

# Shaler Area School District

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Dear Students & Parents,

This Course Description Book was formatted to include all the course offerings available to Shaler Area students enrolled in the secondary school grades 9-12. The purpose of including all course options in one document is to enable you to gain a conceptual understanding of the comprehensive program we offer to our secondary-aged students.

Separated by academic departments, this book describes the many courses available to you. The various descriptions indicate the credit value, how often the class meets, whether it is a college and career preparation, Honors or Advanced Placement course, and if any prerequisite requirements exist for enrollment in the course.

This book also includes pertinent information about how grades and grade point averages are calculated, as well as how we assist students with the mandated State testing in mathematics and reading.

Additionally, there will be opportunities for both parents and students to meet with counselors and principals as we move toward the completion of the student request for courses for the coming academic year. The school counselors will announce a schedule in the near future.

I hope you find this document informative and helpful as you and your family make plans for your academic future at Shaler Area. It is our hope and desire that our course offerings meet your academic needs and challenge you to be a well-educated and well-rounded individual.

Sincerely,



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