

Class of 2026 9th Grade Pathway & Elective Course Descriptions:

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

- 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

- Learn 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

Academic

AP Human Geography

- AP Classes are equivalent to college level course; This class is extremely rigorous; Very heavy workload; Extensive amount of homework assigned daily. ****Summer assignments are required.**
- Strong work ethic, time and organizational skills are critical for students to be successful in this class
- Students DO NOT have to be in Gifted program; Any student who is willing to work hard and has strong reading comprehension skills may be a good fit
- Topics covered include: the patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use and alteration of the Earth's surface. Students employ spatial concepts and landscape analysis to examine human social organization and its environmental consequences.
- Prerequisite: 85th percentile or higher on a nationally-normed test in Social Studies OR Distinguished performance on EOG Milestone in Lang Arts sections; 90+ in advanced or 95+ in on-level 8th Grade Lang Arts and 90+ in 8th Grade Social Studies; 1200 Lexile & Teacher Recommendation