



# **Welcome to Beechwood High School!**

**7th Grade Orientation  
2025-2026 School Year**

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# Introductions

## Administration:

Mr. Alan Yanke, Principal



Ms. Jana Bromley , Assistant Principal



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# The **B**eechwood Way

We design teaching and learning focused on students.

We build resilient learners and leaders who are fearless in the pursuit of excellence.

We are a uniquely intimate community developing globally competitive students.

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## **We are Learners**

We are fearless.

We pursue excellence.

We are resilient.

We reflect and grow.

## **We are Leaders**

We are safe.

We are respectful.

We are responsible.

We are proud.

*We provide innovative education grounded in tradition.*



## **Schedule/Plan for Tonight:**

1. Group Session in Auditorium 6-6:30
2. College Fair-Style Tables in Atrium
3. Tiger Ambassadors stationed throughout school to help with tours/finding your classrooms



# Communication

- **Weekly Newsletter to Parents: Sent each Sunday night**
- **7th Grade Newsletter**
- **Beechwood Website**
- **District Monthly Newsletter**
- **Social Media: not your first stop for information, mainly for celebrating successes!**

**25-26 district calendar - [HERE](#) - note early release days**

# Communication

**Infinite Campus Parent Portal**-will provide access to your student's grades, discipline, attendance, and homework assignment.

**Cassie Adams (HS office)** is the contact for Parent Portal.  
cassie.adams@beechwood.kyschools.us

Students: Username: Student #  
Password: beechwood1

Parents: Username: first.last  
Password: beechwood1



Download the Infinite Campus Parent Portal app.

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# Google Classroom

*Most classes use Google Classroom:*

- Video lessons
- Post online quizzes and links
- Study guides
- Content reading assignments
- Help reduce makeup work
- Collaboration

\*All students will receive their Chromebook on their 1st day during 1st period.

# **Front Office Staff:**

**Cassie Adams, Secretary**



**Susie Keam, Secretary**



**Stefanie Ruhland, Bookkeeper**



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# Student-Parent Handbook & Code of Conduct

## Attendance Info:

The full attendance procedures can be found in the Student/Parent Handbook starting on page 11.

### **STEPS TO FOLLOW WHEN ABSENT**

A parent or guardian must inform the high school office of the student's absence prior to the start of the school day – PHONE (859-331-1220) or EMAIL ([hs.absent@beechwood.kyschools.us](mailto:hs.absent@beechwood.kyschools.us)).

1. Student's name
2. Date
3. Date of absence(s)
4. Reason for absence

Email Absences/Tardies: [hs.absent@beechwood.kyschools.us](mailto:hs.absent@beechwood.kyschools.us)

Upon return to school the student must provide written documentation of their absence from a parent/guardian or doctor. The initial EMAIL is sufficient unless it is a doctor note. Attendance will be documented in Infinite Campus.

### **MAXIMUM 7 EXCUSED NOTES FROM PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

Students are allowed 7 EXCUSED total absence notes PER YEAR from a parent. The 8th and any subsequent EVENTS (partial day, half day, or whole day) during the same school year shall be considered unexcused, unless the school receives a doctor's note within 48 hours of the absence.

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# Meet your BHS Counselors!



**Mr. Brinkman**  
**Last Names (A-G)**



**Ms. Hetzel**  
**Last Names (H-O)**



**Ms. Minton**  
**Last Names (P-Z)**



# Ways School Counselors Support Students

## **Academic Support:**

- Academic Skill Development
- Improving Grades
- Scheduling and Choosing Classes

## **Career/College Planning Support:**

- Exploring Careers
- College Planning

## **Personal Support:**

- Managing stress
- Issues with friends/peers
- Difficult family situations



# **Places 7th Graders might see us this year!**

**In the Lunchroom :)**

**Classroom Lessons (throughout the year)**


- Career Exploration in [Xello](#)
- SEL Lessons (Sources of Strength)
- Academic Study Skills

**Scheduling Support (February-May)**

**Counseling Small Groups**

**Personal Support (as needed all year)**

# How to contact the Counselors?

- **Students can stop by our Offices**
- **Students can Book an Appointment on BHS Website**
- **Students and Parents can Email us** 
- **Parents can call us**

