

Earlier scheduling could mean fewer complications

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RCHS students will soon be starting the scheduling process for the next year. Administrators hope to have all schedules complete and in the hands of students by the end of the semester.

According to guidance counselor Dale Whitaker, having the scheduling finished by the end of the year will allow more time for advisory, help with the size of the classes, get the word about the classes out to parents, and allow students to prepare for their classes in advance.

"One of the biggest problems with the scheduling is that they plan the schedule according to the number of request that students give us," said counselor Janice Miller, and that is the problem that we hope to overcome.

Mr. Whitaker agreed with Mrs. Miller when he said, "Scheduling is a never-ending process."

When scheduling does take place students may find there are several different classes added to a wide selection of classes already available. One reason for this is Project Lead The Way, a series of classes designed to lead students

into the field of engineering. Over the next three years, there will be five classes added to the program.

The first class to be added is Introduction to Engineering and Design (IED). IED provides students with opportunities to be creative and to apply their decision-making and problem solving skills to design problems. This will replace two classes: Overview of Technological Systems, and drafting.

Several new classes are still being considered by the SBDM Council.

AP US History is described as "a very challenging, college preparatory course designed to prepare students to pass the AP US History exam given each spring." If approved, the course will be a year long class that counts as two credits. Open to 11th graders only, this class will include one semester of American Government and Politics.

Seniors may be interested in Introduction to Criminal Justice, which will introduce students to the procedures and issues in the United States criminal justice system.

"We found that there are more

students wanting to take social studies classes, and we've never been able to offer them because of scheduling," said Social Studies Department Chair Debbie Coleman.

Students may be able to expect more AP (Advanced Placement) classes sometime in the future. In consideration is to add more AP classes, in the hope that some students will be able to receive the Commonwealth Diploma, along with the regular high school diploma students already receive. To receive the Commonwealth Diploma a student has to have at least four AP classes.

In AP classes there is the choice to take a test in the spring to receive some college credit for that class.

Many students seem positive about trying to complete scheduling early.

"I think it is really good and there will not be as much confusion," said junior Natalee Taylor.

Junior Ben Taylor, who is definitely not confused about his response says, "It's good, yeah it's definitely good."

On the other hand, there were

students that didn't like the idea. "It doesn't give me enough time to think about what classes I want to take," said freshman Tara Rowe.

Would you like to see more classes offered at RCHS?

What do you think about the classes that are being suggested for 2002-2003?

Do you think it's a good idea to have scheduling complete by year's end?

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