



# 9TH GRADE COURSE SELECTIONS

## ENGLISH – Choose 1

- **1003 – English 1\***  
This course will include orientation and instruction in college preparatory language art skills including spelling, vocabulary, composition, grammar, reading and speaking.
- **1010 – Advanced English 1\***  
(Must have 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher recommendation) This course begins a four year sequence intended for academically able students with well-established reading and writing skills who desire rigorous preparation for university level work. **A summer reading project will be assigned.**

## MATHEMATICS – Choose 1

(Must have 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher recommendation)

- **2065 – Algebra Readiness**  
Upon completion of Algebra Readiness, students will be prepared to enroll in Algebra 1.
- **2052 – Algebra 1\***  
This class is designed to provide for a full year of fundamentals of Algebra 1.
- **0600 – Algebra 1 Support**  
Students must be enrolled in Algebra 1 to take this course. This class is designed to provide students with an additional period of math in order to successfully complete the Algebra 1 requirement for high school graduation. This class will focus on providing students with additional Algebra instruction and assistance, a review of needed basic math concepts and study skills. **(This a support class for Algebra 1 and counts as elective credit).**
- **2103 – Geometry\***  
Geometry demands a thorough knowledge of algebra. This course consists of the basic properties and reasoning skills as applied to triangles, parallels, constructions, polygons, proportional figures, similarity, circles and areas. **The student enrolling in geometry should have successfully completed Algebra 1.**

## BIOLOGY– Choose 1

- **3136 – Biology\***  
This course investigates the makeup of living organisms. Extensive study is devoted to the structure and function of the cell. Plant and animal systems are focused upon with emphasis on their anatomy, physiology and their role in the web of life.
- **3105 – Biology Ag\***  
A comprehensive course that emphasizes the relationship between biology and agriculture, as they are based on scientific principles. **FFA participation is REQUIRED for this course.**
- **3163 – Enhanced Biology\***  
(Must have 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher recommendation) This course is recommended to those who want a more challenging course than general biology. This course is similar in content to general biology, but will require more intense mastery of subject matter.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- **9001 – Core 9 Physical Education**  
A varied activity course of four week blocks of instruction and activity. Gym clothes required: athletic shoes, Tracy PE shirt and shorts/sweats. Grading is based on participation, skill and written testing.

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## ELECTIVE OPTIONS

Choose 2 Electives and 3 Elective Alternates

- **4013 – French 1\***  
(Must have 8<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts Teacher Recommendation)
- **4033 – Spanish 1\***  
(Must have 8<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts Teacher Recommendation)
- **4103 – Spanish for Native Speakers 1\***  
(Must have 8<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts Teacher Recommendation)
- **6090 – Concert Band\***  
This is a course in musicianship and artistic training for 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. There will be an emphasis on basic skills of instrumental musicianship through use of extensive group exercises. **Prior musicianship skills are required.**
- **6103 – Orchestra\***  
This is a course in musicianship and artistic training focused on orchestral literature. Music history and theory will also be studied. Students will have the opportunity to perform in small ensembles or as soloists. **Prior musicianship skills are required.**
- **6143 – Concert Choir\***  
Students will develop proper individual vocal and ensemble singing techniques. Students will rehearse and perform music of varied styles and periods, and gain an understanding of basic musical notation. **Singers will be required to represent the school in concert performances.**
- **6100 – Piano Keyboard\***  
Anyone who wishes to learn to play the piano or to improve their current skills may take this class. Music reading and musicianship skills will be taught. No previous piano experience necessary.
- **6042 – Drama 1\***  
This course is designed to give the students a survey of theater. Emphasis is placed on developing basic acting and improvisational skills through playwriting. Theater history, tech theater and careers in theater are also covered.
- **6035 – Film Studies\***  
This course is an introduction to the study of film as an artistic medium. Students will analyze fiction and non-fiction films as well as create short video productions.
- **6002 – Introduction to Art\***  
The elements and principles of art will be covered in this beginning level course. Work in this class is based specifically on fundamental/classical elements of art: line, shape, value, color, form and texture.
- **6061 – Speech and Debate\***  
This course is an introduction to public speaking. Emphasis is placed on the preparation and presentation of effective oral communication.
- **5501 – Consumer Home Economics\***  
This course covers career planning, job skills, resource management, time management, nutrition, food preparation and menu planning. It will also cover human relationships, family development, parenting, child care and development, healthy living, substance abuse, consumer education, interior design, clothing and textiles.
- **5313 – Shop Skills 1**  
This is an introductory shop class where students will build projects to learn and demonstrate their skills. **FFA participation is required for this course.**
- **5331 – Small Animals & Horses**  
This course covers the care and management of animals such as rats, reptiles, dogs, cats, guinea pigs, hamsters, mice and rabbits that are studied with limited handling experiences provided. The horse section covers the care and management of horses. **FFA participation is required for this course.**

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