

9th Grade Fall Presentation

Info about Mrs. Lengacher-Taylor



- 3rd Year as a School Counselor
- I have over 16 years working as an educator in Manatee County
- Grew up in Wisconsin & moved to Florida in 8th Grade.
- I graduated from Booker High School & USF
- Married & live w/our Pitbull doggie named Penelope (see left photo)
- In my spare time love riding bike, walking our dog Penelope, spending time w/family& friends & doing jigsaw puzzles.

What exactly do school counselors do?

Class
Registration

Post-
Secondary
Education

Credit
Recovery

Dual
Enrollment

Scholarship/
College
Applications

Evaluate
Transcripts

Monitor
Graduation
Status

Proctor
Statewide
Assessments

Accommodations
for Students

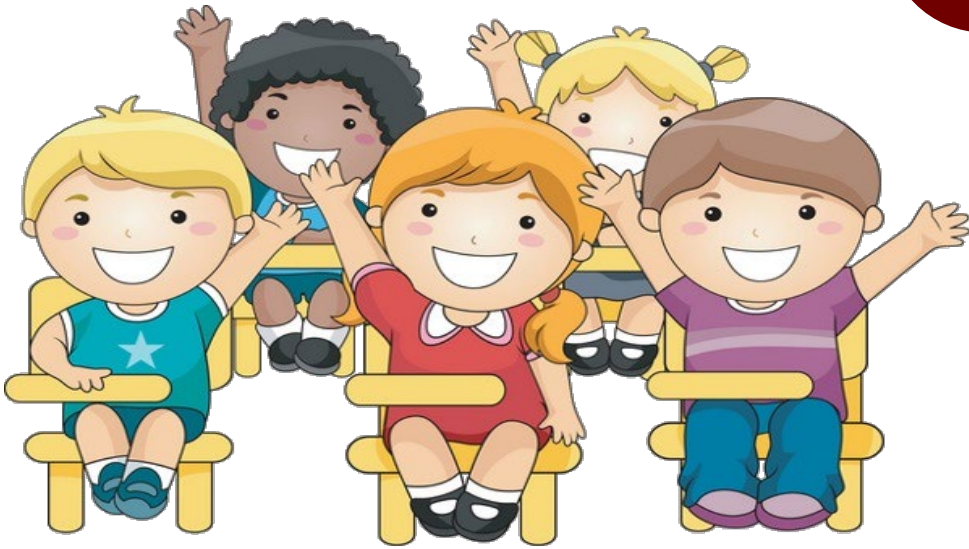
Being a Freshman is Tough . . .



What about social
and emotional
support?

Yes! I am here to listen and help you
work through problems that may arise
this year.

But here are the things I have to take
action on:



- When someone is hurting you
- When you may hurt yourself
- When you may hurt someone else
- When your physical health may be affected or require a physician's care

Let's Talk about Data!

**61% of survey responders
know the 9th grade
counselor**

**Only 41% know how to
request an appointment**

**76% of survey responders
felt confident in their
knowledge of graduation
requirements**

**83% felt confident in their
knowledge about how
GPA is calculated**

**Less than 60% of survey
responders knew the
correct number of credits
required for graduation**

**Less than 50% knew the
correct GPA**

Graduation Requirements

Four Years in High School:

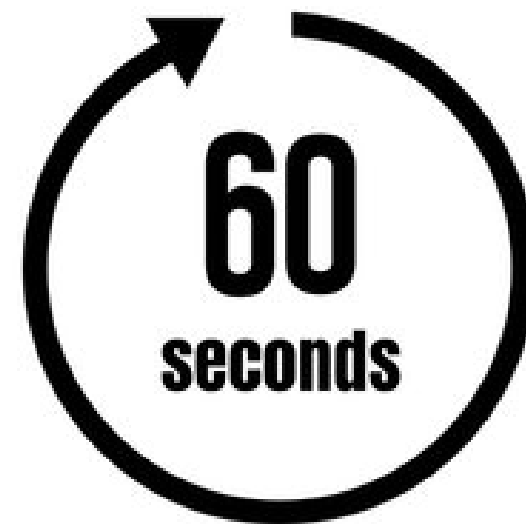
- Minimum Number of Credits = 24
- Grade Point Average (GPA) = 2.00
- Statewide Assessments =
Algebra 1 EOC and 10th Grade FAST ELA

- English = 4 credits
- Math = 4 credits
- Science = 3 credits
- Social Studies = 3 credits
- Personal Financial Literacy = .5 credits
- Practical/Performing Art or Career/Technical = 1 credit
- Health/PE (HOPE) = 1 credit
- Electives = 7.5 credits



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Time to Test Your Knowledge!



How is high school different from middle school?

