

# **River Hill High School Parent Scheduling Night**



**Class of 2025**



# Hawk Pride

## ***Hawk PRIDE: Commitment to Excellence***

***River Hill High School is a community of learners who take PRIDE in being a part of our school. We are committed to being ready to learn as we strive to be better and better every day in every way.***

<b>Persistence &amp; Passion</b>	<b>Respect &amp; Responsibility</b>	<b>Integrity &amp; Innovation</b>	<b>Determination &amp; Dedication</b>	<b>Empathy, Equity, &amp; Excellence</b>
<i>To reach our goals</i>	<i>To do the right things the right way</i>	<i>To create a positive or better way</i>	<i>To pursue success</i>	<i>For ALL!</i>



# Administrative Team

<b>Kathryn McKinley</b>	Principal
<b>Kedre' Fairley</b>	Assistant Principal (A-G)
<b>Kelly Hearn</b>	Assistant Principal (H-O)
<b>Patrick Scible</b>	Assistant Principal (P-Z)
<b>Brandon Lauer</b>	Athletics & Activities Manager



# School Counselors

Counselor	Last Name Range
Danny Ives	A - Dh
Jill Babe	Di - J
Marianne Pizzo	K - M
Phil Vangeli	N - Si
Michael Krouse	Sj - Z



# **Staff Quick Reference**

**Dr. Mark Cooper** - School Psychologist

**Cathy Corrao** - Registrar

**Lesa Helms** - Special Education Team Leader

**Davin Johnson** - ESOL Teacher

**Zulma Lancashire** - School Nurse

**Pamela Land** - 9th Grade Team Leader

**Sydney Michener** - BSAP Liaison

**LaRee Siddiqui** - Dual Enrollment Coordinator

**Lauren Stoesser** - Pupil Personnel Worker (PPW)





# Parent Organizations

Boosters

BLU-PAC

Music Boosters

PTSA

***PTSA***®



# High School Scheduling Resource



 <https://www.hcpss.org/academics/course-catalogs/>

# Graduation Requirements

**High School  
Assessments**

**Service  
Learning**

**Career  
Preparation**

**Credit  
Requirements**





# Credit Requirements

(minimum of 21 credits )

<b>English</b>	<b>4 credits</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>1/2 credit</b>
<b>Social Studies</b>	<b>3 credits</b>	<b>Fine Arts</b>	<b>1 credit</b>
<b>Mathematics*</b>	<b>4 years</b>	<b>Technology Ed.</b>	<b>1 credit</b>
<b>Science</b>	<b>3 credits</b>	<b>Completer Program</b>	<b>2 - 4 credits</b>
<b>Lifetime Fitness</b>	<b>1/2 credit</b>	<b>Electives</b>	<b>1 - 3 credits</b>



# Typical Four Year Sequence

9th	10th	11th	12th
English	English	English	English
Math	Math	Math	Math
Science	Science	Science	Elective
Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies	Elective
PE/Health	Elective	Elective	Elective
Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective
Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective



# Typical 9th Grade Schedule

**English 9**

**United States History**

**Mathematics**

**Science**

**Health/ Lifetime Fitness**

**World Language**

**Fine Arts/Tech Ed Course**

Not many choices for these classes except for ability level (Regular, Honors, GT)

Students should challenge themselves in their stronger subjects.



# High School Assessments

Students must pass each assessment to graduate.

ENGLISH	Algebra	Biology	Government
□MCAP	□MCAP	□Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA) or 3-D Life Science Assessment	□MCAP

COVID-19 Waivers-Additional waivers may be applied.  
Please consult your school counselor/administrator if you  
have specific questions.



# World Languages

RHHS currently offers the following World Language Courses:

- Chinese\*\*
- French
- German
- Latin\*\*
- Spanish

Courses/levels are offered based on student registration numbers.

\*\*Currently offered through Digital Education





# Career Academies

## 21 Academies

All academies meet the requirement for a graduation pathway

Prepares students for college and careers

Two locations:  
Applications and Research Lab (ARL) or RHHS





# *JumpStart*

## DUAL ENROLLMENT



- Dual Enrollment Program - Students can earn both high school and college credits
- Dual Enrollment Courses have “CC” designation
- CC courses are weighted as the highest weight offered in the specific course
- Students may enroll in a Dual Enrollment course and opt not to seek college credit
- Some courses require a placement test or minimum GPA
- Discounted tuition (50%) for Dual Enrollment Courses





# *JumpStart*

## DUAL ENROLLMENT



**JumpStart, a partnership of the Howard County Public School System and Howard Community College, seeks to provide expanded options for students to gain college credits, explore possible careers, or earn an associates degree within a nurturing and inclusive environment.**

## **JumpStart Team Contact Information**

LaRee Siddiqui - Coordinator, Office of Dual Enrollment	410-313-6608 laree_siddiqui@hcpss.org
Rebecca Morrow - HCC Admissions & Academic Advisor	443-518-4016 rmorrow@howardcc.edu

# **Advanced Placement (AP) Opportunities for Freshmen**

## **Computer Science Principles-AP**

- Fulfills technology education requirement

## **Human Geography-AP**

- Taken concurrently with US History class



# Parents' Role in the Process

1. **Talk with your child about goals for high school.**
2. **Review course recommendations with your child and make the best decision for your child.**
3. **Encourage them to take the most rigorous courses possible while enjoying other aspects of high school.**





# Teacher Recommendations

- Recommendations are made by your child's current teachers for courses required for graduation.
- These recommendations will appear in the HCPSS Connect Course Registration Student account.
- These recommendations will be locked during course registration.
- If you would like to change a teacher recommendation, please complete a Course Placement Review Form in HCPSS Connect.



