COURSE SELECTION GUIDE 2020-2021



AGENDA

- GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
- THIS YEAR ----→ NEXT YEAR
- ELECTIVES
- ADVANCED ACADEMICS
- Course Selection Meetings
- SCHEDULE CHANGES
- QUESTIONS













GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English (4 credits):

Science (4 credits):
Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Adv.
Science

Math (4 credits): Alg 1, Geometry, Alg 2, Pre Cal Social Studies (4 credits):
W Geo, W History, US History,
Govt/Economics

Foreign Language (2 credits):

(Spanish, German, French, Mandarin)

Physical Ed (1credit):

(Athletics, ROTC, PE)

Fine Art (1credit):

(Art, Band, Choir, Dance, Debate, Piano, AP Psychology Theatre, Technical Theatre)

Health (1/2 credit)

Electives (1 ½ credits)

CATE (4 credits):

- Business Management
- Business Accounting
- Adv. Manufacturing (Engineering)
- Transportation
- · Health Science
- Design and Multimedia Arts
- Digital Communications (AV)*
- Web Development*

*reserved for magnet students

26 Credits

THIS YEAR > NEXT YEAR

2020-21 CLASSES

- ENGLISH 2
- GEOMETRY OR ALGEBRA 2
- CHEMISTRY
- WORLD HISTORY
- CATE/Career Pathway
- FOREIGN LANGUAGE
- ELECTIVE



2021-22 CLASSES

- ENGLISH 3
- ALGEBRA 2 OR PRE CAL
- PHYSICS
- US HISTORY
- Cate/Career Pathway
- FOREIGN LANGUAGE*
- ELECTIVE
- ADVOCACY



ELECTIVE COURSES

FINE ARTS

- ART
- Band/Piano/choir
- Dance
- THEATRE
- TECHNICAL THEATRE





PHYSICAL ED

- Sports Teams
 - Football, Volleyball, Cross Country, Basketball, Track Soccer, Baseball, Softball, Wrestling
 - Students can also participate in sport through afterschool practices
- MARCHING BAND (FALL)
- RED COATS DANCE TEAM
- CHEER TEAM ATHLETICS
- JROTC (I-IV)
- PHYSICAL ED CLASS























AP/IB Coursework

- AP/IB COURSES OFFERED IN ALL CORE AREAS
- AP TESTING MAY LEAD TO COLLEGE CREDIT
- STUDENTS CAN EARN EXTRA POINT FOR GPA
- GOOD CANDIDATES POSSESS THESE QUALITIES:
 - SELF MOTIVATED
 - GOOD STUDY SKILLS
 - GOOD TIME MANAGEMENT SKILLS
 - ABLE TO HANDLE FASTER PACE
 - ABLE TO RETAIN INFORMATION WELL
 - GOOD GRADES AND ATTENDANCE HABITS

AP/IB COURSE DESCRIPTIONS ARE FOUND UNDER ACADEMICS ON HEIGHTS HS WEBSITE

ADVANCED ACADEMICS

DUAL CREDIT CLASSES

STUDENTS CAN EARN BOTH HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE CREDIT IN THE FOLLOWING COURSES*:

- PHYSICS
- GOVERNMENT
- DIGITAL MEDIA
- PROJECT BASED RESEARCH

IB DIPLOMA/CERTIFICATION

ACADEMICALLY CHALLENGING CURRICULUM THAT ADDRESSES STUDENTS' INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL WELLBEING FOR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY SUCCESS

CAREER RELATED STUDIES HELP STUDENT DEVELOP COMMUNICATION, PERSONAL AND ACADEMIC SKILLS

CORE AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE PRE-REQUISITES

^{*}THIS LIST IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

COURSE SELECTION PROCESS



- Counselor will review transcript/Fall grade report to address required courses
- Counselor will call student via teams during asynchronous time/8th period
- STUDENTS WILL CONFIRM COURSE SELECTIONS
- COUNSELOR WILL BEGIN SCHEDULING PROCESS
 BY ENTERING SELECTED COURSES IN
 POWERSCHOOL
- SUMMER SCHOOL GRADES/CREDIT RECOVERY INFORMATION WILL BE REVIEWED TO DETERMINE IF CHANGES TO COURSE SELECTIONS NEED TO BE ADDRESSED

SCHEDULE CHANGE POLICY

- COURSE SELECTION APPOINTMENTS ARE DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS ARE BEING MET AND TO REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF CHANGES
- COUNSELORS/ADMINISTRATORS MAY OVERRIDE STUDENT REQUESTS IF IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF ENSURING THAT THE STUDENT REMAIN ON TRACK FOR GRADUATION
- ALL CHANGE OF SCHEDULE REQUESTS WILL BE REVIEWED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS TO DETERMINE IF THE CHANGE IS WARRANTED AND/OR POSSIBLE
- SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR BAND/ATHLETICS WILL ONLY BE MADE ONCE APPROVED BY SPONSORS OR COACHES
- CHANGES IN CATE/CAREER PATHWAY CLASSES* WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL
 DOCUMENTATION/SIGNATURES TO COMPLY WITH DISTRICT POLICIES. REQUESTS WILL BE
 REVIEWED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS AND BASED ON SPACE AVAILABILITY

^{*}Changes in career pathway could affect the ability to earn CATE Endorsement

QUESTIONS

