

CENTRAL BUCKS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Course of Study Recommendation for Adoption

Course: Navigate

Date: 08-06-2026

Student Level: High School

Grade Level: Grade 9

Characterization of Course of Study:

According to the 2026-27 Program of Studies, “Navigate 9 is a required course for all 9th grade students designed to empower students as they transition into high school by fostering civic engagement and responsible citizenship. This problem-based course emphasizes the skills and knowledge needed to be productive, ethical, and informed members of the school community. Students will develop teamwork, leadership, and executive functioning skills such as organization and planning. The course equips you with a strong academic foundation by emphasizing critical thinking, respectful communication, and digital citizenship, with a focus on the ethical use of technology. Students will set personal and academic goals, reflect on their strengths, and cultivate a growth mindset and resilience.”

As students transition into high school, Navigate 9 serves as a Tier 1 universal course that supports all learners through a shared learning experience. The course establishes common academic systems, habits, expectations, and language across buildings and content areas. Instruction emphasizes practical, real-world tools and repeatable systems such as planning routines, notetaking structures, professional communication, and research practices. By creating transferable academic artifacts students build skills and resources for use in Navigate and other high school courses.

Reasons for Proposed Adoption:

Grade-level realignment affords the opportunity to explicitly address skills pertinent to success in high school, and the Navigate course creates a forum in which teachers can teach, model, and reinforce such skills. This course also provides an opportunity to frame students’ short- and medium-term decisions regarding course selection and engagement within an understanding of long-term post-secondary goals.

Principal Approval Date: _____

Curriculum Committee Approval Date: _____

School Board Approval Date: _____