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High School 101

Parent Information

Topics

- ▶ What are Credits? How do they work?
- ▶ What are the expectations of students?
- ▶ Attendance/Tardy
- ▶ Assessment Week/Exemptions
- ▶ PSSC
- ▶ Communication/Staying informed
- ▶ Questions



What changes in High School?

- ▶ More responsibility and self-advocacy
- ▶ Students still need support!
 - ▶ Discuss school regularly
 - ▶ Monitor Attendance
 - ▶ Encourage Involvement
 - ▶ Communication



How do you graduate High School

- ▶ To graduate (New Brunswick Policy 316)
 - ▶ Students are required to have
 - ▶ Passed 100 credit hours (many are compulsory). Passing grade is 60%.
 - ▶ Passing grade on the English Language Proficiency Assessment
 - ▶ Career Life Plan
 - ▶ Please note that Grade 9 is a transition year
 - ▶ No credits are earned except for Civics
 - ▶ There is also the Essential Skills Achievement Pathway (ESAP) to graduate



What are credit hours?



- ▶ Each non-grade 9 class is worth 4 credit hours. Some classes are double blocks - these are worth 8 credit hours.
- ▶ Each year of Grade 10, Grade 11, and Grade 12 students have an opportunity to earn 40 credit hours (10 classes).
- ▶ Many courses are mandatory - this becomes clear during course selection process. We double and triple check each students historical grades.
 - ▶ Students need 24 Credit hours in Languages, 8 Credit Hours in Humanities, 12 credit hours in Mathematics, 8 Credit Hours in Science, 4 Credit Hours in Creative Arts, 4 Credit Hours in Wellness and Physical Education, 4 Credit hours in Career/IT/Skilled Trades.
- ▶ The rest of the credit hours are made of elective from these areas.



Attendance

- ▶ The expectation is that if a student is out excused, the parent contact the office, homeroom teacher, administrator, and/or use the safe arrival app.
- ▶ If a student has a planned absence, there is an extended absence form in the office that needs to be filled out and signed by parents and each classroom teacher
- ▶ If a student is missing school due to a non-school related extracurricular, there is also a form to be filled out in the office i.e. dance competition, hockey tournament, theatre production



ELPA

- ▶ The English Language Proficiency Assessment is a grad requirement.
- ▶ All Grade 9 students write the English ELPA in the Assessment Week in January.
- ▶ It is a pass/fail assessment with no mark
- ▶ If a student fails, they re-write in Grade 11.
- ▶ Your Grade 9 English teacher will be in communication with you about it as it gets closer.



Career Life Plan

- ▶ The Career Life Plan is a grad requirement
 - ▶ At RHS we cover this with two opportunities
 - ▶ Mandatory Grade 10 course in Career Pathway Design 10 (in English and French)
 - ▶ Individual Grade 12 interviews with Guidance



Essential Skills Achievement Pathway



- ▶ This pathway becomes available for Grade 10 students.
- ▶ Focused on hands-on learning and career connected experience.
- ▶ There is a Post-Secondary Pathway, and a Direct Workplace pathway.
 - ▶ For example - if a student has an interest in being an Industrial Mechanic
 - ▶ Step 1: Complete the ESAP Foundational years program, in conjunction with their regular classes
 - ▶ Step 2: Complete a career specific program that involves a job placement
 - ▶ Step 3: Complete a Capstone Project
 - ▶ Step 4: Graduated 😊



Course Changes

- ▶ There are no course changes in Grade 9
- ▶ Grade 12 are priority.
- ▶ Students for register for course changes on their first day of school using the TEAMS page or via posted QR code. There will be an information session during the first homeroom about the process.
- ▶ No course changes during Open House



What are the expectations of students?



- ▶ Be Kind, be responsible, and be involved.
- ▶ Students are allowed to leave campus during lunch and the 15 minute break (generally Grade 12 students who are going to Starbucks).
- ▶ Off school property is unsupervised but still follows school rules. Same as school busses, school events, sporting events etc.
- ▶ Hats are allowed inside the school
- ▶ Cell phones are to be out of sight/in cell lockers during classes, and allowed usage at breaks/lunch until February 2027. An RHS plan will follow



Tardy

- ▶ There is a tardy policy - if a student is late, they must pick up a pink slip at the office to enter a class.
 - ▶ This is regardless of whether the tardy is excused or unexcused.
 - ▶ To excuse a tardy, the parent must call or email the office, or the student presents official documentation from a medical professional (no parent note)
- ▶ Excused tardies do not count. Unexcused tardies do - three unexcused tardies is a lunchtime detentions, six is another detentions, and seven is a day of In School Suspension
- ▶ We do a monthly draw for students with zero unexcused tardies.



Exemptions

- ▶ Each semester - students are allowed to exempt one exam.
- ▶ A privilege to reward engagement. Not guaranteed.
- ▶ Two pathways to achieve this
 - ▶ Attendance pathway - five or less absences
 - ▶ Academic pathway - 85% in the course
- ▶ Students must be passing all courses and have all assignments completed in all courses for either pathway
- ▶ Attendance pathway has some exceptions (bereavement, school sponsored, medical appointments, non-school related extracurriculars) but please note that sick is not an exception.



Assessment Week

- ▶ High school is divided into two semesters
 - ▶ Semester 1 goes from Sept-January
 - ▶ Semester 2 goes from Feb-June
- ▶ At the end of each semester, we have an Assessment Week. (Exam Week)
 - ▶ Students are required to write an assessment for each course except for specialties and AP
- ▶ The assessment is the only requirement for the day. For the first semester, students write two final assessments on Monday, and then one final assessment on Tuesday, one final assessment on Wednesday etc.



Extracurricular/Involvement

- ▶ Total of 28 sports at Rothesay High and close to 20 clubs/activities
- ▶ Sports -We want students involved! Many sports require no prior experience
- ▶ Clubs - all are welcome
- ▶ Tryouts and times are posted across all formats - announcements, newsletter, social media, TEAMS page
- ▶ Not sure - ask!



Exemptions (cont.)

- ▶ All attendance records for the attendance pathway have to be submitted at the time of the absence. Email preferably. There is a form for non-school related extracurriculars.
- ▶ Can't exempt courses in the same sequence
 - ▶ For example, can't exempt Chemistry 11 and 12.



Parent School Support Committee

► What is the PSSC?

- A group of parents who work with the school administration to support student success, review school policy, provide feedback on school improvement, liaison with fundraising opportunities and act as a voice of the parents in the school community
- Eight meetings a year (third Tuesday of every month from 6pm to 7-7:30 pm)
- No special experience necessary
- Please consider. I will include more information in the newsletter if you are interested



Communication/Staying informed

- ▶ Weekly newsletter - every Friday
- ▶ Facebook/Instagram
- ▶ Announcements are on Teams Page (RHS News and Notices)
- ▶ Email
- ▶ We want to hear from you!!!!!!





Questions??