

Saddle Brook School District

Academic Programming Presentation
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Topics Presented Today:

- High School Program of Studies Additions
 - History of Popular Music - Half Year (2.5 credits)
 - Foundations of Art & Design - Full Year (5 credits)
 - AP United States History I - Full year (5 credits)
 - Human Geography - Half Year (2.5 credits)
 - Applied Mathematics: Consumers & Careers - Full Year (5 credits)
- Other Opportunities
 - Dual Enrollment
 - Option II
- Additional Considerations
 - Courses to remove from the Program of Studies
 - Planning Ahead - MS/HS
 - Early Career Program



NJ Graduation Minimum Requirements

Click on NJDOE logo to access graduation requirements:



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English Language Arts (ELA)	20 credits
Mathematics	15 credits
Science	15 credits
Social Studies	15 credits
Financial, Economic Business, and Entrepreneurial Business Literacy	2.5 credits
Health, Safety, and Physical Education	20 credits* (5 credits of Health/PE for each year of enrollment)
Visual & Performing Arts	5 credits
World Languages	5 credits
Technology	Integrated throughout all courses
21st Century Life & Careers	5 credits

[Saddle Brook BOE Policy 5460: High School Graduation](#)



Program of Studies



History of Popular Music

- Visual & Performing Arts (VPA) Credits
- 2.5 credit, half-year course
- Music course for non-performers
 - No requirement to read music, sing, or play an instrument
 - Appreciation of music
 - Students will synthesize the artists and musical styles that shaped the popular music of the 20th and 21st century
 - Will discover the birth of electronic music, the recording industry, and the varied mediums where popular music can be found: videos, theaters, movies, television, advertising, etc.
- Several upperclassmen still need 2.5 VPA credits.
- Will consider switching to a 5 credit, full year course long term.



Foundations of Art & Design

- Visual & Performing Arts (VPA) Credits
- 5 credit, full year course
- Introductory Art Course
 - Ceramics
 - Sculpture
 - Drawing
 - Painting
 - Photography
 - Crafting
- 9th grade requirement for non-band/choir students for the 21/22 school year
- Will be a prerequisite for upper-level art courses



AP United States History Part I

- Social Studies AP courses:
 - 9th grade = AP World History
 - 10th grade = AP (currently nothing)
 - 11th grade = AP US History
 - 12th grade = AP European History
- AP US History typically run as a two year course
 - This is in alignment with many other districts.
 - AP US course covers content in 10th and 11th grade
 - Materials/resources currently in budget
 - 60% of the content is during 10th grade
 - AP Test taken at the end of the course (junior year)
 - Provide a mandatory mock AP test at the end of course.
 - Will be weighted as an AP course



Human Geography

- Social Studies elective
- 2.5 credit, half-year course
- Will focus on the physical, political, and human geography relating to all seven continents
 - Understanding culture to solve problems
 - Analyze the impact of the movement of goods, ideas, and people over time
 - Utilize appropriate geographic tools and skills for the purpose of problem-solving in emerging world events



Applied Mathematics: Consumers & Careers

- Mathematics CP course
- 5 credit, full year course
- Fourth year mathematics option for seniors
 - Currently we do not offer anything outside of Honors or AP
- Practical applications of mathematics from the perspective of a consumer and in the workplace.
 - Identify, examine, assess, and apply mathematical concepts across a variety of real-world events and careers
 - Project-based learning



Other Opportunities



Dual Enrollment

- Juniors and seniors getting 3 college credits for SBHS courses (5 credits at HS), with high school teacher
- 2.75 GPA requirement to enroll
- Bergen Community College
 - Teachers possess same credentials as college adjunct professor
 - 50% of current tuition rate + registration fee (Currently \$73.25 per credit + \$15.25 registration fee) - \$235 total course for 3-credit course
 - Free/Reduced lunch students qualify for tuition waiver
 - <https://www.njtransfer.org/>
- Long term goal is to offer college-credit courses in each department.



Option II

- College Experience (off-campus)
- Dual Enrollment (on-campus)
- Structured Learning Experience
- Community Service Action Program
- Courses for Advancement
- Courses for Credit Recovery
- Virtual High School
- Alternative PE
- Teacher Mentorship

[Option II Programs 2021-22](#)



Additional Considerations



Courses to Remove from Program of Studies

- Desktop Publishing
 - Last ran during 2016/2017 School year
 - Made obsolete by Graphic Design and Digital Photography courses
- American Government
 - Last ran in the early 2000s
 - Made obsolete by Civics in 7th Grade and US History I in 10th grade
- Advanced Art I and II
 - Last ran during the 2013/2014 school year
 - Made obsolete by specialized upper level Art courses: ceramics, drawing, painting, sculpture, crafting, photography.
- Elements and Principles of Art
 - Foundations of Art would cover the topics in these courses.



