



## LOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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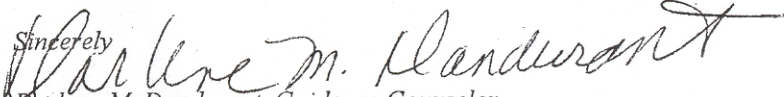
Dear Parent,

Your child has been given a Lowell High School course catalog. I would like to highlight some specific information regarding course selection and high school transition.

- All freshmen are required to take seminar.
- The level (college or honors) for the four core courses (English, Math Social Studies, and Science) are chosen by your child's current teacher. This is based on specific criteria established by Lowell High School.
- Students will be placed in either College Algebra I, Honors Algebra I, Honors Algebra II, or Algebra II & Trigonometry. For each of these levels of math there are specific skills a student must be able to master. In April teachers will give a math placement test to students and if a student needs to enroll in a different math course it will be changed.
- If your child was accepted to the Latin Lyceum they need to meet with me to choose electives and I need to enter all their courses in the computer. If they were accepted and have decided not to participate in the program they need to let me know.
- Students will need to choose TWO elective: foreign language could be one elective and physical education or something that fulfills this requirement would be another. ROTC, band and concert chorus fulfill the PE requirement.
- Some students are being required to take a support reading program, Read 180. Students identified for this course are identified based on MCAS scores, current class room performance and the GRADE reading test.
- Other electives are available and listed in the catalog.
- If you are accepted to Greater Lowell Technical High School you must fill out and return the papers that come with the acceptance letter. Returning the forms indicates you will be attending in the fall.
- Students who apply to the Greater Lowell Vocational High School or have applied to private school MUST inform me whether or not they intend to pursue these options.

Please review the course catalog. Students should be prepared to meet with me to identify which electives they have chosen. At that time I will put all selections into the computer and give each student a printout to bring home. Please ensure students are making good choices for their electives. If not this can result in disappointment and long lines in the fall in the guidance office. Students should return the signed computer course selection sheet to me for their file. You may want to make a copy for yourself. **DO NOT send this form to Lowell High School.**

Please contact me at 978-937-8993 X 107 if you have any questions. I look forward to your child completing a successful eighth grade year at the Sullivan Middle School. Please check the Sullivan School web site more high school transition information [www.sullivan.school.org](http://www.sullivan.school.org) Look under the guidance section.

Sincerely,  
  
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