

Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School

Welcome Parents!
Incoming Grade 7
Parent Transition Meeting
7:45 PM

Ms. Kerry Farrell, Principal
Mrs. Dorothy Drexel, Assistant Principal
Mr. Brian Ciampo, Assistant Principal
Ms. Irene Petrusic, School Counselor
January 21, 2025

Overview of Courses Available

- English, Social Studies, Science, Math, P.E.
- World Language
- Specials (Art, Music, Tech, FACS, Health)
- Support Services
- Students do not travel as a class

Mathematics Courses

- Teacher Recommendations (on Parent Portal - 2/13)
- Self-Selection
- **Math 7**
 - Grade level curriculum aligned to NYS Standards
- **Math 7 Accelerated**
 - Covers curriculum of Math 7 & Math 8
 - Precedes Algebra (high school credit bearing course) in 8th grade

World Languages

- **Spanish, Chinese, French, American Sign Language**
- 7th Grade=Level 1A
- 8th Grade=Level 1B
- At the end of 8th grade, students will take the Checkpoint A exam
- The successful completion of a language in grades 7 and 8 marks the completion of Level 1 and allows students to take 2R or 2H in grade 9
 - Earn 1 credit for HS
- This will be the language your child continues with to satisfy their language requirement for graduation.

World Languages

World Language
Preference Form
due **January 24th!**



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World Language Selection for 2025-2026 School Year

Brian Clampo • 2 days ago • Monday, Jan 13 at 3:00 PM • 8th Grade



Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School

"A Tradition of Excellence in Middle Level Education"

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Assistant Principal

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Dear Parents/Guardians of our 8th Grade Students,

As we begin to prepare for the 2025-2026 school year, the time has come for you and your child to choose the language that he/she/they will study next year. Please complete the Google Form linked to this message in order for our guidance department to schedule the World Language choice for your child for the 2025-2026 school year. **Please note, this Google form must be completed by Friday, January 24, 2025.**

While your child has not yet had the chance to experience all the languages we offer in 8th grade, we hope you and your child are excited to select a language and begin their journey toward becoming lifelong language learners and global citizens!

Language Options:

Your child can choose from the following languages:

- **American Sign Language (ASL)** 🗣️: Learn to communicate with the Deaf community using body language and facial expressions while exploring a rich and unique culture.
- **French** 🇫🇷: Dive into one of the most widely spoken languages in the world, opening doors to art, cuisine, and global communication.
- **Mandarin Chinese** 🇨🇳: Explore the language spoken by over a billion people and discover the fascinating history, culture, and traditions of China.
- **Spanish** 🇪🇸: Connect with the rich cultures of Spanish-speaking countries and join the most popular language choice in our district!

Important Details:

All world language courses span both 7th and 8th grades and culminate in the Checkpoint A exam, earning students **1 high school World Language credit** upon completion.

- **Deadline:** Please complete the Google form by **Friday, January 24, 2025.**
- **Parent Discussion:** Submission of this form confirms that parents and students have discussed and agreed on their selections.

? Questions?

For any questions about the World Language curriculum, please contact:

Mr. Leonardo Rivera, Director of World Languages and ENL

📞 (516) 434-3179

✉️ lrivera@pobschools.org

You may also reach out to your child's school counselor with questions or concerns.

We can't wait to see which language your child chooses to explore! 🌍

The POBMS World Language Selection Google Form can be found by following this link:

<https://forms.gle/vvK3nprQJofA8o7U6>

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Brian Clampo

Specials & Supports

7th Grade Specials

- **Art** (1/2 year, every other day)
- **Music Studio** (1/2 year, every other day)
- **Family & Consumer Science** (FACS, 1/2 year, every other day)
- **Technology** (1/2 year, every other day)
- **Health** (every other day for the entire year)
- **P.E.** (every other day for the entire year)

7th Grade Supports-will take the place of a special(s)

- ICT (Academic Support 3/6 or 6/6)
- Resource Room (3/6 or 6/6)
- AIS Services (Reading, Math, Writing)
- ENL Services
- Speech/OT/PT/Counseling (pull-outs from specials)

Periods	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
1	English	English	English	English
2	Science	Science	Science	Science
3	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
4	Math 7/ Math 7 ACC			
5	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies
6	World Languages	World Languages	World Languages	World Languages
7	PE/Health	PE/Health	PE/Health	PE/Health
8	Specials or Supports	Specials or Supports	Specials or Supports	Specials or Supports

Looking Ahead...