# Course Placement Review

- Course Placement Review Forms (Waivers) are completed online.
- This process will be completed in the Parent account in HCPSS Connect.
- Keep in mind that if a child waives into a course and would like to make a change during the school year, it is not guaranteed that space in a lower/higher level class will be available.



# Appropriate Rigor

- All students will have ample opportunity to reach Honors, CC, GT and/or AP levels over 4-year.
- Students are encouraged to balance their course load while enjoying the high school experience.



# Course Registration Information

- All students must choose 7 courses and 4 alternates for next year.
- **All student must enter their course requests online by January 15th.**



**What else should you  
know about  
high school?**





**Visual and  
Performing Arts  
Programs**

**School  
Clubs**

**Band, Orchestra,  
and Choir**

**Honor Societies**

**Activities and  
Student Voice**

**Student  
Government  
Association**

**Athletic Teams**

**Service  
Organizations**

**Principal's  
Advisory  
Council**



# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Team

- Provides a smooth and positive transition from middle to high school
- Creates a support network for all 9<sup>th</sup> graders to enhance achievement and socio-emotional well-being
- Supports “Hawks on the Rise” Peer Mentor Program



*Find your creativity in the*

# RHHS Fine Arts DEPARTMENT



Join us for a  
Virtual Open House  
Monday January 11th at 8PM  
Google Meet Code:  
RHHS-FineArts-Info



# **Important Events**

- **Fine Arts Information Session - Tonight @8pm**
- **Middle School Students Visit RHHS (tbd)**
- **Fall Sports Tryouts (tbd)**
- **New Student Orientation (tbd)**
- **First Day of School (tbd)**
- **Back-to-School Night (tbd)**



# Department/Program Sessions

Department/Program	6:45-7:00	7:00-7:15	7:15-7:30	7:30-7:45	7:45-8:00
English	RHHS-English-106	RHHS-English-106		RHHS-English-106	RHHS-English-106
Social Studies	RHHS-SS-106	RHHS-SS-106	RHHS-SS-106		RHHS-SS-106
Math	RHHS-Math-106	RHHS-Math-106		RHHS-Math-106	RHHS-Math-106
Science	RHHS-Science-106	RHHS-Science-106	RHHS-Science-106		RHHS-Science-106
World Languages	RHHS-WL-106		RHHS-WL-106	RHHS-WL-106	RHHS-WL-106
JumpStart/Dual Enrollment		RHHS-JS-106	RHHS-JS-106	RHHS-JS-106	RHHS-JS-106
GT Research		RHHS-GT-106	RHHS-GT-106	RHHS-GT-106	RHHS-GT-106
Career & Technology Education	RHHS-CTE-106		RHHS-CTE-106	RHHS-CTE-106	RHHS-CTE-106
Visual Arts	RHHS-Art-106	RHHS-Art-106	RHHS-Art-106		RHHS-Art-106
Dance/Theatre Arts	RHHS-DTA-106		RHHS-DTA-106	RHHS-DTA-106	RHHS-DTA-106
Physical Education		RHHS-PE-106	RHHS-PE-106	RHHS-PE-106	RHHS-PE-106
Music (Band/Choir/Orchestra)		RHHS-Music-106	RHHS-Music-106	RHHS-Music-106	RHHS-Music-106
Special Education	RHHS-SPED-106	RHHS-SPED-106		RHHS-SPED-106	RHHS-SPED-106





# School Counselor Sessions

School Counselors	6:45-7:00	7:00-7:15	7:15-7:30	7:30-7:45	7:45-8:00
Danny Ives (A-Dj)		RHHS-Krouse-106	RHHS-Krouse-106	RHHS-Krouse-106	RHHS-Krouse-106
Jill Babe (Di-J)		RHHS-Babe-106	RHHS-Babe-106	RHHS-Babe-106	RHHS-Babe-106
Marianne Pizzo (K-M)		RHHS-Pizzo-106	RHHS-Pizzo-106	RHHS-Pizzo-106	RHHS-Pizzo-106
Phil Vangeli (N-Si)		RHHS-Vangeli-106	RHHS-Vangeli-106	RHHS-Vangeli-106	RHHS-Vangeli-106
Michael Krouse (Sj-Z)		RHHS-Krouse-106	RHHS-Krouse-106	RHHS-Krouse-106	RHHS-Krouse-106



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