**\*Contact Info:** [Counseling Page of BHS Website](#)

**Reach out anytime!**

# 7th Grade Core Team

Stephanie Harris, **English**



Celeste Brockett, **Math**



Amie Taphouse, **Seminar**



## 7th Grade Core Team (continued)

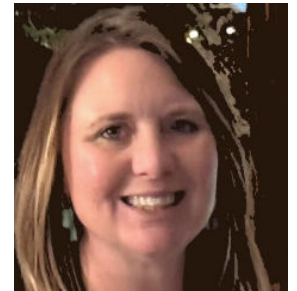
Stacey Maynard, **Social Studies**



Ross Hart, **Health/PE**



Nicole Sparks, **Science**





# Beechwood Gifted and Talented

## Offerings for 7th Grade:

- \*Honors Classes in Language Arts and Math
- \*Classroom Teacher Differentiation
- \*Consultation and Collaborative Services
- \*Middle Grades Enrichment Menu and Google Classroom



**Ashley Ritchie**  
Gifted and Talented  
Coordinator and Teacher





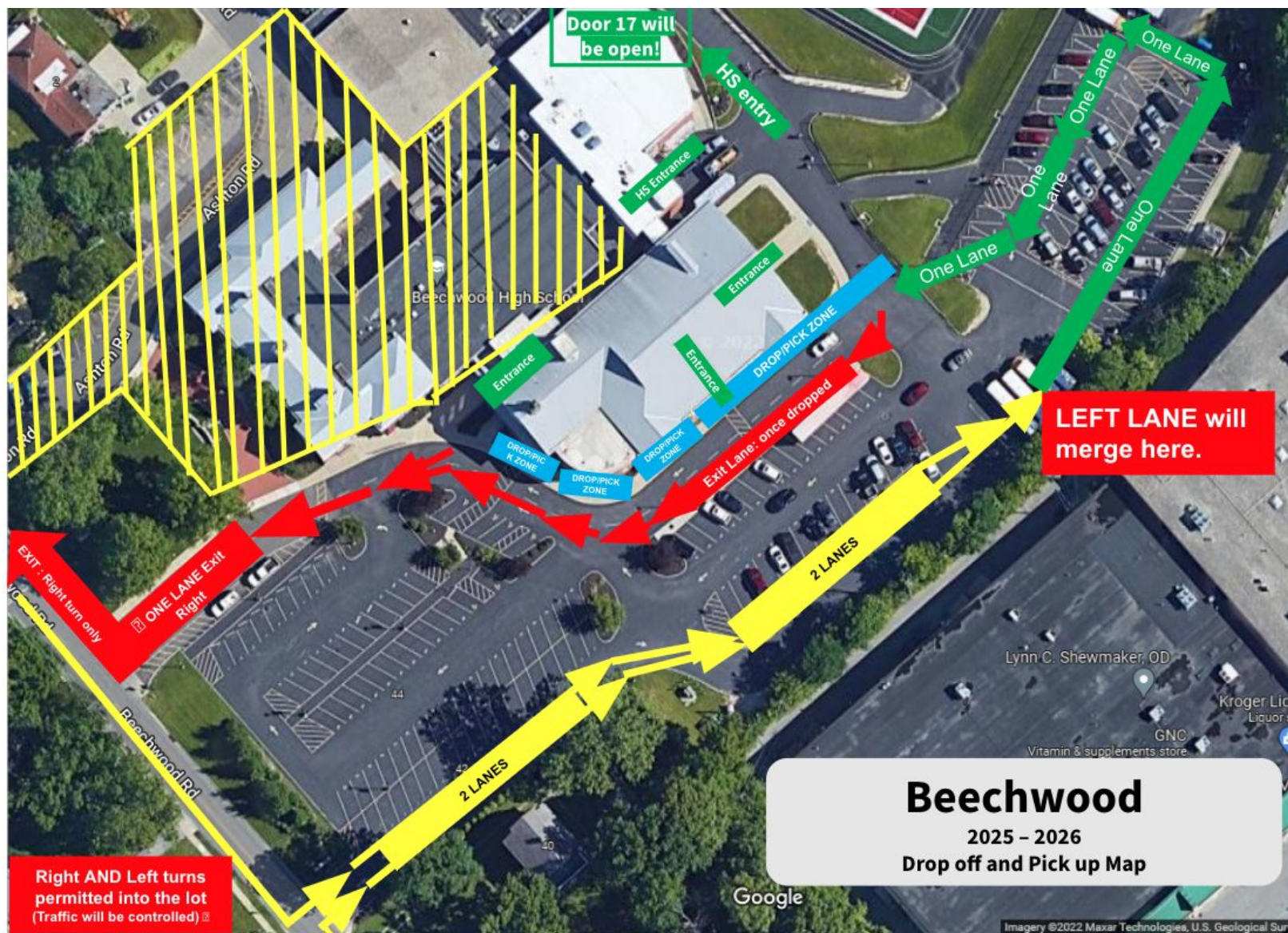
# Arrival to School

- **Doors do not open until 7:20.**
- Students who choose to have breakfast at Beechwood will eat and go to the Varsity Gym between 7:20 and 7:45.
- Students who are not eating breakfast at Beechwood will go directly to the Varsity gym from 7:20 to 7:45.
- At 7:45, students will be allowed to go to their lockers/classrooms.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Period starts at 8:00 am.
