

# **Grade Eight Parent Information Night**

**Maynard High School**

**February 28, 2007**

**7:00 p.m.**



*Welcome parents and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to  
Maynard High School for an evening  
of information for the Class of 2011*

**Maynard High School  
Academic Program of Studies  
Grades 9-12**

Maynard High School provides a challenging academic program. The School Committee has set the following requirements for a diploma.

**Specific course requirements are as follows:**

English	Pass four years including one year each of Freshman English, Sophomore English, Junior English, and Senior English
Mathematics	Pass three years
Science	Pass three years
Social Studies	Pass three years of history, including U.S. and World History
Health	Pass one year
Physical Education	Pass two years, including Project Adventure and/or Physical Education.
Computer Technology	One semester of a computer technology course.

Promotion Requirements:

27.5	credits to become a sophomore
55	credits to become a junior
82	credits to become a senior
110	credits to graduate

Graduation Requirements:

100	credits from academics
2	credits from physical education
8	credits from other areas (non academic or academics)

All students are required to take seven courses per year. One may be an assigned directed study.

An academic subject is one taught primarily in the classroom for which students receive 2.5 credits per semester or five credits per year.

NOTE: The new Admissions Standards Policy of the Board of Higher Education of Massachusetts requires a minimum of college preparatory academic units as stated below. These are recommended for many private four-year institutions as well. Students considering a post high school four-year education should be aware of earning sixteen units. The guidance office cannot sign a required verification form without them.

English	4 years
Mathematics, including Algebra I, II and Geometry	3 years
Science, two labs required	3 years
Social Science, U.S. History required	2 years
World Language, three years recommended	2 years
Electives	2 years

As of September 1997, all Massachusetts high school students are required to be in structured learning time for 990 hours per 180 day school year. This requirements means that all students must be in direct instruction or directed studies each period of every day.

### **Course Levels**

Courses are designated by levels as follows:

- 5 – Advanced Placement courses or equivalent
- 4 – Honors or Advanced College Prep courses
- 3 – College Prep courses (all academic courses are this level or above)
- 2 – Standard (includes activity or performance based level)
- 1 – Basic (non-academic such as physical education)

**Maynard High School  
Grade 9  
Academic Program**

Requirements:	<u>English</u>	Prep (Level 3) College (Level 3) Honors (Level 4)
	<u>Math</u>	Algebra I (3) (Usually begun in grade 8. Open to students needing more basics in the introduction to algebra/sequence.) Geometry (3) Honors Geometry (4) Ninth graders can select a Geometry course based upon successful completion of Algebra I and recommendation of math teachers.
	<u>Science</u>	Introduction to Physics (3) Honors Introductory Physics (4)
	<u>Social Studies</u>	Survey of U.S. History I (3) Honors U.S. History I (4)
	<u>Topics/MCAS Prep</u>	English-Language Arts/Math/Science
	<u>P.E.</u>	Physical Education
Electives:	<u>World Languages</u> (two or three years recommended)	French I (3) Spanish I (3) Spanish II (3) Conversational Spanish I (3)
	<u>Band</u>	
	<u>Chorus</u>	
	<u>Accounting I</u>	
	<u>Computer Applications I/II</u>	
	<u>Theatre Arts I/II</u>	
	<u>Creative Writing I/II</u>	
	<u>Art I</u>	
	<u>CAD I/II</u>	
	<u>Radio/TV Programming &amp; Production</u>	

## Scheduling Request Form, School Year 2007-2008

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

### Instructions

1. You must be enrolled in at least six classes each semester.
2. Your classes will be based on teacher recommendations, personal choice and parent input.
3. Pay attention to high school and college recommended requirements.
4. Course selection will take place in the assembly. All students will choose classes based on graduation and college entrance requirements, as well as current performance in class. Course selection forms will be collected at the end of the assembly. Course recommendations and levels will be sent to the high school by the eighth grade teachers/team. Parents will be given course information on *Information Night*. Parents will review the schedule, complete the form, sign and return to the high school guidance counselor.
5. Any questions regarding this process should be directed to guidance.

<u>Department</u>	<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>Teacher Signature</u>	<u>Course #</u>
English*	English 9				
History *	US History 9				
Science *	Introduction to Physics				
Phys Ed*	P.E. 9	1			
Math*					
Wld Lang**					
Topics/MCAS	ELA/Math/Science	1			
Elective					
Elective					

*required\**

*recommended\*\**

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_