

“Preparing for the Future”

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Registration for high school is an exciting time for an eighth grader. When our class entered middle school, some kids had no thoughts of going to college. They have learned so much during the past two years and can't wait to go to high school and then on to college.

North Canyon High School's guidance counselor, Mrs. McShane, recently spoke to Greenway Middle School's AVID classes. She explained the graduation requirements, choices that students have in high school, and what they need to do to get into a good college.

High school is very different from middle school. Each class is worth .5 credits. Twenty-two credits are required to be able to graduate from high school. If a student doesn't pass a class, it must be repeated. Students are required to have 4 credits in English, 3 credits in social studies, math and science. In their electives, they will need one credit in physical education, one credit in fine arts or vocational arts, and seven total credits in electives.

There are different requirements if a student plans to attend an in-state university. Students must have 4 credits in English and math, 3 credits in a lab science, 2 credits in social studies, 2 years of a foreign language, and one credit in fine arts.

There are so many more classes and activities that a student can take in high school. There are art, music, band, dance, chorus, drama, trades, Honor Society and many more. If students want to impress on their applications, they should join clubs. Participation in activities outside of class can make the difference when it comes to receiving college acceptances.

The sports programs in the high schools are awesome. New students can join these sports programs as long as they pass all eighth grade classes. Football, baseball, softball, basketball, bowling, tennis, badminton, track and field, and soccer are some of the choices.

Parents can help their children reach success in high school and college. Parents who work with their children by helping them establish good study habits are helping them to achieve higher grades. The move from middle school to high school is a difficult one for children. It's easier with the help and support of parents and family.

Greenway's principal, Jesse Acosta, spoke to the AVID class about good study habits learned at Greenway. When it comes to schoolwork, his advice was, "Learn it, use it, make it a practice!"

The AVID classes are excited about going on to high school and college. They know there's a lot they can do with their lives and they are ready to get started.