

Gloucester Catholic High School

Course Description Booklet
and
Student Planning Guide

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THE GCHS MISSION

Gloucester Catholic empowers young men and women to become faithful citizens and to develop in all aspects of life: spiritual, intellectual, moral, emotional, social and physical.

Our goal is that our graduates continue their education and carry with them a guide for Catholic Christian living: vibrant faith, respect for human dignity, strong belief in the values of family, promotion of justice, service to community and country, and the desire to make a positive difference in society.

Gloucester Catholic is enriched by a legacy of Catholic tradition spanning four generations. We draw strength and inspiration from our past as we make an exceptional Catholic education available and accessible to our future leaders.

GCHS PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

Gloucester Catholic Junior Senior High School is a Catholic school in the Diocese of Camden, New Jersey. Our Catholic school creates a unique setting within the ideal of Christian education, "to make people's faith become living, conscious, and active through the light of instruction."

Gloucester Catholic's educational program is unique because its design and operation foster and integrate religion with the task of learning and living. It is contemporary because it enables students to address with Christian insight the multiple problems facing individuals and society today. It is oriented toward Christian service by providing students with the opportunity to acquire skills, virtues, and habits of both heart and mind required for effective service to others.

Gloucester Catholic's philosophy of education is an outgrowth of our definition of a Catholic institution. A school's philosophy must be predicated in some way on the societal conditions in which it exists, because the primary role of that school is to prepare young people to take a responsible place in that society. Gloucester Catholic students do not simply fit into or cope with society; they are young men and women capable of taking active roles in shaping that society. It should be recognized that high school years make a lasting imprint on the spiritual character of young people. Our philosophy of education is concerned with the whole student -- the spiritual and ethical, the intellectual and physical, the psychological and societal.

We are not only physical, but spiritual beings. The integration of religious truths and values with life distinguishes the Catholic school from other schools. This integration is a matter of crucial importance today in view of contemporary trends and pressures to compartmentalize life and learning, and to isolate the religious dimension of existence from other areas of human life.

Each student is an individual whose potential must be challenged and whose uniqueness must be nurtured. Because of the demands of our pluralistic society, intellectual growth is essential. Therefore our school insures this growth by providing a curriculum which is challenging and varied, giving each student the opportunity to develop according to his or her own ability and interest.

Although we are individuals, we must live in society. Thus, the school must provide students the opportunity to live in a community where the qualities of understanding, respect, and compassion are valued. Ethical orientation toward each other within both the school and secular communities is as important to us as our students' cognitive growth. Students are taught to take responsible roles in society, and to this end the school expects the students to learn and practice leadership, taking responsibility for their actions.

Therefore, the concerns of our school are: first, to provide a community of faith in which our value system and the student's spirituality are supported and developed; secondly, to provide the student with the opportunity to grow intellectually and physically according to his or her own capabilities; and finally, to provide for the student's psychological and social well-being. The student is thereby led to take his or her place as an active member in the community.

PROFILE OF A GCHS GRADUATE

GCHS believes that the values inherent in its mission, together with the efforts and achievements of our administration, faculty, staff and student body, will produce a certain type of student upon graduation.

It is our goal that each student who graduates from Gloucester Catholic will:

- be a good Christian
- be a reflective person who will make informed decisions using critical thinking and sound moral judgments.
- be a person with a strong sense of personal responsibility and self-reliance
- be actively involved in his/her community, as well as the world at large, through service to others
- be able to accept diversity among people
- be able to effectively communicate
- be prepared to be a life-long learner, eager to continue his/her education
- be someone who continues the GC family traditions of faith, knowledge and loyalty
- value his/her academic accomplishments

CURRICULUM

Gloucester Catholic offers a college-prep curriculum. Our goal is provide every student with a chance at college, yet tailor the experience for individual differences.

For class rank purposes, Gloucester Catholic High School has divided its curriculum into seven groups of subjects according to academic difficulty and present college curriculum compatibility. Courses in the higher groups earn more class-rank points than courses in lower groups.

Group 1 Subjects

Pre-Calculus

Advanced Placement Biology

Advanced Placement Chemistry

Advanced Placement English Language and Composition

Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition

Advanced Placement Environmental Science

Advanced Placement Psychology

Advanced Placement U.S. History

Advanced Placement Calculus AB

Computer Programming (w/ AP Computer Science A option)

Group 2 Honors Subjects

US History 1 Honors
US History 2 Honors
Algebra 1 Honors
Algebra 2/Trig. Honors
Geometry Honors
English 1, 2, 3, and 4 Honors
Honors Philosophy
Honors Religion 4 Service
All RCGC courses (for high school transcribing purposes only)

Group 2 Subjects

English 1, 2, 3, and 4
US History 1 & 2
World History
Sociology
Psychology
American Gov't/Current Events
Contemporary American History
Trig./Advanced Algebra
Probability and Statistics
Algebra 1 & 2
Geometry
Biology
Chemistry
Physical Science
Forensic Science
Anatomy and Physiology
Business/Economics
Sports & Entertainment Marketing
French 1, 2, 3
Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4
Environmental Science
Accounting 1
Computer Applications
All online Computer classes
HTML & Web Design
Writing Fiction and Non-Fiction
Desktop Publishing
Religion 1, 2, 3, 4

Group 3A Subjects

Geometry: Concepts and Skills
Spanish Grammar 1, 2
Art 2, 3
Concert Choir
Theater Arts

Group 3 Subjects

Pre-Algebra
Business Math 1 & 2
Applied Reading
Art 1
Culinary Arts

Group 4 Subjects

Health 1
Driver's Education

Group 5 Subjects (do not count in class rank)

CPR
Physical Education or Dance elective
Intro to Art
Music Appreciation

CLASS RANK

One of the criteria by which colleges and universities select prospective candidates is the student's rank in class. This rank, together with a transcript of semester averages of a student's day by day work, his College Board (SAT) or ACT scores, his participation in extra-curricular activities, and his character references from the Administration, Guidance Department and faculty constitute the determining factors for acceptance into college. Moreover, class rank is an essential consideration in the NJ STARS and other academic award programs.

How is class rank determined? A list of the six groupings of courses (subject to revision each year) that affect class rank follows below.

Marks	Group 1	Group 2H	Group 2	Group 3A	Group 3	Group 4
A+ (97-100)	7.5	7.0	6.5	6.0	5.5	4.5
A (93-96)	7.0	6.5	6.0	5.5	5.0	4.0
B+ (89-92)	6.5	6.0	5.5	5.0	4.5	3.5
B (85-88)	6.0	5.5	5.0	4.5	4.0	3.0
C+ (81-84)	5.5	5.0	4.5	4.0	3.5	2.5
C (77-80)	5.0	4.5	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.0
D+ (74-76)	4.5	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.5	1.5
D (70-73)	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.0
F (0-69)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Class rank is calculated using our PowerSchool administrative software. A pre-set algorithm uses the quality points accumulated from grades earned in all courses from groups 1-4. Remedial courses and/or grades completed with tutors are subject to review by the Guidance Department; typically the highest grade given will be a C+.

Class rank is determined by the Guidance Department at the end of the 2nd, 4th, 6th, 7th and 8th semesters. A comparison is made to show a student's relationship to all other class members and the rank is added to his or her transcript (e.g., 21/185).

Quality points are not assessed to athletics, co-curricular involvements, or courses taken in area colleges other than approved Rowan College at Gloucester County (RCGC) courses. In this way they do not affect class rank. Students who take RCGC courses have the option of having those grades count or not in the calculation of their class rank.

