

9th Grade Course Offerings 2019-2020

Required Courses

All students are required to take English, Math, Science, Social Studies, PE, and Professional Communications/Teen Leadership. Students may choose to take a regular course or a Pre-AP course. **Pre-AP courses require the completion of pre-requisite work.**

1. English 1

3001 English 1 or 3011 PAP English 1

2. Math

3101 Algebra 1 or 3111 Pre-AP Algebra I or 3102 Geometry or 3112 PAP Geometry

3. Science

3202 Biology or 3212 PAP Biology

4. Social Studies

3301 World Geography or 3311 PAP World Geography

5. Professional Communications/Teen Leadership (1309/1809)

All 9th grade students are required to take this course. It satisfies the state required speech class and Leadership involves leadership, relationships, responsibility, motivation, self-control, self-awareness, and an understanding of emotional intelligence. ***If this course was taken in 8th grade then the course will be replaced with an elective of the student's choice.***

6. PE Requirement (Student may choose between PE, PE Dance, Band or Athletics)

5501 PE 1

A regular physical education course that promotes lifetime fitness with activities such as running, kickball, baseball, basketball, and archery.

5000 PE Dance

An aerobic dance class that can be taken for P.E. credit and is good preparation for girls planning to try out for drill team.

Band

All band classes combine to form the Marching Green Pride which rehearses outside of school hours. The MGP competes at UIL invitational contests, performs at pep rallies, football games, and at various civic events. The band directors determine in which band students will be placed. Each student will receive ½ credit for PE during the fall semester for marching band and they will also receive 1 credit in fine arts for the year upon successful completion of the course.

Athletics

Coach's Approval Required. Cross Country, Volleyball, Football, Basketball, Soccer, Softball, Baseball, Tennis, Track, Wrestling, Cheerleading, Golf & Swimming are scheduled during the school day. Tryouts are required for drill team and cheerleading. Each varsity head coach sets the criteria for participation on a team. The opportunity to participate on a school team may require a try-out period. Expectations for making a team or staying on a team will be communicated prior to the season and/or tryout period. Some sports will have a "cut" process at the end of each try-out period. Students who are "cut" will be encouraged to try another sport or activity within the athletic program. Students are expected to remain in athletic classes all year. **If a student is dropped from an athletic class, they will automatically be placed in a PE class for the remainder of the year.**

Foreign Language

Required for students who took Spanish I in junior high. **All other 9th grade students may start the foreign language requirement in 10th grade.**

3402 Spanish II or 3405 Pre-AP Spanish II (students must choose Pre-AP Spanish II if they intend to take Pre-AP Spanish III)

Health (1570)

Health education fosters individual personal health responsibilities concerning food selection, care of body systems, the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, and accident prevention. Health taken at the junior highs counts as high school credit. **This is a one semester course.**

Fine Arts Courses

3611/3605 Men's Choir/Beginning Treble Choir

No auditions required, open to all girls and boys who want to take choir. Based on ability, students may be moved to an advanced choir class.

Band

3701 Theatre 1

Students develop voice and diction, practice stage movement, utilize improvisation, interpret scripts, analyze characters, and understand dramatic structure. Performance is required.

3501 Art I

Students will be given the opportunity to explore the elements of line, value, texture, form and space in order to design, develop, and create original artwork through such art areas as drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture. Students will also study contemporary and past art culture and heritage.

Electives

The following courses allow students to explore their career interests and gain an understanding of the basic knowledge and skills essential to careers within each endorsement area. All students are required to pick an endorsement upon entering 9th grade. Courses that begin with a "3 or 4" are full year courses. Courses that begin with a "1" are ½ year courses.

<u>Business & Industry Endorsement</u>	<u>Public Services Endorsement</u>
<i>Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources</i>	<i>Education & Training</i>
4001 Principles of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources <i>(35 hours of outside-of class work are required)</i>	4400 Principles of Education and Training
<i>Architecture, Construction & Manufacturing</i>	<i>Health Sciences</i>
4100 Principles of Manufacturing	4500 Principles of Health Science
4101 Introduction to Welding	4504 Medical Terminology
<i>Arts, A/V Technology & Communications</i>	<i>Human Services</i>
4150 Principles of Arts, A/V, Technology & Communication <i>(this course does not meet the requirements for the required Tech credit)</i>	4600 Principles of Human Services
3016 Journalism	1463 Interpersonal Studies <i>(semester class)</i>
<i>Business Management, Administration, Finance, & Marketing</i>	<i>Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security</i>
4200 Principles of Business, Marketing and Finance	4800 Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security
1424 Dollars and Sense <i>(semester class)</i>	<u>Science, Technology, Engineering & Math Endorsement</u>
<i>Hospitality & Tourism</i>	4707 Introduction to Engineering Design <i>(concurrent enrollment in Geometry)</i>
4301 Introduction to Culinary Arts	<u>Multidisciplinary Endorsement</u>
<i>Information Technology</i>	<u>Arts & Humanities Endorsement</u>
4700 Intro to Computer Programming-Python	<i>Art, Music, Dance, Theatre</i>
4703 Principles of Digital Design <i>(this course does not meet the requirements for the required Tech credit)</i>	<u>English Electives</u>
<i>Transportation, Distribution & Logistics</i>	3006 Debate
1491 Introduction to Automotive Technology <i>(semester class)</i>	3015 Creative Writing