

Post Secondary Planning Night

Presented by:

**The MacArthur Guidance and Counseling
Department**

December 3, 2024

MacArthur HS

Counselor Caseloads

Grade 9 - Class of 2028

- ▶ Ms. Hammer (A-Al)
- ▶ Ms. Sharkey (Am-C)
- ▶ Mr. Conaghan (D-He)
- ▶ Ms. McNerney (Hi-Ma)
- ▶ Ms. Mirando (Mc-Pe)
- ▶ Ms. Bernard (Pi-Sh)
- ▶ Ms. Phillips (Si-Z)

Grade 10 - Class of 2027

- ▶ Ms. Hammer (A-Al)
- ▶ Ms. Sharkey (Am-C)
- ▶ Mr. Conaghan (D-Hec)
- ▶ Ms. McNerney (Hef-L)
- ▶ Ms. Mirando (M-O)
- ▶ Ms. Bernard (P-Sc)
- ▶ Ms. Phillips (Se-Z)

Levittown Graduation Requirements

- ▶ **Minimum 22.0 credits required for graduation**
- ▶ **Regents exam requirements**
- ▶ **Advanced Regents vs. Regents Diploma**
- ▶ **Beginning with the Class of 2027 students must pass a .5 credit Financial Literacy Course required for graduation**



UPDATED GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS 2024-2025



FINANCIAL LITERACY



Students will be required to take a half-credit elective course in financial literacy. The course, Financial Literacy & Readiness, will be open to students in grades 10-12. Beginning with the Class of 2027, all students need to meet this requirement for graduation.

SCHEDULING



Students in grades 9-11 will be scheduled for 9 periods a day. Seniors will be scheduled at a **MINIMUM** for 5 periods plus physical education beginning in the 2024-2025 school year.

RESEARCH



A new required research continuum for grades 9-12 will be embedded into the English curriculum to replace the previously required standalone interdisciplinary research paper beginning in the 2024-2025 school year.

NUMBER OF CREDITS



The Levittown School District will be fully aligned with the New York State Education Department's requirement for the number of credits needed to graduate high school in NYS.

Required Courses for Graduation

22 Credits Minimum

to graduate with Levittown Diploma

Regents Diploma

Subject	Credits
English	4.0
Soc. Studies	4.0
Math	3.0
Science	3.0
LOTE	1.0
Art/Music	1.0
Health	0.5
Fin Literacy	0.5
Phys Ed	2.0
+ Electives	

Adv. Regents Diploma

Subject	Credits
English	4.0
Soc. Studies	4.0
Math	3.0
Science	3.0
LOTE	3.0
Art/Music	1.0
Health	0.5
Fin Literacy	0.5
Phys Ed	2.0
+Electives	

Graduation Regents Exam Requirements

Subject	Advanced Regents Diploma	Regents Diploma
English	1 Regents	1 Regents
Math	Algebra I CC Geometry CC Algebra II CC *Mastery in Math seal	Algebra I CC
Science	1 Life Science <u>AND</u> 1 Physical Setting *Mastery in Science seal	1 Life Science <u>OR</u> 1 Physical Setting
US History	1 Regents	1 Regents
Global History	1 Regents	1 Regents
LOTE	Checkpoint B	Checkpoint A
Total	8 Regents + Checkpoint B	5 Regents

College Admissions

The 5 Key Components for Successful Admission Applications

Official High School Transcript

Standardized Test Scores

Activities Resume

Letters of Recommendation

Personal Statement/Essay

High School Transcript

- ▶ Rigor in course selection
- ▶ Academic growth over entire high school career
- ▶ Consistency in grades or upward progression
- ▶ Cumulative GPA (Through end of junior year)
- ▶ Weighted grades (AP's/College Credit/Honors courses)
- ▶ Senior year course selection

College Entrance Exams

SAT vs. ACT

SAT Digital Exam (as of March 2024)

- ▶ 2 hours and 15 minutes
- ▶ Measures Reading & Writing and Math
- ▶ Composite score ranges from 400-1600.
- ▶ \$60.00 per exam
- ▶ Go to: www.collegeboard.org for more information

ACT Exam

- ▶ 3 hours + 40 minute essay (optional)
- ▶ Measures Reading, English, Science, and Math
- ▶ Composite score ranges from 1-36.
- ▶ \$68.00/\$93.00 w essay
- ▶ Go to: www.actstudent.org for more information

SAT Changes (Beginning March 2024)

What is staying the same?

