



June 30, 2026

Dear Rising Grade 11 Students and Families:

We hope you are having a wonderful start to your summer! In preparation for the upcoming year, we want to share some helpful information with you.

The grade 11 Guiding Question is, “How can we be mindful of and prepare for the future?” Students will explore this question throughout the school year in their academic courses and in their Advisory groups as they continue to develop their skills, understandings, and content knowledge related to community building and future planning.

As part of the academic program, grade 11 students will take English III or an Advanced English option, Mathematics, Science (including Advanced Chemistry), World Language, and two additional credits, as well as Physical Education and Elective courses. In addition to their required courses and their classes in the Electives blocks, students will have the option to choose one additional credit in Arts, Science, Math, or Social Studies and will also engage in a comprehensive Wellness curriculum.

Students in grade 11 should expect to spend two hours per night on homework and continue to demonstrate their growing skills as Self-Directed Learners by seeking help from teachers in class and during Academic Support. Some students have also elected to take advanced courses for college credit from Southern New Hampshire University. Grade 11 students will also participate in field work in the fall, which will be dependent on availability of community partners to host our students.

Students enrolled in the Advanced Literature or Advanced College Composition courses must read both *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde and *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas Foster. Students should come to school in September ready to discuss and write about these texts in the first unit of their course.

All other grade 11 students and Advisors must choose and read one of our [community books](#), *Tomorrow, Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin, *The Peregrine* by J. A. Baker, *Babel* by R. F. Kuang, or *Red Rising* by Pierce Brown. Students should come to school in September ready to participate in discussions and activities connected to one of the books. Students and their families should also consult the attached supplies list to ensure that they arrive with the **required** scholastic materials on the first day of school.

We look forward to seeing you at our Open House on Monday, August 31. In the meantime, have a happy and restful summer!

Sincerely,

The Grade 11 Advisory Team

Required materials for grade 11 students:

For All Classes: ☐ Plenty of pencils, blue pens, and black pens ☐ Colored pens or pencils (for correcting) ☐ Highlighters ☐ White lined paper	
Math (ALL math courses): ☐ One 3-inch, 3-ring binder ☐ White lined paper ☐ Hole-punched graph paper ☐ One set of binder dividers ☐ TI-83+ or TI-84 graphing calculator - <u>must be</u> Texas Instruments brand (<i>same as the science calculator - see below</i>)* ☐ One 12-inch ruler ☐ One compass ☐ One protractor ☐ One straight edge (only for Geometry students)	
English: ☐ One 2-inch, 3-ring binder ☐ White lined paper ☐ One set of binder dividers ☐ One in-binder hole punch	History: ☐ One 2-inch, 3-ring binder ☐ White lined paper ☐ One set of binder dividers ☐ One 2-pocket folder ☐ One pack of index cards
Visual Art: ☐ One 18-inch transparent plastic ruler	Theater ☐ One pack of colored pencils ☐ One 1-subject notebook with a pocket or separate folder for handouts
Latin: ☐ One 2-inch, 3-ring binder ☐ White lined paper ☐ One set of binder dividers ☐ One pack of low-odor dry erase markers ☐ One pack of 3" x 5" index cards ☐ Latin-English Dictionary	Spanish: ☐ One 2-inch, 3-ring binder ☐ White lined paper ☐ One set of binder dividers ☐ One mid-size notebook ☐ One pack of dry erase markers ☐ One pack of 3" x 5" index cards ☐ One 2-pocket folder
Biology OR Earth and the Environment: ☐ One 2-inch binder ☐ White, lined paper	Technology & Engineering: ☐ One notebook ☐ One bound composition book with graph paper for a laboratory journal ☐ TI-83+ or TI-84 graphing calculator - <u>must be</u> Texas Instruments brand (<i>same as the science calculator - see below</i>)*
*Students will need a TI (Texas Instruments) Graphing Calculator for math and science courses.	