



Passport to Graduation

Horseheads High School

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose."

~Dr. Seuss

Oh, The Places You'll Go

High school is a journey that will lead you to your future career and adult life. Like any trip, it requires planning, direction and patience.

In order to graduate from high school, you must successfully complete three criteria set by New York State: Courses, Credits, and Exams. You must take required courses, you must earn at least 23 high school credits, and you must pass required Regents exams. This passport includes a diploma requirement worksheet to help in your planning and preparation. Your middle school counselor will assist you in selecting your ninth grade coursework in the spring of your eighth grade year. You will meet each spring with a high school counselor in ninth, tenth and eleventh grade to select courses for the following years.

As you select courses, you should think about where will your journey take you? Do you want to enter the workforce after high school? Do you want to enter college or the military? Part of your meetings with your school counselor will help you in deciding your route and what can help you reach your goals.

Your route isn't just about the classes you take from 7:50am to 3:02pm every day. It is about the things you do besides being a student. Be involved in your school and community. Explore to find out what you are passionate about. Everything you do helps you along the road!

In your journey you will meet many people. The relationships will be important. Your journey will surely hit a few speed bumps, but the road will be smoother if you take responsibility for yourself and show respect for both yourself and others.

Your journey may seem long now, but it will fly by like the blink of an eye when you look back. One of the best things you can do is to show up! Be present and enjoy the moments.

Horseheads School District

Credit Requirements

*Students must take prescribed coursework in addition to electives to equal 23 units of credits to graduate.

English (4)

English 9 _____
 English 10 _____
 English 11 _____
 Senior English _____

Social Studies (4)

Global I _____
 Global II _____
 US History _____
 Economics /Part in Gov _____

Science (3)

Life _____
 Physical _____
 Third Credit _____

Mathematics (3)

Languages other than English (1)

Arts (1)

Physical Education (3, .5 credits for each semester)

Sem. 1 Sem. 2
 Sem. 3 Sem. 4
 Sem.5/6 PFP
 Sem.7/8 PFP

Health (1.0)

Electives (2.5)

Assessment Requirements

*Regents are counted as the final exam for the associate course.

Local/Regents

Discipline	Exam Name	Score(s)
English	ELA	
Mathematics	Algebra 1R	
Science		
Social Studies	Global	
Social Studies	US History	

Advanced Designation

Additional exams required only for the Advanced Designation

Discipline	Exam Name	Score(s)
Mathematics	Geometry	
Mathematics	Algebra 2R	
Science *		

*Note one exam must be in a physical science and one must be a life science.

Sequence for Advanced Designation:

*Note: Students choose **one** of the options below. Credits included in sequences may also be used to meet the 23 units of credits.*

Arts/Business/Technology/CTE
(5 credits total)

LOTE (3 credits total)

*NOTE: School districts may establish diplomarequirements in addition to those outlined in the [New York State Diploma Requirements](#)



Activities to help me on my journey:

- ◆ Athletics
- ◆ Clubs
- ◆ Community Service
- ◆ Summer Experiences
- ◆ Work Experience
- ◆ Leadership Opportunities

How to Avoid Roadblocks and Detours

(Habits of Successful Students)

1. **Get organized.** Make a plan of what you are going to do and when you have to do it. Keep a calendar with what is due in a place where you will see it EVERY DAY!
2. **Don't multitask.** Focus on one task to complete it before moving onto the next. This will help so you don't feel so overwhelmed at one time.
3. **Divide it up.** Break your work into manageable chunks. Take a break between working on things to give your brain and body a little rest. Study a little bit every day rather than trying to do it all in one sitting.
4. **Sleep.** You will be better able to focus in school and on your work if you get enough sleep at night. The day can be long if you are tired and cranky from staying up too late scrolling on TikTok!
5. **Set a schedule.** Find a schedule to study that works for you and stick to it! Do you do best when you sit down for homework right after school or after you take some down time? (Hint: your best won't be at 9, 10 or 11pm at night!)
6. **Take notes.** Taking notes helps keep you engaged in class. It also helps you learn the material that is required. If you are struggling to take notes, ask your teacher (before or after class) for help.
7. **Show up!** Attendance is important—especially with the block schedule. If you miss school, it is hard to catch up. Make sure to request work if you are out.
8. **Take responsibility for you.** We all make mistakes. It is how we handle those mistakes that matter. Choose to take ownership for how you do in classes. Your grades are a reflection of the work you put into any class.