

# Welcome to North Quincy High School



# About us...



- ▶ Robert Shaw, Principal
- ▶ Helena Skinner, Assistant Principal for Operations and Student Support
- ▶ Noreen Holland, Assistant Principal for Teaching and Learning

# For Grade 8 Families

If your student is in grade 9, 10 or 11,  
please join this Zoom meeting now:

Zoom Meeting ID: 816 6188 5086

Passcode: 231790

<https://quincypublicschools.zoom.us/j/81661885086?pwd=aHQ5aFIMWHo0WUZoSldU25McUcxUT09>

FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL

WHATEVER YOU DO,  
DON'T LET HIM SENSE  
OUR ANXIETY.



Nicholson  
30 JAN '02

# Relaxation Exercise with Mrs. Farren



# Typical Schedule

- ❖ All students must select 31 credits



English (5 credits)

Math (5 credits)

Science (5 credits)

Foreign Language (5 credits)

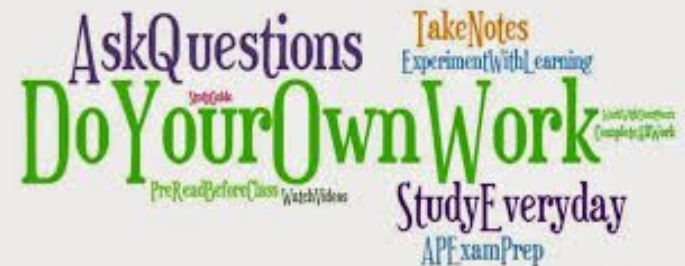
Social Studies (5 credits)

5 credit elective or two 2.5 credit electives

- ❖ Physical Education (1 credit)

# High School Expectations

- ▶ Homework should be completed as assigned
- ▶ Students need to take responsibility for any missing work
- ▶ Agenda book and/or organizational system for assignments is highly recommended
- ▶ Students need to learn to manage time
- ▶ Every test, homework assignment, project counts
- ▶ Class participation is an important part of learning and the term grade
- ▶ Independence increases each year!



Ask Questions Take Notes  
Experiment with Learning  
Do Your Own Work  
Study Guide  
Read before class Watch videos  
Study everyday  
AP Exam Prep

# Graduation & Promotion Requirements

**100 credits**

**4 years of English (20 credits)**

**4 years of Social Studies  
(20 credits)**

**3 years of Math (15 credits)**

**3 years of Science (15 credits)**

**2 years Foreign Language  
(10 credits)**

**4 years of Phys. Ed. (4 credits)**

**PASS MCAS**

**Community Service Learning –  
30 hours by Junior Year**

**20 credits  
to go to  
grade 10**

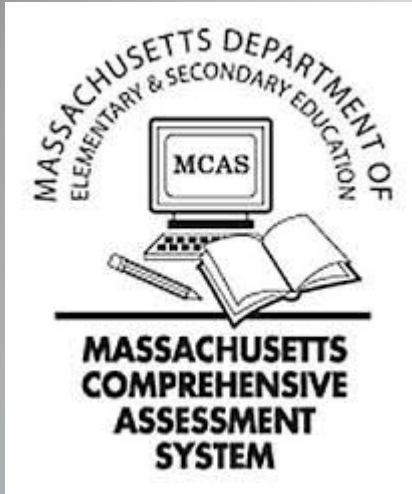
**45 credits  
to go to  
grade 11**

**70 credits  
to go to  
grade 12**

**100 credits  
to graduate**



# MCAS Graduation Requirements for Graduation



## Class of 2025 -

- ▶ Students are expected to pass the MCAS in Math, English and Science.
- ▶ Students will take MCAS in grade 10.
- ▶ Students in Biology in grade 9 will take the Science MCAS in grade 9.

# High School “Fly-Up” Day

- ❖ Date to be announced
- ❖ 8th grade students come to NQHS
- ❖ Presentation by high school students and staff
- ❖ Tour of the school



# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation Day

- ▶ **Sept. 8, 2021** - First day of school for 9th grade only
- ▶ Students attend opening day assembly
- ▶ Escorted to homeroom
- ▶ Students will receive a locker and an agenda book
- ▶ Longer homeroom and shortened class periods
- ▶ Meet with “Freshman Mentor”



# Get Involved!

- ▶ High school is much more than classes
- ▶ Students are the **most important part** of the high school family
- ▶ Students are more successful when they are involved in school activities



# Clubs, Activities, and Sports

- ❖ Club and Activity Fair held each September during on the day of Back to School Night
- ❖ It's an opportunity to meet new friends and become part of the school community
- ❖ Freshmen will transition better when they are involved in school activities



# What is the right class for me?

Choosing the right courses for high school is a very important process.

