

Rising 10th Grade Pathway Course Descriptions, Sequences & Info: 2024-25

Fine Arts

Band

- No experience necessary to join!! Fun for every Level (Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced, Percussion, Advanced Jazz, and the ever popular Award Winning Warrior Marching Band)
- Grow as a wind or percussion instrument musician and be a part of a Winning Team! Engage in rehearsals & develop performance skills
- Meet your best friends and colleagues; Travel across the country for great performances and competitions
- Gain great resume building activities; Scholarship opportunities. Over 13 million raised in the past 13 years!!
- Requires participation in rehearsals and performances beyond the school day**

Chorus

- If you can match pitch and like to sing chorus is the place for you
- Develop vocal techniques & musicianship
- Perform a wide variety of songs; Gain performance skills & experience in chorus singing
- Requires participation in rehearsals and performances beyond the school day**

Dance (Experience Required)

- Requires 3+ year of dance experience
- Learn warmups & dance technique in various styles (jazz, modern, hip-hop & ballet)
- Perform in class, at school events & dance concerts
- Participate in guest workshops and master classes from outside dance professionals
- Engage in group dance projects, creating dances & writing about dance
- Requires participation in rehearsals and performances beyond the school day**
- Extra-Curricular Opportunities: NAHS Dance Company, National Honor Society for Dance Arts and Silver Stars Auxiliary Dance Team

Guitar

- No experience required; Learn to read and play music on the guitar
- Develop basic guitar techniques
- Engage in rehearsals and music production
- Gain performance skills and experience

Orchestra

- Grow as a string orchestral musician; Engage in rehearsals & develop performance skills
- Gain performance skills and experience as a member of the group
- Travel across the country for great performances and competitions
- Requires participation in rehearsals and performances beyond the school day**

Theater

- Learn about acting as an art form and the various types of theater performing
- Gain knowledge of acting fundamentals
- Develop skills in motional & physical performing and improvisation
- Engage in script writing and scene study

Visual Arts

- Gain knowledge & skills in various drawing, sculpture, collage and painting techniques
- Explore and study master artworks and artists and how art is created
- Develop an artistic eye for aesthetics and learn to view art critically
- Semester one builds a foundation of artistic knowledge and semester two takes a deeper dive into developing artistic technique and skill

Career Tech

Audio/Visual Tech & Film:

- Gain experience using broadcasting studio equipment
- Develop skills in script writing & photography
- Learn how to capture video footage for TV & film
- Learn about past & present forms of mass media & communications
- Extra-curricular opportunity: SkillsUSA

Business & Technology:

- Gain verbal and written communication skills
- Learn computer skills essential in today's business world
- Build critical thinking skills; Engage in problem solving based projects
- Explore entrepreneurship & marketing; Learn about business management & financial literacy
- Become a Microsoft Word and Excel expert; Students who complete this pathway can earn a Microsoft Office Specialist Certification
- Extra-Curricular Opportunity: Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)

Digital Technology:

- Learn about computer software & hardware technology
- Create apps & develop software technology
- Build a computer from scratch
- Hands-on experience with web development & programming skills
- Use technology as a way to find innovative solutions to everyday problems

Graphic Design:

- Combine creativity with technology
- Create digital designs, logos, YouTube Banners, and more; Design your own movie posters
- Learn skills needed to start your own business
- Create unique piece of digital art using blockchain technology
- Create printable designs for T-shirts, Hoodies, Coffee Mugs & More

Journalism:

- Learn about and develop Journalism techniques
- Learn the basics of news writing and reporting
- Work collaboratively on news gathering projects
- Gain knowledge about broadcast journalism, advertising & public relations

JROTC

- Learning about yourself while becoming part of a team
- Develop leadership skills and engage in public service focused projects
- Learn how to properly wear a uniform with pride
- Extra-curricular Opportunities: there are several sports and competitions students can participate in through JROTC
- Students who complete this pathway can waive having to take Health and Personal Fitness

Advanced Electives*

*AP Classes are equivalent to college level courses; Students are expected to take the AP exam at the end of the course in May.

AP Computer Science Principles

- Class designed to make computer sci accessible to all & attract/engage students traditionally underrepresented in the computer sci field
- Learn to use multidisciplinary, real-life applications to solve problems through the development of algorithms and programs
- Gain an understanding of how computing innovations and computing systems work and the potential impact of developing technology.
- Strong work ethic, time and organizational skills are critical for students to be successful in this class
- **PreRequisite: 90+ in Algebra I or Geometry, interest in STEM as a career, and teacher recommendation.**

AP Music Theory

- Class covers topics such as musicianship, theory, musical materials, & procedures
- Develop skills in dictation, aural listening, sight singing, and harmony
- Learn to describe basic materials & processes of tonal music that are heard or presented in a score.
- **PreRequisite: Be able to read/write musical notation in at least one clef (treble, alto, tenor or bass) and have basic performance skills in voice or on an instrument**

NAHS CTAE & Fine Arts Pathway & Advanced Course Offerings

NAHS Pathway Course Sequences (2024-25)

Pathway	Audio/Visual Tech & Film	Business & Technology	Graphic Design
Year 1	AVT 1	Intro to Business & Technology	Graphic Design
Year 2	AVT 2	Business & Technology	Graphic Design/Production
Year 3	AVT 3	Business Communications	Advanced Graphic Design
Year 4	Work-Based Learning	Work-Based Learning	Work-Based Learning

Pathway	Journalism	JROTC	Web & Digital Design
Year 1	Journalism 1	JROTC 1	Intro to Software Technology
Year 2	Journalism 2	JROTC 2	Digital Design
Year 3	Journalism 3* (Yearbook or Newspaper)	JROTC 3	Web & Digital Design
Year 4	Journalism 4* (Yearbook or Newspaper)	JROTC 4	Work-Based Learning

**Participation requires application and teacher approval*

Pathway	Band*	Chorus*	Orchestra*
Year 1	Band 1	Chorus 1	Orchestra 1
Year 2	Band 2	Chorus 2	Orchestra 2
Year 3	Band 3	Chorus 3	Orchestra 3
Year 4	Band 4	Chorus 4	Orchestra 4

Pathway	Guitar*	Dance*	Theater Arts
Year 1	Guitar 1	Dance 1	Theater Arts Fundamentals
Year 2	Guitar 2	Dance 2	Acting 1
Year 3	Guitar 3	Dance 3	Acting 2
Year 4	Guitar 4	Dance 4	Acting 3

**Placement for Beginning, Intermediate or Advanced levels will be determined by the teacher*

Pathway	Technical Theater	Visual Arts: 2D	Visual Arts: 3D
Year 1	Theater Arts Fundamentals	Visual Arts/Comprehensive 1	Visual Arts/Comprehensive 1
Year 2	Technical Theater 1	Drawing/Painting 1	Ceramics 1
Year 3	Technical Theater 2	Drawing/Painting 2	Ceramics 2
Year 4	Technical Theater 3	Drawing/Painting 3	Sculpture 1

Advanced CTAE & Fine Arts Elective Course Offerings:

AP Computer Science Principles*	IB Business Management
AP Computer Science A	IB Dance
AP Music Theory	IB Film
AP Studio Art: Drawing	IB Music
AP Studio Art: 2D Design	IB Theater
AP Studio Art: 3D Design	IB Visual Arts

**AP Computer Sci Principles and AP Music Theory are the only advanced elective course available to 10th graders*