Acceleration Options in 8th grade

➤ Algebra 1

-Replaces Math 8

-Can only be taken if student takes Math 7 ACC in 7th grade

➤ Earth and Space Science + Lab

-Replaces Science 8 and includes a lab every other day

➤ Studio Art

-Every day for the full year; can indicate interest next year

➤ Geometry (Double Accelerated)

Each accelerated course will earn one high school credit towards graduation and will appear on your child's high school transcript (final average and Regents Exam score).

Options

Where do my choices lead me?

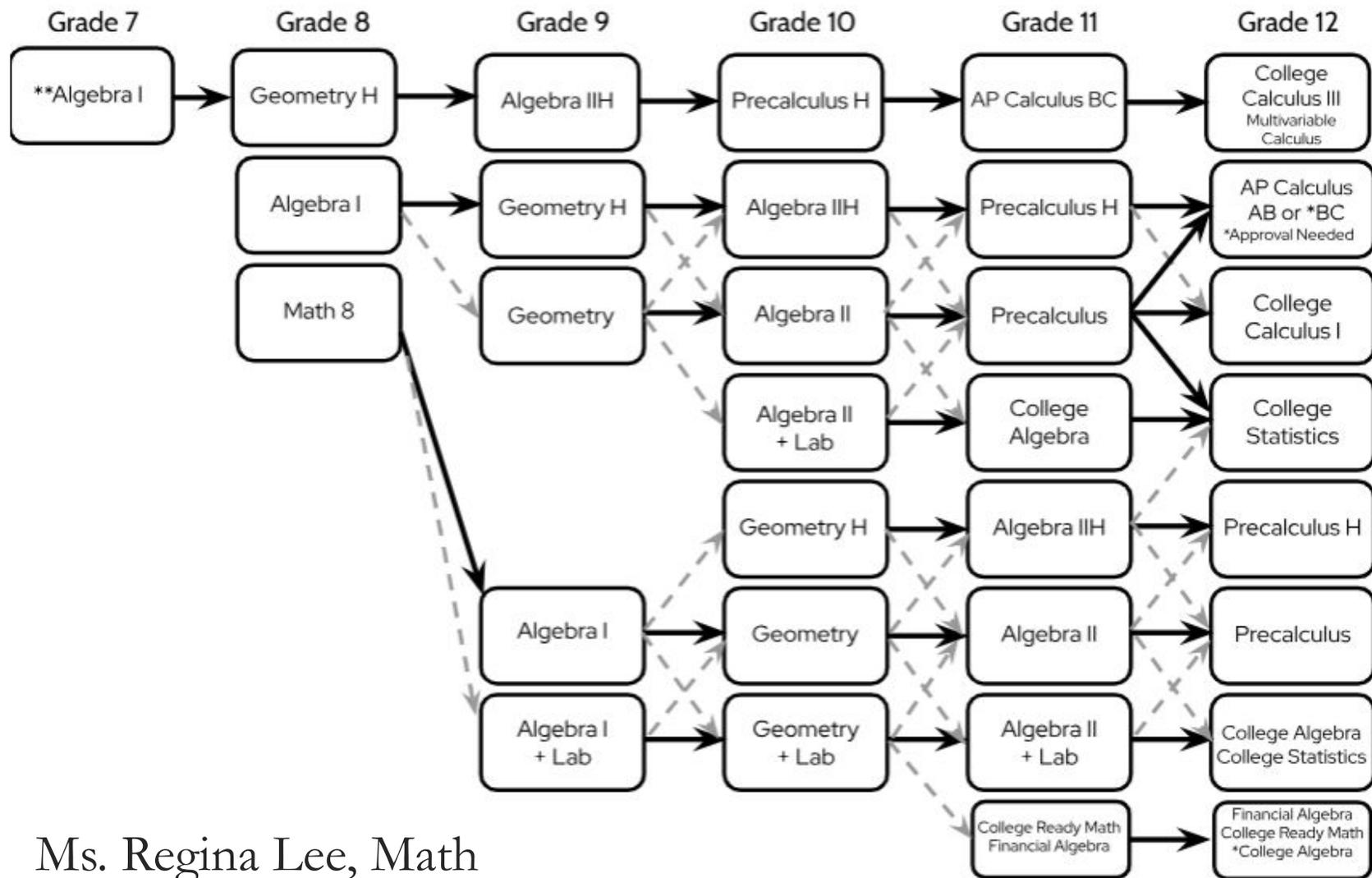
Let's talk about pathways for:

