

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**

Students who entered grade 9 in Sept. 2008 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 2nd Science regents exam, a Foreign Language regents exam*, 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 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 than 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. The entire Career & College Guide for Students and Parents is on the HS Guidance website as well as local scholarship and college visit information. Some other resources that you can use to research careers, your work values, and colleges that meet your criteria are CHOICES (on school computers) and www.bridges.com. There is an Interest Profiler and college search section. 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 October. The PSAT, practice for the SAT, will be offered in October 2010 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 for SAT information, practice, and registration and 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 Union College.

- ❖ **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 CHOICES, bridges.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).

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 may be the teachers you need a recommendation from your senior year.

Course Selection for next year:

LISTEN to morning announcements for changes in scheduling options, such as classes added. Many courses have pre-requisite averages from previous courses taken in order to be eligible to take them.

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.

VOTEC Visitation: On Thursday, January 28th, 2010, **during regents week**, groups of interested sophomores will spend time at the Albany VOTEC center to visit the program in which they are interested. Sign up and parent permission are required in to the CC&C by January 15th.

Program of interest: _____ This visit is **mandatory** for any interested students. Participation in Votec is not guaranteed. Criteria includes attendance at the Votec 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.