

# GENERAL INFORMATION

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CLASS OF '09, '10, '11, '12





## North Allegheny School District

### Our Mission

. . . is to educate and develop all students to become confident, life-long learners and responsible citizens within a changing, global society by delivering an outstanding educational experience through a comprehensive array of opportunities in the pursuit of excellence.

### Our Strategies

#### We will:

1. Enhance the sense of community District-wide.
  2. Deliver and continuously improve a comprehensive, sequential and challenging curriculum that meets the needs of all students enhanced by a full range of co-curricular and extra curricular activities.
  3. Implement evolving best practices and ensure accountability in all aspects of District operations.
  4. Foster a safe, caring, and positive environment that encourages responsible decision-making.
  5. Focus on being one of the top 100 school districts in the nation.
  6. Integrate advanced technology into all areas of the School District where appropriate.
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## SCHEDULING TIMELINE 2008 - 2009

March 4 and 5	NASH holds scheduling meetings with parents of 10th and 11th graders. (6:00 p.m.)
March 26 and 27	NAI School Counselors meet with 9th grade classes, distribute Program of Studies and personalize student course recommendation/verification reports.
March 27	NASH School Counselors meet with 10th grade classes, distribute Program of Studies and personalize student course recommendation/verification reports.
March 25 - April 2	Middle School Counselors distribute individual schedule folders including course recommendation sheets in 8th grade classes.
April 2	NAI holds scheduling meetings with parents of 8th and 9th graders. (9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the NAI Auditorium)
April 2	Parent informational meeting for IMPACT program. (9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the NAI Library)
April 2	NASH School Counselors meet with all 11th grade students to distribute Program of Studies and personalized course recommendation/verification sheets.
March 31 - April 10	PSSA administered (Reading and Math).
April 10	End of Third Nine weeks.
April 10	NAI students return course recommendation/verification sheets to science teachers.
April 14 - 16	NAI School Counselors meet with students to review schedule requests in NAI Library.
April 18	All 11th grade student schedule requests due in School Counseling Office.
April 18 - 22	NAI School Counselors visit middle schools to discuss scheduling process with individual students: MMS - April 18                      CMS - April 21                      IMS - April 22
May 1	All waivers due to respective School Counseling Offices - grades 8 through 11.
August 15	Mail student schedules (NASH/NAI).
<b>August 28</b>	<b>School begins.</b>

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## SUMMARY FOR ALL CLASSES

### Class of 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 (current 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th graders)

At North Allegheny, a minimum of 21.5 credits is required for graduation from high school. These credits must include:

English	4.0 credits (includes culminating project)
Social Studies	4.0 credits
Mathematics	3.0 credits
Science	3.0 credits
Physical Education (.5) credit per year	2.0 credits
Health Education	.5 credits
Arts & Humanities Electives	2.0 credits
Other Electives	3.0 credits
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>21.5 credits</b>

*In addition to the 21.5 credit requirement, students must demonstrate mastery of the Pennsylvania Academic Standards on the culminating 11<sup>th</sup> grade Pennsylvania State System of Assessment (PSSA). Mastery shall be deemed as attaining a score of Proficient or higher on the 11<sup>th</sup> grade PSSA or 12<sup>th</sup> grade PSSA Retest, attaining passing grade(s) on a local assessment aligned to the PA Academic Standards as designed or selected by the District, or fulfilling requirements of a graduation plan on a student's IEP.*

### Scheduling Requirements for All Students . . .

1. At least 2.0 credits of Elective Courses must be acquired in the Arts and Humanities. Arts and Humanities courses include additional courses in English, Social Studies, World Languages, Visual Arts, Family and Consumer Sciences, Technology Education, and Music Arts.

2. Students must schedule a minimum number of credits each year:

Grade 9 - 7.0 credits

Grade 11 - 6.5 credits

Grade 10 - 6.5 credits

Grade 12 - 6.5 credits

Students who deviate from this requirement must have the approval of the Building Principal.

3. Successful completion of a minimum of 10 credits is required to achieve Junior Standing. Students with deficiencies in English, Social Studies, Math or Science will require a review in order to be eligible for full-time enrollment at the Senior High School.
4. There are eight (8) instructional periods at the Intermediate High School and Senior High School. Students are encouraged to take advantage of the many and varied elective courses offered by the District.
5. During any semester students should not have more than two (2) study halls per day.

## CLASS OF '09, '10, '11, '12 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

### North Allegheny Intermediate High School Course Sequences

#### Grade 9

#### REQUIRED

English	1.0 credit
Social Studies	1.0 credit
Math	1.0 credit
Science	1.0 credit
Physical Education	.5 credit
Health Education	<u>.5 credit</u>
<b>Required Courses</b>	<b>5.0 credits</b>
<b>Elective Courses</b>	<b>up to 3.0 credits</b> <i>(Must schedule at least 2 credits)</i>

### North Allegheny Senior High School Course Sequences

#### Grade 11

#### REQUIRED

English <i>(includes culminating project)</i>	1.0 credit
Social Studies	1.0 credit
Math <i>(1 math or science may be taken in Grade 12)</i>	1.0 credit
Science	1.0 credit
Physical Education	<u>.5 credit</u>
<b>Required Courses</b>	<b>4.5 credits</b>
<b>Elective Courses</b>	<b>up to 3.5 credits</b> <i>(Must schedule at least 2 credits)</i>

#### Grade 10

#### REQUIRED

English	1.0 credit
Social Studies	1.0 credit
Math	1.0 credit
Science	1.0 credit
Physical Education	<u>.5 credit</u>
<b>Required Courses</b>	<b>4.5 credits</b>
<b>Elective Courses</b>	<b>up to 3.5 credits</b> <i>(Must schedule at least 2 credits)</i>

#### Grade 12

#### REQUIRED

English	1.0 credit
Social Studies	1.0 credit
Physical Education	<u>.5 credit</u>
<i>(Students who attend Beattie Tech are not required to take senior Social Studies)</i>	
<b>Required Courses</b>	<b>2.5 credits</b>
<b>Elective Courses</b>	<b>up to 5.5 credits</b> <i>(Must schedule at least 4 credits)</i>

## PLAN AHEAD SHEET

STUDENTS SHOULD USE THE CHART BELOW TO PLAN TO MEET THE REQUIRED CREDITS FOR GRADUATION AND THE ELECTIVE COURSES THAT WILL HELP THEM REACH THEIR CAREER GOALS

SUBJECT FIELD	9	10	11	12
ENGLISH				
SOCIAL STUDIES				
MATHEMATICS				
SCIENCE				
WORLD LANGUAGE				
ELECTIVE				
ELECTIVE				
ELECTIVE				
ELECTIVE				
PHYSICAL EDUCATION				
HEALTH				
TOTAL				