



**North Warren Jr. Sr. High School Guidance Office**  
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To the Class of 2024:

Dear Sophomore Students and Parents,

My name is Adam Bombard, and I am the new school counselor here at North Warren. I will be working with students in grades 7-12. It's my hope that you are enjoying what is left of your summer! Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> will mark the start of your sophomore year, a time where classes taken, grades earned, and extra activities will make all the difference in your college and career plans for the future. This is a year where hard work and effort will make a big difference. But equally important is to remember to have fun and get the most out of your high school experience. Whether your plans include college or career, this letter is intended to provide you with information to help you along the way. Listed below, are the graduation requirements for the Class of 2023:

### NWCS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

(Subject to change based on New York State Board of Regents Approval)

| REGENTS DIPLOMA  |                | ADVANCED REGENTS              |                |
|--|----------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| <i>Required Courses</i>  | <i>Credits</i> | <i>Required Courses</i>       | <i>Credits</i> |
| English  | 4              | English                       | 4              |
| Social Studies   | 4              | Social Studies                | 4              |
| Math   | 3              | Math                          | 3              |
| Science  | 3              | Science                       | 3              |
| Foreign Language   | 1              | Foreign Language              | 3 *            |
| Art/Music  | 1              | Art/Music                     | 1              |
| Health   | .5             | Health                        | .5             |
| Physical Education   | 2              | Physical Education            | 2              |
| Electives  | 3.5            | Electives                     | 1.5            |
| <i>Total Required Credits</i>  | 22             | <i>Total Required Credits</i> | 22             |
| (*) Students who earn a 5 unit sequence in Art, Music, Business, Technology, or a CTE Program may be exempt from this requirement. |                |                               |                |

| Required Regents Exams *<br><i>(grade of 65 or better required)</i> | Required Regents Exams *<br><i>(grade of 65 or better required)</i>                                      |
|---|--|
| ELA ( <i>Common Core</i> ) (grade 11)                               | ELA ( <i>Common Core</i> ) (grade 11)  |
| Algebra I ( <i>Common Core</i> )                                    | Algebra I ( <i>Common Core</i> )<br>Geometry ( <i>Common Core</i> )<br>Algebra II ( <i>Common Core</i> ) |
| Global Studies (grade 10)   | Global Studies (grade 10)  |
| U.S. History (grade 11)   | U.S. History (grade 11)  |
| Science   | 2 Science Exams  |

(\*) The Regents Diploma with Honors requires an average of a 90 for the 5 exams, while the Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors requires an average of 90 for the 8 exams



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A **Mastery in Science and/or Math** designation requires a score of 85 or greater for each of the 3 exams in each discipline.

### Sophomore Pre-College & Career Calendar: 2021-2022

#### September

- Challenge yourself with an appropriate sophomore year schedule. Any elective looks better than a Study Hall on your academic transcript!
- Work diligently and strive for excellence in all subjects
- Seek assistance from teachers if you are struggling with coursework.
- This is a great time to get involved in extracurricular activities, such as sports, volunteer work, clubs, or community involvement.
- Community Service – Giving back to our community builds better relationships, higher self-esteem and an improved culture overall. As a job preparation and self-discovery skill, community service opportunities can benefit you greatly. The North Warren Community Service Graduation requirement is a total of 20 service hours over a period of four years, which will be recorded both on your transcript and transcript addendum.

#### October

- **October 19<sup>th</sup>** The ASVAB Career Exploration Program is a nationally recognized tool for career planning and learning about aptitudes. Students who take this assessment will have the opportunity to participate in a workshop to review their results. Please see the <http://www.asvabprogram.com/> website for more information. Testing will run from 8:00 to 11:30. Any parents who do NOT wish to have their student sit for the exam, are asked to provide a note to the Guidance Office. We are hopeful that all will participate, however, as this will provide a common career planning baseline for all sophomores.

#### November - December

- **December 2nd** The ASVAB Career Exploration workshop will be scheduled during the school day to assist students in interpreting their ASVAB results, and helping to identify skills and aptitudes that will assist them in their college and career searches.
- Check out career options on [www.Choices360.com](http://www.Choices360.com) using the Career Planning tool at the end of this letter.
- Use Choices 360, to explore interests, skills, aptitudes and see how they apply to future plans.
- Become active in clubs and activities...NOT just a member!
- Seek leadership positions in those activities

#### January

- **January (tbd)** – Early College Career Academy Open Houses at SUNY Adirondack.
- Scheduling for your junior year course selections will begin in February. Final course selections must be made by May.
- Continue to challenge yourself in order to have the most opportunities available to you! Any elective looks better than a Study Hall on your academic transcript!
- Regents exams will be offered for students who wish to retake Living Environment or Earth Science examinations previously taken.
- A visit to the Southern Adirondack Education Center **may** take place in January to enable students to view the BOCES CTE programs that will be available to them during their Junior and Senior year.



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### February

- **February 5<sup>th</sup>** - Deadline date to submit student/parent BOCES agreement and commitment forms to take BOCES CTE or ECCA (Early College Career Academy) programs during junior year.
- Scheduling for junior year course selections will take place, with final selections confirmed by May.

### March-April

- Scheduling for Junior year will continue. Be sure to challenge yourself academically to provide as many future options as possible. Any elective looks better than a Study Hall on your academic transcript!

### May

- Final course selections for your junior year will be determined.
- Sign-ups for the October 2021 PSAT test will be made for students who wish to prepare for the SAT to be taken during Spring of their junior year.

### June

- Find a summer job or volunteer work that may be related to your career or personal interests.

Sophomore year marks an important milestone in your high school experience. Great choices made today will result in many future opportunities following graduation. I would like to encourage all students and parents to feel free to contact me with any questions that you may have, in order to get the most out of this experience that you can. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 494-3015 ext. 752, or via email at [abombard@northwarrencsd.org](mailto:abombard@northwarrencsd.org). It is my hope that you enjoy what is left of summer, and are getting ready for a great year ahead! I look forward to working with you in September!

Sincerely,

Adam Bombard  
7-12 School Counselor

### Career Exploration

**Mapping Your Future:** [mappingyourfuture.org/planyourcareer/careership/](https://mappingyourfuture.org/planyourcareer/careership/)

**Choices 360:** [www.Choices360.com](https://www.Choices360.com)


1. Enter your Username and Password
2. If you can't remember them, you can click on *> Forgot Your Username or Password?* (or contact Mr. Bombard for assistance.)

From the **Career Planning** tab, try one of the 7 assessments to learn more about yourself. This is the best place to start when choosing the right career for you. Also, be sure to check out the **College Planning** section for great ideas about choosing the right fit school for you!



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 **Students and Parents:**  
Need help while at home during the COVID-19 school closures? We have [resources to help](#).

### Sign In

Your 4 digit lunch code followed by your last name (9999Smith)

Password you already created. For help please see Mr. Bombard

Sign In

[Forgot your username or password?](#)  
[Create an Account](#)