

## Frequently Asked Questions

**How are classes chosen?** There are several classes that are required for 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Current teachers will help recommend the appropriate level for you when choosing core classes. When choosing electives, students should try to match career goals and personal interests with our many elective options. After 9<sup>th</sup> grade course requirements are met, the doors begin to open more for students to explore our vast array of elective options!

**What is Bull Dog Time?** This is a homeroom class, organized by grade. Students meet in Bull Dog Time (BDT) once or twice per month, on Wednesdays, after 4<sup>th</sup> period. Students will also meet in Bull Dog Time on the first day of EACH new semester in the morning to get schedules.

**How does one-to-one computing work at the high school?** Every student will be issued a laptop computer to use for the school year. Students may take computers home. Students are expected to keep computers charged. Every class will have some lessons on the computer. The Dean's and the Technology Office handle hardware and software issues.

**Do freshmen have to eat in the cafeteria?** All freshmen will eat in the cafeteria. They will have 45 minutes for lunch. Students find out when their lunch time is on the first day of school. Lunch time is locked in for the semester and cannot be changed.

**What is this talk about a PE waiver/option?** For updated information on the PE Option please visit: [www.bcsc.k12.in.us/Page/1564](http://www.bcsc.k12.in.us/Page/1564). You may contact Jen Hester as well. [hesterje@bcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:hesterje@bcsc.k12.in.us).

**What classes in middle school earn high school credit?** The most common middle school classes that earn high school credit are Algebra, Geometry, Biology, and World Language. Classes taken during middle school for high school credit are on the student's transcript and count toward the grade point average (GPA).

**What diploma can students start earning as a freshman?** All freshmen are set to be on course with ANY diploma they want to achieve; this does not have to be decided now. (Core 40, Academic Honors, Technical Honors). Students will receive diploma requirement handouts during scheduling.

**Do Honors classes require more homework? Are the grades weighted?** Honors/Accelerated classes cover more material, move at a faster pace, and go into greater depth of study. Sometimes more work will need to be done outside of class. Columbus North High School does not have weighted grades.

**If a student happens to fail a class, does the course need to be repeated?** If a student fails a required course, then the course will need to be repeated either during the school day or possibly online.

**When does school start and end?** Class begins at 7:45am and ends at 3:15pm.

**Where do parents call to report a student absence?** Dean's office (812) 376-4251.

**Do student's need to take a resource?** Freshmen take a resource. It is time to study, complete homework, meet with teachers, and adjust to the new environment.

**Can I take weight training as a freshman?** Maybe! You have to sign up for both PE individual and PE team to start with. If you earn an A or higher in the first PE class then you can switch to weights for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

**Is World Language required for all students?** Colleges like to see students take these classes but World Language is only a requirement for the Academic Honors Diploma. It is an elective otherwise.

**Can I have a book bag at North High School?** Yes

**Will I get a locker?** Yes

**What do I need to bring to class?** Bring pencil, paper and maybe a folder on the first day of school. Each teacher will let you know what additional supplies may be required for each class.