

## COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

### Essex High School

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Parents of 8th Grade Students  
**FROM:** Essex High School Counselors  
**RE:** Course Selection for the 2012-2013 School Year  
**DATE:** 3 January 2012

Course selection and scheduling for the next school year at Essex High School will begin soon. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of this process so that you will be better able to assist your student in making important decisions concerning his or her 2012-2013 courses. **Deadline for registration is February 17, 2012.**

### ORIENTATION FOR PARENTS OF INCOMING 9TH GRADERS

On **Tuesday, January 31, at 7:00 PM**, we will be hosting a program to familiarize you with the 2012-2013 EHS curriculum and to answer questions concerning your student's academic program. Parents will be in the auditorium and the agenda will be as follows:

7:00	Welcome and opening remarks	Mr. Robert Reardon, EHS Principal Ms. Lauren Kirby-Couillard, EHS Asst.Principal- in the <b>Auditorium</b>
7:05	Curricular Presentations	EHS Curriculum leaders - in the Auditorium
8:15	Questions and Answers	Curriculum Leaders, Administrators, and Director of School Counselors - <b>Cafeteria</b>

We hope that you will make every effort to attend this important and informative meeting.

### SCHEDULING TIMELINE HIGHLIGHTS

Jan. 17	<b>6:30 PM - Grand Isle "High School Fair"</b> (for Folsom, Grand Isle, North Hero, Alburg)
Jan. 24	<b>6:30 PM - 8th Grade Parent Night at Georgia Middle School</b>
Jan. 25 - Feb 4	Orientation to EHS courses for 8th grade students at <b>A. D. Lawton, Essex Middle, Westford Elementary, Alburg, Folsom, Georgia, Grand Isle, and North Hero Middle Schools</b> . The EHS counselors will meet with all 8th graders to discuss course options and the selection process. Students can view the Essex High School 9th grade <i>Program of Studies</i> booklet online at <a href="http://www.ccsutvt.org/ehs">www.ccsutvt.org/ehs</a> and will receive a <i>2012-2013 Essex High School Registration Form</i> . Parents are encouraged to review these with their students.
<b>Jan. 30 (NEW)</b>	<b>Sending school orientation for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students from Westford, Georgia, South &amp; North Hero, Grand Isle, Alburg, and other towns with school choice 8:30-10:30 AM – call to register: 879-5515.</b>
Jan. 31	<b>7:00 PM - EHS Curriculum Orientation for Parents of Incoming 9th Graders (see above)</b>
<b>Feb. 1 (NEW)</b>	<b>ADL students @ EHS for school orientation 8-10 AM</b>

**Feb. 3 (NEW) EMS students @ EHS for school orientation 8-10 AM**  
**Feb. 17 Deadline for return of *Registration Forms* to ADL, Westford Elem., EMS and all other middle schools - Check with middle school counselor**

Please take the time to review your student's course selections with him or her. **You are a very important part of our scheduling procedures.**

**MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR EHS Class of 2015**

English	4 Credits	Physical Educ	1 1/2 Credits
U S History	1 Credit	Fine Arts	1 Credit
World Studies	1 Credit	Health	1/2 Credit
Amer. Govt.	1/2 Credit	World Lang	1 Credit
Soc. St. Elect	1/2 Credit	Computer Lit	1/2 Credit
Mathematics	3 Credits	Practical Arts	1/2 Credit
Science	3 Credits*	Electives	6 Credits

\* to include a physical science and a natural science - one *year* each; plus one *year* of another science course

**ADMINISTRATOR AND COUNSELOR ASSIGNMENTS**

EHS Administrators are assigned the responsibility for students in certain classes. For the 2012-2013 school year, administrative assignments are as follows:

Grade 12	Mr. Thomas Faris
Grade 11	Mr. Thomas Faris.
Grade 10	Ms. Louise Strong
Grade 9	Ms. Kirby-Couillard

Specific high school counselor assignments for next year are yet to be determined. Your student's schedule will list their counselor, typically disseminated in late May or June, 2012. Counselors of present 8th grade students are as follows:

Albert D. Lawton Middle School	- Ms. Nicole Williams
Essex Middle School	- Mr. Jeff Smith
Westford Elementary School	- Kim Horton
Alburg Community Educ. Center	- Ms. Regina Robbins
Folsom Education and Comm. Ctr.	- Ms. Mary Ann Fisher
Grand Isle Elementary School	- Ms. Katie Mayer
North Hero Elementary School	- Ms. Marilyn Ajami
Georgia Middle School	- Ms. Melissa Fisher

**ONE FINAL NOTE**

Should you be unable to attend the January 31 EHS Curriculum Orientation meeting, or should you have any questions concerning the course selection process at EHS, please call your student's **8th grade school counselor**.

