

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS  
HIGH SCHOOL  
COUNSELING  
DEPARTMENT:  
CLASS OF 2025 PARENT  
ORIENTATION**



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School Counselors Make a  
World of Difference



# **MISSION STATEMENT**

The counseling mission of Bloomfield Hills Schools is to provide meaningful, comprehensive guidance and counseling services to our students. As an integral part of the school community, these services are intended to help students gain self-awareness, become independent and be capable of making decisions that are both personally satisfying and socially responsible.

# YOUR COUNSELOR WILL HELP WITH:

- Academic support
- Scheduling
- Developing a 4-year plan
- College planning (Naviance Student)
- Career planning (Naviance Student)
- Social/emotional support
- Advocate for students' success
- Transitional support
- Not sure who to see or where to go with a question? You can always start with your counselor





# COUNSELING CLASS OF 2025

## CANVAS PAGE

Welcome to the BHHS Counseling Office!

If you need to make an appointment to see your counselor, you must send him/her an email to request an appointment.



# VIRTUAL SCHEDULING TIMELINE



- March 15: 8<sup>th</sup> grade informational meetings with students - EHMS
- March 16: 8<sup>th</sup> grade informational meetings with students - BHMS
- March 17: 8<sup>th</sup> grade informational meetings with students - WHMS
- March 22: Parent/Student scheduled meetings Virtual - EHMS  
(7:30-2:30 pm)
- March 23: Parent/Student Scheduled Meetings Virtual - BHMS  
(7:30-2:30 pm)
- March 24: Parent/Student Scheduled meetings Virtual - WHMS  
(7:30-2:30 pm)
- March 25: Scheduling window closes - course selection due

**\*Middle schools will be communicating with families regarding scheduling procedures**

# **COURSE SELECTIONS**

Students will be pre-scheduled into their English, math, science, social studies, interdisciplinary courses and advisory course

Students will select 2.0 elective credits plus World Language (1.0 credit) for each semester

Elective choices are not guaranteed due to space limitations and scheduling conflicts; alternate choices are required

Please have a conversation with your student regarding their course selections



# **INTERDISCIPLINARY COURSE**

This year-long, required course is designed to enrich, enhance, and support the students in the learning community. Students will also receive additional support from their core teachers in an environment that allows for differentiated and one-on-one instruction based on students' individual needs. This collaborative course will foster students' independent learning skills and provide student-growth-focused feedback.

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Effective for the class of 2021 and beyond

CONTENT AREA	CREDITS NEEDED	EXPLANATION OF CREDITS
English	4	4 credits
Math	4	Credits must include: Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II 1 math course must be taken during the senior year.
Science	3	1 credit of Biology 1 credit of Chemistry 1 Science elective credit (Physics is recommended)
Social Studies	3	1 credit of World History & Geography 1 credit of U.S. History & Geography 0.5 credit in Civics 0.5 credit in Economics
Health & Physical Education	2	0.5 credit in Health Education 1.5 elective credit
Visual, Performing and Applied Arts	1	1 credit in Visual, Performing or Applied Arts
World Languages	2	2 credits of World Language
Additional Credits	9 to 11	Note: "additional" will specify content areas (e.g. communications, arts, etc)
Advisory		All students are required to pass advisory each semester they are enrolled.
Technical Competency		All students must take one computer-based course during grades 9-12 (This requirement may be met by courses identified in most content areas).
Online Learning Experience		All students must have an online learning experience before graduation. (This requirement can be satisfied by experiences within a regular course).
Community Service		Minimum one Service As Action experience per year
State of Michigan Assessment		ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE THE STATE-REQUIRED ASSESSMENTS PRIOR TO GRADUATION.
Middle Years Programme Personal Project		ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE PERSONAL PROJECT.
<b>TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED</b>	<b>28</b>	

# **TYPICAL FRESHMAN SCHEDULE**

<b><u>Semester 1</u></b>	<b><u>Semester 2</u></b>
<b>English- Writ/World Lit</b>	<b>English- Writ/World Lit</b>
<b>Math – Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2</b>	<b>Math – Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2</b>
<b>Science - Biology</b>	<b>Science - Biology</b>
<b>Social Studies - World History</b>	<b>Social Studies - World History</b>
<b>World Language or Elective</b>	<b>World Language or Elective</b>
<b>Interdisciplinary Class (already in your schedule)</b>	<b>Interdisciplinary Class (already in your schedule)</b>
<b>Elective</b>	<b>Elective</b>
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# PLANNING FOR COLLEGE

- Most colleges prefer students carry a **minimum** of 4 academic classes per semester
- Students need to maintain or continually improve their GPA over each semester
- In varying degrees, colleges look for students to challenge themselves
- World language may be a requirement for admission (some require a minimum of 2 years of the same language)
- If you are interested in playing any sport in college, visit the NCAA eligibility site at [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org)

# **FRESHMAN YEAR TRANSITION AND BUILDING A SOLID FOUNDATION**

- Settle into a routine
  - Take a strong academic load
    - Commit to volunteer projects/community service
    - Get involved: Clubs, sports, activities, events, etc.
      - Talk with your students consistently!
        - Attend college night (Fall, 2021)
- Athletics (see Athletics website on BHHS Homepage)
  - Set goals!





# PERFORMING ARTS

Please join the performing arts staff for a brief informational session immediately after this meeting. Mr. Posner, Mr. Wolf, Ms. Riley, Ms. Bogrette, and Mr. Cleaveland will be providing specific information for how your student can become a part of the high school band, orchestra, choir, and theatre. The meeting will last about 30 minutes and these teachers will plan to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

<https://bloomfield-org.zoom.us/j/8797050534>



THANK YOU FOR COMING!  
HAVE A GREAT NIGHT!  
GO BLACK HAWKS!



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