- Math
- Science
- Art

***Link to 2025/2026 Curriculum Guide:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EB4-ODwTBHF1FzuzlDDfZ-M9yd10BT7/view>

POB Mathematics Flow Chart



Ms. Regina Lee, Math
Chairperson
reglee@pobschools.org

Introduction to Sports Analytics
AP Statistics
Can be taken in addition to one of the above with recommendation

POB Science Flowchart

SCIENCE

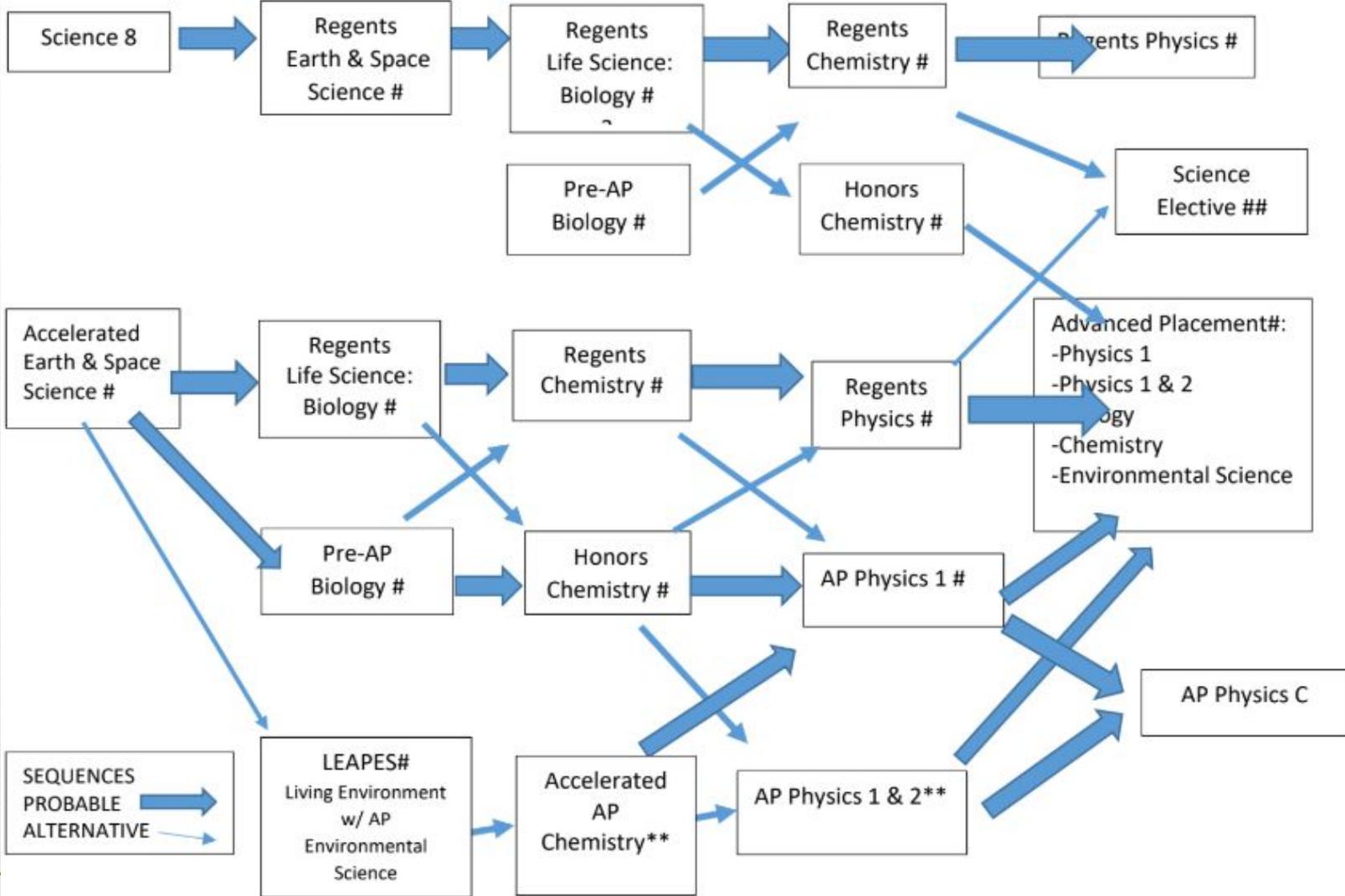
Grade 8

Grade 9

Grade 10

Grade 11

Grade 12



POB Science Flowchart

Science Electives

- Anatomy & Physiology # @ LIU
- Applied Science
- Astronomy ##
- Biotechnology/DNA Science ##
- Careers in Engineering ##
- EMT # @ Nassau VEEB
- Forensic Science ##
- Health Related Careers @ LIU
- Marine Science ##

AP Courses

- AP Biology
 - AP Chemistry
 - AP Environmental Science
 - AP Physics 1
 - AP Physics 1 & 2
 - AP Physics C
- Accelerated AP Chem - double period every day

STEM Electives

- Aeronautics
- College Engineering @ Hofstra
- Careers in Engineering

- Regents exam requires the successful completion of lab requirements.
- All students taking an AP class must take the AP examination.

