

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

There are many factors that determine whether a course will be offered in a given school year: teacher certification, student requests, funding, etc. Inclusion in this list does not guarantee that a course will be offered in the coming school year.

**A note on Honors and Advanced Level Coursework:** Advanced courses require a greater demand on students through increased academic rigor. Academic rigor is obtained through the *application, analysis, evaluation, and creation of complex ideas that are often abstract and multi-faceted*. Students are challenged to think and collaborate critically on the content they are learning. Honors level rigor will be achieved by *increasing text complexity through text selection, focus on high-level qualitative measures, and complexity of task*. Instruction will be structured to give students a deeper understanding of conceptual themes and organization within and across disciplines. ***Academic rigor is more than simply assigning to students a greater quantity of work.***

### ENGLISH

#### Pre-AP English 1 and Pre-AP English 1 Honors

This course defines what students should understand and be able to do by the end of 9th grade. Knowledge acquisition should be the primary purpose of any reading approach as the systematic building of a wide range of knowledge across domains is a prerequisite to higher literacy. At this grade level, students are working with universal themes and archetypes. They are also continuing to build their facility with rhetoric, the craft of using language in writing and speaking, using classic literature, essays, and speeches as mentor texts.

The benchmarks in this course are mastery goals that students are expected to attain by the end of the year. To build mastery, students will continue to review and apply earlier grade-level benchmarks and expectations.

#### Pre-AP English 2 and Pre-AP English 2 Honors

This course defines what students should understand and be able to do by the end of 10th grade. Knowledge acquisition should be the primary purpose of any reading approach as the systematic building of a wide range of knowledge across domains is a prerequisite to higher literacy. At this grade level, students are working with universal themes and archetypes. They are also continuing to build their facility with rhetoric, the craft of using language in writing and speaking, using classic literature, essays, and speeches as mentor texts.

The benchmarks in this course are mastery goals that students are expected to attain by the end of the year. To build mastery, students will continue to review and apply earlier grade-level benchmarks and expectations.

#### English 3 and English 3 Honors

This course defines what students should understand and be able to do by the end of 11th grade. Knowledge acquisition should be the primary purpose of any reading approach as the systematic building of a wide range of knowledge across domains is a prerequisite to higher literacy. At this grade level, students are working with universal themes and archetypes. They are also continuing to build their facility with rhetoric, the craft of using language in writing and speaking, using classic literature, essays, and speeches as mentor texts.

The benchmarks in this course are mastery goals that students are expected to attain by the end of the year. To build mastery, students will continue to review and apply earlier grade-level benchmarks and expectations.

### English 4 and English 4 Honors

This course defines what students should understand and be able to do by the end of 12th grade. Knowledge acquisition should be the primary purpose of any reading approach as the systematic building of a wide range of knowledge across domains is a prerequisite to higher literacy. At this grade level, students are working with universal themes and archetypes. They are also continuing to build their facility with rhetoric, the craft of using language in writing and speaking, using classic literature, essays, and speeches as mentor texts.

The benchmarks in this course are mastery goals that students are expected to attain by the end of the year. To build mastery, students will continue to review and apply earlier grade-level benchmarks and expectations.

### Advanced Placement English Language and Composition

AP English Language and Composition is an introductory college-level composition course. Students cultivate their understanding of writing and rhetorical arguments through reading, analyzing, and writing texts as they explore topics like rhetorical situations, claims and evidence, reasoning and organization, and style.

### Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition

AP English Literature and Composition is an introductory college-level literary analysis course. Students cultivate their understanding of literature through reading and analyzing texts as they explore concepts like character, setting, structure, perspective, figurative language, and literary analysis in the context of literary works.

### Debate 1

This course is focused on the use of correct and effective language and organizational skills in preparing, delivering, and evaluating argument and debate. Students will critique debates, paying attention to content, organization, language, and delivery style, and produce and present well-structured, developed arguments, applying oral communication concepts and strategies for public debate in a variety of given settings.

### Debate 2

The purpose of this course is to continue to develop students' awareness, understanding, and application of language arts as they apply to oral communication concepts and strategies for public debate in a variety of given settings. Some work outside of the regular school day may be required.

### Journalism 1 (Yearbook Prerequisite)

The purpose of this course is to enable students to develop and perform fundamental skills in the production of journalism across print, multimedia, web, and broadcast/radio platforms and to develop knowledge of journalism history, ethics use, and management techniques related to the production of journalistic media.