  - Students must be in their first period classrooms to not be considered tardy.
  - Announcements will be read over the PA system.
  - Teachers will take attendance.
  - Each class lasts approximately 52 minutes. (7 period day)



# Traffic

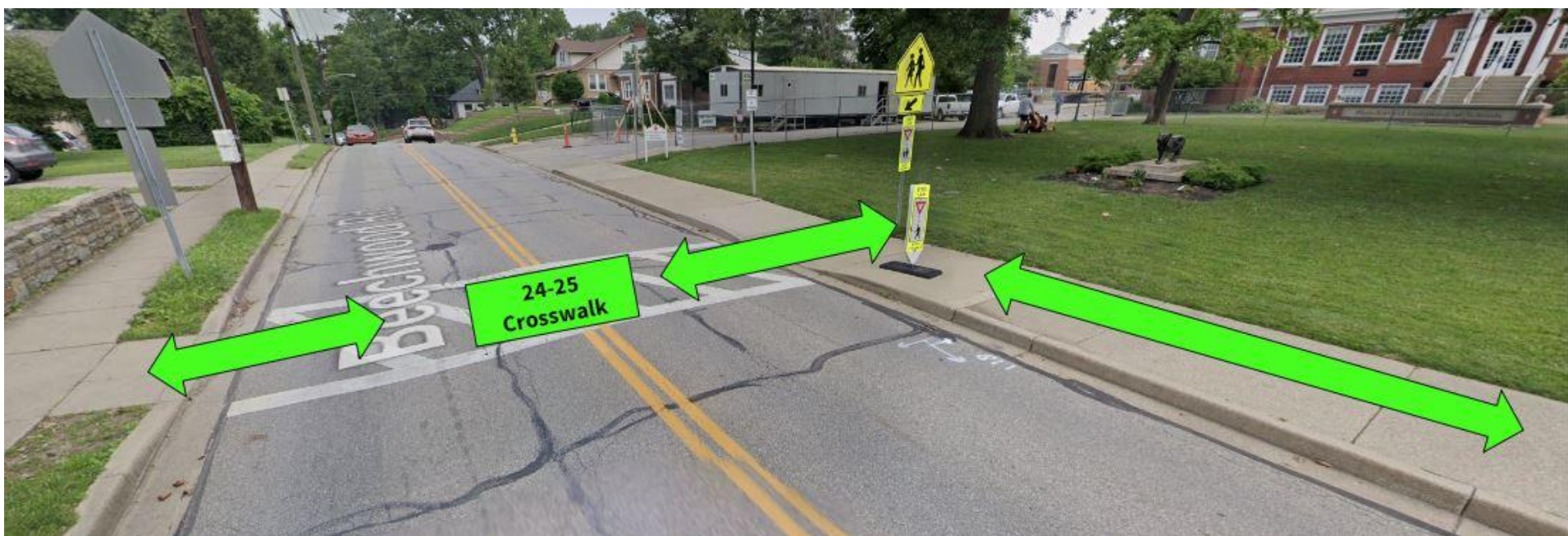
- **Morning Arrival to School/Drop Offs/Walkers/Bikers**
  - HS Drop off 7:20 - 8:00 am
  - ALL Drop offs will have to occur in the Elementary Lot.
- **Walkers/Bikers/Scooters** - *We ask that all families that live within walking/biking distance PLEASE help us out when the weather permits and encourage walking/biking to school. And it's healthy!*
  - Use crosswalk (See map)
  - Enter on the elementary side
- **Kroger Morning Drop off and Parking**
  - Please be considerate of Kroger. They ALLOW us to use their lot to drop off/pick up/park. We appreciate their accommodations so let's all work together to maintain that relationship.
  - Please do NOT drop off in the front of Kroger or in their front lot
- **Afternoon Dismissal/Pickups/Walkers/Bikers/Scooters:**
  - We will dismiss at 3:00 pm.
  - **All pick-ups are to occur in the right-hand lanes along the sidewalks.**



