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# 9th Grade Parent Information Presentation

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## Robinson Secondary School

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**Rising Ninth Grade Parents  
and Students; January 2025**  
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# Agenda

- **Introduction to Student Services**
- **Graduation Requirements**
- **Academic Advising Information**
- **Course options and details about differences among levels of courses**



# Robinson HS Student Services Department

## High School Counselors:

**Jason Woehrmyer (A-Bot)**

**Tim Denny (Bou-Dem)**

**Kat Dingwall (Dep-Gra)**

**Chehnaz Rehayem (Gre-Kar)**

**Mark Gomperts (Kas-Maq)**

**Danny Ramirez (Mar-Nun)**

**Diana Glakas (Nuo-Rom)**

**Brianne Fernandez (Rop-Tok)**

**Rachel DiBartolo (Tol-Z)**

**Holli Selman, College and Career Center Specialist**

**Kim Longworth, Assessment Coach**

**Emma Spracklin, School Registrar, 703.426.2130**



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# 9th Grade Schedules Have 7 Courses:

1. English
2. Math
3. Science
4. History
5. Health and PE
6. Elective \*
7. Elective \*

**\*World Language, Fine Art, or CTE**



# Graduation Requirements

\*may be subject to change

	<b>Standard Diploma Credits Required</b>	<b>Verified Credits</b>	<b>Advanced Diploma Credits Required</b>	<b>Verified Credits</b>
<b>English</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Sciences</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>History/Social Studies</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Health and P.E.</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>2</b>	
<b>World Language, Fine Arts, or CTE</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>3 World Language 1 Fine Art or CTE</b>	
<b>Economics and Personal Finance</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>	
<b>Electives (including sequential)</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>3</b>	
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>5</b>

# Option to Expunge

**Students who take a high school credit-bearing course in middle school can request that the grade be omitted from the student's high school transcript.**

**The form to make this request is due by the end of the first quarter of the school year following completion of the course.**

**\*Courses taken in the summer before 9th grade may not be expunged!**

# Robinson's Online Course Catalog



**Robinson's Homepage → Full Menu → Student Services → High School → Academic Advising HS → Course Catalog**

**RISING 9TH GRADE COURSE  
OFFERINGS**

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**CURRENT STUDENTS COURSE  
OFFERINGS**

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# Academy Courses

- What are Academy courses?

Specialized courses that are offered off-campus.



- Typically taken in the 11th & 12th grades

# Deadlines and Schedule Changes



- **Please adhere to all deadlines made by your school counselor.**
- **Be aware that any changes made after March 21, 2025 will only be made if space is available in the courses.**
- **Why can't we just make the schedule change process easier for students?**
- **Classes get full. We make decisions regarding teacher positions and the number of classes based on the number of students registered for each class.**



# Additional Tips for Success in High School

- **Your student should get involved!**
- **Make school a family priority.**
- **Choose classes that will provide balance.**



# Special Education Information Services

**For students with IEPs, special education services are delivered in the general education and the special education settings.**

**Chelsea Harris and Cary Seago-Blanton are the Special Education Co-Department Chairs for High School.**

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# 2025-2026 FCPS Proposed Start Dates:

## Fall Sports Start Date:

**Golf: Week of 7/28/2025**

**All Other Sports: 8/4/2025**

**Winter Sports Start Date: 11/10/2025**

**Spring Sports Start Date: 2/23/2025**

## FALL SPORTS

**Coed Cheerleading**

**Cross Country Boys and Girls**

**Dance**

**Field Hockey**

**Golf Coed**

**Golf Girls**

**Football**

**Volleyball Boys**

**Volleyball Girls**



# Activities Website

The website is a great resource for up-to-date information on all of the Robinson teams. Please sign up to receive notifications regarding game cancellations and upcoming events.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the James W. Robinson Secondary School Rams website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the school name, a 'Donate' button, and links for 'Activity Registration', 'Sign up for Alerts', and 'Admin'. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with dropdown menus for 'FALL', 'WINTER', and 'SPRING', along with links for 'PHOTOS', 'WATCH', 'CALENDAR', 'QUICK LINKS', 'BOOSTER CLUB', 'BUY TICKETS HERE', and 'MORE'. A large blue banner features the school's logo and name. The main content area is divided into sections: a 'FEATURED' section with a large image of a hand holding a smartphone displaying the 'ROBINSON ATHLETICS' app, with callouts for 'Free DOWNLOAD', 'Updated Rosters and Schedule', and 'Follow your team'; a 'MULTIPLE TEAMS - AUG 8' section titled '24/25 Fall Rambilee!'; a 'RAMS NEWS - NOV 28' section titled 'Download the official Robinson Rams App!'; and a 'RAMS NEWS - JUL 31' section titled '2023 VA Army National Guard Cup Champions'. At the bottom, there are sections for 'LATEST PHOTO GALLERIES' and 'VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS', with a 'Hide player' button visible in the video section.

