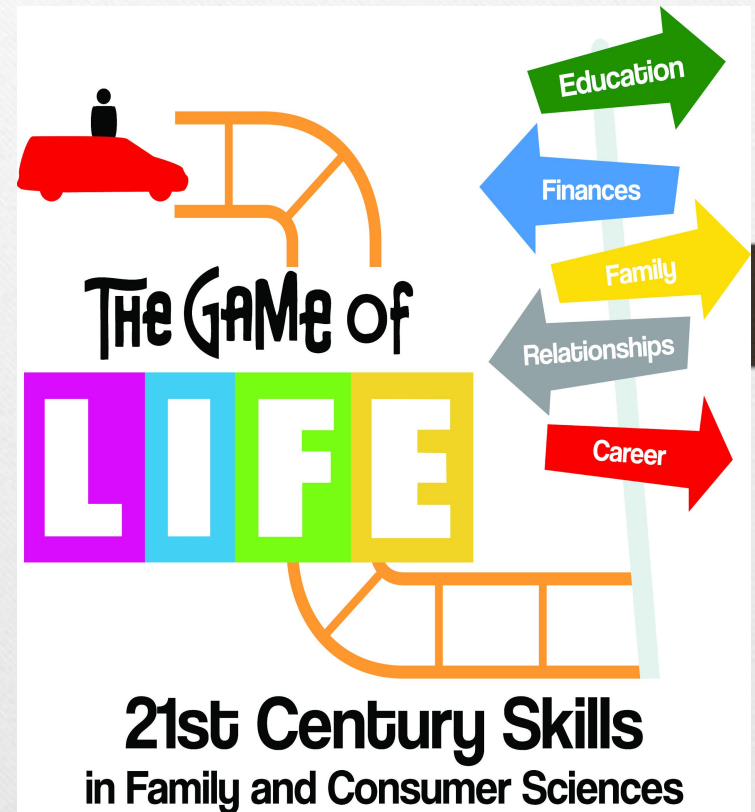
CNC router
Woodworking
Programming (robotics)

POB Technology Flowchart



Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS)

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



Preference Form

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- Forms are due **January 24, 2025**



Acceleration Options

➤ Algebra 1

Replaces Math 8

➤ Earth and Space Science + Lab

Replaces Science 8 and includes a lab every other day

➤ Studio Art

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

Algebra/Earth and Space 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 and Space Science