**\*\*No drop off at high school entrance before 8:15**



**Walkers/Scooters:**  
**Use the Crosswalk**  
**Head towards the Tiger**  
**Stay on sidewalks**  
**Enter either side**





# Parents-Getting Involved!

- Serve on SBDM - Elections in May
- Join PTSA
  - Taylor Blessing - President  
([beechwood.pts@beechwood.kyschools.us](mailto:beechwood.pts@beechwood.kyschools.us))
- Volunteer
  - Contact Lori Reed ([lori.reed@beechwood.kyschools.us](mailto:lori.reed@beechwood.kyschools.us))
  - Fill out the background check form & youth leader form
- Parent/Teacher Conferences (no school) - November 3rd
- 25-26 [All Sports Passes](#) – Click on link



# Students-Getting Involved!

## Extracurricular Brochure - [HERE](#)

- Clubs
- Volunteering
- Athletics
- Honor Societies
- Academic Programs
- Music Programs
- Drama Programs
- Rush Week: August 25th - August 29th, 2025

## Incident Reporting (Tiger Tipline):

*The link to the incident reporting form for the 25-26 school year (this is for students, teachers, or parents) will be shared in an upcoming newsletter.*



# Schedules and Course Fees

- Each student should have received a schedule. If you are unable to see your schedule in Infinite Campus, please see the high school office for a hard copy of your schedule.
- Changes to schedules can occur during the first week of school; however, some classes may be full and changes may not be possible.
- Please contact your counselor for any scheduling changes or issues.
- Fees
  - Consumable & Textbook Fees – vary from class to class
    - You will get an email when fees are posted in September.
  - All fees can be paid via the **Infinite Campus Parent Portal**.
  - **Please direct any fee questions to the HS office/Cassie Adams.**



# Beechwood High School Schedule

<b>1st Period</b>	8:00 - 8:54
<b>2nd Period</b>	8:58 - 9:50
<b>3rd Period</b>	9:54 - 10:46
<b>4th Period</b>	10:50 - 11:42
<b>5th Period</b>	11:46 - 1:08
<b>6th Period</b>	1:12 - 2:04
<b>7th Period</b>	2:08 - 3:00

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[District Calendar](#) - Website > Quick Links > 24-25 Calendar

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# Lunch

- Students will go to lunch at an assigned time with their 5th period classes.
- Students who pack will go directly to their lunch seats.
- Students who purchase will be in the assigned cafeteria line and once through the line, will go to their lunch seats.
- Students are responsible for throwing away all trash and cleaning their lunch spot.
- Students in the first two lunches will report directly back to 5th period. Students in the last lunch will go from lunch to 6th period when the bell rings.



# Summer Assignments & Supplies

- Summer Assignments are due on the first day of school unless a different date is listed on the assignment.
- Please bring supplies on the first day of school.
- 7th grade students will have lockers.
- Locker numbers and combinations are in IC (Under MORE in the Menu)
- Any 8th - 12th grade students who want to have a locker will be able to sign up for one via Google Form on the first day of school.
  - *See Mrs. Adams (HS office) with any locker issues.*
- [LINK TO SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS, SUPPLY LISTS, FEES](#)