- ▶ Composite score ranges from 400-1600.
- ▶ Measures Reading & Writing and Math
- ▶ Taken at a controlled facility

What is changing?

- ▶ Fully digital
 - ▶ Personal or school device
- ▶ 2 hours
- ▶ Calculators can be used for entire math section
- ▶ Faster delivery of scores
- ▶ Every test is unique

Digital SAT FAQ's:

<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/digital/faq>

SAT's & ACT's Continued

- ▶ **Since the COVID Pandemic many colleges have continued their test optional policies but that information is specific to colleges and updated yearly.**
- ▶ **We recommend that students take at least one test beginning in their Junior year to give them options.**
- ▶ **Most Colleges will “superscore” or combine the highest grade on each section from different test dates**
- ▶ **Test optional policies are different at each college campus. When the time comes it is important to research this question at all perspective colleges.**

PSAT/NMSQT

(Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test)
(National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)

- ▶ Test includes Evidence Based Reading and Writing and Math sections
- ▶ Digital version began this fall (2023)
- ▶ Exam offered once a year in October
- ▶ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test for 11th graders
- ▶ Test length approx. 2 hours
- ▶ Registration letter mailed home in the fall
- ▶ \$30.00 cost (in 2023) to take PSAT exam

Activities Resume

- ▶ **Extracurricular activities**
(in school and outside of school)
- ▶ **Community Service**
- ▶ **Athletics/Musical Talents**
- ▶ **Awards and Recognitions**
- ▶ **Work/Summer Experiences**
- ▶ **Leadership**
- ▶ **Start filling out the resume worksheet to begin to build your college resume!**

***It is important to emphasize QUALITY, NOT QUANTITY**

Student Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

HONORS/AWARDS	GRADE				DESCRIPTION
	9	10	11	12	

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	GRADE				HRS PER WK/YR	POSITION/RESPONSIBILITIES
	9	10	11	12		

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES	GRADE				HRS PER WK/YR	POSITION/RESPONSIBILITIES
	9	10	11	12		

This is a worksheet to organize your activity list.
*****CREATE your own document*****

ATHLETICS	GRADE				HRS PER WK/YR	POSITION/RESPONSIBILITIES
	9	10	11	12		

EMPLOYMENT/ VOLUNTEER WORK	GRADE				HRS PER WK/YR	POSITION/RESPONSIBILITIES
	9	10	11	12		

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Student Name: _____

ACTIVITY SHEET

	9th	10th	11th	12th	Description
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES					
Jr. Mathletes	X				Participated in monthly competitions; solved college level math problems under timed conditions
Key Club	X	X	X	X	Collected supplies/food for homeless at King Kullen, attended several charity walks, and collected donations for UNICEF
Autism Awareness Club			X	X	Decorated school building to spread awareness
Yearbook Club				X	Photographer for class of 2017 Yearbook
Environmental Club			X	X	Worked the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center Kan Jam fundraiser
HONORS & AWARDS					
National Honor Society			X	X	For students who excel in academics; actively involved in honors and AP classes; must have a 90+ overall average
World Language Honor Society			X	X	For students devoted to their second language class; meets monthly; donates to needy charities
Platinum/Gold Renaissance Card Holder	X	X	X	X	An academic recognition for maintaining a 90+ average every quarter; must be in NHS to receive a platinum card
All County Band	X	X			Chosen to perform with students from Nassau County who excelled at NYSSMA; played under the direction of experienced conductors
LEADERSHIP					
Class Office (Recording Secretary)	X				Took notes at monthly meetings; designed class apparel; served food at Junior Prom
Tri-M Music Honor (President)		X	X	X	For students who excel at music; must participate in NYSSMA and receive a score of 93 or higher; raises money for music dep.
Theater Honor Society (Secretary)		X	X	X	For students actively involved in the drama dept.; must have taken one theater class

