

REDEFINING
C  **COLLEGE**
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Excellence in Catholic education through **foundation** and **exploration**

OUR VISION

A Catholic education is **truly** college preparatory



Liberal arts foundation
via core curriculum



College studies exploration
via electives

WHY?

- Secondary and higher education has changed immensely in past two decades
- Limited time and opportunity for electives, and therefore, limited student choice
- New requirements from Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE)

OUR PLAN

Modify our class schedule to an **8-drop-2 model**, creating additional space for specialized academic programming

THE 8-DROP-2 SCHEDULE

DAY	A1	D2	G3	B4	E5	H6	C7	F8
7:45am-8:25am 8:10am-8:25am	Academies Homeroom	Academies Homeroom	Academies Homeroom	Academies Homeroom	Academies Homeroom	Academies Homeroom	Academies Homeroom	Academies Homeroom
8:29am- 9:23am	A	D	G	B	E	H	C	F
9:27am- 10:12am	B	E	H	C	F	A	D	G
10:16am- 11:01am	C	F	A	D	G	B	E	H
11:07am-11:32am 11:34am-11:59am 12:01pm-12:26pm 12:28pm-12:53pm	D	G	B	E	H	C	F	A
12:57pm- 1:42pm	E	H	C	F	A	D	G	B
1:46pm- 2:31pm	F	A	D	G	B	E	H	C
DROP	G H	B C	E F	H A	C D	F G	A B	D E

2-PHASE IMPLEMENTATION

Phase 1 2024-2025 Academic Year

- Implementation of the 8-drop-2 schedule
- Phase-in updated graduation requirements for incoming 8th and 9th grade students
- Offer all electives currently in our course catalog
- Addition of Technology & Business electives and faculty
- Introduce RIDE-required coursework

Phase 2 2025-2026 Academic Year

- Introduce additional electives and specialized courses based on student-desired fields of study

UPDATED GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

CURRENT

SUBJECT	# OF CREDITS
English	4
Mathematics	4
Theology	4
Science	3 (2 labs)
Social Studies	3.5
Modern Language	2
Physical Ed/Health	2
Arts Elective	.5
Electives	2.5
TOTAL	25.5

***New graduation requirements are phased-in beginning with Classes 2028 & 2029**

NEW

SUBJECT	# OF CREDITS
English	4
Mathematics	4
Theology	4
Science	3 (2 labs)
Social Studies	3
Modern Language	2
Physical Ed/Health	2
Arts Elective	.5
Electives	2.5
RIDE-Required: Computer Science, Financial Literacy, Civics	1.5
TOTAL	26.5

SAMPLE YEAR-BY-YEAR SCHEDULE

GRADE 8

PERIOD	SUBJECT	CREDIT
A	English 8	1
B	Mathematics 8	1
C	Theology 8	1
D	Science 8	1
E	Modern Language	1
F	Social Studies 8	.5
	Intro to STEM	.5
G	Arts Elective	.5
	Physical Ed/Health	.5
H	Structured Study	0

GRADE 9

PERIOD	SUBJECT	CREDIT
A	English 1	1
B	Mathematics 1	1
C	Theology 1	1
D	Lab Science 1	1
E	Modern Language	1
F	World Cultures	.5
	Civics	.5
G	Arts Elective	.5
	Physical Ed/Health	.5
H	Structured Study	0

GRADE 10

PERIOD	SUBJECT	CREDIT
A	English 2	1
B	Mathematics 2	1
C	Theology 2	1
D	Lab Science 2	1
E	Modern Language	1
F	Social Studies 2	1
G	Computer Science	.5
	Physical Ed/Health	.5
H	Structured Study	0
	Structured Study OR Elective	0-.5

SAMPLE YEAR-BY-YEAR SCHEDULE

GRADE 11

PERIOD	SUBJECT	CREDIT
A	English 3	1
B	Mathematics 3	1
C	Theology 3	1
D	Science 3	1
E	Social Studies 3	1
F	Financial Literacy	.5
	Physical Ed/Health	.5
G	Elective	.5
	Elective	.5
H	Elective OR Free*	0-.5
	Elective OR Free*	0-.5

*Only 2 semesters of free period permitted

GRADE 12

PERIOD	SUBJECT	CREDIT
A	English 4	1
B	Mathematics 4	1
C	Theology 4	1
D	Physical Ed/Health	.5
	Elective	.5
E	Elective	.5
	Elective	.5
F	Elective	.5
	Elective	.5
G	Elective	.5
	Elective OR Free*	0-.5
H	Elective OR Free*	0-.5
	Elective OR Free*	0-.5

In 2024-2025, all seniors will take European History for 1 credit

*Only 3 semesters of free period permitted

2024-2025 ELECTIVE OFFERINGS

Arts

- Animation
- AP 2-D Art & Design*
- AP Music Theory*
- Ceramics
- Chorus
- Digital Photography
- Film Studies
- Guitar
- History of Rock 'n Roll
- Intro to Theatre
- Jazz Band
- Laser Cutting
- Music Technology
- Piano
- Studio Art
- Video Production

*Full-year elective

All non-AP electives are CP1

Business

- Accounting
- Economics
- Intro to Business
- Marketing

Social Sciences

- AP US Government & Politics*
- AP Psychology*
- Criminology
- Criminology II/Law Enforcement
- Psychology

STEM

- AP Computer Science Principles*
- Robotics

Peer Mentor

Structured Study

- Available to upperclassmen in place of 1 elective/free period each semester

RIDE Requirements

- Civics (CP1)
 - Grade 9
 - 1 semester
- Computer Science (CP1)
 - Grade 10
 - 1 semester
- Financial Literacy (CP1)
 - Grade 11
 - 1 semester
- Any may be taken by upperclassmen as electives for 2024-2025 Academic Year

Physical Ed/Health

- All years
- 1 semester, everyday

Structured Study

- Grade 9
 - Full year, everyday
- Grade 10
 - 1st semester, everyday
- Grades 11-12
 - Available in place of 1 elective/free period each semester for 0 credits

Free Periods

- Grade 11
 - Only 2 semesters permitted
- Grade 12
 - Only 3 semesters permitted

Student Assembly & Elective Fair

March 11, 2024 during long period

- Presentation from School Leadership Team
- Q&A with students
- Students explore the 2024-2025 elective offerings

Family Information Session

March 11, 2024 @ 6:30pm

- Presentation from School Leadership Team
- Q&A with parents, guardians & families
- Elective fair for families

Course Registrations Due

March 12, 2024 during homeroom

- Students select their classes and electives for the 2024-2025 Academic Year

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