

# How to Support Your 9th Grade Student

- Help your child further develop academic goals.
- Discuss report cards and progress reports with your child.
- Encourage your child to check his/her teachers' online assignment pages (i.e. Google Classroom) daily.
- Encourage your child to take advantage of 10<sup>th</sup> period.
- Attend Open House and Parent Visitation Day.
- Contact teachers directly if you have questions or concerns.
- Make note of the date report cards are distributed.
- Utilize the Parent Portal and Student Portal.



## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Events and Activities

- ☐ Leadership opportunities in sports, clubs, and activities.
- ☐ Transition to Senior Band/Chorus.
- ☐ JV/Varsity Sports.
- ☐ Class Fundraisers Randy's Run/Murphy's Mile.
- ☐ Electives available if schedule permits.

### 9th Grade Exams

NYS Regents Exams: Math and Science (depending on current courses).

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# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade



A Guide for Parents and Guardians of Lake George Jr.-Sr. High School Students



### Welcome to High School!

#### **Initiative:**

The expectation is that 9<sup>th</sup> graders know what their daily assignments are and complete them on time. Missed work is the student's responsibility to manage.

Attendance is crucial to success. The pace is faster in high school and classroom activities and discussion are designed to enrich and ensure understanding. Students who are often absent experience real disadvantages in the learning environment.

Assigned science labs are now required and must be completed in order to sit for the Regents.

Students are expected to self-advocate.

#### Permanence:

Grades and course credits are now a part of the permanent record and are listed on formal transcripts that become very important to colleges, scholarship committees, and employers.

A 9<sup>th</sup> grade student receiving a failing grade will be placed on academic probation. A probation card is carried by the student and applies to all extracurricular activities, including sports and the musical. The goal is to encourage a focus on academics.

Online resources such as <u>careerzone.ny.gov</u> and <u>bigfuture.org</u> can also help students explore areas of interest and career pathways.

### Did You Know?

Co-curricular activities are important but should be limited.

Time management becomes very important this year. Students need to make choices concerning the amount of time they have to devote to clubs, sports, and activities both on and off campus. Increasingly, colleges are more interested in students who contribute a great deal to a few activities than they are in students who simply join clubs in order to list them on an activity resumé.

Sleep is imperative for healthy growth and brain function.

9<sup>th</sup> grade students may begin to earn college credits at no cost through the Early College Career Academy Program. Go to <u>www.adkecca.org</u> for more information