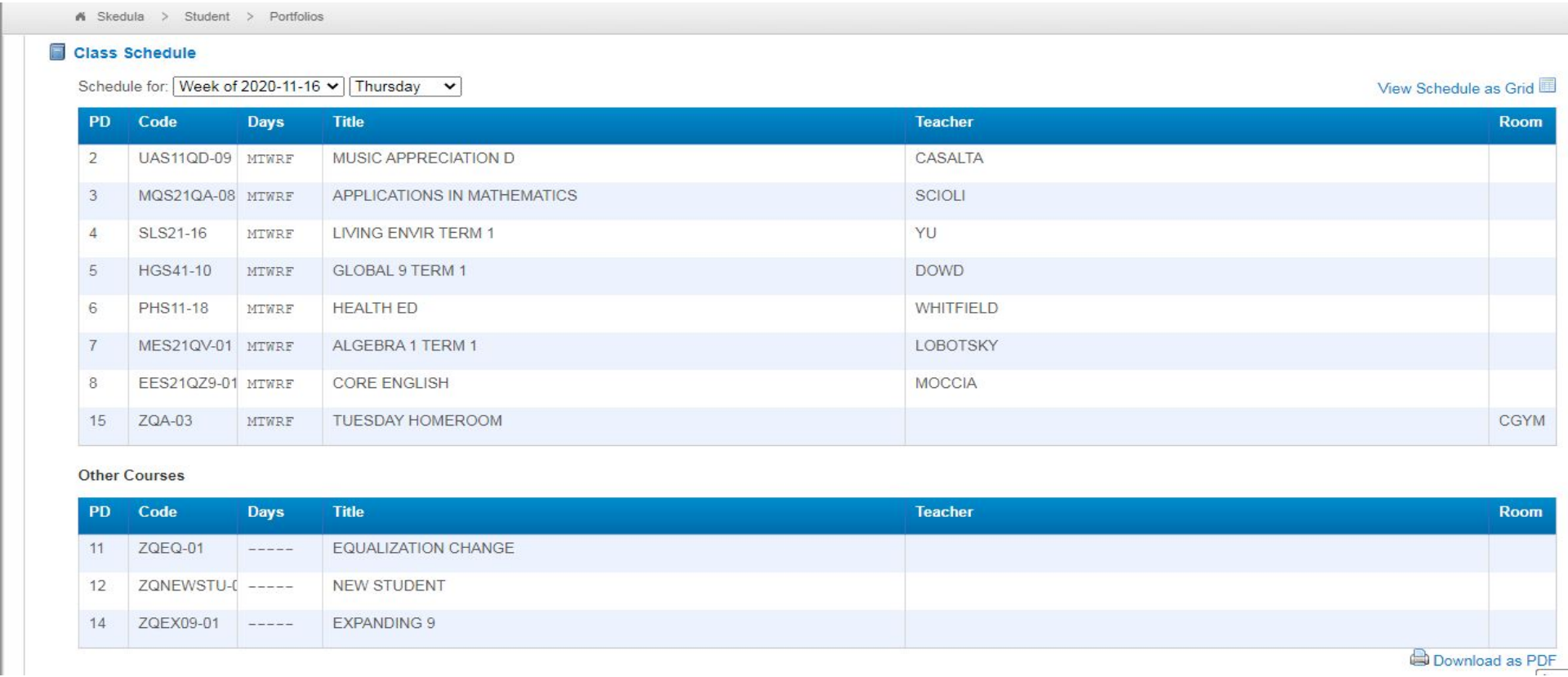
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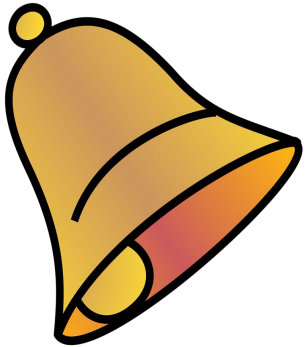
Fall 2021

Reading your program: PupilPath



PD	Code	Days	Title	Teacher	Room
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3	MQS21QA-08	MTWRF	APPLICATIONS IN MATHEMATICS	SCIOLI	
4	SLS21-16	MTWRF	LIVING ENVIR TERM 1	YU	
5	HGS41-10	MTWRF	GLOBAL 9 TERM 1	DOWD	
6	PHS11-18	MTWRF	HEALTH ED	WHITFIELD	
7	MES21QV-01	MTWRF	ALGEBRA 1 TERM 1	LOBOTSKY	
8	EES21QZ9-01	MTWRF	CORE ENGLISH	MOCCIA	
15	ZQA-03	MTWRF	TUESDAY HOMEROOM		CGYM