- ▶ Teacher Recommendations
- ▶ Student Involvement
- ▶ Parental Involvement



# Course Levels



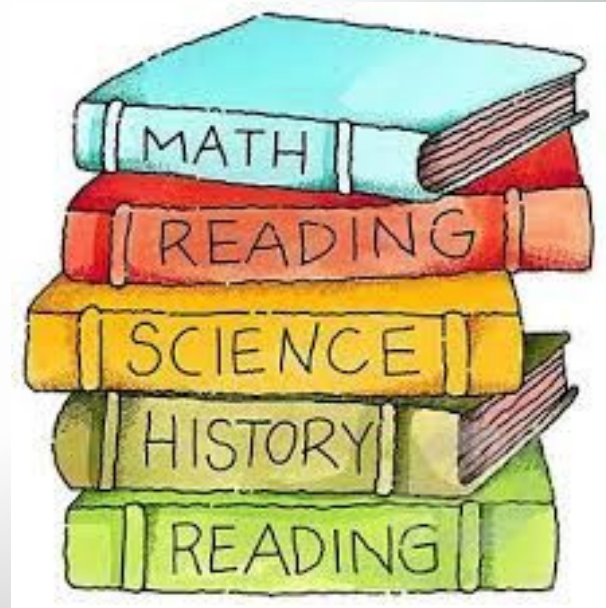
- ❖ **Advanced (A):** Students should anticipate intense pacing and collegiate analysis of the curriculum. Students should be accomplished independent learners who are highly self-motivated and can manage rigorous homework expectations. Summer work may be required.
- ❖ **Honors (H):** Students should anticipate fast pacing and deep analysis of the curriculum. Students should be self-motivated to manage more rigorous homework expectations.
- ❖ **College and Career Preparatory (CCP):** Students should anticipate moderate pacing and deep exploration of the curriculum in CCP level classes. Students should be motivated to engage with a workload that prepares them for post-secondary education and/or careers.

# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

## English and Social Studies Course Offerings

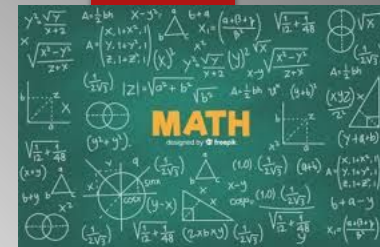
---

- Placement is based on middle school grades and 8th grade teacher recommendation
- English 9 CCP, H, A
- World History CCP, H, A



# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Math Course Offerings/Guidelines



IF YOU ARE TAKING:

YOUR AVERAGE IS:

YOU SHOULD TAKE:

• ADVANCED MATH

A -B

GEOMETRY ADV\*

• ADVANCED MATH

C OR BELOW

ALGEBRA 1 ADV\*

• MATH

A

ALGEBRA 1 A

• MATH

B

ALGEBRA 1 H

• MATH

C OR BELOW

ALGEBRA 1 CCP

\* ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS INCLUDE 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TEACHER RECOMMENDATION, MCAS SCORE, AND DEPARTMENT HEAD APPROVAL.

# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Science Course Offerings/Guidelines

### IF YOU ARE TAKING:

### YOUR AVERAGE IS:

### YOU SHOULD TAKE:

• ADVANCED SCIENCE	A	BIO ADV.*OR BIO HONORS*
• ADVANCED SCIENCE	B	BIO HONORS* OR BIO CCP
• ADVANCED SCIENCE	C OR BELOW	BIO CCP
• SCIENCE	A	BIO HONORS* OR BIO CCP
• SCIENCE	B	BIO CCP
• SCIENCE	C OR BELOW	EARTH & PHYSICAL SCIENCE CCP

\* ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS INCLUDE 8TH GRADE TEACHER RECOMMENDATION, MCAS SCORE, AND DEPARTMENT HEAD APPROVAL.



# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Foreign Language Course Offerings



### IF YOU ARE TAKING:

SPANISH IN GRADE 8

FRENCH IN GRADE 8

### YOU MAY TAKE:

SPANISH 2 (CCP, H, A)\*

FRENCH 2 (CCP, H, A)\*

*\*FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR FRENCH AND SPANISH STUDENTS WITH 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TEACHER RECOMMENDATION*

## OTHER FIRST YEAR FOREIGN LANGUAGE OPTIONS :

- **MANDARIN 1 (CCP, H): FOR ALL STUDENTS**
  - **LATIN 1 (H): FOR ALL STUDENTS**
- **FRENCH 1 (CCP, H, A): FOR ALL STUDENTS**
- **SPANISH 1 (CCP, H): FOR ALL STUDENTS**
- **ITALIAN 1 (CCP, H): FOR ALL STUDENTS**

**\*\*Students can choose a second foreign language as an elective\*\***

# 9th Grade

## English Learner Course Offerings

---

### English courses

- EL Beginner English CCP
- EL Low Intermediate English CCP
- EL Intermediate English CCP
- EL Advanced English CCP

### Content Area courses

- EL Civics for Beginner EL, EL US History for Low Intermediate EL, EL Global Studies for Intermediate EL
- EL General Science
- EL Algebra 1 CCP

### EL Elective course

- ▶ EL Speech & Pronunciation



# Electives for 9<sup>th</sup> Graders

## HALF-YEAR/SEMESTER COURSES - 2.5 credits

- Computer Apps: DOCS
- Computer Apps: SHEETS
- Computer Apps: SLIDES
- Technology for the 21st Century
- Entrepreneurship
- Nutrition and Wellness
- Introduction to Health and Human Services
- Movie Making
- Fundamentals of Graphics and Design
- Fundamentals of Engineering
- Fundamentals of Carpentry
- Art 1
- Digital Photography
- Digital Art 1

## FULL-YEAR COURSES - 5 credits

- Creative Writing Workshop
- Introduction to Engineering Design
- Carpentry 1
- Band
- Choir 1
- Band/Choir 1 Studies
- Vocal, Piano, Guitar Solo & Ensemble
- Music Fundamentals & Appreciation
- Aerospace Science 1



# Parochial or Private School Transfers



- ▶ Please contact Mrs. Burke at 617-987-8745 in the main office if you need registration materials. Materials were dropped off to the parochial schools
- ▶ Fill out required paperwork and return to main office
- ▶ Please include the Grade 9 Course Selection form (signed by 8th grade teachers) with your registration packet
- ▶ Courses will be added to ASPEN once your registration is complete
- ▶ For questions about course selection, contact Mr. DeCristofaro at 617-376-1235

# Course Selection Process



- ▶ Your teachers recommend the courses they feel are most
- ▶ appropriate for you based on your grades and performance in each subject area.
- ▶ Each student will log onto Aspen to see their course recommendations.
- ▶ Parents/guardians approve recommendations and requests on Aspen by March 26th.
- ▶ If you have any questions about your recommendations please see your School Counselor.

# Course Selection Information Online

## Course Selection Link

- ▶ NQHS Course Selection Pathways Booklet - listing of available courses. Can be found online or in NQHS Guidance Office
- ▶ QPS Program of Studies Booklet - course descriptions and prerequisites. Can be found online.
  - ▶ How to find booklets online:
    - ▶ NQHS website
    - ▶ Click “Our School”
    - ▶ Click “Guidance”
    - ▶ Click “2020-21 Course Selection”

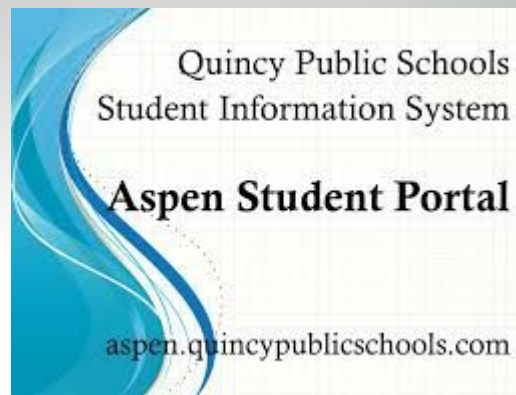


- Students must take 5 academic courses (English, Math, Science, Social Studies and Foreign Language) plus one elective for 5 credits or two electives for 2.5 credits each
- 
- Students should choose an ALTERNATE to their primary ELECTIVE request
- 
- Incoming 9th grade students should also choose an ALTERNATE to their primary FOREIGN LANGUAGE request

# Course Selection Information

- ▶ Counselors will review all course requests and set up meetings with students throughout the spring however students are encouraged to sign up to meet with their counselor if they have an immediate question or concern.
- ▶ If you have not selected enough courses to satisfy requirements for your academic track, the system lets you know which area you need to make more requests in. Please verify that you have **31 credits**.
- ▶ We build the entire schedule and assign faculty based on information we receive from March course selection. Requests for changes, after that time, will only be honored after careful consideration.
- ▶ We cannot stress enough importance of carefully considering and selecting courses in the spring.