Student Name: _____

Peer Leader				X	Chosen to be an example for incoming freshman; meets with a select group monthly to discuss their transition
COMMUNITY SERVICE					
Breast Cancer Walk	X				
East Broadway Picnic	X	X	X		Helped out at elementary school's picnic; served food; set/cleaned up
Camp Invention				X	Volunteered at a camp held in school district; was in charge of a specific group; 50+ hours
OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES					
Dance	X	X	X	X	14 years of dance experience (tap, ballet, lyrical); selected to be in production numbers
NYSSMA	X	X	X	X	Festival for musicians to be graded on a song they prepared; have performed all levels; auditioned for all-state
WORK EXPERIENCE					
Mid Island Y JCC Camp		X			Worked in the theater program all summer; prepared campers for a musical performance
Babysitting	X	X	X		
Long Island Puppet Theater					Performed at little kid's birthday parties; dressed up as different characters
BJ's Wholesale Club				X	Work as a cashier; restock store



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[Kindergarten 2024-2025 Package Requests](#) - Packages go out January, 2024 - If you are in Universal Pre-K you do not have to request a package. If you have any questions, please contact Arlene Mege, Registrar, 516-434-7058 or by e-mail

Calendar

SAT Exam @DAHS

& MacArthur

Sat, Dec 2, 2023

7:45am

1st Marking Period

Report Cards

Available Online,

Elementary

Tue, Dec 5, 2023

12:00pm

Board of

Education Regular

Meeting @LMEC

Wed, Dec 6, 2023

7:30pm

[Hannukah Begins](#)



Parent Square

What is ParentSquare? All you need to know about this new way of communication.

Pumpkin Character Projects With Ms. Kissane's 4th Graders

The fourth graders in Ms. Kissane's class had a great time creating their pumpkin characters! Students read a book and designed a pumpkin based on a character in their story.



[Levittown Public Schools Fall 2023 Newsletter](#)

[Who Do I Contact With A Question or Concern?](#)

[2024-2025 Academic Course Catalog](#)



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School Resources

Student Resources

Assignments

Parent Resources



Virtual Locker



MacArthur Athletics
YouTube Channel



LIVE GAMES!

The Guidance Portfolio

Clubs and Activities

G.C. Tech Bus Schedule

Equity Team Application

Don't Text and Drive Contract

Driver Education Information

Academic Course Catalog

Method Learning SAT and ACT Test
Prep. Courses

Method SAT Test Prep Dates

General 9th Grade School Supply List



MacArthur Fall
Flocking A Friend
Order Form

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Driver Education
Information

Calendar

SAT Exam @DAHS &
MacArthur
Sat, Dec 2, 2023 7:45am

MacArthur Cap and Gown
Sales
Tue, Dec 5, 2023 9:30am -
1:00pm @ Auditorium Lobby

1st Marking Period Report
Cards Available Online,
Elementary
Tue, Dec 5, 2023 12:00pm

MacArthur Club Illuminate
Meeting
Wed, Dec 6, 2023 2:30pm @
Room 200A

Board of Education Regular
Meeting @J MEC

College, University Teams



School Resources Student Resources Summer Assignments Parent Resources

- MacArthur High School Overview
- Faculty and Staff
- MacArthur Calendar of Events
- Salk / MacArthur Virtual Locker
- Library Media Center
- Business Department
- Guidance Department
- Bell Schedule and Delayed Opening Schedule
- Calculator Agreement Form
- School News
- MacArthur Videos
- Game Schedules
- Renaissance Program

2024-2025 Academic Course Catalog	Cap and Gown Ordering Information	MacArthur Fall Flocking A Friend Order Form
Game Schedules	Digital SAT/PSAT Parent Letter Carta digital para padres SAT/PSAT	Driver Education Information

Athletes Sign To College, University Teams



signing their commitments to play for their future college or university.

