

AMHERST - PELHAM *Regional* SCHOOL DISTRICT
AMHERST, MASSACHUSETTS

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Dear Parents and Guardians of the Class of 2015,

Welcome to High School!! On **Wednesday, March 9th, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Middle School Auditorium**, we will hold a meeting for incoming 9th grade families. We invite you to learn more about our programs and curriculum and ask questions about course offerings for next year.

Preregistration for incoming 9th graders begins this week, as high school guidance counselors meet with students to introduce the course selection process. Additionally, 8th grade teachers will discuss options with students and help them to choose the appropriate courses for next year. Students will complete their course registration during class time at the middle school, March 14, 15, and 16. A member of the high school scheduling team will be available to answer questions and to guide middle school students through the process.

Included with this mailing is a Pre-Registration Worksheet to assist you and your child in selecting courses. Detailed information about courses and graduation requirements can be found in the Program of Studies 2011-2012, available on our website at: <http://www.arps.org/hs/Academics/Registration> . Paper copies are in the middle school office and middle school library for your use.

To ensure accurate course selection, we ask that all students and families complete the following checklist by Friday, March 11th. Please bring your signed **Pre-Registration Worksheet** to class on the day you are scheduled to register.

1. _____ Consult your 8th grade teachers about course options for next year.
2. _____ Select your courses for 9th grade by using the **Pre-Registration Worksheet**. **Please refer to the 2011-2012 Program of Studies for specific information about ARHS courses, programs, and prerequisites.** Most students entering 9th grade will select the following:

- 4 Credits in **English** (Writing and Literature A and Writing and Literature B)
- 4 Credits in **Social Studies** (World Civilizations or World Civilizations/Honors)
- 4 Credits in **Mathematics** (courses will vary)
- 4 Credits in **Science** (Ecology & Environmental Science or Ecology & Environmental Science/Honors)
- 4 Credits in **World Language** (The study of a world language is not required for graduation but students are encouraged to take three to four years of the same language to meet college entrance requirements).
- 2 Credits in **Physical Education** (Physical Education/9).
- **Electives** (For each elective course selected, choose *at least* one alternate course. Keep track of the number of blocks and credits that each elective course is worth. Since 9th graders have lowest priority for getting electives, it is important to have lots of alternate choices entered).

3. _____ Verify that there are *exactly* 15 blocks and a minimum of 24 credits requested.

We look forward to seeing you on March 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Amherst Regional Middle School auditorium.

Sincerely,

Miki Lee Gromacki
ARHS Assistant Principal

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Registration Calendar for High School Students and Families

Course Registration Timeline 2011 for Incoming 9 th Graders	
March 1	HS Guidance Presentations on Course Registration.
March 1 - 4	Middle School Teachers discuss options for course selection with students.
March 8-11	Parent/Guardian conferences for 8 th graders; schedule through Sue Battastoni 362-1850 or battastonis@arps.org
March 9	Meeting for Incoming 9 th Grade families—Middle School Auditorium 7:00-8:30
March 11	Signed pre-registration form returned to classroom teachers
March 14-17	Students register for courses with their team during class time.
May 9	Course Request Verifications distributed to students for review and signature of parent/guardians. Return Verification sheets to Advisory teacher.
May 13	Deadline for Verification Sheets to be returned to Advisory teacher.
late August	Schedules available during 9 th Grade Open House—date TBD in late August

**ARHS Course Registration Information, including the 2011-2012
 Program of Studies,
 can be found online at:**

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