PD	Code	Days	Title	Teacher	Room
11	ZQEQ-01	-----	EQUALIZATION CHANGE		
12	ZQNEWSTU-(	-----	NEW STUDENT		
14	ZQEX09-01	-----	EXPANDING 9		



Midwood Fall 2021 Bell Schedule

Period	Start	End
1	7:15 am	8:00 am
2	8:05 am	8:50 am
3	8:55 am	9:40 am
4	9:45 am	10:30 am
5	10:35 am	11:20 am
6	11:25 am	12:10 pm
7	12:15 pm	1:00 pm
8	1:05 pm	1:50 pm
9	1:55 pm	2:40 pm
10	2:45 pm	3:30 pm

What do I have to do to graduate??

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

As of September 2019

Earning a Diploma in NYC

In New York City public schools, students can earn three types of diplomas: a local diploma, a Regents diploma, or an advanced Regents diploma. All of these diplomas are valid high school diplomas and can be used to demonstrate graduation or enroll in programs after high school, like college and the military. To earn a diploma, students must earn specific course credits (see table to the right) and pass specific Regents exams (see table on the reserve side).

Minimum Credit Requirements

All students must earn 44 total credits across specific subject areas in order to graduate. Subject-area requirements vary by the type of diploma and may also vary if a student earns an endorsement. Ask your school counselor for more information about credit requirements.

Diploma Endorsements

Students may also earn endorsements to their diplomas. Endorsements recognize the successful completion of additional courses and exams in particular subject areas. Ask your school about the requirements for the following endorsements: Arts, Seal of Biliteracy, Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS), Career and Technical Education (CTE), Honors Designation, Mastery in Math, Mastery in Science, and the Service Seal.

Commencement Credentials

Students can earn two types of commencement credentials, which are not diplomas: the CDOS commencement credential and the Skills and Achievement commencement credential. Students who receive commencement credentials may continue to attend school until they earn a high school diploma or until the end of the school year in which they turn 21 (whichever occurs first). Ask your school counselor for more information about commencement credentials.

Career Development & Occupational Studies (CDOS) Credential

This credential recognizes students' preparation for entry-level work through mastery of the CDOS learning standards. Students complete a career plan, employability profile, and 216 hours of career preparation experiences, including at least 54 hours of school-supported work-based learning. The CDOS may be awarded as a sole exiting credential, earned as an endorsement to a diploma, or used to fulfill

Skills & Achievement Commencement Credential

This credential recognizes students' skills and achievements in academic, career development, and other foundations needed for post-school living, learning, and working. This credential may only be awarded to students with severe cognitive disabilities who participate in the New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA).

Subject Area	Minimum Credit Requirements	
English Language Arts (ELA)	8	
Social Studies		
Global History	4	
U.S. History	2	
Participation in Government	1	
Economics	1	
Math		
Including at least 2 credits of advanced math, such as Geometry or Algebra II	6	
Science (including labs)		
Life Science	2	
Physical Science	2	
Additional Life or Physical Science	2	
Language Other Than English (LOTE)	2 for local and Regents diplomas	6 for advanced Regents diploma
Visual Art, Music, Dance, and/or Theater	2	
Physical Education		
Consistently throughout high school	4	
Health	1	
Electives	7 for local and Regents diplomas	3 for advanced Regents diploma
Total Credits	44	

How do I earn Credits?

- Every class = 1 credit (except Physical Education = .58)
- Must pass classes with a 65 or higher
- Grades are final in January and June
- Every semester you have 7 classes
- Each year, you can earn approximately 13 credits.
- In order to be promoted to the 10th grade, you must have a minimum of 8 credits.



Grades

- 2 Terms per year: Fall Term and Spring Term
  - 3 Marking Periods per Term (3 report cards)
    - Marking Period 1 = Letter grades/Progress Report
    - Marking Period 2 = Number grades/Predictive
    - Marking Period 3 = Number grades/Final
- Final grades go on Transcript (January and June)
- Everything is cumulative and counts toward your final grade
- Summer school is provided for students who failed classes and need to pass them for grade promotion or graduation

What else do I have to do to graduate??