If two or more seniors earn an identical class rank at the conclusion of four years, the highest composite SAT score at any one sitting will be considered a tie-breaker to determine the order of speakers at commencement exercises.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

	Requirements
Total credits	120 credits
Religion	20 credits* (5 each year)
English	20 credits (5 each year)
Algebra 1	5 credits
Geometry	5 credits
Mathematics (other)	5 credits
Life Science/Biology (lab)	5 credits
Science (other)	10 credits
World History	5 credits
U.S. History	10 credits
Fine/Practical Arts	5 credits
Physical Education	2.5 credits
Health	5.75 credits
Personal Financial Literacy	2.5 credits
Electives	19.25 credits

* In some cases, where transfer students from public schools have had no opportunity to receive credits for religion courses, the religion credit requirement may be adjusted.

COURSE SELECTION

Programming of students into courses for the next school year begins in the spring. Incoming freshmen are assigned required courses of study and homogenously grouped where possible. A placement test is required as a central part of the assignment process. There is also a careful analysis of their junior high educational record, standardized testing, and parent/student preference forms.

Upperclassmen likewise begin scheduling for the following year's courses in the spring. Before registration takes place, course selection sheets are given to each student which list the required subjects and various electives for a particular grade level. Parental approval of all electives is required and the course selection sheet should also meet with the approval of Student Personnel Services. Selections are then entered into PowerSchool. The school reserves the right to make any changes in the student's chosen subjects when the circumstances dictate that such changes be made; e.g., failure of a subject at the end of the year; not meeting established criteria; lack of sufficient approval from subject-area teachers; discontinuation of a course due to lack of student registration; etc.

RELIGION

Religion 1 - Understanding Catholic Christianity

Grade 9 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0111

This course offers the opportunity for students to get to know the Catholic heritage right at the beginning of their high school careers. Thus, students from many backgrounds and degrees of knowledge of Catholicism "get on the same page" with regard to the basics of the faith. They can develop a common vocabulary for understanding their later religion courses, which over the four years will build on the material covered in a brief way in this course.

Religion 2 - Sacred Scripture

Grade 10 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0120

HEBREW SCRIPTURES

During the first few weeks students learn how to use their Bibles to look up specific books, chapters and verse. Once familiar with these, students begin a study, analysis and discussion sequence to facilitate their understanding of passages and to encourage reflection on how these can be applied to everyday life. The ultimate goal is for students to develop a deeper understanding of how God has worked in human history and still works in present times.

NEW TESTAMENT

This study of Christology is geared toward high school students who have already been acquainted with the basic tenets of their faith. Jesus is presented in the light of the New Testament and Old Testament prophecy. The students are first given background information on the historical, geographical and cultural setting of the New Testament. The course then moves into a study of readings from the Gospels, with the emphasis on discovering the intentions of the various writers. The ethical teachings of Jesus are shown by use of the New Testament readings. The uniqueness of Jesus' teaching is noted through comparison to the Hebrew Scriptures.

Religion 3 - Sacraments & Christian Morality

Grade 11 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0131

Note: There is a service component which must be completed each quarter for Religion 3.

SACRAMENTS

This course will have the student learn and demonstrate an understanding of concepts and history underlying the Catholic sacramental vision: grace, symbol, ritual, worship, prayer and the relationship between Jesus, the Church and the Seven Sacraments.

CHRISTIAN MORALITY

This course has the students reflect on the thematic question, "What kind of person am I becoming and what kind of person do I want to become?" Jesus is presented as the perfect human model of Christian Morality. The course includes sources of help available on the moral journey and necessary for Christian life while reviewing the Roman Catholic Church's views on a variety of moral issues.

Religion 4 -Living Discipleship

Grade 12 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0141

Note: There is a service component which must be completed each quarter for Religion 4.

THE CHRISTIAN CALL TO JUSTICE AND PEACE

If justice were a fully living reality, what would the world be like? This course first examines this question by defining justice through Scripture and Church documents. The inquiry continues with a discussion of human dignity. How do we ensure all their dignity? The concept of power is next and the student learns how to tap into his/her power for justice sake. Justice issues are then presented in a very positive manner.



LIVING CHRISTIANITY

This course is designed to aid students in facing the challenges of young adulthood so that they can shape a future that is hopeful, healthy and full. The belief that underlies this course is, quite properly, that a Christian lifestyle is the optimal way to grow and to be fully alive.

Honors Religion 4 Service

Grade 12 5 credits

Group 2H Course Number: 0148

Prerequisites: Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5; approval needed, scheduling not guaranteed.

This is a course rooted in Catholic Social Teaching (CST) and Social Justice. Students explore the seven Principles of CST in depth as they connect each principle through both their independent service activities and through class trips. Students analyze their experiences through hands-on service, class discussions, reflections, journals and speakers. This course strongly integrates service learning into the curriculum through partnerships between faculty-led academic courses and community-based organizations. There will be both faculty-led service trips and independent service chosen by the students. Service requirements include: 60 hours of independent service, 15 per quarter; minimum of two different sites required; maximum of 20 hours can be completed in-school; participation in regularly scheduled (long period) in-class service trips; participation in at least two school-sponsored service activities.

Honors Philosophy

Grade 12 5 credits

Group 2H Course Number: 0153

Prerequisites: Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.

Students will become familiar with major thinkers and philosophical positions through a systematic study of four areas of philosophical investigation; i.e., human nature, epistemology (the theory of knowledge), philosophy of God and ethics. Students write a weekly, one-page 250-300 word response to a given thesis based on their reading of original source material and the course texts. They also participate in weekly seminar discussions.

ENGLISH

English 1 - Literature and Composition

Grade 9 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0212

English I is designed to provide the student with a four-pronged approach to English language skills: Grammar, Composition, Vocabulary and Literature. Study skills are also integrated into this course in the first quarter.

Grammar work focuses on identifying parts of speech, usage problems and constructing complete sentences. Composition is approached through brief but frequent writing assignments with a concentration on producing a coherent and well-organized five paragraph essay with emphasis on analytical and critical thinking. Vocabulary is the first step in a four-year cumulative approach using small groups of related words. Literature is centered on a survey of the five major genres (short story, novel, non-fiction, drama and poetry). Major works studied include two novels assigned for summer reading, Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* and a portion of Homer's *The Odyssey*.

English 1 Honors

Grade 9 5 credits

Group 2H Course Number: 0260

Note: Placement in this course is determined by performance on the HSPT and a review of records by GCHS Guidance personnel.

This is an accelerated course that encompasses the elements of English 1 (0210) while adding breadth and depth to the standard college prep English 1 course of study. Greater emphasis will be placed on analytical and critical thinking.

English 1 Honors is designed to provide the advanced student with a four-pronged approach to English skills: Grammar, Composition, Vocabulary and Literature. Grammar work focuses on identifying parts of speech, usage problems and construction of complete sentences. Composition is approached through brief but frequent writing assignments with a concentration on producing a coherent and well-organized five paragraph essay with more emphasis on analytical and critical thinking skills. Vocabulary is the first step in a four-year cumulative approach to the study of vocabulary using small groups of related words. Literature is centered on a survey of the five major genres (short story, novel, non-fiction, drama and poetry.) Major works studied include two novels assigned for summer reading, Golding's *Lord of the Flies*, Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, and Homer's *Odyssey*, Parts 1 and 2.

