

STUDENT COUNSELING and GUIDANCE OFFICE  
LYONS HIGH SCHOOL  
LYONS, NEW YORK

2007-2008  
HIGH SCHOOL  
COURSE  
SELECTION  
PACKET  
for

*Classes of*  
*2008 (current grade 11)*  
*&*  
*2009 (current grade 10)*

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# **MESSAGE FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS**

High School is an exciting and challenging time. The staff of the school stands ready to help you succeed. As you make your course selections, keep the following in mind:

## **Input Equals Output**

What you get out of high school will depend on what you put into the studies. Great results demand great effort.

## **Set High Goals for Yourself**

Challenge yourself!! Give yourself a chance to be great.

## **Take One Step at a Time**

Success is a journey, not a destination. Give yourself the time to adequately prepare for each step.

## **Practice the Skills Necessary for Success**

Successful musicians, athletes and artists spend years practicing the skills necessary for success. Reading, studying and writing all demand daily practice.

## **Use the People at School**

The teachers, counselors, and administrators are here to help you succeed. Use them. Ask for help when you need it.

We share the common goal of success for all our students. Working together, we can achieve it.

**LYONS HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA - All Students**

## Course Requirements

English – 4 units	Health – ½ unit
Science – 3 units	Art/Music – 1 unit
Social Studies – 4 units	PE – 2 units
Mathematics – 3 units	Electronic Information Processing/ Life Skills – ½ unit
Foreign Language – 1 unit*	

## Test Requirements

1. English Language Arts Regents (English 11)
2. Global Studies Regents (Global Studies 2)
3. US History and Government (US History)
4. Science (Living Environment, Biology Extended or Earth Science)
5. Math Form A (Math A/B or Math A Ext)

### **Regents diploma:**

- *Minimum passing score of 65 on (5) Regents Exams.*

### **Local diploma:**

- (Class of 2008) Passing score on Regents Exams is 65 for Regents diploma, 55 for local diploma.
- (Class of 2009) Passing score on Regents Exams is 65 for Regents diploma. A minimum grade of 65 must be achieved on at least 2 of 5 Regents exams AND a minimum grade of 55 on remaining 3 Regents exams for a local diploma.

Students with an educationally handicapping condition may meet testing requirements through Regents Competency Test(s) if a score of 55 or higher is not achieved on the Regents Exam(s).

\*Students with an educationally handicapping condition *may* be exempt from the foreign language requirement.

## Units

22 units are required for graduation.

## Benchmark

Each student must successfully complete the Benchmark paper and presentation. The Benchmark activity is coordinated through 12<sup>th</sup> grade English.

## Portfolio

Each student must successfully complete the portfolio requirement in his/her senior year.

# Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation (RAD)

In addition to the 5 required Regents exams & completing all of the requirements for a Regents diploma students seeking RAD must also complete the following:

1. An additional Regents level science course and a score of 65+ on the corresponding Regents exam.
2. Math B Regents course (or equivalent) and a score of 65+ on the Regents exam.
3. A total of three units of foreign language with a passing score on the corresponding Regents Examination (see note below).

**\*\*Minimum score of 65 on a minimum of (8) Regents Exams\*\***

*The minimum passing score for a 'RAD' is 65 for all 8 Regents Examinations.*

Note: Students seeking a Regents diploma with Advanced Designation who pursue a 5-unit sequence in technology, or vocational education are exempt from the foreign language requirement. Be aware that all students seeking a R.A.D. must complete a total of 8 Regents exams with a score of 65+.

Students identified as having an educationally handicapping condition may be exempt from the foreign language requirement for the Regents diploma or RAD. In such cases the student's I.E.P. must state that the student is exempt from foreign language. See your counselor for more information.

# VOCATIONAL EDUCATION (BOCES)

In most cases, students begin vocational education in 11<sup>th</sup> grade. It is important to note that prior to enrollment at the Vocational School, a student must have completed:

1. English 9 and 10
2. Global 1 and 2\*
3. Two units of math\*
4. Two units of science\*
5. One-half unit of health
6. One unit of art/music
7. Two years of physical education
8. The appropriate foreign language requirements

\*including Regents exam(s), as required

Students who have not completed all of the above will not be eligible for vocational school in 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

These programs are available at the Williamson Technical & Career Center (WTCC):

Animal Care and Handling  
Auto Body Repair  
Auto Mechanics  
Carpentry  
Computer Network Technician  
Criminal Justice  
Culinary Arts (Food Service)  
Drafting/CAD  
Early Childhood Education  
Electrical Trades  
Health Dimensions  
Machine Trades  
New Vision Engineering Technology (12<sup>th</sup>)  
New Visions Health Careers (12<sup>th</sup>)  
Power Mechanics/Conservation  
Welding and Metal Fabrication

Offerings are subject to sufficient enrollment.

# COLLEGE CLASSES

*College courses require tuition, which is paid to the college. The district does not retain any tuition money.*

All 'Gemini' courses taught through **Finger Lakes Community College (FLCC)** have minimum requirements for enrollment. These requirements are:

1. An overall average of 85 or higher in the corresponding subject area.
2. A Regents Examination grade of 85 or higher in the corresponding subject area.
3. Recommendation of the department.

In order to register for **SUPA** math, students must have the recommendation of the department.

In order to register for Science courses taught through **Cayuga Community College (CCC)**, students must have the recommendation of the department.

On-line courses require registration through the **SUNY Learning Network**. On-line courses are scheduled as a part of the regular instructional day.

## **Recommended Minimum Academic Preparation For Post High School Planning**

### **Work, Military, Vocational Technical**

- 4 years of English and Social Studies
- 3 years of Math and Science
- Occupational Education sequence(s); technology or vocational education (BOCES)
- Other courses, as required for a diploma

### **Two Year College**

- 4 years of English and Social Studies
- 3 years of Math and Science
- Additional coursework as required for college major, e.g., art, music, math, science, etc.
- Other courses, as required for a diploma.
- Some 2 year colleges will require students to take some type of placement test. These tests are typically taken at the college.

### **Four Year College**

- 4 years of Regents English and Social Studies
- 3 to 4 years of Regents Math and Science
- Additional coursework as required for college major, e.g., foreign language, art, music, math, science, etc.
- Other courses, as required for a diploma
- Most (not all) 4 year colleges expect you to take a college entrance exam such as the SAT or ACT. Students typically take these exams in the spring of their Junior year & possibly again in the fall of their Senior year.

\*There will be many variations in minimum preparation levels for different programs. These are guidelines only; see your counselor for information regarding specific post high school preparation.

## OUTCOMES

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

1. By the time you graduate from high school, what do you expect to do? (It's OK to check more than one.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Enter the world of work

\_\_\_\_\_ Enroll in vocational training

\_\_\_\_\_ Enlist in the military

\_\_\_\_\_ Enroll at a two year college

\_\_\_\_\_ Enroll at a four year college

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not plan on graduating

2. Is there a particular career(s) or type of career(s) that interests you? What is it?

3. What type of courses or activities do you plan to take in order to meet your goals?