



Parent Info Night Spring 2018

All 9th Grade and New
HS Families



Quick Facts

- Enrollment Class Sizes Capped at 50 per grade level.
- 8 class periods per day.
- Closed Campus.
- All High School students belong to an Advisement which we call a “House.”
- MCR benchmarked 5 times throughout the year to measure growth in writing.
- Students are expected to collect missing work/ make-up work on their own.
- PSAT9 is taken in 9th grade; PSAT is taken in 10th grade; SAT is taken in 11th grade.
- Monthly meetings with each class.
- Individual meetings throughout the school year for academic progress and counseling.

Student Planners and Communication

- Each student is given an Addenbrooke Planner after fee's are paid
- Planners are expected to be used every day
- Planners are used to keep track of assignments
- Teachers typically prefer to communicate with parents through email. Conferences can be scheduled as needed.
- Checking your student's grades on your Parent Portal is THE BEST way to stay up to date with your student's progress in real-time.

Important Policies

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- Cell Phones
 - Dress Code
 - Missing Assignments
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Graduation Requirements

SUBJECT	ACA REQUIRED CREDITS	HEAR REQUIRED CREDITS	<p><u>Credit Enrollment Minimum</u> All students are required to attend nine periods of class per day unless otherwise specified below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workplace Experience (one period + advisement) • Warren Tech PM • Concurrent Enrollment <p><u>Transfer Credit</u> All credit earned at other institutions will be considered transfer credit that can be put towards the completion of ACA graduation requirements.</p> <p><u>Credit Recovery Transfer</u> Only two credits of credit recovery from an institution outside of Jeffco will be accepted. All other credit recovery must be earned from an institution within Jeffco.</p>
English	4	4	
History	4	3	
Math	3	4	
Science	3	3	
Foreign Language	3	1	
Music	4	0	
Physical Education	1	0	
Electives	3	2	

Teacher and Class Introductions

Our High School teachers have submitted a slide about their classes and some tips to help your student be successful in their classes. If you have specific questions, please feel free to contact that teacher directly at the start of the year. All of our teacher contact information can be found on our Addenbrooke website at: <http://www.addenbrooke.org/>

Faculty

Science-3 Credits

INFO

- ~ Biology
- ~Chemistry
- ~Physics
- ~Anatomy and Physiology
- ~Geology
- ~Astronomy

TIPS

- ~Be on task in class
- ~ Be on time with homework
- ~Ask questions
- ~Use a planner

Math-3 Credits (4 recommended for college)

INFO

- ~ 9th graders start with Pre-Algebra, Algebra, or Geometry depending on 8th grade math grades
- ~ Geometry
- ~Algebra II
- ~Statistics
- ~Pre-Calculus and Trigonometry

TIPS

- ~ Come to class with materials
- ~ Take Notes
- ~Complete Homework!!!
- ~Ask Questions/Ask for Help
- ~Review Before Tests/Quizzes
- ~Take advantage of doing test and homework corrections

English-4 Credits

INFO

- ~ Classical Literature
- ~ British Literature
- ~ American Literature
- ~ Composition and Rhetoric

- ~ Students purchase their own books to build their library throughout high school

- ~ Learn vocabulary commonly used in the SAT

TIPS

- ~ Do all of the reading on time

- ~ Take notes

- ~ Engage with the text

- ~ Ask Questions

- ~ Stay up to date on your writing assignments

- ~ Use Planner

Humane Letters-4 Credits

INFO

~Ancient History

~European History

~US History

~Government and Economics

TIPS

~ Be curious: Ask why? what happened next? what would be the long-term results? and so forth... Realize that knowing something about history will make you a more interesting person in the long term!

~Have grit: Persevere! If you don't understand a concept or a reading, look at it from new angles or ask for help. The greatest rewards come from sustained effort, motivation, even in spite of adversity or challenges.

~Review: A more practical piece of advice is to review class notes and reading as often as possible, preferably each evening as homework.

Foreign Language-3 Credits of SAME language

INFO

- ~ High school students who continue Latin from Middle School start with Latin III in 9th grade
- ~New this year is a German class
- ~Students MUST take three years of the same language
- ~Typical structure includes: Projects (group/individual), Tests (vocabulary, grammar, etc.), Listening comprehension, Reading, writing, speaking, Bell Work, journals – need to complete this work even if you are absent

TIPS

- ~ Ask for help/tutoring if you need it
- ~ Take notes
- ~ Make flashcards and study at home
- ~ Review basic grammatical structures

Choir-4 Music Credits

INFO

- ~ HS JV Choir, 9th-12th grade
- ~ Advanced Mixed Choir (auditions necessary)
- ~ Must have 3-ring binder for music
- ~ Concerts held throughout year
- ~ Concert attire/uniform will be communicated at beginning of year

TIPS

- ~ Do not be afraid to try something new
- ~ Teamwork and hardwork are key
- ~ Practice outside of class is necessary

Orchestra-4 Music Credits

INFO

~ ~Intermediate Orchestra: This class is for students that have some experience playing stringed instruments. Students need to know how to read music, and have knowledge of the basic components of the instrument. Students will focus on more complex music with quality tone. They will need to have prior approval to enroll in this class.