Applied Reading

Grade 9 5 credits

Group 3 Course Number: 0217

Note: This course is not approved as a Core Course for NCAA Division 1 or 2 eligibility.

This course allows students to spend more time developing important reading and study skills which can be applied toward achievement in all areas of the curriculum. There is also an emphasis on literary appreciation and analysis, vocabulary, language skills and the development of critical thinking skills. Independent reading is strongly encouraged.

English 2 – American Literature & Composition

Grade 10 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0220

English 2 is a survey course of American Literature, beginning with the study of early American literature and taking the student through the historical time periods, continuing up to and including modern American literature. Representative selections from various genres in each time period are examined. Major work included is *The Great Gatsby*. Grammar is emphasized within the framework of composition. Vocabulary work is a continuation of the Sadlier-Oxford Vocabulary Workshop, in addition to the vocabulary from the literary selections. An expository/analytical research paper is required.



English 2 Honors

Grade 10 5 credits

Group 2H Course Number: 0223

Prerequisites: Satisfactory completion of English I Honors. If space is available, will consider requests of qualified students; teacher approval necessary.

Students who are in this accelerated course are highly motivated and have well-developed writing and critical-thinking skills. Students must be able to work independently, and possess a spirit of inquiry as they are expected to raise, as well as respond to, literary questions. The ability to read both literally and inferentially is essential. Critical reading and writing skills should be superior. This course will go beyond the standard American Literature curriculum, and will require more outside readings, more challenging vocabulary study, more self-directed writing assignments, and a more in-depth discussion of American Literature. Major work included is *The Great Gatsby*. An expository/analytical research paper is required.

English 3 – British Literature & Composition

Grade 11 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0232

English 3 focuses on a survey of British literature from *Beowulf* through the 20th Century. Major works include *Beowulf*, *Macbeth*, *The Canterbury Tales*, and *A Tale of Two Cities*. The development of English as a language is incorporated into the literature study. Selections are studied within the framework of the historical time period in which they were written. Composition work is done with an emphasis on SAT prompt timed writing assignments. A term paper is assigned that encompasses a well-written argumentative essay that reflects an issue from an approved topic list. Students will go beyond the traditional research paper and present an argument of their own that includes the analysis and synthesis of ideas from their sources. Vocabulary work continues with Vocabulary Power Plus for the New SAT.



English 3 Honors

Grade 11 5 credits

Group 2H Course Number: 0231

Prerequisites: Satisfactory completion of English 2 Honors. If space available, will consider requests of qualified students; teacher approval necessary

English III Honors is recommended for highly motivated students who are capable of reading and writing more critically than other eleventh grade students. Honors students should be capable of working independently and possess a spirit of inquiry as they are expected to raise as well as respond to literary questions. The ability to read both literally and inferentially is essential. Critical reading and writing skills should be superior. This course will go beyond the standard British literature curriculum and will require additional textbook reading selections, more challenging vocabulary study, more self-directed writing assignments and a more in-depth discussion of British literature. The major works studied in-depth include *The Canterbury Tales*, *Macbeth*, *A Tale of Two Cities* and *Beowulf*. A term paper is assigned that encompasses a well-written argumentative essay that reflects an issue from an approved topic list. Students will go beyond the traditional research paper and present an argument of their own that includes the analysis and synthesis of ideas from their sources.

Advanced Placement Language/Composition

Grade 11 5 credits

Group 1 Course Number: 0230

Note: Students taking this course are required to take the AP Language and Composition exam given in the spring (there will be a fee).



Prerequisites: excellent grades in completed English Honors 2 program; approval necessary

This “college course provides students with opportunities to write about a variety of subjects from a variety of disciplines and to demonstrate an awareness of audience and purpose” (College Board). Since our juniors historically have taken a survey course in British Literature, this course will have a dual purpose; to prepare our students for the rigorous challenges of understanding the world of Shakespeare, Chaucer, and Milton, as well as prepare them for the challenges of college writing. This course will emphasize both formal and informal writing styles with an emphasis on analytical, synthesis and argumentative writing. Since our students are faced every day with an ever increasing amount of information, it is crucial that they develop an insight into the rhetorical process. Major works studied include *Beowulf*, *Grendel*, *A Mercy*, *Fast Food Nation*, *The Canterbury Tales*, *Macbeth*, *Paradise Lost*, *The Dubliners*, *A Tale of Two Cities*, as well as non-fiction pieces from Bedford’s *The Language of Composition*. Vocabulary is reviewed using Prestwick House’s *Vocabulary Plus for the new SAT*. This is a **writing intensive** course which includes an eight to ten page research paper.

English 4

Grade 12 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0242

This senior course uses primary sources and focuses on a cross section of Western Literature. The major genres included are novel, drama, novella, short story and poetry. Major works include *Night*, *A Doll’s House*, *King Lear*, *The Dubliners*, *The Death of Ivan Ilych*, *Dante’s Inferno*, *Paradise Lost*, and *Genesis* along with a variety of poems from all over the world. Portfolio writing is done on a weekly basis with the submission of an edited piece on a quarterly basis. A Literary Analysis research paper is assigned along with an Argumentative/

Persuasive paper and several other shorter pieces. Vocabulary skills are honed through the continued use of *Sadlier's Vocabulary Workshop (Level G)*.

English 4 Honors

Grade 12 5 credits

Group 2H Course Number: 0241

Prerequisites: Satisfactory completion of English 3 Honors. If space available, will consider requests of qualified students; teacher approval necessary

English 4 Honors is recommended for highly motivated students who are capable of reading analytically, writing clearly, thinking metaphorically and speaking articulately. Honors students are expected to work independently and cooperatively possessing a spirit of inquiry that sets them apart. Major works include *Night*, *Hamlet*, *As You Like It*, *The Dubliners*, *Dante's Inferno*, *Doctor Faustus*, and *Paradise Lost* along with a selection of short stories and poetry that will inspire and challenge. Portfolio writing is done weekly and will culminate with the submission of a completed essay quarterly. Vocabulary skills are sharpened through the use of Prestwick House's *Latin and Greek Roots*.

Advanced Placement Literature & Composition

Grade 12 5 credits

Group 1 Course Number: 0240

Note: Students taking this course are required to take the AP Literature and Composition exam given in the spring (there will be a fee).

Prerequisites: Excellent grades in English 3 Honors or satisfactory completion of AP LANG & COMP (0230)

This challenging Advanced Placement course will engage students in the careful reading and critical analysis of imaginative literature. Close reading of a large number of selected texts will help students deepen their understanding of the ways writers use language to provide both meaning and pleasure for their readers. Students will be taught to consider a work's structure, style, themes, use of language, imagery, symbolism and tone. Readings will be from a multitude of genres, time periods and cultures, but with a primary focus on the "best books" first. There will be a great deal of writing about literature involved. Students will be expected to take the AP exam at the end of the year. Vocabulary study continues, using *Latin and Greek Roots* from Prestwick House, Inc.

Writing Fiction & Non-Fiction

Grade 12 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0252

This course is an English elective designed for those who have developed an interest in writing through the regular English curriculum and wish to pursue this interest further. The course focuses on developing student awareness through evaluating the writing of others, and also on developing confidence in their own writing through a variety of writing projects including newspaper and magazine articles, poems, essays, short stories, children's stories, journals, editorials, blog entries, etc. Selections of student's work may be entered in literary contest and published in student oriented literary magazines, as well as the school newspaper.

