

Bedford Central School District Inspiring and Challenging Our Students

FLHS Course Selection Process



FLHS Course Selection Overview

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New courses and electives are a critical component of a successful and thriving high school.

- Student engagement in next generation course opportunities.
- Engaging student voice in what they would like to gain out of their high school experience.
- Opportunities for teachers with unique expertise to grow and share their knowledge.
- Supporting every student in making a meaningful connection to their learning and having their niche.



FLHS Course Selection Timeline



November: Course Proposals

- <u>December</u>: Course Presentations & Catalog Posted
- January: Course Selection Day & Week, Recommendations Issued
- <u>February</u>: Individual Counselor/Student Meetings
- March: Course Overrides Due, Sectioning Begins
- April: Master Scheduling Begins
- May-August: Master Schedule Created, Sectioning Revised & Finalized



FLHS Course Proposals: Process



- Prior Year November: Course Proposals Developed
 - Interdisciplinary Collaborations (e.g. 23-24 Integrated Science, collaboration between Science & Special Education, course designed around the UDL framework with support from Erica Rogan)
 - Intradisciplinary Courses based on Teacher Expertise (e.g. 22-23
 History of Wall Street course taught by an expert in the field)
- November: Coordinators Share Course Proposals with Full HS Cabinet
 - Determinations made on which courses to offer
 - Factors include overlap with other courses, viability and funding, and opportunities for students to access courses.



FLHS Course Proposals: Past 5 Years



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Advanced Fashion Design 3

Animal Behavior

Animation

Animation 2

AP Human Geography

Astronomy

Capstone STEM

Conversational Italian

Eng 4: Writing Intensive

Entrepreneurship

Epidemiology and Public Health

Fashion Design 1

Fashion Design 2

History of Wall Street

Integrated Science

Italian Culture and Language

Outdoor Exploration

Science of Food



FLHS Course Selection: Communication



- Course Catalog
- Class/Department Conversations
- Teacher/Student Conversations
- Course Fair
- Guidance from Counselors
- Guidance Communications / Newsletters
- Word of Mouth



FLHS Course Selection: Selection Day



- Students receive course selection sheets in Course 1.
- 2. Students carry sheets from class to class.
- Teachers provide students a recommendation for next year's courses during each class. Conversations ensue.
- 4. Students indicate courses of interest on their course selection sheet.
- 5. Students return their course selection sheet to the Guidance Department for individual conversations that are to follow.



FLHS: Post Selection Day

- Guidance counselors meet individually with all students
- Open Enrollment: Course overrides are discussed with counselors, teachers, coordinators, and parents
- Student placement verification by guidance and coordinators
- Master schedule process begins

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FAQs:

- What happens when kids can't get their selected courses?
- How do we evaluate new courses?
- After year one, how do we determine which courses run or are discontinued?
- Are courses that do not run reoffered for the following year?

