



TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL

A meeting for parents of 8th-grade students covering topics such as:
Semester Schedule, 9th-Grade Courses, Graduation Requirements, and Extracurricular Options.



Presented by the Allendale High School Counselors:
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School counselors are here to help all students plan, monitor, and manage their own learning as well as their personal and career development.

A counselor is available should a student experience difficulty in classes, wish to discuss issues of a social or personal nature, or plan for the future. The counselor will work with students individually on any problems they might have adjusting to school situations.

Students and parents are encouraged to contact the counseling department for an individual appointment when situations arise which may affect school performance or if you have any program questions.

**HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING OFFICE HOURS:
7:30 AM-2:45 PM
616-892-5585**



Allendale High School GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Total credits needed to graduate based on graduating class: 22

Minimum Michigan Merit Curriculum Subject requirements:

English (4 credits)	English 9 (1 cr), English 10 (1 cr), English 11 or AP English (1 cr), and Senior English Electives or AP English (1 cr)
Math (4 credits)	Algebra I (1 cr), Algebra II (1 cr), Geometry (1 cr), and a math-related course in the senior year
Science (3 credits)	Chemistry I (0.5 cr), Physics I (0.5 cr), Biology (1 cr), and 1 additional science credit
Social Studies (3 credits)	World History or AP World History (1 cr), US History or AP US History (1 cr), Government (.5 cr), and Economics (.5 cr) or AP Economics (1 cr)
World Language (2 credits)	The 2 nd credit of the World Language can be substituted with credit from a CTC program or an extra credit from the Visual, Performing, Applied Arts area (must be discussed with a counselor in advance).
Physical Education (½ credit)	
Health (½ credit)	
Visual, Performing, Applied Arts (1 credit)	Fine or Performing Arts, Industrial Arts, Practical Arts, or any combination thereof
Personal Finance (½ credit)*	
Online Learning Experience	Incorporated into daily classes

At the end of each semester, ½ credit is granted for each class successfully completed with a D- (60%) or better. Students can earn 6 academic credits per year.

*Class of 2028 and beyond

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Daily Schedule

Allendale High School

1st hour	7:45-8:43
2nd hour	8:48-9:51
3rd hour	9:56-10:54

Lunch A	10:54-11:24
B:4th hour	10:59-11:27
A:4th hour	11:29-12:27
Lunch B	11:57-12:27

5th hour	12:32-1:30
6th hour	1:35-2:33

4-Year Educational Development Plan

Name: _____ Grad Year: _____ Date: _____

Possible Career Goals: _____

Post High School Plans: _____

Graduation Requirements: 22 total credits

English (4 credits), Math (4 credits), Science (3 credits), Social Studies (3 credits), World Language (2 credits), Visual/Performing/Applied Arts (1 credit), PE (½ credit), Health (½ credit)

9th GRADE

1. English 9 (A)
2. English 9 (B)
3. Chemistry 1
4. Physics 1
5. Math (A) _____
6. Math (B) _____
7. World History (A)
8. World History (B)
9. Physical Education I
10. Health
11. World Language (A) _____
12. World Language (B) _____

Alt. _____
Alt. _____
Alt. _____
Alt. _____

10th GRADE

1. English 10 (A)
2. English 10 (B)
3. Biology (A)
4. Biology (B)
5. Math (A) _____
6. Math (B) _____
7. US History (A)
8. US History (B)
9. (World Language A) _____
10. (World Language B) _____
11. _____
12. _____

Alt. _____
Alt. _____
Alt. _____
Alt. _____

11th GRADE

- 1. English _____
- 2. English _____
- 3. Science _____
- 4. Science _____
- 5. Government _____
- 6. Economics _____
- 7. Math (A) _____
- 8. Math (B) _____
- 9. _____
- 10. _____
- 11. _____
- 12. _____

- Alt. _____
- Alt. _____
- Alt. _____
- Alt. _____

12th GRADE

- 1. English _____
- 2. English _____
- 3. Math _____
- 4. Math (Personal Finance) _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 8. _____
- 9. _____
- 10. _____
- 11. _____
- 12. _____

- Alt. _____
- Alt. _____
- Alt. _____
- Alt. _____

All typed classes are required for graduation, but don't necessarily need to go where placed.

CREDITS: ½ credit is earned for each class in a semester completed with a D- (60%) or better.

