

# Sophomore Fact Sheet

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Career Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

## **MINIMUM Graduation Requirements**

- 4 years English
- 4 years social studies
- 3 years math
- 3 years science
- 1 credit foreign language
- 1 credit in art **or** music
- ½ credit in health
- 2 credits in physical ed.
- 22.5 credits
- \_\_\_ Integrated Algebra
- \_\_\_ Science regents exam
- Global History regents exam
- English regents exam\*
- US History regents exam\*
- Sequence requirements (for an Advanced Regents Diploma)

Students who entered grade 9 in Sept. 2010 must score a minimum of 65 on all of the five required regents exams in order to graduate.

**22.5 credits are required for graduation.**

Credits Earned: \_\_\_\_\_

Credits In Currently: \_\_\_\_\_

Diploma working toward \_\_\_\_\_

**Advanced Regents Diploma:** The additional regents exams required for an Advanced Regents Diploma are: a 2<sup>nd</sup> Science regents exam, a Foreign Language regents exam (or 5 unit sequence), the Geometry and Algebra 2/Trigonometry regents exams.

**Current grades:** Review transcript, progress reports, report cards.

\*\*Current averages in this year's math class will determine next year's math course.

**Summer School:** Your current year final grade is averaged with your summer school average to determine overall final grade for the course in summer school.

**Regents Exams:** Visit [www.regentsprep.org](http://www.regentsprep.org) to study for Regents Exams.

State Exams/Regents Exams to take/retake January: \_\_\_\_\_

June: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Attendance Policy:**

Mohonasen High School can withhold credit from a student who misses more that 12 days of a full year course or 6 days of a half-year course. There will be repeated warnings, but ultimately the responsibility lies with you to be in class on time, consistently, and to be prepared.

**Guidance Resources/Website Sheet:** [www.mohonasen.org](http://www.mohonasen.org) . The entire Career & College Guide for Students and Parents is on the HS Guidance website as well as local scholarship and college visit information. Another resource that you can use to research careers, your work values, and colleges that meet your criteria is [www.guidancedirect.com](http://www.guidancedirect.com) School ID: 0459359 and Password: M86S8085. There is an Interest Profiler, and occupation and college search sections. Collegeboard.com has SAT prep, college searching and other important information. Use the website sheet to search for/complete career information, college searches and financial aid information and forms, as well as scholarship searching.

**College Entrance Exams:** The Plan, which is the practice for the ACT, was offered in November. The PSAT, practice for the SAT, will be offered in October 2012 at Mohonasen. The SAT and ACT are taken in May and/or June of your junior year at another school. Be aware of registration deadlines! Visit [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) for SAT information, practice, and registration and [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) for ACT information. Registration materials are also available in the Counseling and Career Center. SAT prep software is available in the library and computer labs. SAT prep courses are usually available through SCCC or Bryant and Stratton.

- ❖ **Any student with 504 or IEP accommodations must file an application with Ms. Mallon (Rm 21) by May in order to use accommodations on the PSAT in October of next year.**

**SAT Subject Tests:** are subject-based achievement exams and it is appropriate to take them at the end of or completion of the particular course. This is recommended if your average is a solid B or better in the course. SAT Subject Tests are sometimes required if you plan to major in science, engineering or pre-professional fields. Refer to college entrance requirements on college websites for more details. **SOME MAJORS AND/OR COLLEGES REQUIRE THEM!**

**Scholarships:** Use [guidancedirect.com](http://guidancedirect.com), the website list and check the scholarship board in the Counseling & Career Center for those you qualify for and to learn about those for the future! Be aware of deadlines! Also keep in mind that teachers from every grade level are on the Scholarship Committee - so show them your best all the time! Search online sites listed on website sheet (i.e.: [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com) and [cappex.com](http://cappex.com)).

**Recommendations:** Are required by most colleges and scholarships. They typically want recommendations from junior or senior year teachers. Again, keep in mind that the teachers you have today will be the teachers you need a recommendation for when applying to Honor Society next fall.

**Course Selection for next year:** Discuss courses to take next year. Course Registration will take place in mid January.

**AP/HONORS courses:** There is an application process for these courses occurring in February. Please adhere to the application deadlines to be considered. The criteria that typically are looked at are grades, attendance, teacher recommendations, and a writing sample.

**CTE (Votec) Visitation:** On Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012, groups of interested sophomores will spend time at the Albany CTE Center (Votec) to visit the program in which they are interested. Sign up and parent permission are required in to the CC&C by January 27th.

Program of interest: \_\_\_\_\_ This visit is **mandatory** for any interested students. Participation in CTE (Votec) is not guaranteed. Criteria includes: attending the CTE visit, good school attendance, no disciplinary infractions, good academic standing and space availability. Students who pass their courses during the year will be given preference over those who need to go to summer school.

**Internships:** This is a big commitment - 108 hours of unpaid internship experience. Around April, morning announcements will alert you to when applications are available and when they are due. You **MUST** apply this spring for an internship next year. There are 4 internship programs. There is an Early Childhood Education Internship where you are placed in an Elementary or Middle School and CEIP Internship Programs for The Trading Post (school store), First NY Credit Union (banking) and outside placements in a career of your choice. Placement in this last program is contingent upon students finding their own internship site. Only one credit may be earned through an internship.