

Getting to Know the American High School

Task 1: Two schools in Nebraska

Have a look at the two websites of *Millard North High School* and *North West High School* and choose the school you like best. Give reasons and discuss your choice with a partner.

Task 2: Millard North High School

You are interested in how many students attend MNHS (Millard North High School). Please have a look at the following site:

<http://nebraska.schooltree.org/public/Millard-North-High-053106.html>

Year	Students are called	Number of students
9	Freshmen	
10	Sophomores	
11	Juniors	
12	Seniors	
Total number of students:		

Task 3: Discussion

Get together with a partner and do task 3 of the web-unit.

Task 4: The Schedule

American High Schools offer a great number of different subjects and the students have much more choice than in Germany. Counselors help the students to make up their individual timetables. When you are a regular student you will see a counselor and make up your own timetable.

But you are still in Germany and you have been asked to have a look at the course list and say which of the courses you would like to take.

There are some subjects which are **compulsory** (they have to be taken) and some subjects which you can choose yourself (**electives**). In your schedule three subjects areas with the following subjects are compulsory: *English (English 9)*, *Math (Algebra)* and *Social Studies (American History)*.

Now take **Millard High School** and choose four additional subjects from the following course catalogs. They should be taken from different subject areas. Please give a short description of the subjects you chose and explain why you want to take these subjects.

Millard High School: <http://millard.esu3.org/mnhs/academics/AcaDepartments.htm>

Course catalog

Courses: Year 9			
Subject	Subject Area	Description	Why I chose this subject
English 9			
Algebra	Math		
American History since 1914	Social Studies		

Work with a partner and tell him/her why you like your new high school schedule. Would you prefer your high school schedule to your own schedule now? Why? Why not? What are the advantages when students can choose their own schedules?