# Aspen



- ❖ After logging into the Student Portal choose **My Info** top tab -**Requests** side tab
- ❖ Follow the Instructions which will be visible on the top of the My Info request screen during the course selection time of March 19 - 26, 2021
- ❖ Click “submit” to the left of courses
- ❖ Make a comment in the box if you would like to add or change courses
- ❖ Click “Post” to record requests

# Student Course Selection: Part 1

QUINCY PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2019-2020

Pages **My Info** Academics Calendar Locker Quest

Requests

1

Options Reports Help Search on CrsNo

<< Exit entry mode

2020-2021 - Requests: 10 primary, 0 alternate - Scheduled: 92% Credits: **31.0**

Please aim to make sure you select 31.0 credits worth of courses.

**Instructions**

*Quincy High School welcomes you.....*

Select your courses with care. Course numbers must be accurately recorded. Level placement is based on student performance, teacher recommendations and the fulfillment of prerequisites. As per the Program of Studies, course prerequisites must be strongly adhered to while choosing courses. Changes will be difficult to make after the final scheduling process and will only be processed through the policy outlined in the Program of Studies.

**Students must select exactly 31 credits worth of courses.** QPS requires students to pass 4 years of English, 4 years of social studies, 2 years of foreign language, 3 years of math, 3 years of science and 4 years of physical education.

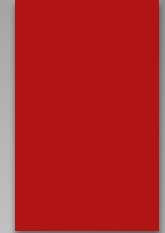
- Students must select exactly 31 credits worth of courses.**

Students in grade 9 must take Freshman Seminar, English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Foreign Language, Electives totalling 5 credits and Physical Education.

**Primary requests**

	Subject area	SchoolCourse > CrsNo	SchoolCourse > Description	Alternate?	Alt 1 > CrsNo	Alt 1 > Short Description	Alt 2 > CrsNo	Alt 2 > Short Description	Credit
Select...	English	0104	ENGLISH 9 A	N					5.0
Select...	Math	1004	ALGEBRA 1 A	N					5.0
Select...	Science	2013	BIOLOGY H	N					5.0

# Student Course Selection: Part 2



requests  
Details

## Primary requests

Click each box to view and/or Select courses.

	Subject area	SchoolCourse > CrsNo	SchoolCourse > Description	Alternate?	Alt 1 > CrsNo	Alt 1 > Short Description	Alt 2 > CrsNo	Alt 2 > Short Description	Credit
Select...	English	0104	ENGLISH 9 A	N					5.0
Select...	Math	1004	ALGEBRA 1 A	N					5.0
Select...	Science	2013	BIOLOGY H	N					5.0
Select...	Social Studies	3103	WORLD HISTORY H	N					5.0
Select...	Foreign Language	4113	FRENCH 1 H	N					5.0
Select...	Health/PE	9200	PE 9-12 CCP	N					1.0
Select...	Technical Majors			N					
Select...	Art/Music/Theater Elective								
Select...	Business/Tech Electives	5232	ENTREPRENEURSHIP CCP	N	5012	MSWORD CCP	5352	FASHION CCP	2.5
		5331	INTRO ROBOTICS CCP	N	5232	ENTREPRENE CCP	5352	FASHION CCP	2.5
Select...	EL Program								

Please post notes here your for your counselors.

Total = 31.0 Credits

### Notes for counselor

Hello Ms. Jacobs, could I please be consider for Biology Honors instead of CCP level.  
Thank you Ms. Jacobs, I noticed the update. Have a nice day.

Post

Last posted time: 3/11/2020 9:21 AM

Approved time:

# Student Course Selection:Part 3

Click on the Select button to initiate selection.



## Quick Notes:

1. Core Academic Course are teacher recommendations based on student's current course performance.
2. Electives will allow you to choose a number of options but keep in mind the 31 credit total.
3. PE is an automatic addition of 1.0 credit.

Requests Details

Primary requests

	Subject area	SchoolCourse > CrsNo	SchoolCourse
Select...	English	0104	ENGLISH 9 A
Select...	Math	1004	ALGEBRA 1 A
Select...	Science	2013	BIOLOGY H
Select...	Social Studies	3103	WORLD HIST
Select...	Foreign Language	4113	FRENCH 1 H
Select...	Health/PE	9200	PE 9-12 CCP
Select...	Technical Majors	8192	FRESHMAN S
Select...	Art/Music/Theater Elective		
Select...	Business/Tech Electives	5232	ENTREPRENI
		5331	INTRO ROBO
Select...	EL Program		

Click each box to view and/or Select courses.