### Journalism 2/3/4 (Yearbook)

The purpose of this course is to enable students to extend fundamental skills in the production of journalism across print, multimedia, web, and broadcast/radio platforms and to develop further knowledge of journalism history, ethics use, and management techniques related to the production of journalistic media. At the senior level, students extend further knowledge of journalism history, ethics use, and management techniques related to the production of journalistic media.



## **MATH**

### **Algebra 1A**

In Algebra 1-A, instructional time will emphasize four areas: (1) extending understanding of functions to linear functions and using them to model and analyze real-world relationships; (2) solving linear equations and inequalities in one variable and systems of linear equations and inequalities in two variables; (3) building linear functions, identifying their key features and representing them in various ways and (4) representing and interpreting categorical and numerical data with one and two variables.

### **Algebra 1 and Algebra 1 Honors**

The fundamental purpose of this course is to formalize and extend the mathematics that students learned in the middle grades. The critical areas, called units, deepen and extend understanding of linear and exponential relationships by contrasting them with each other and by applying linear models to data that exhibit a linear trend, and students engage in methods for analyzing, solving, and using quadratic functions. The Standards for Mathematical Practice apply throughout each course, and, together with the content standards, prescribe that students experience mathematics as a coherent, useful, and logical subject that makes use of their ability to make sense of problem situations.

### **Geometry and Geometry Honors**

In Geometry, instructional time will emphasize five areas: (1) proving and applying relationships and theorems involving two-dimensional figures using Euclidean geometry and coordinate geometry; (2) establishing congruence and similarity using criteria from Euclidean geometry and using rigid transformations; (3) extending knowledge of geometric measurement to two-dimensional figures and three-dimensional figures; (4) creating and applying equations of circles in the coordinate plane and (5) developing an understanding of right triangle trigonometry.

### **Algebra 2 and Algebra 2 Honors**

Building on their work with linear, quadratic, and exponential functions, students extend their repertoire of functions to include polynomial, rational, and radical functions. Students work closely with the expressions that define the functions, and continue to expand and hone their abilities to model situations and to solve equations, including solving quadratic equations over the set of complex numbers and solving exponential equations using the properties of logarithms. The Standards for Mathematical Practice apply throughout each course and, together with the content standards, prescribe that students experience mathematics as a coherent, useful, and logical subject that makes use of their ability to make sense of problem situations.

### **Mathematics for College Liberal Arts**

In Mathematics for College Liberal Arts, instructional time will emphasize five areas: (1) analyzing and applying linear and exponential functions within a real-world context; (2) utilizing geometric concepts to solve real-world problems; (3) extending understanding of probability theory; (4) representing and interpreting univariate and bivariate data and (5) developing understanding of logic and set theory.

### **Mathematics for Data and Financial Literacy and Honors**

In Mathematics for Data and Financial Literacy, instructional time will emphasize five areas: (1) extending knowledge of ratios, proportions and functions to data and financial contexts; (2) developing understanding of basic economic and accounting principles; (3) determining advantages and disadvantages of credit accounts and short- and long-term loans; (4) developing understanding of planning for the future through investments, insurance and retirement plans and (5) extending knowledge of data analysis to create and evaluate reports and to make predictions.

### Probability and Statistics with Applications Honors

In Probability and Statistics Honors, instructional time will emphasize four areas: (1) creating and interpreting data displays for univariate and bivariate categorical and numerical data; (2) comparing and making observations about populations using statistical data, including confidence intervals and hypothesis testing; (3) extending understanding of probability and probability distributions and (4) developing an understanding of methods for collecting statistical data, including randomized trials.

### Mathematics for College Algebra

In Mathematics for College Algebra, instructional time will emphasize five areas: (1) developing fluency with the Laws of Exponents with numerical and algebraic expressions; (2) extending arithmetic operations with algebraic expressions to include rational and polynomial expressions; (3) solving one-variable exponential, logarithmic, radical and rational equations and interpreting the viability of solutions in real-world contexts; (4) modeling with and applying linear, quadratic, absolute value, exponential, logarithmic and piecewise functions and systems of linear equations and inequalities; (5) extending knowledge of functions to include inverse and composition.

### Advanced Placement Pre-Calculus

AP Precalculus prepares students for other college-level mathematics and science courses. Through regular practice, students build deep mastery of modeling and functions, and they examine scenarios through multiple representations. The course framework delineates content and skills common to college precalculus courses that are foundational for careers in mathematics, physics, biology, health science, social science, and data science.

