Shaler Area High School

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Dear Students and Parents:

Shaler Area High School is a comprehensive high school that offers a wide variety of courses. Please review the contents of this course description booklet before making course selections and give serious consideration to those choices.

It is suggested that you review the recommended curriculum patterns on pages 10 & 11. These patterns explain the various course requirements for grades nine through twelve. A worksheet has been provided on page 9 to assist you in planning your schedule. All students are required to register for seven periods, with the exception of students enrolled in A.W. Beattie Career Center.

The nine-period day gives all students the opportunity to reach out and pursue their interests in elective areas such as art, music, business & information technology, family consumer science, technology education and S.T.E.A.M.. As you select your courses, attention should be given to prerequisites, course requirements and course sequences. If you have any questions concerning a particular course, you are encouraged to discuss those concerns with the appropriate teacher or school counselor.

Several key Career Pathways (pp. 27-36) were designed to guide students in course selection during their high school years. Each pathway is aligned with the Pennsylvania Career Education and Work Standards, Chapter 4 of Title 22, so that students can gain a sense of those fields and the necessary skills needed for success. These Career Pathways are intended to push students beyond the typical criteria for acquiring a high school diploma.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any question regarding your educational planning.

Sincerely,

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Providing a Dynamic Learning Environment to The Communities of Etna, Millvale, Reserve, and Shaler