SOCIAL STUDIES

World History

Grade 9 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0311

This required course is designed to relate past to present through the study of historic and contemporary interrelationships of countries and individuals. The course emphasizes a global perspective beyond the traditional Eurocentric approach. Emphasis will be placed on major events and issues which should be considered turning points or trends in World History as well as significance of underlying causes and effects and their chronological development. Areas of study will begin with development of the modern human and end with the Age of Exploration. Students will examine the European effect on the development of the United States of America.

United States History 1

Grade 10, 11 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0322

This required course is designed to give students a strong background in American History and to prepare the student for US History II. Emphasis will be placed on facts from the Colonization of America up to and including the United States during the Gilded Age (latter 1600's-1880's). A substantial segment of time will be dedicated to the US Constitution in an effort to familiarize the students with all levels of the American Governmental model. A second semester term paper is required.

United States History 1 Honors

Grade 10, 11 5 credits

Group 2H Course Number: 0321

Prerequisites: Honors level student; satisfactory completion of World History; if space available, will consider requests of qualified students; teacher approval necessary



This is an intensive course in US History I covering the time periods of Colonization in America to the Gilded Age of United States History- years from the latter 1600's to 1880's. In addition to the normal course of studies (in course number 0322), students will examine in-depth such topics as the Revolutionary War, Constitution of the US, and the Civil War. Students will be expected to submit several analytical essays, a book review and a formal term paper.

Personal Finance / Economics

Grade 10 2.5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0328

In this required, semester-long course, students will develop skills and master concepts that will promote personal financial literacy. Topics to be discussed include: Income and Careers; Money Management; Credit and Debt Management; Planning, Saving, and Investing; Becoming a Critical Consumer; Civic Financial Responsibility; Risk Management and Insurance. Students will practice calculating various items that are budgetary in nature and that affect Americans on a daily basis -- such as banking, investing, etc.

United States History 2

Grade 11, 12 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0332

Prerequisites: successful completion of United States History 1

This course is a required continuation of US History I and covers the time period from the 1880's to the Vietnam Era of American History. Emphasis will be placed on major events and issues that are turning points in US History. Significant time is devoted to the US Presidency, foreign affairs, the WWII era and the Cold War. Students will examine how the United States developed into a modern world power. Term paper is required.

United States History 2 Honors

Grade 11, 12 5 credits

Group 2H Course Number: 0331

Prerequisites: Honors level student; satisfactory completion of US History I Honors; if space available, will consider requests of qualified students; teacher approval necessary

As with US History II, this honors-level course covers the time period from the 1880's to the Vietnam Era of American History. Emphasis will be placed on major events and issues that are turning points in US History. Significant time is devoted to the US Presidency, foreign affairs, the WWII era and the Cold War. Students will examine how the US developed into a modern world power. Students will be expected to submit several analytical essays, a book review and a formal term paper.

Contemporary American History

Grade 12 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0344

Prerequisites: successful completion of United States History 2 or United States History 2 Honors

This elective course deals with aspects of United States history from the Cold War to the present day. Topics include politics, social movements, cultural changes and key questions about America's role as a world power such as "What is unique about America in the broader global context?" The United States role as a global super-power in the later twentieth and early twenty-first century will be examined with a keen eye on our role in the world going forward.



American Government / Current Events

Grade 11, 12 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0353

This elective course will focus on the core concepts of American government while analyzing the role America plays in the modern world. Students will evaluate and examine the Constitution as the framework of US law, the branches of government and the power each of these branches hold, the role of the individual citizen and the rights assigned to these citizens. Current events will be emphasized in order to familiarize students with current issues facing our government. Relevant and topical issues will be discussed throughout the year.

Sociology

Grade 11, 12 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0352

This course uses sociological theories to better know and understand ourselves through culture and society. Individual investigation and group discussion will be used in the study of cultural anthropology, social change, rural and urban problems, poverty, crime and punishment as well as other related topics.

Psychology

Grade 12 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0341

This course is an introductory study of the social science of psychology. Topics include: the process of learning, states of consciousness, intelligence and creativity, personality, affective and emotional aspects of behavior, abnormal behavior, language and thought, and mental health. Students will be introduced to the methods used in psychological research as well as the theories of Freud, Skinner, Maslow, Rogers, Kohlberg, Piaget, Erikson, Jung, Adler, Homey, Kubler-Ross, Sullivan and others.



Advanced Placement Psychology

Grade 12 5 credits

Group 1 Course Number: 0340

Note: Students taking this course are required to take the AP Psychology exam given in the spring (there will be a fee).

Prerequisites: Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0; AP Potential

This Advanced Placement course is meant to challenge students to the rigorous coursework of an introductory college-level class. From the College Board's AP Psychology Course Purpose: "The AP Psychology course is designed to introduce students to the systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental processes of human beings and other animals. Students are exposed to the psychological facts, principles, and phenomena associated with each of the major subfields within psychology. They also learn about the ethics and methods psychologists use in their science and practice." The student will be expected to actively read and understand a college-level textbook, integrate lectures, activities and projects that supplement the required curriculum to successfully complete the AP Exam.

Advanced Placement United States History

Grade 12 5 credits

Group 1 Course Number: 0351

Note: Students taking this course are required to take the AP American History exam given in the spring (there will be a fee).

Prerequisites: A minimum of a 3.0 cumulative GPA. Strong writing skills; AP Potential.

This course is designed to provide students with the analytical skills and factual knowledge necessary to deal critically with the problems and materials in United States History. It is designed to give students a grounding in major interpretive questions that derive from the study of selected themes - the colonial period, the American Revolution, The Jacksonian period, the ante-bellum south, Reconstruction, Populism, Progressivism, causes of the world wars, the New Deal, and international affairs and domestic change in the post-1945 period.

It will prepare students for intermediate and advanced college courses by making demands upon them equivalent to those of full year introductory college courses. They should develop skills necessary to arrive at conclusions on the basis of an informed judgment and to present reasons and evidence clearly and persuasively in essay format.



MATHEMATICS

Pre-Algebra

Grade 9 5 credits

Group 3 Course Number: 0417

Note: This course is not approved as a Core Course for NCAA Division 1 or 2 eligibility.

This course presents a concentrated review of the fundamentals of arithmetic, including: fractions, decimals, percents as well as operations with positive and negative numbers. It introduces topics from Algebra and Geometry, and includes presentations of mathematical concepts to prepare the student for the study of Algebra.

Algebra 1

Grade 9, 10 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0412

This course is designed for the academic student. Topics include: applications of the real number system to expressions, equations and inequalities; solutions of equations and inequalities, including absolute value and quadratics; representations of problems and situations as linear equations and inequalities or systems of equations or inequalities; analysis of linear functions as expressions or graphs including slope and intercepts; operations and factoring with polynomials; real world models, including those that involve two and three dimensional figures and solids, interpreted as expressions, and equations; defense of decisions, models and algorithms with mathematical logic. This course is intended for the college-bound student and is a graduation requirement.

Algebra 1 Honors

Grade 9 5 credits

Group 2H Course Number: 0462

This is an accelerated course that covers the Algebra 1 curriculum topics to a greater depth and breadth. Topics include: applications of the real number system to expressions, equations and inequalities; solutions of equations and inequalities, including absolute value and quadratics; representations of problems and situations as linear equations, inequalities or systems of equations or inequalities; analysis of linear functions as expressions or graphs including slope and intercepts; operations and factoring with polynomials; real world models, including those that involve two and three dimensional figures and solids, interpreted as expressions and equations; defense of decisions, models and algorithms with mathematical logic. This course emphasizes algebraic theory and graphing. The course is intended for the college-bound student.



