

# Counselors' Corner

Welcome to the first edition of the *Counselors' Corner*. Now, through the end of your student's senior year, you will periodically receive this newsletter in an effort to keep you updated on important information from the BHS Guidance Office.

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**Upcoming Events:**

**10/18/17**- Parent Teacher Conferences  
BHS 5:00p.m.—8:00p.m.

**10/19/17**- Parent Teacher Conferences  
BHS 8:00 a. m. — 8:00 p.m.

**10/27/17** - End of 1st Nine Weeks

**11/22-24/17**- Thanksgiving Break

**12/20/17—1/2/17**- Winter Break



## What does a School Counselor provide?

The school counselors will be meeting with Freshman students in the upcoming weeks in their Modern World History classes. During our meetings, we will explain the role of a school counselor, which is to provide support for students in three main areas:

**Academics**

**Personal/Social Issues**

**Career/Post-High School Planning**

Some additional points of emphasis during our discussions will be: the importance of getting off to a good start, how to be successful and what to do if they're not successful.

It is vital for freshmen to get off to a good start this year. The freshman year is the foundation for their high school career, and it will have an impact on the opportunities that they will have beyond high school. Most underclassmen don't realize that they'll be applying for college in the fall of their senior year. Thus, their academic record (transcript) will only consist of their freshman, sophomore and junior years. Attempting to recover from a slow start can be very challenging and often leads to limited opportunities after graduation.

How can students be successful? First and foremost, it is critical for students to attend school regularly. Missing school can cause added stress and lead to discouraging results. Homework is another critical piece that needs to be completed for students to be successful. Setting goals, improving study skills, and getting involved in a club, activity or sport are additional steps that successful students take.

What can students do if they're not successful? The first step for struggling students is to speak with their teacher(s). Additionally, students can see their school counselor for help and ideas for improvement. Tutoring services are available during students' scheduled study halls. Students interested in tutoring services should see their school counselor in the guidance office.

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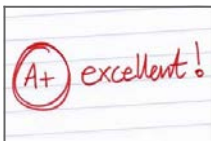
## **Bellevue High School Graduation Requirements**

Students are required to complete 20 units that are designed to prepare students for college and the workforce. These courses are called the Ohio Core. Bellevue City Schools requires additional units be earned for graduation. The course requirements for graduation are:



| <b><u>Subject</u></b>              | <b><u>Requirements</u></b>  |
|------------------------------------|---|
| English                            | 4 credits   |
| Mathematics                        | 4 credits<br>which includes Algebra II  |
| Science                            | 3 credits<br>which includes a physical science and Biology  |
| Social Studies                     | 3 credits<br>Modern World History 1 credit<br>Modern American History 1 credit<br>Government & Economics 1 credit |
| Health                             | ½ credit  |
| Physical Education                 | ½ credit  |
| Business and/or Technology         | 1 credit  |
| Fine Arts and/or<br>World Language | 1 credit  |
| Career & College Readiness         | ½ credit  |
|                                    |   |
| Electives                          | 5 ½ credits   |
|                                    |   |
| Credits to Graduate                | 23  |

## **Testing Info**



The Ohio Department of Education has adopted new graduation requirements for the Class of 2018 and beyond. Currently, students will take End of Course exams in the following subjects: English I, Algebra I, Biology, American History, English II, Geometry, and American Government. Students will earn a rating of 1-5 on each test and must accumulate a minimum total score of 18.

Students can also qualify for graduation if they earn a remediation-free score on a national college admission test or earn an approved industry-recognized credential *and* achieve a workforce-readiness score on a related job skills assessment.