

Dear Parent and Student:

I invite your family to take time to read and understand the material in the *Fairview High School Program of Studies* booklet. This booklet will assist you in making decisions that will help you attain a diploma and prepare for post-high school life. It outlines courses needed to meet graduation requirements and provides information on the content and prerequisite skills/knowledge critical to academic success in these various courses.

I encourage you to review these course offerings together and to discuss course options in the context of the student's abilities, interests, and aspirations. You should develop a thoughtful program of studies which provides, over the course of your high school career, a range of course work that challenges you. It should create a base that is broad enough to increase your options in life rather than close doors for you. Please take the opportunity to examine this document within that context and begin to shape a plan for both next year and the total high school program.

College admission is usually determined by universities using course grades and S.A.T. scores as criteria. Since both of these criteria are directly affected by the level of difficulty and number of courses a student chooses, careful planning in choosing these courses is vital.

This publication is just one tool that the parent and the student can use in making important academic decisions. Teachers, counselors, and principals also are prepared and willing to help during this endeavor. Please contact the counseling office (474-2600, Ext.3110) to discuss any matters concerning scheduling.

Sincerely,

Samuel Signorino
Principal