Notes for counselor

Please post notes here your for your counselors.

Hello Ms. Jacobs, could I please be consider for Biology Honors instead of CCP level.

# Student Course Selection: Part 4

1. Subject Area
2. Instructions for the particular subject area.
3. Navigate Page Buttons: Forward ( > ) and Backwards ( < )
4. Select Check Box  
☐
5. Select Alternate 1 from Dropdown List
6. Select Alternate 2 from Dropdown List

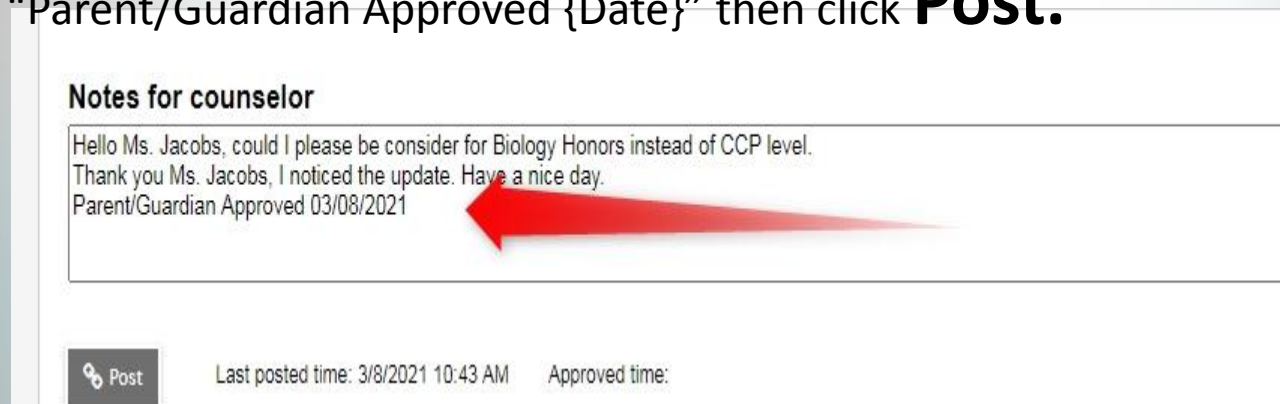
The screenshot shows a web interface for course selection. At the top, there is a 'Subject area' dropdown menu (1) set to 'ArtMusicTheater Elective'. Below it is an 'Instructions' section (2) with text about electives and a link to the Course Selection Chart. A navigation bar (3) contains back and forward buttons and a page indicator '1:10 | 6212'. The main part of the interface is a table of courses. A blue box highlights the first four columns: 'Select', 'CourseNumber', 'CourseDescription', and 'Academic level'. A red circle (4) points to the 'Select' checkbox for course 6245. To the right of the table are two columns for 'Alternate 1' (5) and 'Alternate 2' (6), each with a dropdown menu. At the bottom are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Select	CourseNumber	CourseDescription	Academic level	Credit	Prerequisite	Status	Alternate 1	Alternate 2
<input type="checkbox"/>	6212	ART 1	CCP	5.0			<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	6213	ART 1	Honors	5.0			<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	6245	ART HISTORY WESTERN CCP	CCP	2.5			<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	6245	ART HISTORY WESTERN H	Honors	2.5			<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	6255	ART HISTORY NON-WESTERN CCP	CCP	2.5			<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	6256	ART HISTORY NON-WESTERN H	Honors	2.5			<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	6265	DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY 1	CCP	2.5			<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	6266	DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY 1	Honors	2.5			<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	6316	CHOIR 1 - JUNIOR CHOIR H	Honors	5.0			<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	6303	BAND H	Honors	5.0			<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

☒ OK ☐ Cancel

# Student Course Selection: Part 5

After making your selections please add comments to notify the guidance counselor that you have completed your selections by adding the comment “Parent/Guardian Approved {Date}” then click **Post**.



The screenshot shows a form titled "Notes for counselor" with a text area containing the following text:

Hello Ms. Jacobs, could I please be consider for Biology Honors instead of CCP level.  
Thank you Ms. Jacobs, I noticed the update. Have a nice day.  
Parent/Guardian Approved 03/08/2021

A large red arrow points from the right side of the text area towards the "Parent/Guardian Approved" text. Below the text area, there is a "Post" button with a circular icon, and two labels: "Last posted time: 3/8/2021 10:43 AM" and "Approved time:".