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

As of September 2019

Minimum Exam Requirements

All students must pass at least five Regents exams or State-approved alternatives to Regents exams in order to graduate. Subject-area requirements for exams vary by diploma type and endorsement (see table on the right). All students can earn a Regents or advanced Regents diploma. Some students, including students with disabilities, can graduate with a local diploma by earning different exam scores. Speak to your school counselor to learn more about Regents exams, State-approved alternatives, and these other exam flexibilities for students who meet specific eligibility requirements:

- Appeals to graduate with low scores on Regents exams
- Safety Net flexibilities for students with disabilities
- Exam waivers for transfer students
- Performance-Based Assessment Tasks (PBATs) for students at State-approved schools

Toward College & Career Readiness

Coursework, exam scores, and activities outside the classroom can support students in working towards their goals for after high school.

Coursework

Students can prepare for college-level work by taking higher-level courses in high school. These courses may include:

- 8-credit course sequence in math, including Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II
- 8-credit course sequence in science, including Living Environment, Chemistry, and Physics
- Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and Honors courses
- Courses for college credit, such as College Now or CUNY Early College

Exams

High exam scores can help students avoid taking remedial classes in college. For CUNY, students may meet the college readiness requirement based on certain test scores. See the CUNY Testing FAQs (http://bit.ly/CUNYReady) to learn more.

Reading and Writing	Math
• English Regents score of 75+ • SAT I Verbal score of 480+ • SAT Critical Reading score of 480+ • SAT Evidence-Based Reading & Writing score of 480+ • ACT English score of 20+	• Common Core-aligned Algebra I or Geometry Regents exam score of 70+ or Algebra II/Trigonometry exam score of 65+ • Any math Regents exam score of 80+ *and* a passing grade in Algebra II/Trigonometry or a higher-level math course • Math SAT score of 500+ or SAT Math Section (March 2016 and later) score of 530+ • ACT Math score of 21+

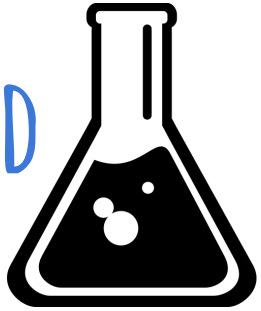
Regents Exam	Local diploma (eligible students only)	Regents diploma	Advanced Regents diploma
English Language Arts (ELA)	55+	65+	65+
Social Studies • U.S. History • Global History & Geography	55+ on one social studies exam	65+ on one social studies exam	65+ on one social studies exam
Math • Algebra I • Geometry • Algebra II	55+ on one math exam	65+ on one math exam	65+ on all three math exams
Science • Living Environment • Earth Science • Chemistry • Physics	55+ on one science exam	65+ on one science exam	65+ on Living Environment *and* one other science exam
Language Other Than English (LOTE)	*Not Required*	*Not Required*	65+ on one LOTE exam
+1 option • Any additional Regents exam • State-approved +1 option	*Requirements vary*	*Requirements vary*	*Requirements vary*
Total Exams	5	5	9

Regents Exams

- **January 2022 Regents are January 25-28**
- Most 9th graders do not take any exams in January
- Regents are state-wide exams given in January, June, and August
- Must pass with a 65 or higher

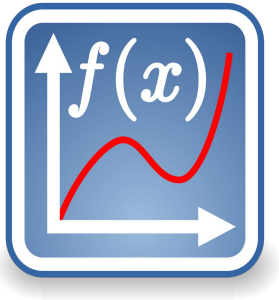


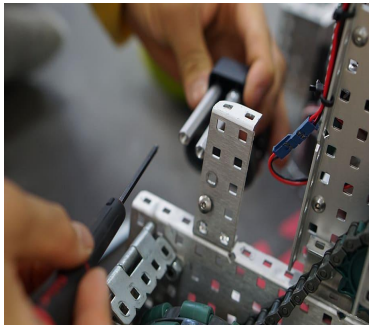
Programs @ Midwood





- Medical Science
- Humanities
- Liberal Arts & Science









Medical Science Program

- 3 Tracks - Preference forms submitted in the Spring
  - **Science Research**
  - **Pre-Engineering & Technology (Robotics)**
  - **Modern Science (Medical Issues and/or Psychobiology)**
- Math (8 Credits): Algebra, Geometry, Algebra 2/Trig, Calculus or other higher level math course
- Science (10 Credits): Living Environment, Chemistry, Physics, MedSci Track, Any extra Science Elective
- Second Language (6 Credits)

Humanities Program

- Multiple Tracks - Preference form submitted in the Spring
  - **Social Science Research**
  - **Law**
  - **Media/Art**
  - **Music**
- Second Language - 6 Credits at Midwood

Liberal Arts & Science Institute (LASI)

- Students can take electives in multiple subject areas
  - **Gilder-Lehrman**
  - **Law**
  - **Media/Art**
  - **Music**
  - **Pre-Engineering & Technology**
  - **Modern Science**
- Choices will be discussed with Counselors during Spring programming meetings
- Students are encouraged to complete 6 credits in Foreign Language

Can I transfer from one Program to another?

