

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation



*Bridgewater-Raritan Regional High School*  
*2023-2024*



# Log into Parent Portal

Bridgewater-Raritan Regional School District

PowerSchool

## Student and Parent Sign In

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# Click on “Class Registration”

The screenshot displays the PowerSchool Guardian web application. The browser address bar shows the URL <https://powerschool.brrsd.k12.nj.us/guardian/home.html>. The page header includes the PowerSchool logo, a welcome message, and links for Help and Sign Out. A navigation sidebar on the left lists various features: Grades and Attendance, Grade History, Attendance History, Email Notification, Teacher Comments, Class Registration (highlighted with a red circle and an arrow from the title), My Schedule, School Information, Account Preferences, Honor Roll, and Demographics. The main content area is titled 'Grades and Attendance:' and contains a link to view student assignments. Below this is a table titled 'Attendance By Class' with columns for Course, Last Week, This Week, and Attendance details (Absences, Tardies). The table lists several courses, including HR(M-F) and 1(M-F) through 7(M-F). A large orange rectangle obscures the middle portion of the table. At the bottom of the page, there are links for the District Code (TDCT), the App Store, and a 'Show dropped classes also' option.

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Grades and Attendance:

Click Here to see a list of all your students past assignments for this term.

Attendance By Class

Exp	Last Week					This Week					Course	Attendance										
	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F		M1	Q1	M2	Q2	M3	Q3	M4	M5	Q4	Absences	Tardies
HR(M-F)																					0	0
1(M-F)																					0	0
2(M-F)																					0	0
3(M-F)																					0	0
4(M-F)																					0	0
5(M-F)																					0	0
6(M-F) 8(M-F)																					0	0
7(M-F)																					0	0
Attendance Totals																					0	0

Show dropped classes also



# Click on the “pencil box”

The screenshot shows the PowerSchool Class Registration system interface. The browser address bar displays <https://powerschool.brrsd.k12.nj.us/guardian/requestform.html>. The PowerSchool logo is in the top left, and a user is logged in as "Welcome, [Name]".



















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**Welcome to the Bridgewater - Raritan High School Class Registration System for [Name]**

Please choose a total of 10 elective credits

[View course requests](#)

<b>Grade 9 Language Arts Electives</b> Select Language Arts Electives	Click the edit button to request a course ⇒	 
<b>Grade 9 Math Electives</b> Select Math Electives	Click the edit button to request a course ⇒	 
<b>Grade 9 Social Studies Electives</b> Select Social Studies electives	Click the edit button to request a course ⇒	 
<b>Grade 9 Business Electives</b> Select Business Electives	Click the edit button to request a course ⇒	 
<b>Grade 9 Music Electives</b> Select Music Electives	Click the edit button to request a course ⇒	 
<b>Grade 9 Industrial Technology Electives</b> Select Industrial Technology Electives	Click the edit button to request a course ⇒	 
<b>Grade 9 Fine Arts Electives</b> Select Fine Arts Electives	Click the edit button to request a course ⇒	 
<b>Grade 9 Family &amp; Consumer Science Electives</b> Select Family & Consumer Science Electives	Click the edit button to request a course ⇒	 
<b>Grade 9 Alternates</b> Select TWO 9th Grade Alternate Courses	Click the edit button to request a course ⇒	 

# The department elective request box appears

The screenshot shows the PowerSchool Class Registration interface. The main header displays the PowerSchool logo, a user welcome message, and navigation links for Help and Sign Out. A left sidebar contains a 'Navigation' menu with icons for Grades and Attendance, Grade History, Attendance History, Email Notification, Teacher Comments, Class Registration, My Schedule, School Information, Account Preferences, Honor Roll, and Demographics. The central content area is titled 'Welcome to the Bridgewater - Raritan High School Class Registration System for' and features a 'Grade 9 Language Arts Electives' request box. This box contains a table with columns for checkboxes, Course Name, Number, Credits, Prerequisite Note, and Alerts. Below the table, there are sections for 'Grade 9 Fine Arts Electives', 'Grade 9 Family & Consumer Science Electives', and 'Grade 9 Alternates', each with an edit button and a status icon. The browser's address bar shows the URL: https://powerschool.brrsd.k12.nj.us/guardian/requestform.html.

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Welcome to the Bridgewater - Raritan High School Class Registration System for

**Grade 9 Language Arts Electives**

Select Language Arts Electives

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Course Name	Number	Credits	Prerequisite Note	Alerts
<input type="checkbox"/>	Creative Writing A	HLA2056 5	2.5	Open to all interested students	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Drama A	HLA2056 8	2.5	Open to all interested students	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Forensics A	HLA2057 5	2.5	Successful completion of Speech A.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Journal A	HLA2056 6	2.5	Open to all interested students	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kid Lit Literacy A	HLA2059 7	2.5	Open to all interested students	
<input type="checkbox"/>	LP-Lyrical Poetry A	HLA2055 4	2.5	Open to all interested students	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Publication Development & Production A	HLA4055 3	5	Open to all interested students	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reading Animation	HLA2059 5	2.5	Open to all interested students	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Speech A	HLA2056 7	2.5	Open to all interested students	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Theatre Production A	HLA2057 6	2.5	Open to all interested students	