Note: that once the course selection ends. This box will be grayed out and locked.

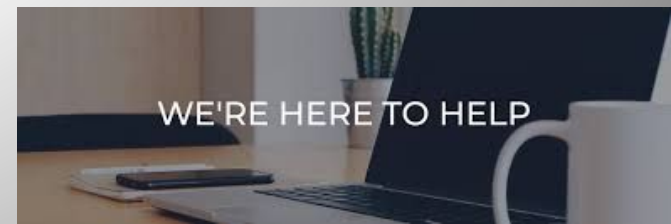
# Contact Information

Main Guidance Office 617-984-8747

- ▶ Mrs. Nutley, Department Head
- ▶ Ms. Marsney, Guidance Secretary
- ▶ Guidance Website:  
[http://quincypublicschoolsnaqhs.ss19.sharpschool.com/our\\_school/guidance](http://quincypublicschoolsnaqhs.ss19.sharpschool.com/our_school/guidance)
- ▶ Main Office 617-984-8745
- ▶ Mrs. Burke, Main Office Secretary

Email for QPS

- ▶ [firstname.lastname@quincypublicschools.com](mailto:firstname.lastname@quincypublicschools.com)
- ▶ For example:  
[rebeccanutley@quincypublicschools.com](mailto:rebeccanutley@quincypublicschools.com)



# School Counselors Contact Information

- ▶ Virginia Cushman 617-984-8983
- ▶ Jeffrey DeCristofaro 617-376-1235
- ▶ Mary Devlin 617-984-8981
- ▶ Peggy Farren, School Psychologist 617-984-8982
- ▶ Kerianne Hart 617-984-8988
- ▶ Ryan Herlihy, Health Interventionist 617-984-8987
- ▶ Florence Xia 617-984-8984
- ▶ Francesca Quintero, PASS Counselor 617-984-8685
- ▶ Melanie Sullivan, PASS Counselor 617-984-8684



# We are on Social Media!



Like: [nqhsguidance](#)

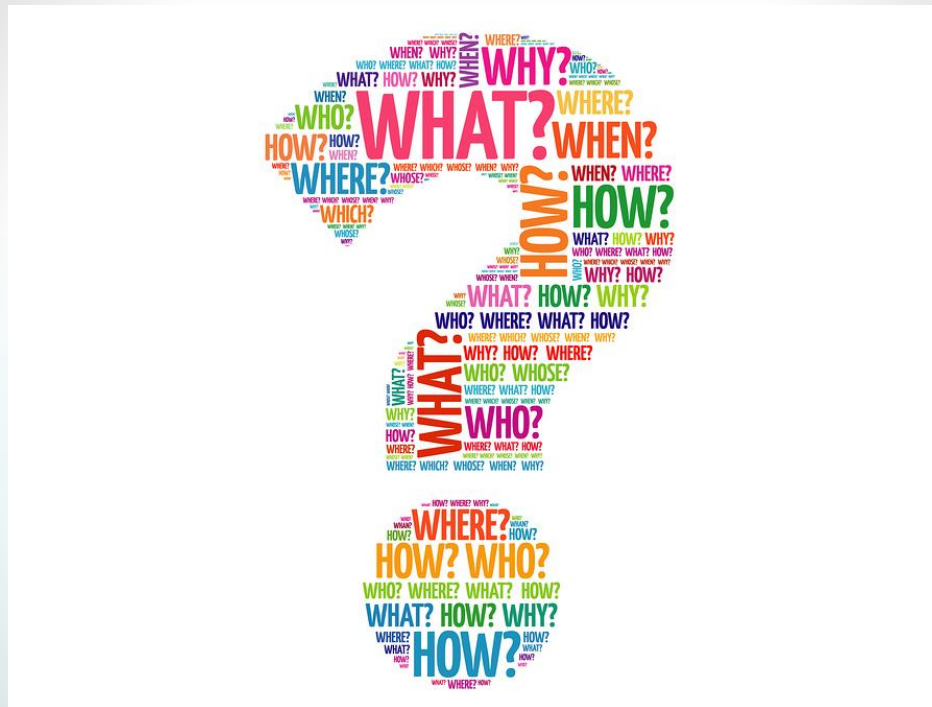


Follow: [nqhsguidance](#)



Follow: [@NQHSGuidance](#)

# Questions?



Please type questions in the chat and we will answer them.