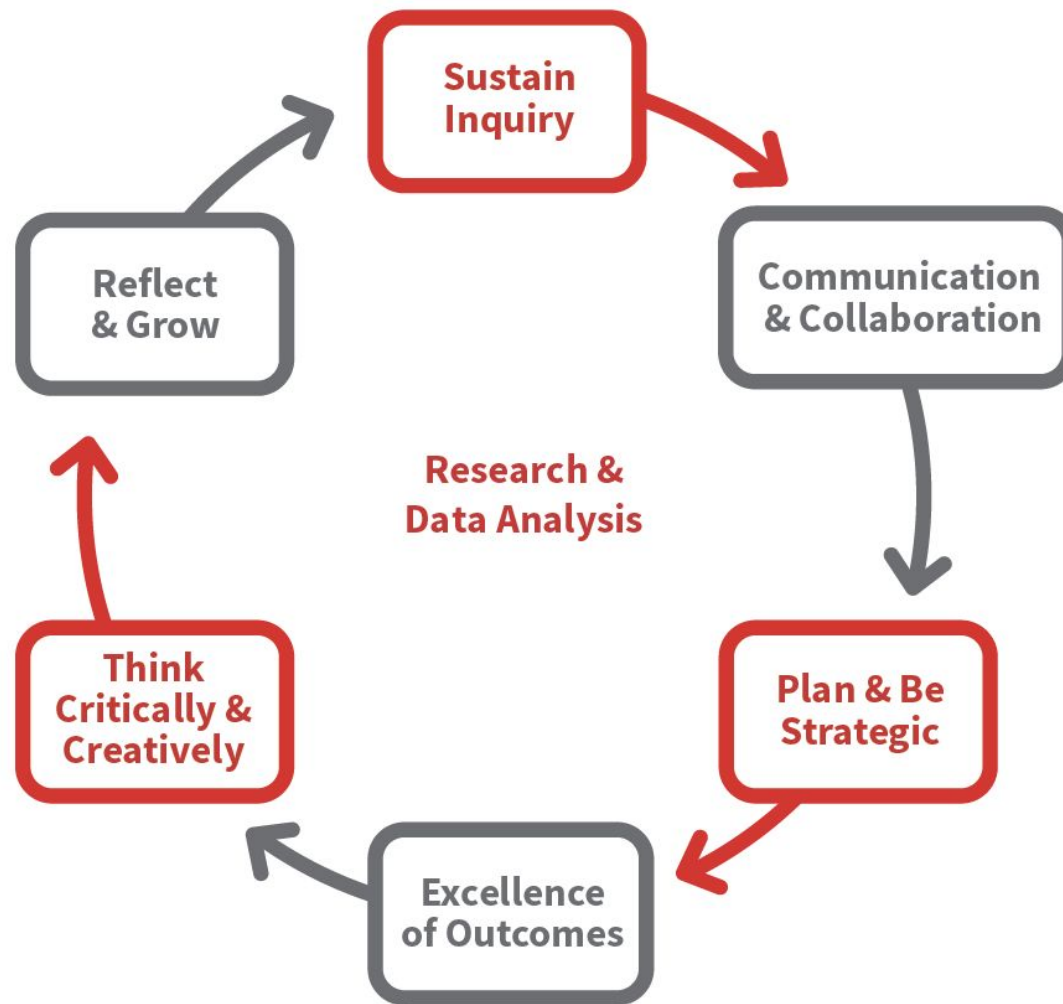
## **Lockers:**

- **All 7th Graders assigned a locker in 300 hallway**
- **Locker number and Combination:**
  - **Parent Portal > Three Lines Icon > More**



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# EDGE Core Concepts





BEECHWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

**EDGE**

## K THROUGH 4th GRADE CORE CONCEPTS

*Defining and Learning the Core Concepts*

## 5th GRADE SEMINAR

*Application and Experience*

## 6th GRADE SEMINAR

*Continued Application and Experience with Defense of Learning*

## 7th & 8th GRADE SEMINAR - SURVEY OF HIGH SCHOOL MINORS

BioMed, Entrepreneurship, Culinary, Media, Engineering, Informatics,  
Performing Arts, Environmental, Fine Arts, and Education

**8TH GRADE DEFENSE OF LEARNING**

## EMBEDDED CORE CONCEPTS

Communicate & Collaborate

Think Critically & Creatively

Reflect & Grow

Plan Strategically

Pursue Excellence of Outcomes

Sustain Inquiry

Research &  
Analyze Data



9TH GRADE: Students may choose a MINOR (4-year course of study)

BIOMED



ENTREPRENEURSHIP



CULINARY



MEDIA



ENGINEERING



INFORMATICS



PERFORMING  
ARTS



ENVIRONMENTAL



FINE ARTS



EDUCATION



SENIOR YEAR

INTERNSHIP | RESEARCH | EARLY COLLEGE/DUAL CREDIT  
*SENIOR DEFENSE OF LEARNING*



**Please call or email with  
questions!**

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## Atrium Tables

Attendance/Infinite Campus Information

Teacher Tables w/ Syllabi and Info

Health Info (Ms. Wethington)

Counselor Tables

Gifted & Talented Table (Ms. Ritchie)

Cafeteria Q's: Ms. Smith

## Checklist for Students

I practiced opening my locker

I introduced myself to at least two of my teachers

I found my counselor's office

I checked the website for summer assignments

I checked the website for supplies I need