Planning Ahead at the MS/HS

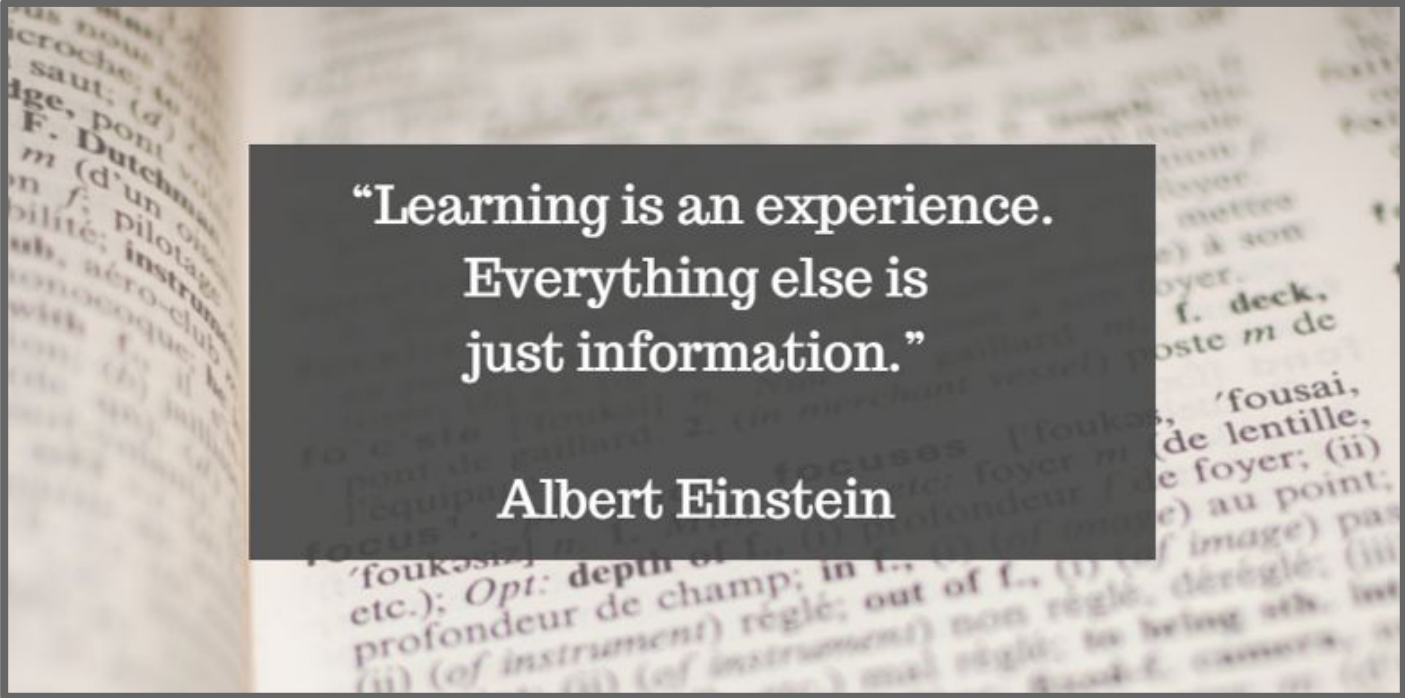
- Rebranding SAT Prep Course
 - Does not fulfill a graduation requirement or align with standards
 - Offer a morning, night, or weekend course
 - Test prep fee will cover teacher payment and materials
 - Opens up one period of English and one period of mathematics
- Long term plan to add an Introduction to Design course for 9th graders
 - 9th Graders satisfy their 5 credit requirement of Visual/Performing Arts or 21st Century Life and Careers.
- 8th grade Honors Science course for the 21/22 school year
- Honors courses beginning in 7th grade for 22/23 school year
- Additional time in Math and English in middle school for at-risk students
 - Depending on staffing and enrollment



Early Career Programs at BCC

- Early Career Programs at BCC
 - Earn a nationally recognized industry credential/certificate and go right to work after HS or attend college and apply the certificate to your program for college credit or advanced standing
 - Earn between 3 and 9 college credits - senior students
 - Certified Logistics Associate/Certified Logistics Technician
 - Childhood Developmental Associate
 - Medical Office Assistant
 - Meadowlands and/or Paramus campus
 - Will become one of our Option II programs
 - GPA requirement and application process determined by BCC





“Learning is an experience.
Everything else is
just information.”

Albert Einstein

