

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

NOTE TO STUDENTS:

This guide has been designed to help you and your parents plan your high school program while attending Fulton High School. It is important that you seek the help of parents, teachers, counselors, and principals in planning an educational program to fit your individual needs. Each student should strive to get the best preparation out of his or her time in high school to be successful in the world of work, technical school, or college.

DEFINITIONS:

- 1. SCHOOL YEAR:** A school year consists of two semesters, which includes four quarters.
- 2. UNIT OF CREDIT:** A unit of credit is the measure of school credit. One-half unit of credit may be earned by satisfactorily completing the work in a subject each semester. The credit of each subject is published in the course description section.
- 3. PREREQUISITE:** This refers to the requirements and courses that must be met, and or completed, before taking certain courses.
- 4. REQUIRED SUBJECTS:** Subjects, which must be completed to qualify for a Fulton High School diploma.
- 5. ELECTIVE:** Subjects, which may be chosen by the student.
- 6. CORE:** Subjects, which fulfill in part, a college preparation curriculum.
- 7. GRADE POINT AVERAGE:** GPA is based on semester grades from Grade 9 to the present. Courses are graded on the following scale:

| <u>Percentage</u> | <u>Grade</u> | <u>GPA</u> | <u>Percentage</u> | <u>Grade</u> | <u>GPA</u> |
|-------------------|--------------|------------|-------------------|--------------|------------|
| 96.5 – 100 | A+ | 4.00 | 76.5 – 79.4 | C+ | 2.25 |
| 92.5 – 96.4 | A | 4.00 | 72.5 – 76.4 | C | 2.00 |
| 89.5 – 92.4 | A- | 3.75 | 69.5 – 72.4 | C- | 1.75 |
| 86.5 – 89.4 | B+ | 3.25 | 66.5 – 69.4 | D+ | 1.25 |
| 82.5 – 86.4 | B | 3.00 | 62.5 – 66.5 | D | 1.00 |
| 79.5 – 82.4 | B- | 2.75 | 59.5 – 62.4 | D- | 0.75 |
| | | | 59.4 – 00.0 | F | 0.00 |

- 8. CLASS RANK:** A student's rank is based on cumulative GPA's of all students in a class.
- 9. ILLINOIS VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL (IVS):** Junior and senior students will have the opportunity to enroll in Illinois Virtual High School. These classes are taken for high school credit only and must be approved by the administration prior to enrollment. Students will be responsible for paying for these classes according to the IVS guidelines. These classes can be taken during the school day or a total of 2 credits can be earned outside of the school day.

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DEFINITIONS (continued):

10. CREDIT RECOVERY: In order for a student to recover a credit from a core class previously failed, a student may enroll in an online credit recovery class. Students have the opportunity to enroll in Illinois Virtual High School (IVS) or any other approved correspondence course to complete their credit recovery. The course name and grade will be listed on the final high school transcript; these credits will be applied toward graduation. Families will be responsible for the cost of a credit recovery course. Students are allowed a maximum of 3 credits earned through credit recovery. IVS classes can be taken during the school day or outside of school.

11. CORRESPONDENCE COURSES: Students may need or want to take courses outside of the school day or year. A total of 2 credits may be earned by completing courses from an institution approved by the School Administration or Guidance Office. Permission must be granted by the principal before the student begins work on courses. Credit can only apply for making up failed required classes or if a student is short credits to graduate with their class.

12. DUAL CREDIT: Junior and senior students will have the opportunity to enroll in Dual Credit Courses. Students are able to earn both high school and college credits simultaneously on-line from Sauk Valley Community College, Clinton Community College, and Western Illinois University.

13. DUAL ENROLLMENT: Junior and senior students will have the opportunity to enroll in Dual Enrollment Courses. This refers to students being enrolled-concurrently-in both Fulton High School and an institution of higher learning. In this case students will attend school at Morrison Institute of Technology, Sauk Academy, Sauk Dual Credit Block or attend Sauk Valley Community College or Clinton Community College.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Before enrolling in Fulton School, it is helpful to plan a four-year course of study with your parents, using the course descriptions, graduation requirements, and recommended courses enclosed in this Course Description Handbook.
2. Students attending Fulton High School will receive teacher recommendations for all core Subjects, as well as, some elective courses to help aid them with registration.
3. Complete the registration sheets by requesting eight (8) subjects, plus three (3) alternates, each semester. You will register for both semesters. Make your selections carefully and with your future goals in mind.
4. Select courses for the proper grade level.
5. All required courses not passed must be retaken.
6. Make sure you have met the necessary prerequisites for all of the courses you select.
7. Obtain instructor approval if required.
8. Students are responsible for checking their own credits toward graduation.
8. Use your **Xello** account and **Counselor's Corner** for more information to complete 1-8.