Geometry: Skills and Concepts

Grade 10 **5 credits**

Group 3A **Course Number: 0427**

Note: This course is not approved as a Core Course for NCAA Division 1 or 2 eligibility.

Prerequisites: Successful completion of Algebra 1.

This course covers the topics typically found in standardized tests such as the SAT. Students are encouraged to draw, construct and model geometric shapes in the study of the core geometric concepts: angles, polygons and polyhedra, congruent and similar figures, parallel and perpendicular lines, quadrilaterals, areas and perimeters, square roots, right triangles and circles. This course fulfills a graduation requirement.

Geometry

Grade 10, 11, 12 **5 credits**

Group 2 **Course Number: 0420**

Prerequisites: Successful completion of Algebra 1.

The course covers the undefined terms of point, line and plane and develops the study of Geometry through a system of postulates and theorems applied deductively. Topics include: the meaning of geometric definitions, theorems and postulates to interpret, represent and solve problems; properties of lines (parallel and perpendicular) and geometric figures (triangles, quadrilaterals, regular polygons and circles), including types, transformations, translations, congruency, similarity and relationships; incorporation of algebraic skills in problem solving within the context of geometric concepts, including right triangle trigonometry; problems involving perimeter, area (surface and lateral) and volume of two-dimensional shapes and three-dimensional solids; applications of geometric principles to model real world situations and solve real world word problems; defense of decisions, models and algorithms with mathematical logic. The course is intended for the college-bound student and is a graduation requirement.

Geometry Honors

Grade 9, 10 **5 credits**

Group 2H **Course Number: 0421**

Note: In order for a ninth-grader to take this course, he/she must have successfully completed a full year of Algebra 1 in 8th grade, AND pass the GCHS Algebra 1 exam with a grade of C+ or higher (can arrange to take the GCHS exam in the spring of 8th grade year).

Prerequisites: Successful completion of Algebra 1 Honors or, if space permits, will consider those students who excelled in Algebra 1, with teacher approval.

This course covers the undefined terms of point, line and plane and develops the study of Geometry through a system of postulates and theorems applied deductively. Formal, two column proofs are generated by the students. Topics include: the meaning of geometric definitions, theorems and postulates to interpret, represent and solve problems; properties of lines (parallel and perpendicular) and geometric figures (triangles, quadrilaterals, regular polygons and circles), including types, transformations, translations, congruency, similarity and relationships; incorporation of algebraic skills in problem solving within the context of geometric concepts, including right triangle trigonometry; problems involving perimeter, area (surface and lateral) and volume of two-dimensional shapes and three-dimensional solids; applications of geometric principles to model real world situations and solve real world word problems; defense of decisions, models and algorithms with mathematical logic. The course is intended for the college-bound student.

Algebra 2

Grade 11, 12 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0431



Prerequisites: Successful completion of Algebra 1 and Geometry.

This course further develops algebraic thinking skills and improves manipulation skills. Topics include: the solution of polynomial and exponential equations, including work with radicals, complex numbers, logarithms, and extraneous solutions; models of real-world situations using linear, quadratic and exponential expressions, equations, inequalities or systems of equations and inequalities; defense of decisions, models and algorithms related to rational, radical, logarithmic and exponential expressions and polynomial equations in one variable with mathematical logic; operations with complex numbers, polynomials and rational expressions as skills and in applications to word problems; interpretation of inverse relationships between functions graphically and algebraically, including basic trigonometric functions. The course is intended for the college-bound student.

Honors Algebra 2/ Trigonometry

Grade 10, 11 5 credits

Group 2H Course Number: 0437

Note: Department/Guidance approval required.

Prerequisites: Students who successfully completed Honors Geometry or who were exceptional students in Algebra 1 or Algebra 1 Honors and wish to take this course along with Honors Geometry.

This is an accelerated course that covers the Algebra II curriculum topics with greater depth and breadth, and includes the study of trigonometry. Topics include: the solution of polynomial and exponential equations, including work with radicals, complex numbers, logarithms, and extraneous solutions; models of real-world situations using linear, quadratic and exponential expressions, equations, inequalities or systems of equations and inequalities; defense of decisions, models and algorithms related to rational, radical, logarithmic and exponential expressions and polynomial equations in one variable with mathematical logic; operations with complex numbers, polynomials and rational expressions as skills and in applications to word problems; interpretation of inverse relationships between functions graphically and algebraically; analysis of trigonometric functions graphically and algebraically. The course is intended for the college-bound student.

Business Math 1

Grade 10, 11, 12 5 credits

Group 3 Course Number: 0438

Note: This course is not approved as a Core Course for NCAA Division 1 or 2 eligibility.

When taking this course, students will review fundamental number concepts such as estimation, fractions, decimals and percents. These arithmetic skills are then applied to real life situations and work-place considerations. Topics covered include: employee reimbursements, balancing a checkbook and creating budgets.

Business Math 2

Grade 11, 12 5 credits

Group 3 Course Number: 0439

Note: This course is not approved as a Core Course for NCAA Division 1 or 2 eligibility.

When taking this course, students will strengthen their arithmetic skills and apply the concepts to everyday life. Topics covered include: interpreting tables, graphs and statistics; filling out tax forms; balancing a checkbook; money management through budgeting; fundamentals of being a knowledgeable consumer.



Pre-Calculus

Grade 11, 12 5 credits

Group 1 Course Number: 0451

Note: A graphing calculator is necessary; it is not provided by the school.

Prerequisites: Algebra I, Geometry, Honors Algebra II/ Trigonometry.

This course is designed to further develop the conceptual and analytical mathematical skills and thought processes of the student. Topics included are: the graphing calculator and its functions and capabilities; coordinate geometry and conic sections; functions including, exponential, logarithmic, rational, polynomial, and trigonometric; trigonometric identities including sum, difference, double and half angle identities; solution of rational, radical, exponential, logarithmic and trigonometric equations and inequalities; solve oblique triangles and apply trigonometric solutions to real-world triangular situation; analysis of sequences, series, binomial expansion, summation notation, combinatorics, probabilities and distribution; defense of decisions, models and algorithms with mathematical logic. The course is intended to prepare the student for the study of calculus.

Probability/Statistics

Grade 11, 12 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0444

Prerequisites: Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2.

This course is for students who want to learn what is meant by the statistics that are quoted in the news and who want to understand basic principles of probability. The primary focus of the course is on data interpretation and presentation. It also covers topics that prepare a student for an introductory statistics class for the social sciences in college.

Trigonometry / Advanced Algebra

Grade 12 **5 credits**

Group 2 **Course Number: 0446**

Prerequisites: Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2.

For the college bound student, Trigonometry/Advanced Algebra is designed to be a thorough study of Trigonometry and a review of Algebra with advanced topics. Topics include: Right triangle trigonometry and applications; area and solutions of oblique triangles; trigonometric functions as defined for angles on the coordinate plane; angles as measured in degrees and radians; graphs of trig functions; inverse functions; application of trigonometric identities, including sum/difference and double angle identities; solutions of trigonometric equations; review of basic mathematics and elementary Algebra specifically aimed at college basic skills tests; complex numbers; exponential and logarithmic functions; conic sections; defense of decisions, models and algorithms with mathematical logic.