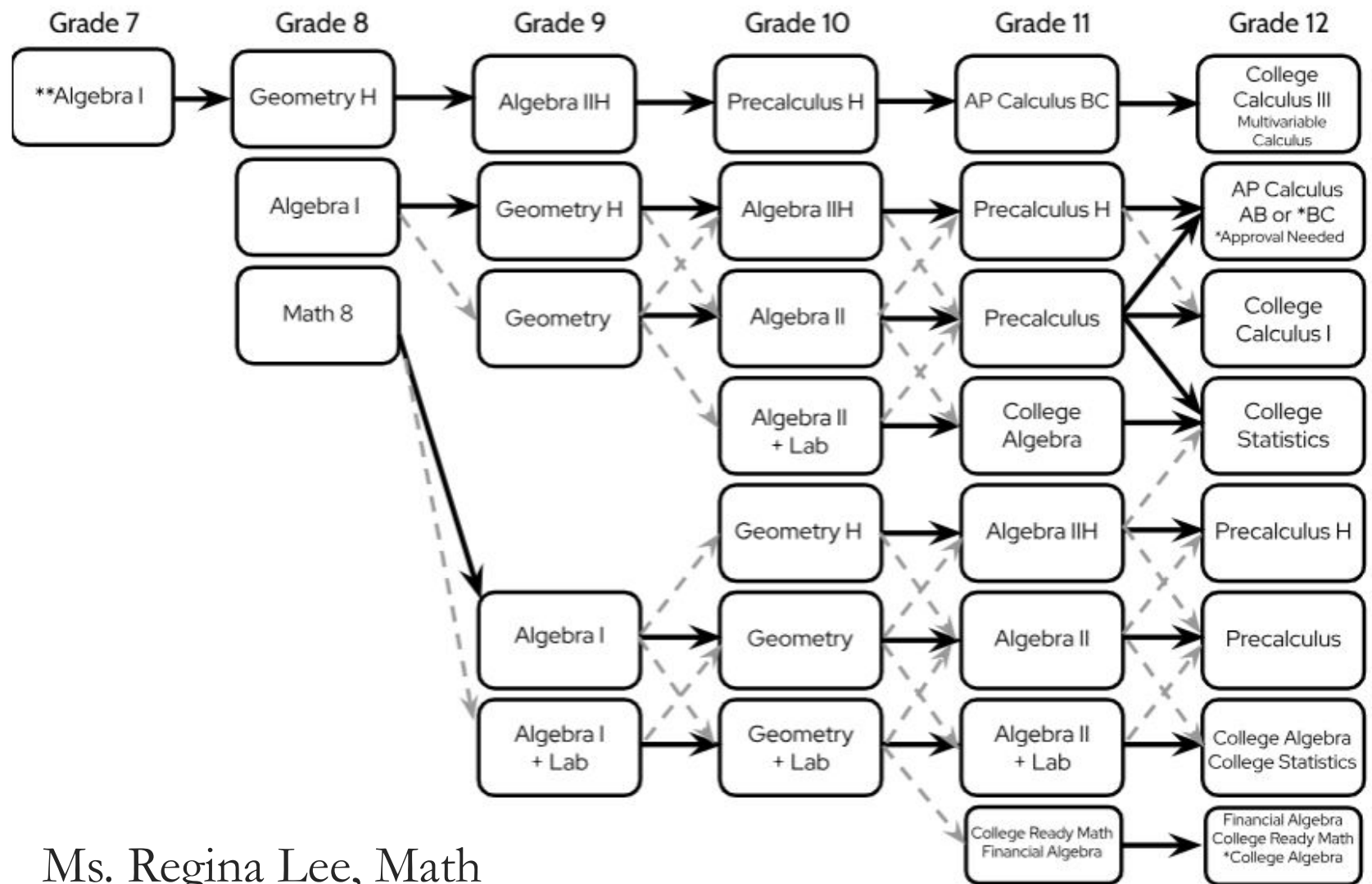
Options

Where do my choices lead me?

Let's talk about pathways for:

- Math
- Science
- Art*
- Self-Selection

POB Mathematics Flow Chart



Ms. Regina Lee, Math
Chairperson

reglee@pobschools.org

Introduction to Sports Analytics
AP Statistics

Can be taken in addition to one of the above with recommendation

POB Science Flowchart

SCIENCE

Grade 8

Science 8

Grade 9

Regents
Earth & Space
Science #

Grade 10

Regents
Life Science:
Biology #

Pre-AP
Biology #

Grade 11

Regents
Chemistry #

Honors
Chemistry #

Grade 12

Regents Physics #

Science
Elective ##

Accelerated
Earth & Space
Science #

Regents
Life Science:
Biology #

Regents
Chemistry #

Regents
Physics #



Advanced Placement#:
-Physics 1
-Physics 1 & 2
-Biology
-Chemistry
-Environmental Science

Pre-AP
Biology #

Honors
Chemistry #

AP Physics 1 #

AP Physics C

SEQUENCES
PROBABLE 
ALTERNATIVE 

LEAPES#
Living Environment
w/ AP
Environmental
Science

Accelerated
AP
Chemistry**

AP Physics 1 & 2**

POB Science Flowchart

Science Electives

- Anatomy & Physiology # @ LIU
- Applied Science
- Astronomy ##
- Biotechnology/DNA Science ##
- Careers in Engineering ##
- EMT # @ Nassau VEEB
- Forensic Science ##
- Health Related Careers @ LIU
- Marine Science ##

AP Courses

- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Physics 1
- AP Physics 1 & 2
- AP Physics C

Accelerated AP
Chem - double
period every day

STEM Electives

- Aeronautics
- College Engineering @ Hofstra
- Careers in Engineering

-Regents exam
requires the
successful completion
of lab requirements.
-All students taking an
AP class must take
the AP examination.

Lab class, double-
period every other day
Every other day class
@ College Credit
** Double period every day

Students pursuing Accelerated / Honors classes are encouraged
to take Independent Research

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 13th and must be returned by February 25, 2025.

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 13, 2025.
- Changes to be submitted to Mrs. Zaffers by February 25, 2025.
- 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 AND SPACE SCI-R+LAB

403-2 EARTH AND SPACE 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 and Space 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 *

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