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Athletics	2023-2024 Club Information	<b>Physicals</b>	Individual
School Calendar	Club Disclaimer	NCAA Eligibility Information	Team
	High School		Athletic Hall of Fame

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1642 State Farm Blvd., Charlottesville, Va. 22911

1. Must submit a VHSL Physical
2. Must Register on the athletic registration site

## ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION/PARENTAL CONSENT/PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORM

Separate signed form is required for each school year **MAY 1** of the current year through **JUNE 30** of the succeeding year.

For school year \_\_\_\_\_

**PRINT CLEARLY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) (First) (Middle Initial) Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address of Parents \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

This is my \_\_\_\_\_ semester in \_\_\_\_\_ High School, and my \_\_\_\_\_ semester since first entering the ninth grade. Last semester I attended \_\_\_\_\_ School and passed \_\_\_\_\_ credit subjects, and I am taking \_\_\_\_\_ credit subjects this semester. I have read the condensed individual eligibility rules of the Virginia High School League that appear below and believe I am eligible to represent my present high school in athletics.

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# Athletic & Activity Registration



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Welcome to  
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Activity Registration Site



# ACADEMICS

- Virginia High School League ([www.vhsl.org](http://www.vhsl.org))
- Must pass 5 Classes to be eligible
- Coaches will monitor academic progress
- After school academic needs are important – get pass to give coach. Pass must include time arrived/time left.



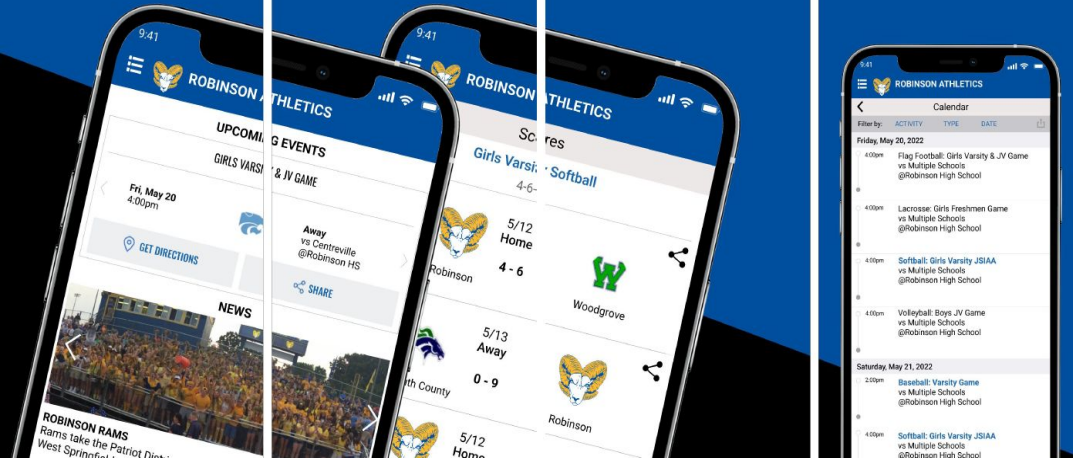
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ATHLETICS

The comprehensive app for  
ALL Rams activities

Follow your favorite team's  
schedules, rosters, scores  
and updates

View the complete Rams  
calendar for all school events



- Download the APP
- Search for Robinson/Patriot District
- Connect your device to Robinson Secondary
- Find schedules, rosters, and scores

# Athletic Training Program

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# **Clubs, Honor Societies, And Class Council**

**Get involved in a club you're interested in, start your own club, apply for membership to an honor society, run for a class council position**

**If your student is interested in creating a club they do not see on the High School Clubs List, please have them contact me with what they would like to create! [Laarnsmeyer@fcps.edu](mailto:Laarnsmeyer@fcps.edu)**