### Advanced Placement Calculus AB

AP Calculus AB is an introductory college-level calculus course. Students cultivate their understanding of differential and integral calculus through engaging with real-world problems represented graphically, numerically, analytically, and verbally and using definitions and theorems to build arguments and justify conclusions as they explore concepts like change, limits, and the analysis of functions.

### Advanced Placement Statistics

AP Statistics is an introductory college-level statistics course that introduces students to the major concepts and tools for collecting, analyzing, and drawing conclusions from data. Students cultivate their understanding of statistics using technology, investigations, problem solving, and writing as they explore concepts like variation and distribution; patterns and uncertainty; and data-based predictions, decisions, and conclusions.

## **SCIENCE**

Environmental Science and Environmental Science Honors

Anatomy/Physiology and Anatomy/Physiology Honors

Astronomy Honors

Biology 1 and Biology 1 Honors

Chemistry 1 and Chemistry 1 Honors

Environmental Science

Physics 1

### Advanced Placement Biology

AP Biology is an introductory college-level biology course. Students cultivate their understanding of biology through inquiry-based investigations as they explore topics like evolution, energetics, information storage and transfer, and system interactions.



### Advanced Placement Chemistry

AP Chemistry is an introductory college-level chemistry course. Students cultivate their understanding of chemistry through inquiry-based lab investigations as they explore the four Big Ideas: scale, proportion, and quantity; structure and properties of substances; transformations; and energy.

### Advanced Placement Environmental Science

Students cultivate their understanding of the interrelationships of the natural world through inquiry-based lab investigations and field work as they explore concepts like the four Big Ideas; energy transfer, interactions between earth systems, interactions between different species and the environment, and sustainability.

### Advanced Placement Physics 1

AP Physics 1 is an algebra-based, introductory college-level physics course. Students cultivate their understanding of physics through classroom study, in-class activity, and hands-on, inquiry-based laboratory work as they explore concepts like systems, fields, force interactions, change, conservation, and waves. Laboratory experience must be part of the education of AP Physics students and should be included in all AP Physics courses. Colleges may require students to present their laboratory materials from AP science courses before granting college credit for laboratory, **so students are encouraged to retain their laboratory notebooks, reports, and other materials.**

### Advanced Placement Physics 2

AP Physics 2 is an algebra-based, introductory college-level physics course. Students cultivate their understanding of physics through classroom study, in-class activity, and hands-on, inquiry-based laboratory work as they explore concepts like systems, fields, force interactions, change, conservation, waves, and probability. Laboratory experience must be part of the education of AP Physics students and should be included in all AP Physics courses. Colleges may require students to present their laboratory materials from AP science courses before granting college credit for laboratory, **so students are encouraged to retain their laboratory notebooks, reports, and other materials.**

## SOCIAL STUDIES

### Advanced Placement Human Geography

AP Human Geography is an introductory college-level human geography course. Students cultivate their understanding of human geography through data and geographic analyses as they explore topics like patterns and spatial organization, human impacts and interactions with their environment, and spatial processes and societal changes.

### Pre-AP World History and Pre-AP World History Honors

The grade 9-12 World History course consists of the following content area strands: World History, Geography and Humanities. This course is a continued in-depth study of the history of civilizations and societies from the middle school course, and includes the history of civilizations and societies of North and South America. Students will be exposed to historical periods leading to the beginning of the 21st Century. So that students can clearly see the relationship between cause and effect in historical events, students should have the opportunity to review those fundamental ideas and events from ancient and classical civilizations.

### Advanced Placement World History: Modern

AP World History: Modern is an introductory college-level modern world history course. Students cultivate their understanding of world history from c. 1200 CE to the present through analyzing historical sources and learning to make connections and craft historical arguments as they explore concepts like humans and the environment, cultural developments and interactions, governance, economic systems, social interactions and organization, and technology and innovation.

### US History and US History Honors

The grade 9-12 United States History course consists of the following content area strands: United States History, Geography, and Humanities. The primary content emphasis for this course pertains to the study of United States history from Reconstruction to the present day. Students will be exposed to the historical, geographic, political, economic and sociological events which influenced the development of the United States and the resulting impact on world history. So that students can clearly see the relationship between cause and effect in historical events, students should have the opportunity to review those fundamental ideas and events which occurred before the end of Reconstruction.

### Advanced Placement US History

AP U.S. History is an introductory college-level U.S. history course. Students cultivate their understanding of U.S. history from c. 1491 CE to the present through analyzing historical sources and learning to make connections and craft historical arguments as they explore concepts like American and national identity; work, exchange, and technology; geography and the environment; migration and settlement; politics and power; America in the world; American and regional culture; and social structures.

