

State School QQQ-1 Letter to Parents Regarding Subject Selection for 2009-2010

Dear Parents:

State School QQQ-1 has begun the subject selection process for classes for the 2009-2010 school year which as you know, is the inaugural year for the new high school! It has been a pleasure to visit your child's current school and orient him/her to State School QQQ-1's curriculum offerings. Your child will be bringing home a 9th or 10th grade subject selection form which you should review with your child, sign and have him/her return to his/her counselor or assistance principal.

Course selection at State School QQQ-1 is a carefully arranged series of steps from February through the end of June. These steps include:

1. Recommendations by current teachers based on criteria guidelines set by the administration.
2. Curriculum Bulletin and Subject Selection sheets displayed on the school website <http://ssqqq1.dadeschools.net> for parents to review with their child and prepare for subject selection.
3. State School QQQ-1 staff visits feeder schools to share academic, athletic, club and other school related information with students and review subject selection process.
4. Students meet with their current counselor to review their academic histories, discuss their teachers recommendations, discuss the counselor recommendations, select their academic classes based on the proper criteria and then select their electives.
5. Administrators and student services personnel review student selections and academic levels.
6. Teachers are hired based on the subject selection process and the number of requests per subject.
7. In July, schedules are downloaded and finalized for the fall (2009) opening of school.
8. At the opening of school, there will likely be some adjustments made to reflect any courses taken over the summer that affect a student's schedule.

Please note the information on the following page:

STATE SCHOOL QQQ-1

ACADEMIC PLACEMENT CRITERIA FOR SUBJECT SELECTION

Students will be placed in 2009-2010 academic courses based upon the following criteria:

1. Previous grades
2. Test Scores (FCAT)
3. Teacher recommendation
4. Counselor recommendation

Students who are FCAT Level 1 or 2 (below 300) in English or math will be placed in an Intensive Reading or Intensive Mathematics courses for assistance. They will remain in these classes for the entire year.

Electives

Students entering 9th and 10th grade at State School QQQ-1 are following the state's "It's a Major" plan and must select an area of career or career interest and pick their electives accordingly from the variety of academy options. Additional electives can also be selected from the other areas including Fine Arts, Physical Education and Foreign Languages.

Summer On-Line Courses

All requests for summer time online classes must be submitted by May 25, 2009 to the student's current counselor.

I look forward to meeting each of you and working closely with your child through his/her high school years at State School QQQ-1! Please email me at salayon@dadeschools.net should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Sally Alayon, Principal