Course Request List - All Grade Levels

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Course #/Course Name

Visual Arts

6501 Art 1
6502 Graphic Design
6601 Sculpture
6602 Art 2
6701 Ceramics
6702 Art 3
6801 Art 4
6802 Portfolio Development
6901 Photo 1
6902 Photo 2

Business

7101 Introduction to Business
7102 Entrepreneurship
7301 Accounting
7401 Marketing
7402 Advertising
9311 Personal Finance –
Building Wealth
9312 Personal Finance –
Financial Mngmt

English

101 English 9A
102 English 9B
201 English 10A
202 English 10B
301 English 11A
302 English 11B
303 American Literature
305 Outdoor Adventure Literature
306 Science Fiction & Fantasy Lit.
401 English 12
403 English for College Preparation
Seniors Only (Semester 1)
501 AP English Lang & Comp A
502 AP English Lang & Comp B
601 AP English Lit & Comp A
602 AP English Lit & Comp B

Course #/Course Name

World Language

4101 Spanish 1A
4102 Spanish 1B
4201 Spanish 2A
4202 Spanish 2B
4301 Spanish 3A
4302 Spanish 3B
4401 Spanish 4A
4402 Spanish 4B
4501 Spanish 5A
4502 Spanish 5B

Family & Consumer Science

9101 Personal Living
9201 Child Dev./Parenting Skills
9202 Food and Nutrition

Industrial Technology

8401 Exploring Technology
8403 Intro to Woodworking Tech
8501 Woodworking Technology II
8502 Woodworking Technology III
8601 Residential Structures
8602 Advanced Residential Structures
8701 Intro to Drafting & Engineering

Mathematics

1111 Algebra 1A
1112 Algebra 1B
1301 Algebra 2A
1302 Algebra 2B
1211 Geometry A
1212 Geometry B
1501 Pre-Calculus A
1502 Pre-Calculus B
1503 Introduction to Statistics
1504 College Algebra
1601 AP Calculus A
1602 AP Calculus B

Music

6101 Concert Band – Sem 1
6102 Concert Band – Sem 2

Course #/Course Name

Music Cont.

6104 Marching Band - Sem 1
6105 Wind Ensemble** - Sem 2
6107 Beginning Guitar
6108 Intermediate Guitar
6201 Jazz Band – Sem 1
6202 Jazz Band – Sem 2
6205 Beginning Piano
6206 Intermediate Piano
6301 Concert Choir – Sem 1
6302 Concert Choir – Sem 2
6401 Chamber Choir – Sem 1 **
6402 Chamber Choir – Sem 2 **
6407 Select Women's Ens – Sem 1**
6408 Select Women's Ens – Sem 2**
6409 Musical Theater

Physical Education

5101 Physical Education
5102 Health
5401 Weight Training – Sem 1
5402 Weight Training – Sem 2
5403 Comp Athlete Dev – Sem 1
5404 Comp Athlete Dev – Sem 2
5501 Lifetime Sports

Science

2301 Chemistry I
2302 Physics I
2201 Biology A
2202 Biology B
2303 Chemistry II
2304 Physics II
2401 Anatomy & Physiology A
2402 Anatomy & Physiology B
2501 Environmental Science - Aquatic
2502 Environmental Science - Terrestrial
2701 AP Chemistry A
2702 AP Chemistry B
2801 AP Biology A
2802 AP Biology B

Course #/Course Name**Social Studies**

3401 World History A
3402 World History B
3403 AP World History A
3404 AP World History B
3201 US History A
3202 US History B
3203 AP US History A
3204 AP US History B
3301 Government
3302 Economics
3303 AP Economics A
3304 AP Economics B
3501 Psychology
3701 Contemporary Global
Issues

Course #/Course Name**Other**

711 Yearbook - Sem 1 **
712 Yearbook - Sem 2 **
9801 Leadership
9803 Leadership 2
9501 CTC AM Sem 1 – Takes 3 spots
9503 CTC AM Sem 2 – Takes 3 spots
9507 CTC PM Sem 1 – Takes 3 spots
9508 CTC PM Sem 2 – Takes 3 spots
10305 Early College 11 – MCC –
Takes 6 spots
10306 Early College 12 – MCC –
Takes 8 spots
10300 Dual Enrollment - Sem 1
10310 Dual Enrollment - Sem 2

The AHS Course descriptions can be found at

<http://www.allendale.k12.mi.us/district/curriculum/highschoolcourseguide/ahscoursedescriptions/>

** These courses require instructor approval and an application/audition process. See instructor for approval.

Michigan Virtual School Online Courses

The Michigan Virtual School is an online way for students to take elective and AP courses not offered at AHS. Online courses are a very independent means of learning. A student must be very self-disciplined, motivated, and organized to be successful in these courses. There is an instructor for these courses but communication with them is through email or phone. A student should expect to put at least 7-10 hours of work per week into these courses. Students will be located in a room in the high school to be able to work on the class during their assigned class time. Students will have access to these courses wherever they have internet access, so they should expect to work on them at home. The school will cover the cost of these courses as long as they are successfully completed by the student. A description of these courses can be found at <https://michiganvirtual.org/courses/students/>. Please check for prerequisite courses before signing up.