Yes!

Speak with your guidance counselor after your 2nd Marking Period Report Card.

Your grades will be a factor in determining a transfer. To go into MedSci or Humanities, you must have 85s or higher in your classes.

For MedSci, an emphasis will be on Math & Science grades. For Humanities, an emphasis will be on English & Social Studies grades.

How can I earn College Credits?

- Brooklyn College: College NOW
  - Offered in Fall, Spring, and Summer
  - High School Level Courses starting Sophomore year
  - College Level Courses starting Junior year
  - FREE!!
- Kingsborough Community College: College NOW
  - Offered at Midwood in Fall & Spring
  - FREE!!
- Advanced Placement (AP) Classes
  - Offered in most subject areas
  - Information/Interest meetings in the spring (March)
  - Applications submitted in the spring (March/April)

AP Classes @ Midwood

Comprehensive List with descriptions on the Midwood website:
https://4.files.edl.io/2605/02/13/20/170739-6db3f73e-9788-4f3e-8a6b-c956c4fa6cd6.pdf

**All departments will give specific information on their classes in the spring, and students will be able to apply at that time.

Student Life: Clubs

- All clubs are virtual right now. Here is the Club List with all google classroom codes.
- Coordinator of Student Activities: Mr. Kolotkin lkolotkin@schools.nyc.gov or room 417

Student Life: Sports

- 3 different seasons: Fall, Winter, and Spring
- Midwood has 34 PSAL Teams: http://www.psal.org/profiles/school-profile.aspx#22533
- You must be passing classes and have good attendance in order to be eligible to play
- Every athlete must have: 1. Parent Consent Form, 2. PSAL Medical Form, 3. Covid Consent Form
- Full information, coaches' info, and links for required forms on Midwood's website: https://www.midwoodhighschool.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1034792&type=d&pREC_ID=1337499

Student Support

- Tutoring
  - Offered by each department
  - Check the Midwood website or ask your teacher for specific times
  - Khan Academy is a great resource: https://www.khanacademy.org/
- Counseling
  - Guidance counselors are here to support academically, socially, and emotionally
  - Social workers are available to speak with students who need extra support (ask your guidance counselor if you would like to speak with someone)

Important links

To request a device: https://www.midwoodhighschool.org/apps/news/article/1505458

Help with Pupil Path: LEvans52@schools.nyc.gov

Help with student DOE emails: https://www.midwoodhighschool.org/apps/news/article/1495240

School calendar: https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/news/2021-2022-school-year-calendar

What Should I be doing daily?

- Follow my program and attend my classes
- Check my DOE email
- Check my PupilPath messages & class progress

Attendance

- You are expected to attend each of the classes on your program every day.
- Each student is expected to have over 90% attendance for the year. (Anything below that is considered chronic absenteeism)
- Please communicate with your teachers when you are absent so they are aware of the circumstances and can work with you to make up work.
- You should also contact the Attendance Office (Room 119)
- Attendance is taken into consideration with promotional criteria as well as PSAL regulations for athletes.

Where do I go for…

ID card: Room 113

Metrocard: Room 156A

Changing my address or phone number: Room 135

Attendance: Room 119

Dean's Office: Room 113

Nurse's office: Room 257

College office: Room 445

Working papers: https://fs12.formsite.com/Laa7IK/y9unwhhdp4/index.html

Updated Midwood Information: www.midwoodhighschool.org

Random Notes

- Family Income Inquiry Form (formerly the Lunch form) needs to be filled out by all students: https://www.myschoolapps.com/
- If you are interested in applying for another school for your 10th grade year or are interested in the Specialized High Schools, check here for information and to sign up for email notifications: https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/high-school
- Operoo registration (electronic blue card): https://www.midwoodhighschool.org/apps/news/article/1499137



Questions???



Do not hesitate to reach out to your guidance counselor if you need anything, have questions or concerns, or just want to check in.



The Midwood website www.midwoodhighschool.org is a wonderful resource for any questions about things happening at Midwood.