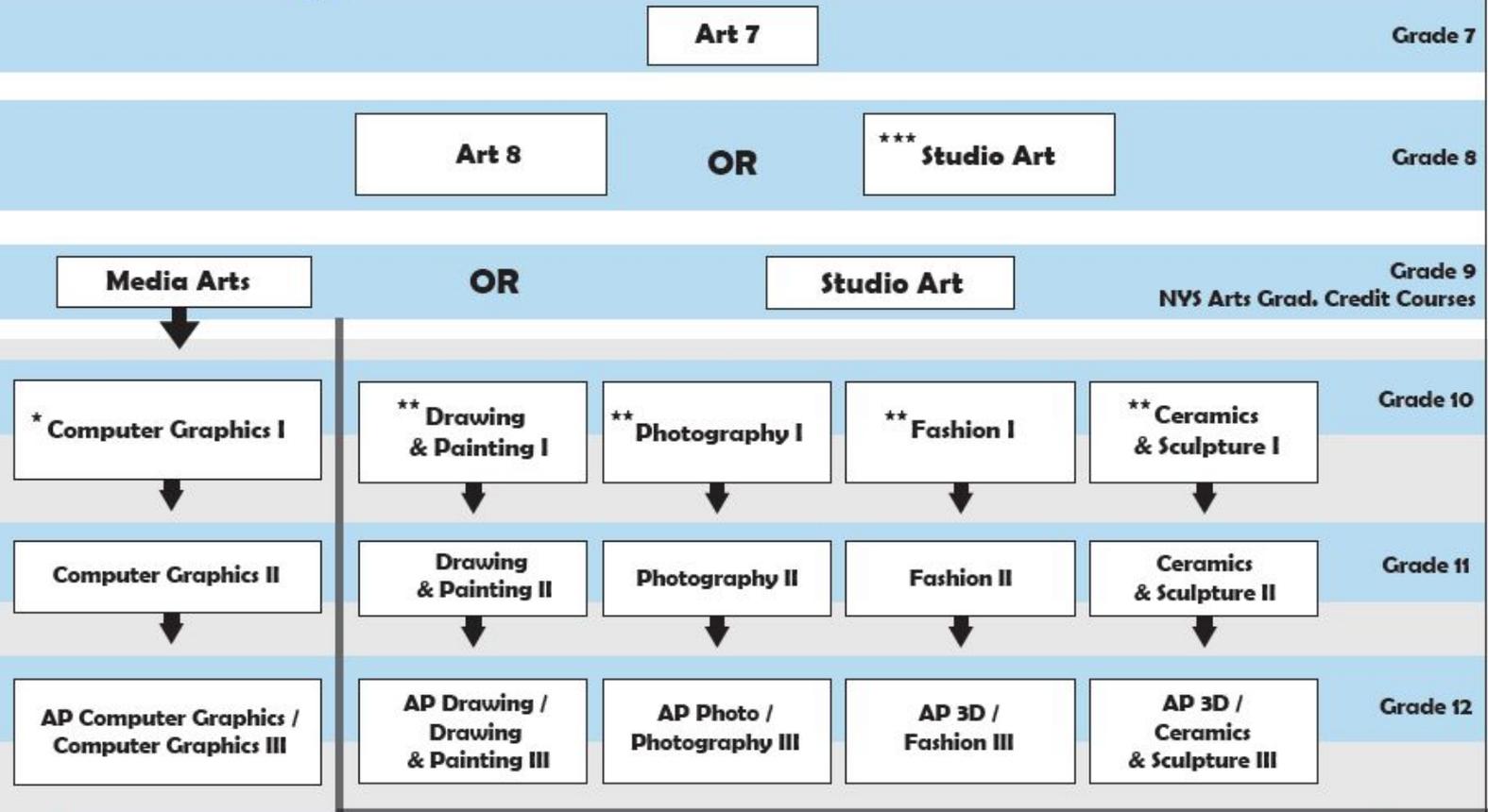
- # Lab class, double-period every other day
- ## Every other day class
- @ College Credit
- ** Double period every day

Students pursuing Accelerated / Honors classes are encouraged to take Independent Research

Updated 12/3/24



Art Department Flow Chart: Grades 7-12



*Advertising & Design

AP Art History

Only offered to students in grades 10-12.

* The prerequisite of Computer Graphics I and Advertising & Design is Media Arts.

** Although Studio Art is the recommended prerequisite for all non-computer based art sequences (*Drawing & Painting, Photography, Fashion, Ceramics & Sculpture*), Media Arts can also serve as a prerequisite to these courses.

*** Drawing & Painting I, Photography I, Fashion I, and Ceramics & Sculpture I are allowed after Studio Art is taken in grade 8.

Dr. Ben Wiley, Director of Art bwiley@pobschools.org

Athletics

Fall:

Football

Girls Swimming

Cross Country (Boys/Girls)

Cheerleading

Soccer (Boys/Girls)

Girls Tennis

Boys Badminton

Winter 1:

Boys Swimming

Winter Track (Boys/Girls)

Boys Basketball

Girls Volleyball

Cheerleading

Winter 2:

Girls Basketball

Boys Volleyball

Wrestling

Bowling

Spring:

Baseball

Softball

Lacrosse (Boys/Girls)

Track (Boys/Girls)

Boys Tennis

Girls Badminton

PHYSICAL IS REQUIRED -

- Reach out to the Athletics Department for more information

Parent Square



Please check Parent Square regularly for important upcoming scheduling deadlines!

English:



Spanish/Español:



Korean/한국인:



Traditional Chinese/
繁體中文:



Simplified Chinese/
简体中文:



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