To be eligible to take an online class, the Online Readiness pack must be filled out and turned in to your counselor.

English

10701 Journalism (Intro)
110745 Mythology & Folklore
10845 Composition
10704 World Literature
11138 Creative Writing

Mathematics

10856 Mathematics of Baseball
MTH005A AP Statistics A
MTH005B AP Statistics B

Science

10720 Astronomy
10721 Bioethics
10724 Forensic Science
10727 Oceanography A
10728 Oceanography B
10747 Veterinary Science
10809 AP Environmental Sci A
10810 AP Environmental Sci B
10815 AP Physics 1 A
10816 AP Physics 1 B
10817 AP Physics C A
108170 AP Physics C B
10818 AP Physics 2 A
10819 AP Physics 2 B

Social Studies

10730 Anthropology
10731 Native American History
10732 Sociology I: Intro to Sociology
10734 Sociology II: Social Problems
10735 AP Psychology A
107350 AP Psychology B
10739 AP Government & Politics
10738 African American History

10748 Archaeology
10749 World Religions
10865 Criminology
10866 Philosophy: The Big Picture
10872 AP Human Geography A
10873 AP Human Geography B

World Language

10740 American Sign Language 1 A
10741 American Sign Language 1 B
10821 American Sign Language 2 A
10822 American Sign Language 2 B
10742 Latin 1 A
10743 Latin 1 B
10823 Latin 2 A
10824 Latin 2 B
10767 Japanese 1 A
10768 Japanese 1 B
10825 Japanese 2 A
10826 Japanese 2 B
10827 German 1 A
10828 German 1 B
10829 German 2 A
10830 German 2 B
10831 French 1 A
10832 French 1 B
10833 French 2 A
10834 French 2 B
10835 Chinese 1 A
10836 Chinese 1 B
10837 Chinese 2 A
10838 Chinese 2 B
10869 AP Spanish A
10870 AP Spanish B

Computers

10756 Adv Web Design:
JavaScript
10757 Adv. Prog: Mobile Apps
10761 JavaScript Game Design
10762 Foundations of
Programming A
107620 Foundations of
Programming B
10763 Basic Web Design: HTML&CSS
10806 AP Computer Science A
10807 AP Computer Science B
10808 AP Comp Science Principles A
108081 AP Comp Science Principles B
10883 Digital Info Technology
10884 Intro to Artificial Intelligence
10885 Java Programming A
10886 Java Programming B
10887 Procedural Programming

Other Electives

7501 Sports & Ent Mktg
10750 Visual Art Comprehension I
10754 Careers – Find your
Future
110751 Digital Photography
10752 Business Ethics
10760 Film Studies: American Film
Survey
10772 Medical Terminology
10795 Employability Skills
10842 Music Appreciation Odyssey
10853 Study Skills
10868 Social Media
10875 AP Art History A
10876 AP Art History B
11136 Hospitality & Tourism

9th Grade Course Options for 2023-2024

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6601 Sculpture
6602 Art 2
6701 Ceramics
6901 Photo I
6902 Photo II

Business

7101 Introduction to General Business
7102 Entrepreneurship
7301 Accounting
7401 Marketing
7402 Advertising

English

101 English 9A
102 English 9B

Family and Consumer Science

9101 Personal Living
9201 Child Dev./Parenting Skills
9202 Food and Nutrition

Industrial Technology

8401 Exploring Technology
8403 Intro to Woodworking Technology
8501 Woodworking Technology II

Mathematics

1111 Algebra 1A
1112 Algebra 1B
1301 Algebra 2A
1302 Algebra 2B

Course # /Course Name

Music

6101 Concert Band – Sem 1
6102 Concert Band – Sem 2
6104 Marching Band - Sem 1
6107 Beginning Guitar
6108 Intermediate Guitar
6205 Beginning Piano
6206 Intermediate Piano
6301 Concert Choir – Sem 1
6302 Concert Choir – Sem 2
6409 Musical Theater

Physical Education

5101 Physical Education
5102 Health

Science

2301 Chemistry I
2302 Physics I

Social Studies

3401 World History A
3402 World History B
3403 AP World History A
3404 AP World History B

World Language

4101 Spanish 1A
4102 Spanish 1B
4201 Spanish 2A
4202 Spanish 2B

Course Selection Form for 2023-2024

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Name _____ Present Grade 8

	Course #	Course Name
1.	101	English 9A
2.	102	English 9B
3.	2301	Chemistry I
4.	2302	Physics I
5.	_____	World History A or AP World History A
6.	_____	World History B or AP World History B
7.	_____	Math A _____
8.	_____	Math B _____
9.	5101	Physical Education _____
10.	5102	Health _____
11.	_____	_____
12.	_____	_____
Alt.	_____	_____
Alt.	_____	_____

(Please rank alternates in order of preference)

* 2 credits of a World Language are required for graduation. If Spanish 1 is being successfully completed in 8th grade, it is recommended to complete your second year of your world language requirement (Spanish 2) in 9th grade. The 2nd credit of the World Language requirement can also be replaced with credit earned in a CTE program or an extra credit in the Visual, Performing, or Applied Arts (VPAA) area.