Grade 9 Fine Arts Electives Click the edit button to request a course ⇒

Select Fine Arts Electives

Grade 9 Family & Consumer Science Electives Click the edit button to request a course ⇒

Select Family & Consumer Science Electives

Grade 9 Alternates Click the edit button to request a course ⇒

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### Grade 9 Language Arts Electives

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Grade 9 Fine Arts Electives Click the edit button to request a course ⇒

Select Fine Arts Electives

Grade 9 Family & Consumer Science Electives Click the edit button to request a course ⇒

Select Family & Consumer Science Electives

Grade 9 Alternates Click the edit button to request a course ⇒

**Check the box next to each course you are requesting in that content area**



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### Grade 9 Language Arts Electives

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Drama A	HLA2056 8	2.5	Open to all interested students
<input type="checkbox"/>	Forensics A	HLA2057 5	2.5	Successful completion of Speech A.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Journal A	HLA2056 6	2.5	Open to all interested students
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kid Lit Literacy A	HLA2059 7	2.5	Open to all interested students
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Theatre Production A	HLA2057 6	2.5	Open to all interested students

✓ You may select up to 4 courses. You have selected 1 course.

Cancel Okay

Grade 9 Fine Arts Electives Click the edit button to request a course ⇒

Select Fine Arts Electives

Grade 9 Family & Consumer Science Electives Click the edit button to request a course ⇒

Select Family & Consumer Science Electives

Grade 9 Alternates Click the edit button to request a course ⇒

Scroll down and click “**Okay**” to confirm.

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## Welcome to the Bridgewater - Raritan High School Class Registration System for [Name]

Please choose a total of 10 elective credits

[View course requests](#)

<b>Grade 9 Language Arts Electives</b> Select Language Arts Electives	<div>Creative Writing A HLA20565 - 2.5 credits</div>	
<b>Grade 9 Math Electives</b> Select Math Electives	Click the edit button to request a course ➡	
<b>Grade 9 Social Studies Electives</b> Select Social Studies electives	Click the edit button to request a course ➡	
<b>Grade 9 Business Electives</b> Select Business Electives	Click the edit button to request a course ➡	
<b>Grade 9 Music Electives</b> Select Music Electives	Click the edit button to request a course ➡	

**Your request will appear here**

Continue this process until you have selected all of your **primary** electives.



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Please choose a total of 10 elective credits

View course requests

Grade 9 Language Arts Electives	Creative Writing A HLA20565 - 2.5 credits	 
Grade 9 Math Electives	Click the edit button to request a course =>	 
Grade 9 Social Studies Electives	Economics Today HSS20115 - 2.5 credits	 
Grade 9 Business Electives	Click the edit button to request a course =>	 
Grade 9 Music Electives	Mixed Choir A HFA40604 - 5 credits	 
Grade 9 Industrial Technology Electives	Click the edit button to request a course =>	 
Grade 9 Fine Arts Electives	Click the edit button to request a course =>	 
Grade 9 Family & Consumer Science Electives	Click the edit button to request a course =>	 
Grade 9 Alternates	Click the edit button to request a course =>	 
Grade 9 Language Arts	Click the edit button to request a course =>	 

Next, click on the pencil box next to  
**“Grade 9 Alternates”**

Select at least 2 alternate elective courses. These courses will be scheduled only if we are not able to enroll you in any of your “primary” elective requests. Please choose these alternates carefully.

Select Family & Consumer Science Electives

<b>Grade 9 Alternates</b> Select TWO 9th Grade Alternate Courses	Art I A HFA40624 - 5 credits	Introduction To Business HFB20500 - 2.5 credits	✓
<b>Grade 9 Language Arts</b> ONE Language Arts course will be selected	Click the edit button to request a course ⇒		✓
<b>Grade 9 Math</b> ONE Math course will be selected.	Click the edit button to request a course ⇒		✓
<b>Grade 9 Social Studies</b> ONE Social Studies course will be selected.	Click the edit button to request a course ⇒		✓
<b>Grade 9 Science</b> ONE Social Studies course will be selected.	Click the edit button to request a course ⇒		✓
<b>Grade 9 Phys Ed</b> You did NOT select a Phys Ed Course.	Click the edit button to request a course ⇒		✓
<b>Grade 9 World Language</b> ONE or two World Languages may be selected. You do NOT need to take your World Language requirement in your 9th grade year.	Click the edit button to request a course ⇒		✓
<b>Vo Tech Elective</b> Select an AM/PM Vo-Tech Course and corresponding Lunch if you are attending Somerset County Vo-Tech	Click the edit button to request a course ⇒		✓
<b>Grade 9 Student Services Electives</b> Select Student Services Electives	Click the edit button to request a course ⇒		✓
Requires 10 credit hours. Requesting 10 credit hours.			✓

Submit

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Be sure that you have selected the required number of elective credits as indicated here. Please note that Alternates do not count toward your elective credit total.