MacArthur Science Research Presenters Win at Middle States

Congratulations to MacArthur

Calendar

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- Hannukah Begins at Sundown
Thu, Dec 7, 2023
- Pearl Harbor Day

NCAA – College Athletics

- ▶ **Any student who plans to play a Division I or II sport in college must register with the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association)**
- ▶ **NCAA recalculates your GPA (Grade Point Average) based on required core courses (academic courses)**
- ▶ **For Division I students must earn a minimum of 2.3 Core Course GPA, that translates to an approximate 78% GPA**
- ▶ **Important to communicate with your guidance counselor, as our school must send your HS transcript**
- ▶ **SAT and/or ACT test scores are no longer required for the NCAA, however students must also meet the admissions requirements for the college they plan to attend**
- ▶ **Visit <http://www.ncaa.org/> for more information**

Division I Academic Standards

Division I schools require you to meet academic standards. To be eligible to practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship in your first year of full-time enrollment, you must meet the following requirements:



1. Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the following areas:

ENGLISH	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)	EXTRA (English, math or science)	SOCIAL SCIENCE	OTHER Any area listed to the left or courses listed in additional discipline (world language, comparative religion or philosophy)
4 years	3 years	2 years	1 year	2 years	4 years

2. Complete your 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in eight academic semesters or four consecutive academic years from the start of ninth grade. If you graduate from high school early, you still must meet core-course requirements.
3. Complete 10 of your 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits, including seven in English, math or science, before the start of your seventh semester. Once you begin your seventh semester, any course needed to meet the 10/7 requirement cannot be replaced or repeated.
4. Earn a minimum 2.3 **core-course GPA**.
5. Ask your high school counselor to upload your **final official transcript** with proof of graduation to your Eligibility Center account.

EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

If you meet **specific criteria** after six semesters of high school, you may be deemed an early academic qualifier for Division I and may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of full-time enrollment.

QUALIFIER

You may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of full-time enrollment.

ACADEMIC REDSHIRT

You may practice during your first regular academic term and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of full-time enrollment but may NOT compete during your first year of full-time enrollment. You must pass either eight quarter or nine semester hours to practice in the next term.

NONQUALIFIER

You will not be able to practice, compete or receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of full-time enrollment.



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REGISTER

- » If you haven't yet, **register** for a free Profile Page account at eligibilitycenter.org for information on NCAA initial-eligibility requirements.
- » Use NCAA Research's **interactive map** to help locate NCAA schools you're interested in attending.
- » Find your high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses at eligibilitycenter.org/counselist to ensure you're taking the right courses, and earn the best grades possible!

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PLAN

- » If you're being actively recruited by an NCAA school and have a Profile Page account, **transition** it to the required **certification account**.
- » Monitor the **task list** in your NCAA Eligibility Center account for next steps.
- » At the end of the school year, ask your high school counselor from each school you attend to upload an official transcript to your Eligibility Center account.
- » If you fall behind academically, ask your high school counselor for help finding **approved courses** you can take.

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STUDY

- » Ensure your **sports participation** information is correct in your Eligibility Center account.
- » Check with your high school counselor to make sure you're on track to complete the required number of NCAA-approved **core courses** and graduate on time with your class.
- » Share your **NCAA ID** with NCAA schools recruiting you so each school can place you on its **institutional request list**.
- » At the end of the school year, ask your high school counselor from each school you attend to upload an official transcript to your Eligibility Center account.

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GRADUATE

- » **Request your final amateurism certification** beginning April 1 (fall enrollees) or Oct. 1 (winter/spring enrollees) in your Eligibility Center account at eligibilitycenter.org.
- » Apply and be accepted to the NCAA school you plan to attend.
- » Complete your final NCAA-approved **core courses** as you prepare for graduation.
- » After you graduate, ask your high school counselor to upload your final **official transcript** with proof of graduation to your Eligibility Center account.

How to plan your high school courses to meet the 16 core-course requirement:

$$4 \times 4 = 16$$

9th GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or other

4 CORE COURSES

10th GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or other

4 CORE COURSES

11th GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or other

4 CORE COURSES

12th GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or other

4 CORE COURSES

CONTACT THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

U.S. and Canada (except Quebec):
877-262-1492 (toll free), Monday-Friday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time
International (including Quebec):
on.ncaa.com/IntlContact



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Freshman Year Timeline

- ▶ **Individual scheduling appointment – Jan/Feb**
- ▶ **Continue to work hard in your classes (everything counts)**
- ▶ **Select courses that are appropriately challenging for you**
- ▶ **Get involved in activities and/or sports and community service efforts**
- ▶ **Prepare for end of year exams**
- ▶ **Summer – READ, READ, READ, complete any necessary summer assignments and engage in meaningful activities**

Sophomore Year Timeline

- ▶ **Review course catalog online in December**
- ▶ **Meet with your counselor between Jan-February to plan following year courses**
- ▶ **Continue to take appropriately challenging classes, study and do well in them**
- ▶ **Continue to get involved in extracurricular activities and consider running for office when able (leadership roles)**
- ▶ **Consider getting involved with community service and/or continue these efforts**
- ▶ **Introduction to Naviance and complete Career Interest Inventory with counselors in spring**

Junior Year Timeline

▶ In the Fall....