Honors Probability/Statistics

Grade 12 **5 credits**

Group 2H **Course Number: 0440**

Prerequisites: Cumulative GPA of at least a 3.0.

For the serious math student. Topics that are presented include: statistical descriptions; possibilities and probabilities; probability distributions; normal distribution and sampling; mean and standard deviation.

Advanced Placement Calculus AB

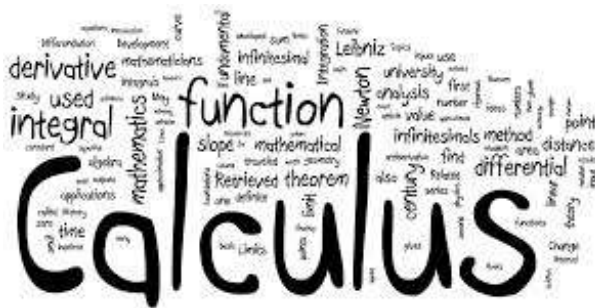
Grade 12 **5 credits**

Group 1 **Course Number: 0443**

Note: Students taking this course are required to take the AP Calculus AB exam given in the spring (there will be a fee). A graphing calculator is necessary; it is not provided by the school.

Prerequisites: Successful completion of Pre-Calculus.

This is a course for the college bound student who wants to study Calculus. The graphing calculator is used extensively throughout the year. Topics included in the course are: functions and limits; differentiation and application; integration and application; trigonometric, logarithmic and exponential functions and their derivatives.



SCIENCE

Earth Science

Grade 9 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0513

This course begins with an introduction to Environmental Science and our responsibilities as caretakers of the earth. Labs are incorporated into the framework of the course to emphasize the importance of the subjects covered. This course also covers geology, meteorology, astronomy and physics. Field trips and environmental service projects are interjected throughout the year.



Biology (grade 9 accelerated)

Grade 9 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0511

Note: Placement in this course is determined by performance on the HSPT and a review of records by GCHS Guidance personnel. It is reserved for those who qualify for our accelerated program.

This is a full year course for accelerated freshmen designed to introduce the science of Biology. This laboratory course focuses on the organization of life at the chemical and cellular levels, as presented in unit one. The development of scientific knowledge and evolution are covered in the next two units. We then discuss invertebrates and their phyla and major classes. Finally we discuss vertebrates and each of their major classes. Movies and labs are used to reinforce learning.

Biology

Grade 10 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0520

This laboratory course focuses on the organization of life at the chemical and cellular levels as presented in unit one. The development of scientific knowledge in genetics and evolution is covered in unit two. We then discuss invertebrates and their phyla and major classes. Finally we discuss vertebrates and each of their major classes. Movies and labs are used to reinforce learning.

Chemistry (grade 10 accelerated)

Grade 10 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0521

Prerequisites: Successful completion of Biology (accelerated) as a Freshman.

A full year course in Chemistry for accelerated Sophomores concerned with the study of atomic structure, electron configuration, bonding, formulas, equations, reactions, periodicity, gas laws, solutions, acids/bases/salts, rates of reaction, equilibrium, organic and nuclear chemistry.

Chemistry

Grade 11, 12 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0532

This is a full-year laboratory course in Chemistry concerned with the study of atomic structure, electron configuration, bonding, formulas, equations, reactions, periodicity, gas laws, solutions, acids/bases/salts, rates of reaction, equilibrium, organic and nuclear chemistry.

Physical Science

Grade 11 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0557

This is an alternative course for juniors not taking Chemistry. This one year laboratory course will cover basic concepts in Chemistry and Physics. Topics to be covered include measurement, atomic structure, matter, chemical changes, energy, sound, light, electricity, magnetic and nuclear

Anatomy & Physiology

Grade 11, 12 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0555

Prerequisites: C average in both Biology and Chemistry/Physical Science required.

This is a full-year course designed for those students who are interested in pursuing careers such as nursing, physical education, physical therapy, etc. It may also be elected by any student who is simply interested in a comprehensive study of the human body without wishing to pursue a career in the related fields.

Honors Physics 1

Grade 11, 12 5 credits

Group 2H Course Number: 0559

Prerequisites: B average or better in math and science.

This laboratory course introduces the student to the fundamentals of Physics. A full half-year is spent on improving applied measurement and math skills as well as learning the basics of Mechanics. During the second half of the year, units on Waves and Optics are covered as well as independent work in other areas.



Advanced Placement Biology

Grade 11, 12 5 credits

Group 1 Course Number: 0553

Note: Students taking this course are required to take the AP Biology exam given in the spring (there will be a fee). Class size can be limited.

Prerequisites: Successful completion of Chemistry. At least a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

A course designed to give an in-depth overview of biology including different aspects of life (study of, integration of, unity of, continuity of); integration of life processes; biological behavior; populations, communities, and natural selection; and human biology.

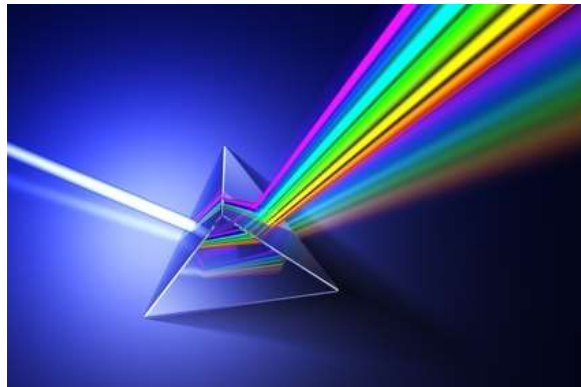
Honors Physics 2

Grade 12 5 credits

Group 2H Course Number: 0560

Prerequisites: Satisfactory completion of Honors Physics 1.

This course is a continuation of Physics. It will include some review work in Mechanics and Optics as well as introducing the student to electricity, magnetism, thermodynamics, and topics of modern physics (quantum theory, the atom & its nucleus and nuclear applications).



Advanced Placement Chemistry

Grade 11, 12 5 credits

Group 1 Course Number: 0554

Note: Students taking this course are required to take the AP Chemistry exam given in the spring (there will be a fee). Class size can be limited.

Prerequisites: Successful completion of Chemistry. At least a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

This laboratory course is for students who have demonstrated a high level of ability as well as an interest in Math and Science. It is designed as a college level course. Lecture, reading, problem solving and lab experiences are fundamental aspects.

Advanced Placement Environmental Science

Grade 11, 12 5 credits

Group 1 Course Number: 0558

Note: Students taking this course are required to take the AP Environmental Science exam given in the spring (there will be a fee). Class size can be limited.

Prerequisites: Successful completion of Biology and Chemistry. At least a 3.0 cumulative GPA; AP Potential.

Through labs, field trips, discussion and class work, students will explore environmental issues that face the world today. Hot topics will be explored and emphasis will be placed on finding viable solutions. The goal of this course is to awaken in each student an awareness of the Earth and to make the Earth sustainable for future generations.

Forensic Science

Grade 11, 12 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0563

Prerequisites: Successful completion of Biology and Chemistry/Physical Science.

