

Thank you, Dr. Kaufman.

CLICK-My name is Linda Won and I am one of the five counselors at Marriotts Ridge High School. Let me introduce our counselors at this time. Ms. Marjorie Ford. She is our team leader. Mr. Will Schwarz, Ms. Jodi Dubbs and Ms. Tara Ebersole. We will all be at Student Services during the breakout sessions. Please drop by. We would love to meet and get to know you.

High School course selection can be an overwhelming process, especially if you are sending your first child to high school. Through tonight's orientation, we hope that we will be able to provide you with more information on how to register and select high school courses for your child.

Before we start our presentation, I would like to make sure everyone has our orientation folder. Please raise your hand, if you need a copy. (Pause-LOOK AROUND-Have two students hand out at this time). I do also wish to recognize our student volunteers this evening. We have students from Mustang Mentors and Alpha Achievers.

CLICK-At this time, I would like to introduce our Ninth Grade Team leader, Mr. Rich Malt.

CLICK-Thank you, Mr. Malt.

To be able to graduate from Howard County Public School System, each student must take a required 21 credits, do 75 hours of Service Learning, pass three HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS and meet Career Preparation requirements.

CLICK-Let me go and elaborate more information on each requirement. For our CLASS of 2016, they will need to take a total of 21 credits to graduate from our school system.

CLICK- Each student must take English 9, 10, 11 and 12. Each student must have 3 math credits, including Algebra 1 and Geometry.

CLICK-We offer many different Social Study courses. However, each student must have 1 credit in US History, 1 credit in American Gov't and 1 credit in Modern World History. Each student will need to take 1 credit in Biology and 2 credits in any Lab Science.

CLICK-Besides those core courses, each student will need ½ credit in Lifetime Fitness and health. When it comes to selecting Fine Arts credit, please look through the high school catalog and discover what choices that your child has. For Tech credit, students usually take Foundation of Tech or Computer Science; however there are additional tech courses that are available for students.

CLICK-Each student must meet at least one high school graduation program. There are three programs available. The first program is World Language.

If your child is planning to go to a four year college, he or she must take 2 credits in World Language. The other choice's are to either take 2 credits in advanced tech program or 4 credits in a Career and Technology Education.

CLICK-There are more than 25 different Career Academy programs in our school system. There will be a county-wide information session on ?????????????? Please drop by Student Services and we will be able to provide more information on any program. If your child is interested in pre-engineering program, our school has a PROJECT LEAD THE WAY program, which you have to sign up as a freshman.

CLICK-There are three high school assessments that your child must take and pass. It's English 10, Algebra and Biology.

CLICK- There are three career preparation requirements. For the first one, your middle school counselor will be working with your child to complete a FOUR YEAR PLAN. For the second, your child will be participate in a mock interview during his/her junior year. For the third and final requirement, each student will complete a resume through their English classes.

CLICK-The last graduation requirement is that your child will need is COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING hours. Your child has met most of these requirement already, if they attended a HC middle school.

CLICK-If you look through our high school catalog, page 62 thru 144, you will be able to find more information about different courses and many other important course information.

CLICK- What are the things you need for course selection? Our HIGH SCHOOL catalog, course selection sheets and four year planning sheet. (SHOW THE CATALOG) You will be getting all these materials through your child soon.

CLICK-Now, here is Mr. Rahnama and he will be walking you through the COURSE SELECTION PROCESS