* If you took Algebra 1 in 8th grade and didn't earn a C+ or better, you should be taking Algebra 1 again in 9th grade to help you be successful in Algebra 2 and Geometry.

* Band or Choir can be fit in by pushing Physical Education and Health to 10th grade.

* Students will be taking 6 classes per semester equaling 12 total semester long classes for a total of 6 credits.

Sample 9th Grade Schedules

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Example #1

Semester 1

1. English 9A
2. Algebra 1A
3. Chemistry I
4. World History A
5. Spanish 2A
6. Physical Education

Semester 2

1. English 9B
2. Algebra 1B
3. Physics I
4. World History B
5. Spanish 2B
6. Health

Example #2 (Take Physical Education and Health in 10th grade to make room for a 9th grade elective, and took Algebra 1 in 8th grade)

Semester 1

1. English 9A
2. Algebra 2A
3. Chemistry I
4. World History A
5. Spanish 2A
6. Art 1

Semester 2

1. English 9B
2. Algebra 2B
3. Physics I
4. World History B
5. Spanish 2B
6. Intro to Woodworking Tech

Example #3 (Not taking Spanish 2 because of plans to replace this requirement with an extra credit in VPAA or attending a CTC program in 11th and/or 12th grade)

Semester 1

1. English 9A
2. Algebra 1A
3. Physics I
4. World History A
5. Health
6. Marching Band/Choir

Semester 2

1. English 9B
2. Algebra 1B
3. Chemistry I
4. World History B
5. Physical Education
6. Concert Band/Choir

Athletics

Fall

Cross Country
Volleyball
Football
Boys Soccer
Sideline Cheer
Girls Golf

Winter

Boys Basketball
Girls Basketball
Wrestling
Competitive Cheer
Boys/Girls Bowling
Hockey (co-op with
Jenison)

Spring

Track
Softball
Baseball
Girls Soccer
Boys Golf

Extracurricular Activities

Activity

Athletics
National Honor Society
Spain Trip
Student Council
Grade Level Student Council
Science Olympiad
First Robotics
Gaming Club
Rotary Interact

Advisor

Mr. Dykstra
Mrs. Gioia/ Mr. Sispera
Mrs. Culp/Mrs. Sult
Ms. Chatten
Various Staff
Ms. Harness
Chad Potinski
Mr. Konczal
Mr. Fogel

FAQs

How do you know students will choose the correct classes?

High school counselors will email out registration materials to all 8th grade students and parents. High school counselors will meet with 8th graders at the middle school to introduce graduation requirements, high school course choices, and how to enter course requests into their student portal of Infinite Campus. Students must print a copy of their course requests, get a parent signature, and then return to a middle school teacher who will get the signature page to the high school counselors. The high school counselors will double check all requests for accuracy.

What if my child has a different teacher for the second part of a class?

Factors like class availability, the number of sections in a given class, and class size do not always allow students to have the same teacher in both semesters. Our teachers that teach the same class, work together to stay on the same pace and use common assessments for the students.

Will my child get everything on his/her schedule that he/she requested? What if he/she doesn't?

Students will get the required classes for each grade. Some students will not get all of their elective choices due to class availability or course conflicts. When course conflicts arise, alternate courses will be used as a supplement or students will be contacted to choose another class.

How will students know which lunch they are assigned?

Lunch is determined by the students' 4th period class. Your child's 4th period teacher will be assigned either Lunch A or Lunch B. This will be your child's lunch time as well. This will show on their schedule. Students do not choose their lunch.

What if I want to request a teacher for my child?

You are welcome to make a request; however, it is not always possible to honor a request because of class size and balance, class availability, and schedule conflicts with other classes.

When will my child receive his/her schedule for next year?

Your child will receive his/her 9th grade schedule in August. The pick-up day will be sent to you over the summer through the mail. The school will be open on this day and there will be an opportunity at this time to find classrooms, lockers, etc.

What if I want my child to test out of a class?

AHS has a testing out window during the summer. In the spring a testing out request form will be emailed out to students/parents. Then based on these forms, teachers will put together study materials to be picked up by the students before leaving school for the summer. Students will then take an assessment on a determined date in August to determine credit or no credit for the class. A C+ or better must be earned on the assessment to be awarded credit. If credit is earned, counselors will adjust schedules as needed.

What is the best way to stay informed?

Make sure the high school has your updated email address on file. Most information is communicated via email. Keep an eye on the Allendale High School website.