Click "Submit"

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Course Requests: [Redacted]

Course Catalog

Crs Num	Course	Type	Cr Hrs	Prerequisite Notes
1. HFA40604	Mixed Choir A	Elective	5.00	Open to all interested student.
2. HLA20565	Creative Writing A	Elective	2.50	Open to all interested students
3. HSS20115	Economics Today	Elective	2.50	Open to all interested students
Total Credit Hours Requested			10.00	
1. HFA40624	Art I A	Alternate	5.00	Open to all interested students
2. HFB20500	Introduction To Business	Alternate	2.50	Open to all interested students.
Total Alternate Hours Requested			7.50	

**Your elective and alternate course requests will be displayed. Please review for accuracy. You may go back and modify them as necessary during the registration period only.**

Print this page and return to your counselor. Please make sure that the form is signed by both the student and the parent/guardian.



# *Rotating Drop Block Schedule*

- Students will continue to have the opportunity to schedule up to 8 courses throughout the year
- Each day students will attend 6 of the 8 courses
- Each day two classes will be dropped from the schedule (one from AM and one from PM)
- The next day they are added back and the next two classes in the rotation will be dropped.

# Rotating Drop Block Schedule

## Sample Schedule

Block	Time Slot	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Length
B1	7:20 - 8:15	Eng Lang & Lit I	Phys Ed	Mathematics	Elective 1	55"
B2	8:21 - 9:14	Elective 1	Eng Lang & Lit I	Phys Ed	Mathematics	53"
B3	9:20 - 10:13	Mathematics	Elective 1	Eng Lang & Lit I	Phys Ed	53"
Lunch	Lab: 10:13 – 10:33 <b>10:18 - 11:07</b> Lab: 10:52 – 11:12	Lunch				49"
B4	11:12 - 12:05	World Civ II	World Lang	Elective 2	Biology	53"
B5	12:11 - 1:04	Biology	World Civ II	World Lang	Elective 2	53"
B6	1:10 - 2:03	Elective 2	Biology	World Civ II	World Lang	53"
DROP		4 & 8	3 & 7	2 & 6	1 & 5	

**Class 1 = Eng Lang & Lit I**  
**Class 2 = Elective 1**  
**Class 3 = Mathematics**  
**Class 4 = Phys Ed**

**Class 5 = World Civ II**  
**Class 6 = Biology**  
**Class 7 = Elective 2**  
**Class 8 = World Lang**

# Counseling Resources on Campus

- School Counseling Office
  - Social/Emotional
  - Academic
  - Career
- Student Assistance Counselor (**SAC**)
  - Ms. Lauren Amisial
  - Available to *all* incoming freshman students by School Counselor referral
- Zen Den





# Graduation Requirements

Core Academic Requirements	
<b>English</b>	4 years → 20 credits
<b>Social Studies</b>	3 years → 15 credits
<b>Science</b>	3 years → 15 credits
<b>Math</b>	3 years → 15 credits
<b>World Language</b>	1 year → 5 credits
<b>PE/Health</b>	4 years → 20 credits

Elective Requirements	
<b>Visual &amp; Performing Arts</b>	1 year → 5 credits
<b>21<sup>st</sup> Century Life and Career</b>	1 year → 5 credits
<b>Financial Literacy</b>	½ year → 2.5 credits



# Graduation Requirements Continued

Promotion Requirements	
30 credits	10th grade
60 credits	11th grade
90 credits	12th grade
<b>120 credits required for graduation</b>	

\*For more information about graduation requirements, grading, GPA, etc.  
please refer to the [Student Handbook](#)\*



# *Building a High School Transcript*

- Course selections
  - Program of Studies
    - *Located on BRHS Website*
    - *BRHS Program of Studies 2023-2024*
- Progression of courses
- Continuity of courses
- Balance





# *Building a High School Resume*

- **Clubs & Activities**

- Continuity, value, passion

- **Sports**

- Fall
- Winter
- Spring– *15 credits earned from fall semester*

- **Community Service**

- Hospitals, libraries, religious institutions

- **Job Experience**



# AP/Honors Coursework

- Rigor of coursework
- Retention in AP/Honors
- Success in AP/Honors: organization, ability, self-starter, independence, interest and desire



# Option II

- Opportunity to earn HS credit in a non-traditional manner
- Credit earned after 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation
- Requires approval via application
- Final grade of 'P' or 'U'
- Not included in GPA calculation

*\*All applications for Summer & Fall  
courses due **June 2, 2023**\**





# Option II

## Courses Available

- 21st Cent. Life & Career Skills
- Fine Art
- English
- Phys-Ed/Health
- Math
- Performing Arts
- Science
- Social Studies
- World Language

\*For more information about [Option II](#) and a full list of courses, please refer to our School Counseling tab, located on the High School homepage.\*



# Attendance Policies & Procedures

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## Attendance Office

### To Report Your Student Absent

Complete the form below. (*You can attach notes or documents to this form*)

ABSENCE REPORTING FORM

or Call the Attendance Office at **908-231-8660 - Option 1.**

All absences submitted to the school, must be reported by the parent/guardian on file with the school. This includes email addresses and phone numbers.

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### To Report Your Student Tardy

Absence Reporting

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*Thanks for joining us!*



*-The BRHS Counseling Department*