**Please get involved at Robinson!**

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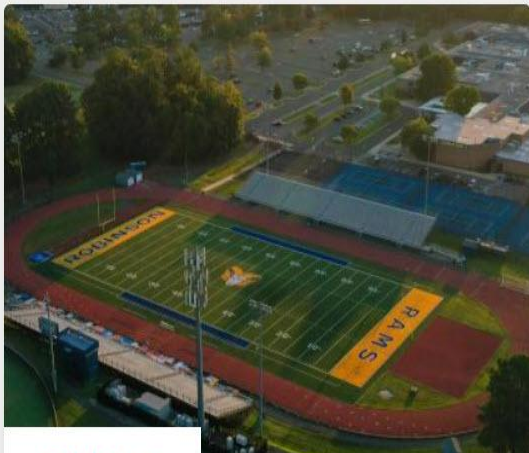
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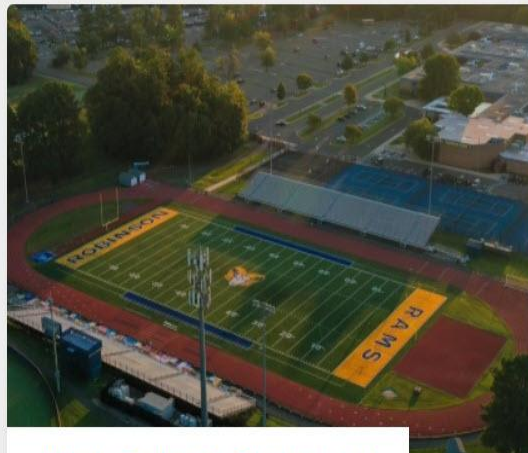
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All In!



## Athletics

Information about participating in sports, links to forms, team schedules, and concussion training.



## High School Clubs List

View an Alpha List of Robinson's High School Clubs.



## Honor Societies

View club descriptions for all honor societies.



# SOCIAL MEDIA



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IB mission statement

IB learner profile

Programme standards and practices



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PYP

MYP

DP



# Who Participates in the IB MYP (Middle Years Program)?

- **MYP is for all students at Robinson in grades 7-10**
- **MYP is not a curriculum, it's a framework**
- **MYP: not what we teach, it's how we teach**
- **MYP focuses on inquiry and exploration**



# IB Middle Years Program Certificate

## Requirements:

<b>9th grade</b>	<b>10th grade</b>
Complete a World Language	Complete World Language
Complete a minimum of 3 service-learning reflections (entered in x2VOL) (3 hours of service)	Complete a minimum of 3 service-learning reflections (entered in x2VOL) (3 hours of service)
	Successfully complete a Personal Project on time, including all three components: process journal, product, and report (25 hours)

- If you have any questions about MYP, please contact the MYP Coordinator, Kristin Webster at [kswebster@fcps.edu](mailto:kswebster@fcps.edu).



# Who should enroll in Honors classes (in grades 9 and 10) and IB DP classes (in grades 11 and 12)?

Students who...

- Are intentional with their work.
- Are organized in their study habits.
- Are self-aware and self-sufficient.
- Bring reading and writing skills to the courses.
- Are reflective about their learning.
- Are willing to negotiate with more challenging and sophisticated work.
- To see specific distinctions between honors and standard classes, please click [here](#).



# How are IB DP and AP different?



## Advanced Placement Program

- Teachers design course to ensure success on test; emphasis on content
- Emphasis on analytical reading and writing
- Breadth over depth
- End of course test to determine college credit
- One shot assessment – includes multiple choice, short answer and essay
- Focused on discrete subjects
- Goal of program is to provide college credit for high school coursework

## International Baccalaureate Diploma Program

- A program with a prescribed curriculum and integrated subject matter
- Emphasis on reading, writing, speaking skills as well as the learner profile
- Depth over breadth
- Multiple assessments
- IB emphasizes taking one's education and applying it
- Opportunity to earn a diploma above and beyond the H.S. diploma, providing college admissions advantages

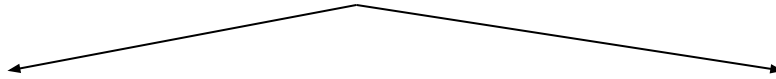


# IB Program options at Robinson

**IB Middle Years Program** (grades 7-10) All students are included regardless of class choice.



**IB Diploma Program** (grades 11 and 12): Students choose the level of participation



**IB Course Certificates: 11th and 12th grade students choose which IB DP courses they want to take.**

- Students can complete as many or as few IB courses as they like.
- Students can earn potential college credit based on their performance on IB external exams.
- Certificates offer more scheduling flexibility.
- Each year, approximately 80% of each senior class chooses IB Certificates.