Forensic Science is designed to introduce students to the scientific methods used to answer legal questions and to solve crimes. As a half-year elective, this course is developed to meet the needs of diverse learners. Content includes: crime scene investigation, types of evidence, collection of physical evidence, identifying individuals using evidence, entomology and bringing evidence to court. A variety of instructional strategies will be used, including: textbook reading, presentations, videos, small and large group discussion, guest speakers, hands-on activities, labs, projects and Internet research. Students will be assessed both formally and informally. Upon successful completion of the course, students will understand the science behind this popular field.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Spanish 1

Grade 9, 10, 11 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0610

Students learn to recognize, pronounce and understand the new language. While the four language skills-- understanding, speaking, reading and writing--are stressed, greater emphasis is placed on proper pronunciation and listening comprehension. Fundamental grammatical structures of the language are introduced along with an exposure to the social and cultural aspects of Spanish speaking people.

Spanish Grammar 1

Grade 9, 10, 11 5 credits

Group 3A Course Number: 0619

Note: This course is not approved as a Core Course for NCAA Division 1 or 2 eligibility.

This course is an option for students whose language arts skills are adequate but not strong. This class focuses on the rudiments of language acquisition, introducing the Spanish language to the students through oral & written work. Speaking and vocabulary are combined with grammar. Great emphasis is placed on the comprehension of the language.

French 1

Grade 9, 10, 11 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0611

Students learn to recognize, pronounce and understand the new language. While the four language skills-- understanding, speaking, reading and writing--are stressed, greater emphasis is placed on proper pronunciation and listening comprehension. Fundamental grammatical structures of the language are introduced along with an exposure to the social and cultural aspects of French speaking people.

Spanish 2

Grade 10, 11, 12 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0651

Prerequisites: Requires successful completion of Spanish 1 with a grade of "C" or better.

This course begins with a thorough review of fundamentals and vocabulary taught in the first year. Reading, comprehension, conversation and rudimentary attempts at composition are basic to the course. By the end of the second year, students should be able to understand spoken Spanish fairly well, read for comprehension and communicate in simple written form.

Spanish Grammar 2

Grade 10, 11, 12 5 credits

Group 3A Course Number: 0659

Note: This course is not approved as a Core Course for NCAA Division 1 or 2 eligibility.

Prerequisites: Successful completion of a Spanish 1 course.

Spanish Grammar 2 is strongly recommended for those students who had Spanish Grammar 1.

French 2

Grade 10, 11, 12 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0621

Prerequisites: Requires successful completion of French 1 with a grade of "C" or better.

This course begins with a thorough review of fundamentals and vocabulary taught in the first year. Reading, comprehension, conversation and rudimentary attempts at composition are basic to the course. By the end of the second year, students should be able to understand spoken French fairly well, read for comprehension and communicate in simple written form.



Spanish 3

Grade 11, 12 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0631

Prerequisites: Requires successful completion of Spanish 2 with a grade of "C" or better.

The primary emphasis of this course is for students to achieve a satisfactory command of the language. Emphasis is placed on developing fluency and accuracy in oral communication and self expression including oral presentations. Reading and writing are stressed throughout the course. The language is presented within the context of the contemporary world and various cultures.

French 3

Grade 11, 12 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0632

Prerequisites: Requires successful completion of French 2 with a grade of "C" or better.

The primary emphasis of this course is for students to achieve a satisfactory command of the language. Emphasis is placed on developing fluency and accuracy in oral communication and self expression including oral presentations. Reading and writing are stressed throughout the course. The language is presented within the context of the contemporary world and various cultures.

Spanish 4

Grade 11, 12 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0641

Prerequisites: Requires successful completion of Spanish 3 with a grade of "C" or better.

The 4th level of Spanish includes in-depth mastery of the various tenses and moods of the verbs. More emphasis is placed on reading and writing along with continued use of conversation.

BUSINESS/TECHNOLOGY

Computer Applications

Grade 10, 11, 12 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0751

The student will become familiar with the generalities of computers--history, hardware and software, computer crime, privacy, the future of computers, as well as career options. An applications software package containing word processing, spreadsheet, and PowerPoint will be presented. Students use a textbook for step-by-step instructions using the various applications. They will create several independent projects, including a final cumulative project which all students must complete. A basic understanding of word processing is necessary. Students will learn about the advanced features of each of these applications. Current events projects will enhance student learning in the technology.



Business / Economics

Grade 10, 11, 12 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0759

Business/Economics introduces students to the realities of business. Students are involved in activities that require them to concentrate on problem solving and decision-making in areas such as human relations, economic trade-offs and personal goals. Fundamental principles and theories of economics are also recognized and defined. The second half of the course will be a study of the basics of consumer behavior and contemporary marketing practices.

Accounting 1

Grade 11, 12 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0757

This is a basic course in accounting designed to enable the student to develop vocational skills for recording, analyzing, and interpreting business operations from a financial standpoint. Students learn to evaluate transactions with the 9 steps of the Accounting Cycle. Students will prepare income taxes, and perform personal banking activities.

Sports & Entertainment Marketing

Grade 11, 12 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0760

Sports and Entertainment Marketing is a specialized course for students with a career interest in the Sports or Entertainment Industry. The emphasis of this course is on career-related opportunities that include Operations Management, Human Resource Management, Marketing, Event Planning, and Information Technology. Students will be given first-hand knowledge of the Sports and Entertainment industry through on-site visitations, guest lectures, case studies, group projects, and simulated management and decision making processes.

Desktop Publishing

Grade 10, 11, 12 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0762

Basic knowledge of the personal computer and word processing is assumed. The course will cover various desktop publishing applications including but not limited to Microsoft Word, Excel (creating charts), and Publisher; photo editing software. Each lesson will be taught with hands on approach. A step-by-step guide will be a part of each lesson followed by a similar assignment for the students.

HTML & Web Design

Grade 11, 12 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0768

Recommendations: Should have a solid grasp of basic computing operations, Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2 with a grade of "B" or better. Special approval can be requested.

This advanced computer course, for those who have already achieved a fundamental knowledge of Windows-based operating systems and application software, will provide a student with an introduction to HTML (HTML5), JavaScripting and Cascading Style Sheets. In addition, basic history of the Internet and fundamental concepts of networking will be introduced.



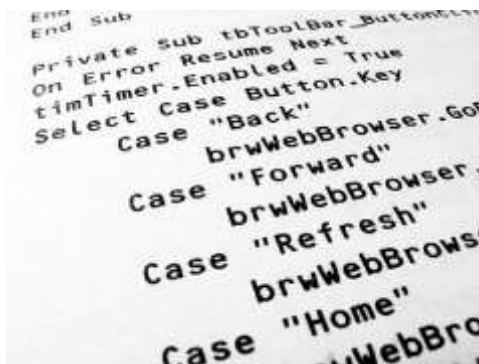
Computer Programming (with AP Computer Science A option)

Grade 11-12 5 credits

Group 1 Course Number: 0799

Prerequisites: Requires successful completion of Computer Applications, Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2 with a grade of "B" or better.

This course has not been approved for NCAA Clearinghouse purposes.



This is an introduction to object-oriented computer programming with Java. It will introduce students to computer science with topics that include problem-solving, design strategies and methodologies, data structures, algorithms, analysis of potential solutions, and the ethical and social implications of computing. The course is designed to cover the material required for the AP Computer Science A exam. Taking this AP exam is optional for this course.

Online Advanced Computer Courses

All of the following courses are offered in a virtual, on-line course format. Although a teacher/proctor will be in the room during the scheduled period, all content and instruction will be delivered through the on-line system. Some courses are designed to last one semester (those that comprise only 2.5 credits) and **you must pick two**. Some have pre-defined progressions in which they must be taken - listed in the prerequisites area of the course description. Five credit courses last the entire year.