Middle School

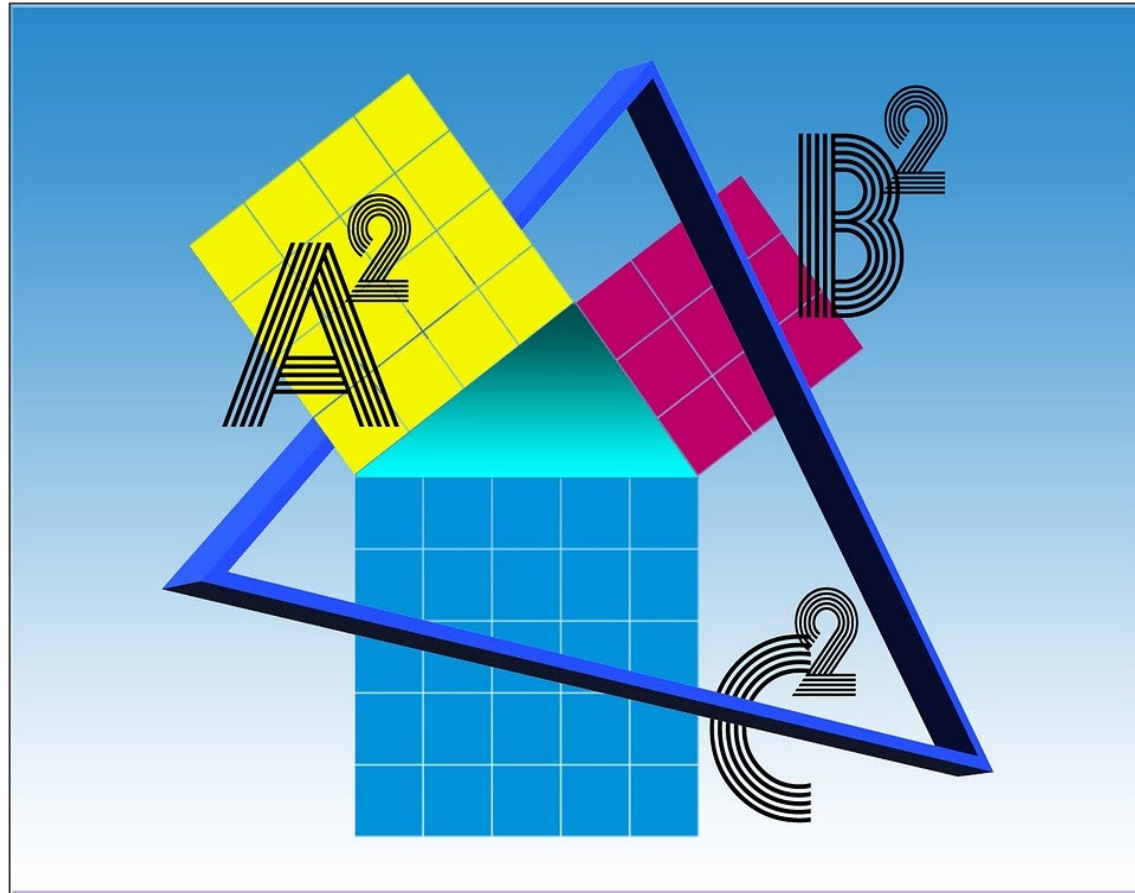
- Emphasis on Core Classes
- Makeup Work – Optional
- Adults Monitor Progress
- Quarter Grades on Record
- Promotion Based on Points



High School

- Emphasis on All Courses
- Makeup Work – Expected
- Students Monitor Progress
- Semester Grades on Transcript
- Graduation Based on Grade Point Average (GPA)

The Math Portion of the Presentation . . .



How are my grades calculated?

Score Range	Letter Grade
100 – 90	A
89 – 80	B
79 – 70	C
69 – 60	D
59 – 0	F

Semester Grade:

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Semester Exam	Final Grade
40%	40%	20%	D – 64%
F - 55%	C - 70%	C - 70%	
$55 \times 0.40 = \mathbf{22}$	$70 \times 0.40 = \mathbf{28}$	$70 \times 0.20 = \mathbf{14}$	

Semester Grade (EOC Course):

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Semester Exam	Final Grade
35%	35%	30%	D – 64.75%
F - 55%	C - 70%	C - 70%	
$55 \times 0.35 = \mathbf{19.25}$	$70 \times 0.35 = \mathbf{24.5}$	$70 \times 0.30 = \mathbf{21}$	

GPA Calculation

STUDENT # 1

Course Name	Grade	GPA Points
English 1	72% - C	2.00
Algebra 1	85% - B	3.00
Environmental Science	79% - C	2.00
World Cultural Geography	89% - B	3.00
Team Sports 1	93% - A	4.00
Engineering 1	75% - C	2.00
Band 1	55% - F	0.00

Semester GPA – 2.28

STUDENT # 2

Course Name	Grade	GPA Points
English 1	72% - C	2.00
Algebra 1	85% - B	3.00
Environmental Science	80% - B	3.00
World Cultural Geography	90% - A	4.00
Team Sports 1	93% - A	4.00
Engineering 1	75% - C	2.00
Band 1	63% - D	1.00

Semester GPA – 2.71

Things to Remember



- ✓ Check for Weighted Categories in Each Class
- ✓ 2.00 GPA is Required for Sports and Activities
- ✓ Credit Recovery – Virtual Classes Only
- ✓ GPA is Calculated in January and June

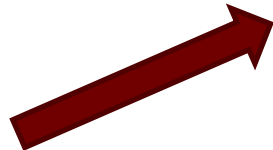
Action Steps

- Check Grades and Assignments in Focus
- Ask your Teacher for Help
- Make Up Work in a Timely Manner
- Turn in Incomplete Work for Partial Credit
- Attend Tutoring Sessions
- Get Involved in Activities



How do I make an appointment?

- Fill out the online request form for Mrs. Lengacher-Taylor:
 - Student Services
 - BRHS Website
- Email:
lengachertaylorj@manateeschools.net
- Phone: (941)-751-8230,
Ext. 31157
- Schoology Message



Who has questions??