**Optional IB Diploma: spans both 11th and 12th grade.**

- Students complete an IB course in 6 academic disciplines (Math, History, etc.)
- Students take a course called IB Theory of Knowledge in 11th grade.
- Students complete an Extended Essay (research project)
- Students engage in reflections on service learning
- Students can earn potential college credit based on their performance on IB external exams.
- May offer admissions advantages for college
- Each year, approximately 20% of each senior class chooses the IB Diploma



# IB Diploma Requirements

## To be completed in grades 11 and 12

- **Coursework** – one exam-level class in English, World Language, Social Studies, Math, Science and an Elective (3 at the Higher Level for both junior and senior year; and 3 at the Standard Level, taken in junior and/or senior year)
- **Extended Essay (EE)**
- **Theory of Knowledge (TOK)**
- **Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS)**

### ISSUES TO CONSIDER WHEN MAKING COURSE SELECTIONS:

- You should have completed Algebra 1 in grade eight. If you have not, we recommend taking Algebra 1 in grade nine, Geometry over the summer between grades 9 and 10, and then continue in the math sequence.
- The ideal situation is that students take as many years of language as they can, and become as fluent as they can. That could mean 4, 5 or even 6 years of a language.

# Individual IB DP Course Options

## To be completed in grades 11 and 12



- **Students not wishing to pursue the full IB diploma may take one or more IB class in subjects of interest.**
- **Students will earn certificates for these courses and may also be eligible for college recognition based on these certificates.**
- **Students decide whether or not to pursue the full IB diploma in February of their sophomore year.**
- **Each year, students should consider teacher recommendations as well as their current work and challenge load.**

# Typical IB Diploma-Bound Grade 9 Schedule



- **English 9 or English 9 Honors**
- **World Language Level 2**
- **World History 2 or World History 2 Honors**
- **Biology 9 or Biology 9 Honors**
- **Geometry or Geometry 9 Honors**
- **PE/Health/Driver's Ed**
- **Elective**

To learn more about each of these courses, please visit the subject teachers at the curriculum night after this presentation (6:30-7:30 in the main hallway and subschool areas). *Click [here](#) to see four year course sequence options.*

# Typical IB Diploma-Bound Grade 10 Schedule



- **English 10 or English 10 Honors**
- **World Language Level 3**
- **Government or Honors Government or AP Government**
- **Chemistry or Advanced Chemistry for IB Schools**
- **Algebra II or Honors Algebra II**
- **PE/Health/Driver's Ed**
- **Elective**

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# Robinson IB Diploma Program by the Numbers



**4.65**

**Average score  
obtained by diploma  
candidates in May  
2024  
(scale of 1-7 with a 4  
passing)**

**80 %**

**Percentage of 2024  
Diploma  
Candidates who  
received the IB  
diploma**

**1127**

**Total number of  
current students  
in at least one IB  
or AP course**

**294**

**(167 juniors + 127 seniors)  
Current total number of junior and  
senior IB diploma candidates**

**693**

**Current number of students taking at  
least one IB exam this year**



# Student Transfer Process

- High school students not in the Robinson district, but for whom Robinson is the closest IB High School. There are 8 FCPS IB high schools.
  - If you are interested in a student transfer, please let us know by emailing [htcho@fcps.edu](mailto:htcho@fcps.edu) and [wmvu@fcps.edu](mailto:wmvu@fcps.edu) and we can be on the lookout for your application.
  - The county online portion of the application for student transfer is open from February 1 to June 1 and can be accessed by beginning the process here: <https://www.fcps.edu/registration/student-transfer-information>
  - There is an annual fee of \$100 per student to be paid with the application.
  - [Step by step guide for online application](#)
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# Considerations in Planning for High School Courses

**Academic  
Challenge**

**Academic  
Success**

**Extra-  
curriculars**





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