~Advanced Orchestra: This class is for students that have strong foundation on stringed instrument. Students must have the skill and knowledge on techniques such as vibrato, 3rd position, different bow strokes, and advanced music terminologies. They will need to have prior approval to enroll in this class.

~Can rent instruments from school on need basis

~ Concert attire/uniform will be communicated at beginning of year

TIPS

~Do not leave your instrument at school

~Practicing at home is required

~The more you push yourself to become better, the more you push your group to become better

Physical Education-1 Credit

INFO

~ PE is required and will incorporate the study of sports, history of sports, writing assignments, and physical education.

~ Students are required to dress out for each PE class and MUST wear appropriate footwear.

TIPS

~Dress out everyday to avoid losing points

~Participation is key

~Teamwork is important in this class

Electives

INFO

- ~ Art
- ~Philosophy
- ~Debate
- ~Guitar Lab (music credit)
- ~Piano Lab (music credit)
- ~Music Theory 1 and 2 (music credit)
- ~Creative Writing
- ~Literature of Great Writers
- ~Musical Theatre (music credit)
- ~ Classical Mythology
- ~ Art History
- ~Woodshop

TIPS

- ~ Choose what interests you
- ~ Take core classes BEFORE
electives
- ~ Make it your goal to become better
than what you were as you progress
through your electives.

Concurrent Enrollment



~Addenbrooke offers concurrent enrollment in association with Red Rocks Community College, Arapahoe Community college, and CU Succeed in which students can earn college credit while still enrolled in high school.

~Each college semester class will equal one graduation credit. (One RRCC Semester = One ACA Year).

~This opportunity is available for students in grades 9-12

~Any student who is interested in concurrent enrollment can see the school counselor for an application packet.

Requirements:

*Students must be passing all classes at ACA.

1. Classes must be part of the student's ICAP and/or graduation requirements.
2. Students/Parents will be responsible for paying the RRCC student fees.
Addenbrooke will cover the tuition of up to six credit hours per semester.
3. An application must be completed for the community college within the ACA school service area and required signatures obtained.
4. Students must maintain a C average.

ICAP

Individual **C**areer **A**cademic **P**lan:

- Students create a plan for life after high school
 - College/University
 - Military
 - Trade school/Vocational Training
 - Workforce

Jeffe Co's Three Essential Questions

- Who am I?
- What am I doing?
- Where am I going?

Counseling Department will be using Post-Secondary curriculum to help students answer these three questions

College and Career Planning

~There will be several visits to our school throughout the year from different colleges/universities

~Students will also have the opportunity to visit campuses throughout the year

~The Student Services office will meet with each class several times a year to go over the timeline for college and career planning and next steps

~There are several resource available; communication is KEY!

Credit Recovery/Summer School

INFO

~Students that fail a required credit (or half credit) MUST make that up before graduating.

~Mrs. Dobson will work closely with every student to ensure they are on track or have the necessary information to get on track, but the only person that can pass their classes is the student.

~Credit recovery is EXPENSIVE and TIME-CONSUMING. It is better to avoid needing it at all costs.

TIPS

~Students: Ask for help EARLY in the semester if you are struggling.

~Parents: Communicate with your child and their teachers if there are concerns. Remember, we are all on the same side (which is the side of getting your student to graduation).

~Come see Mrs. Dobson if you need help figuring out a plan to get back on track.

Final Thoughts

If you only take away one thing from this presentation, please let it be that **“GRADES ALWAYS MATTER.”**

From the 1st semester of 9th grade to the last semester of 12th grade, grades will always affect something, including your GPA and class rank.

Remember, this transition is dependent on great communication between the students, teachers, and parents.

Questions?

If you have a question that will apply to a large majority of the group, please feel free to ask it now. If it is more personalized, please feel free to ask me later this evening or email me at: sdobson@addenbrooke.org



Thanks!

If you are interested in a tour,
please stick around. If not, thank
you so much for coming! I cannot
wait to see your students in our
Secondary classes this Fall!