- ▶ Attend College Fairs
- ▶ Register & Take PSAT
- ▶ Continue to monitor your grades & participate in extra-curricular activities
- ▶ Prepare & Register for SAT/ACT

▶ In the Winter...

- ▶ Take SAT/ACT exams
- ▶ Prepare a challenging schedule for senior year
- ▶ Attend College Information Night
- ▶ Junior College Planning Meeting with your Counselor

▶ In the Spring...

- ▶ Attend NCA/WSCA College Fairs
- ▶ Research and visit college campuses
- ▶ Take SAT/ACT exams
- ▶ Consider who you will request to write your recommendation letters & ask 1-2 teachers for recommendation
- ▶ Review essay prompts on the Common Application

Senior Year Timeline

▶ During the Summer...

- ▶ Register to take SAT/ACT in fall
- ▶ Finalize your college list & be aware of admissions deadlines
- ▶ Complete draft of college essay

▶ In the Fall....

- ▶ Meet with your counselor & Follow up with your teachers who are writing recs.
- ▶ Send your SAT/ACT scores directly to colleges (if necessary)
- ▶ Complete your college essay
- ▶ File for financial aid
- ▶ Submit your applications

▶ In the Winter....

- ▶ Submit mid year grades to colleges

▶ In the Spring...

- ▶ College admissions decisions released
- ▶ By May 1st - deposit required
- ▶ Throughout senior year, remember to research & apply for scholarships and continue to monitor your grades!

2025-2026

Course Scheduling

- ▶ Course catalog available on the MacArthur website and in Parent Square
- ▶ 9th, 10 & 11th grade students will input initial course requests online
 - ▶ Portal will be open from December 11th – December 22nd
 - ▶ Counselors will visit English classes beginning the week of December 11th to assist students with this process
- ▶ After the portal closes, each student will have an individual scheduling conference with their counselor between January and February
- ▶ Students should take a challenging academic program that is appropriate
- ▶ Ask your teacher and/or counselor for feedback on course levels – AP and honors courses
- ▶ Course requests will be available to view on the parent portal on February 9th
- ▶ Deadline to make any changes to course requests for the 2024-25 school year is February 16, 2024

MacArthur Guidance and Counseling Department - Programs and Events for High School Students

Grade 9

- ▶ Counselor introductions (September)
- ▶ Post Secondary Planning Night (Nov/Dec)
- ▶ Review graduation requirements/scheduling options (as needed)
- ▶ Individual scheduling appointment (Jan/Feb)
- ▶ Meetings to discuss academic progress, social, emotional concerns (as needed)

Grade 10

- ▶ PSAT Exam (October)
- ▶ Post Secondary Planning Night (Nov/Dec)
- ▶ Review graduation requirements/scheduling options (as needed)
- ▶ Individual scheduling appointment (Jan/Feb)
- ▶ Meetings to discuss academic progress, social, emotional concerns (as needed)
- ▶ Naviance Career Interest Activity

MacArthur Guidance and Counseling Department - Programs and Events for High School Students

Grade 11

- ▶ PSAT Exam (October)
- ▶ Review graduation requirements/scheduling options (as needed)
- ▶ Individual scheduling appointment (Jan/Feb)
- ▶ District wide College Planning Night (February)
- ▶ Individual junior conference (March/April)

Grade 12

- ▶ Individual senior meetings for post-secondary planning (on going throughout the fall)
- ▶ District wide Financial Aid Night (Sept/October)
- ▶ Mini College Fairs (during school day in Sept/Oct)
- ▶ On Site Admissions Program (Nov/Dec)
- ▶ Senior Graduation Exit Summary (March/April)
- ▶ Senior Awards Night (June)