

SOPHOMORE REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

2017-2018

1. **Guideline for building your junior program** – You are encouraged to consider your academic aspirations as you plan your junior program; seek out the advice of your teachers, counselors and parents as you select your program. It should be a balanced schedule that will sufficiently **challenge you** in each subject area **without overwhelming yourself**. All students must be scheduled for a minimum of six courses per semester in addition to P.E. Remember that in 11th grade, you will also be devoting time to preparing for the SAT's/ACT's and researching colleges.
2. **Course Catalog for 2017-2018** is online at: <http://gnhsguidance.weebly.com/course-catalog.html>
Please review it carefully regarding your choices in each subject area.
3. **Graduation Requirements** – Make sure you are close to completing your remaining requirements: **Art/Music/Drama (1 cr); Practical Arts (.50 cr); Computer (.50 cr); 11th grade Health**.
4. **All juniors will continue** with their English, Social Studies, Math and Science courses. We strongly recommend that you continue the study of your Foreign Language (L.O.T.E.) throughout high school.
5. **AP Courses** – *Speak to your teachers immediately if you wish to be considered for an AP course for next year.* It is necessary that you receive departmental approval in order to register for an AP course. If you are not approved for an AP course, it may be possible to self-select depending upon room in the course. If you wish to pursue enrolling in one, you must schedule and participate in a self-selection conference with the Department Head, your parent and counselor. All those involved must sign the AP Self-Select Agreement before you may register for the AP course in question (*if room is available*). Students are not permitted to pursue the self-select process for more than one AP course and should be cautious about not enrolling in more AP courses than they can comfortably handle. *Remember, AP courses are not for everyone and are not required in order to be admitted to college.*
6. **Physical Education** – All students must be registered for P. E. classes each semester. AM Swim & AM Fitness are PE alternatives (departmental approval required). Exemptions are granted through the Phys Ed Department, only for Varsity athletes (grades 11-12) who have no free periods, with the exception of lunch. These exemptions are only valid during the sport's season.
7. **Lunch** – All students should plan for a lunch/relaxation break during their school day.
8. **Schedule Change Policy** – *Remember that you are making a commitment to this schedule for your entire junior year.* In those cases when a change is absolutely necessary, some policies to keep in mind are:
 - Straight Drops – No full-year course shall be dropped from a student's schedule after the first quarter, and no half-year course shall be dropped after the first five weeks.
 - Add/Drop Combination – must be completed within the first two weeks of the year.
 - AP Course level changes must be made within the first quarter.

* Note that these changes will be made only if there is space in the new course.