

Have You Heard?

Red Clay has released its 2018-19 Course Catalog, the first districtwide listing of all available high school programs, classes and pathways in one multi-use publication.



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For the first time, Red Clay students and parents can see everything in one place: high school policies and procedures, a complete list of all the ways to earn college credit during high school, more than 40 future-ready pathways and programs of study, and a master listing of every course offered by our school district.

The Red Clay course catalog consolidates what used to be five separate handbooks into one high quality, user-friendly resource, making it easier for high school students to see all of their options and make the best choices for their future.

In designing the catalog, the district thought digital first. Knowing that high schoolers live on their Chromebooks, the catalog was designed with bookmarks and links for easy navigation. [The course catalog is available at redclayschools.com under Resources](https://www.redclayschools.com/resources). (For best viewing on a mobile device, a reader-friendly app like iBooks or Adobe Reader is recommended.)

Recognizing that the high school planning process can be a daunting one for 8th graders and their parents, Red Clay will send home a printed copy to every 8th grader this month. Printed copies will also be made available to high school students with IEPs that require printed materials, high school students who may not have access to a Chromebook, and a limited number of copies will be available in each school's main office.

Producing the catalog was a key project of the Strategic Plan 2017-2022, which focuses on preparing today's learners to thrive in tomorrow's world. The district wanted to make it easier for students to navigate the high school experience and set themselves up for success--and that started with improving the high school planning process.

The catalog was 10 months in the making, the result of tremendous collaboration between counselors, teachers and principals from Red Clay's five comprehensive high schools and magnet schools, curriculum specialists, and district leaders.



The catalog is divided into five sections:

- *Introduction*, which standardizes high school policies, procedures and processes and the way they are communicated to Red Clay families. Topics include Planning & Scheduling, Course Levels, Grading & Evaluation, and Graduation.
- *Earning College Credit in High School*, which helps students learn about the many ways they can get a head start on college. Students can now see which high schools offer which AP courses and dual enrollment options, and also explore the International Baccalaureate program at John Dickinson High School and the Early College Academy at Alexis I. du Pont High School.
- *Our High Schools*, which highlights each high school's unique offerings and maps out which courses to take when, on the road to graduation.
- *Career Clusters, Pathways & Programs of Study*, which lets students explore over 40 pathways and programs and their specific course requirements, career paths and industry-recognized certifications.
- *Course Descriptions*, which contains a master listing of all high school courses in Red Clay, grouped by core content area or career cluster.

Printed copies are arriving at schools this week, and counselors will distribute them to students during the course selection process this month.

Red Clay is asking for feedback on the catalog, which will help the district deliver an even better tool for high schoolers next year. Please report any ideas, suggestions or other comments to taylor.green@redclay.k12.de.us.

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