Student-athletes should be aware that these courses are NOT approved as NCAA core courses and cannot be used as such in determining NCAA athletic eligibility.

Each course is designed as preparation for an industry certification exam. The actual exams, which are administered at various testing centers around the country and involve a separate fee, are **not** included in the course and are not required at the end of the course (although it is highly recommended that students attempt them at the completion of the prep course, while the information is fresh in their minds).

Cisco Certified Network Associate Preparation

Grade 11, 12 2.5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0781

Prerequisites: Requires successful completion of Computer Applications, Algebra 1, and Geometry and with a grade of "B" or better. The Computer Applications requirement may be waived for those able to demonstrate advanced computer proficiency (requires approval in order to have requirement waived).

This course prepares students for the Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) certification exam 200-120 by Cisco. It focuses on implementing, managing, protecting, and troubleshooting small to medium size enterprise branch networks. Topics covered will include: networking concepts, Cisco devices, LAN implementation, wireless networks, sub-netting, WAN implementation, advanced switching, access lists, IP routing, troubleshooting, frame relay, advanced TCP/IP configuration, and network security.

PC Pro

Grade 11, 12 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0793

Prerequisites: Requires successful completion of Computer Applications, Algebra 1, and Geometry and with a grade of "B" or better. The Computer Applications requirement may be waived for those able to demonstrate advanced computer proficiency (requires approval in order to have requirement waived).

Unlike most of the other online computer courses listed here, this course is a full-year course.

The PC Pro training course covers all information needed for the two CompTIA A+ exams (220-801 and 220-802). This course will take your knowledge and skill level in PC repair and service from novice to pro. You will learn how to build, configure, and maintain a PC as well as learn the basics of networking and security. Using video tutorials, demonstrations, and hands-on lab simulations, you will not only be able to prove that you know the material, you will also be able to demonstrate you can perform the IT tasks that employers look for.

Network Pro

Grade 11, 12 5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0795

Prerequisites: Requires successful completion of Computer Applications, Algebra 1, and Geometry and with a grade of "B" or better. Also, you should have completed the PC Pro course before taking this one. The Computer Applications requirement may be waived for those able to demonstrate advanced computer proficiency (requires approval in order to have requirement waived).

This course is a complete training course in networking concepts. You will learn how to install networking hardware, configure a small office/home office (SOHO) network, and connect mobile and desktop devices to a network. Thorough lessons, demonstrations, and exams, as well as upgraded hands-on labs and new videos, give you real experience in networking.

The Network Pro course prepares you for the following industry certifications:

- TestOut Network Pro certification
- CompTIA Network+ (N10-006) certification

Note: PC Pro training is recommended before starting Network Pro training. After you achieve Network Pro Certification, you are ready to pursue additional certifications, such as MCITP, MCSA, or CCNA.

Security Pro

Grade 11, 12 2.5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0796

Prerequisites: Requires successful completion of Computer Applications, Algebra 1, and Geometry and with a grade of "B" or better. The Computer Applications requirement may be waived for those able to demonstrate advanced computer proficiency (requires approval in order to have requirement waived). You should have also completed the PC Pro and a course in Networking to benefit most from this course.

This course will give you the knowledge and the experience you need to enter the industry as an entry-level IT security administrator. Security Pro builds on the experience users gain in PC Pro and Network Pro courses. In those courses, you've learned how to maintain PCs and setup a corporate network, now Security Pro will show you how to protect that network from a myriad of threats. TestOut (the provider of this course) looks at certification a bit differently than others in the industry. Their goal is to make training that prepares you to get certified and gives you the hands-on skills IT employers are looking for. This is why they took a comprehensive approach to developing the Security Pro course. When you complete the Security Pro course, you should be prepared to take either of these certification exams:

- TestOut's Security Pro Certification exam
- CompTIA's Security+ exam (SY0-401)

FINE & PRACTICAL ARTS

Intro to Art

Grade 9 1.25 credits

Group 5 Course Number: 0880

This course is designed to cover the fundamentals of art and connecting projects in class to art masters and/or art movements.

Art 1

Grade 11, 12 5 credits

Group 3 Course Number: 0852

An introduction to drawing, sculpture, perspective, lettering and design is the basis of this course. These students will incorporate the instruction given with their own creativity to produce works of art in pencil, charcoal, pen and ink, and clay. Still life and real life drawings will be done. Field trips may be included.

Art 2

Grade 12 5 credits

Group 3A Course Number: 0853

Prerequisites: Requires successful completion of Art 1.

This course is a continuation of the fundamentals learned in Art I, together with more specific instruction in drawing, painting, color theory, and composition.

Art 3

Grade 12 5 credits

Group 3A Course Number: 0854

Prerequisites: Requires successful completion of Art 1 and approval by the Art teacher.

Taken in conjunction with Art 2; for students who are planning a career in the art field and need to work on a portfolio.

Culinary Arts

Grade 12 5 credits

Group 3 Course Number: 0850

Prerequisites: Teacher and Guidance approval necessary.

This course is intended for students who have an interest in pursuing a career in the culinary arts.

Music Appreciation

Grade 10 2.5 credits

Group 2 Course Number: 0861

This is a mandatory, one-semester class for Sophomores.

This course is intended to acquaint students with the elements of music and primary music periods of traditional Western European classical music, as well as studying how it influences the music of today. Students will review the major composers and their music through lectures, listening to music examples in class, and actively engaging in class discussions. The class also offers choral singing instruction and has an opportunity to lead and sing at all school liturgies.

Concert Choir and Music Theory

Grade 12 5 credits

Group 3A Course Number: 0876

Prerequisites: Teacher and Guidance approval necessary.

Our goal is to develop self-confidence and leadership abilities, add to our vocal skills and mastery of different styles of music, improve our musicianship and inspire others with our sounds and songs. Music Theory will be introduced and developed in relation to our choir music.

Music: Theory, Vocal and Instrumental Studies

Grade 10, 11, 12 5 credits

Group 3A Course Number: 0890

This course covers the fundamentals of Western music theory from basic to advanced concepts, and as such, a perfect course for beginning and intermediate level musicians. This course will build a solid base of musical knowledge as well as performing at concerts and leading school liturgies. Students will learn how to read, write, sight-sing, play and experience all kinds of music from classical to contemporary and will improve musicianship through performing at other school and extra curricular activities. This course is also designed to inspire and develop potential students who will pursue a college degree in Music.

Theater Arts

Grade 10, 11, 12 5 credits

Group 3A Course Number: 0875

The goal of this class is to review the different aspects of theatre, further develop the student's self-confidence, knowledge, experience. Students will work together on a dramatic presentation. They will learn stage craft, types of theatrical styles, different stages, sets, lighting, costume, and make-up design.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH

Physical Education/Health 9

Grade 9 2.5 credits

Group 5 Course Number: 3235

This is a required, semester-long course for Freshmen.

Health 10/Driver's Education

Grade 10 2.5 credits

Group 4 Course Number: 3234

This is a required, semester-long course for Sophomores.

CPR

Grade 11 1.5 credits

Group 4 Course Number: 3313

This is a required, quarter-long course for Juniors.

MISCELLANEOUS

Post-Secondary Planning

Grade 11 1.25 credits

Group 5 Course Number: 3320

This is a quarter-long course designed to give students fundamental skills in planning for life after high school. Students use the Internet-based Naviance system to aid in researching post-secondary options.