### US Government and US Government Honors

The grade 9-12 United States Government course consists of the following content area strands: Geography, Civics and Government. The primary content for the course pertains to the study of government institutions and political processes and their historical impact on American society. Content should include, but is not limited to, the functions and purpose of government, the function of the state, the constitutional framework, federalism, separation of powers, functions of the three branches of government at the local, state and national level, and the political decision-making process.

### Advanced Placement US Government

AP U.S. Government and Politics is an introductory college-level course in U.S. government and politics. Students cultivate their understanding of U.S. government and politics through analysis of data and text-based sources as they explore topics like constitutionalism, liberty and order, civic participation in a representative democracy, competing policy-making interests, and methods of political analysis.

### Economics and Economics Honors

The grade 9-12 Economics course consists of the following content area strands: Economics and Geography. The primary content emphasis for this course pertains to the study of the concepts and processes of the national and international economic systems. Content should include, but is not limited to, currency, banking, and monetary policy, the fundamental concepts relevant to the major economic systems, the global market and economy, major economic theories and economists, the role and influence of the government and fiscal policies, economic measurements, tools, and methodology, financial and investment markets, and the business cycle.

### Advanced Placement Macroeconomics

AP Macroeconomics is an introductory college-level macroeconomics course. Students cultivate their understanding of the principles that apply to an economic system as a whole by using principles and models to describe economic situations and predict and explain outcomes with graphs, charts, and data as they explore concepts like economic measurements, markets, macroeconomic models, and macroeconomic policies.



## Psychology 1/Psychology 2

Through the study of psychology, students acquire an understanding of and an appreciation for human behavior, behavior interaction and the progressive development of individuals. The content examined in this first introductory course includes major theories and orientations of psychology, psychological methodology, memory and cognition, human growth and development, personality, abnormal behavior, psychological therapies, stress/coping strategies, and mental health. Psychology 2 includes statistical research, psychobiology, motivation and emotion, sensation and perception, states of consciousness, psychological testing, and social psychology.

## Advanced Placement Psychology

AP Psychology is an introductory college-level psychology course. Students cultivate their understanding of the systematic and scientific study of human behavior and mental processes through inquiry-based investigations as they explore concepts like the biological bases of behavior, sensation and perception, learning and cognition, motivation, developmental psychology, testing and individual differences, treatment of abnormal behavior, and social psychology.

## African American History

This course consists of the following content area strands: World History, United States History, Geography, Humanities, Civics and Government. The primary content emphasis for this course pertains to the study of the chronological development of African-Americans by examining the political, economic, social, religious, military and cultural events that affected the cultural group. Content will include, but is not limited to, West African heritage, the Middle Passage and Triangular Trade, the African Diaspora, significant turning points and trends in the development of African-American culture and institutions, enslavement and emancipation, the Abolition, Black Nationalist, and Civil Rights movements, major historical figures and events in African-American history, and contemporary African-American affairs.

## Personal Financial Literacy and Personal Financial Literacy Honors

The primary content for the course pertains to the study of learning the ideas, concepts, knowledge and skills that will enable students to implement beneficial personal decision-making choices; to become wise, successful, and knowledgeable consumers, savers, investors, users of credit and money managers; and to be participating members of a global workforce and society. Content should include, but not be limited to: cost/benefit analysis of economic decisions; earning an income; understanding state and federal taxes; utilizing banking and financial services; balancing a checkbook and managing a bank account; savings, investment and planning for retirement; understanding loans and borrowing money, including predatory lending and payday loans; understanding interest, credit card debt and online commerce; how to prevent identify fraud and theft; rights and responsibilities of renting or buying a home; understanding and planning for major financial purchases; understanding the costs and benefits of insurance; understanding the financial impact and consequence of gambling; avoiding and filing bankruptcy; reducing tax liability.

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

### Drivers Education

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to Florida's driving laws/rules of the road and safe driving behavior, and to strategies that will develop driving knowledge and skills related to today's and tomorrow's motorized society. It will also provide an in-depth study of the contributing factors to vehicle crashes and their solutions.

### Personal Fitness

The purpose of this course is to provide students with the knowledge, skills, and values they need to become healthy and physically active for a lifetime. This course addresses both the health and skill-related components of physical fitness which are critical for students' success.

### Additional PE Course Selections

Basketball

Individual/Dual Sports

Outdoor Education

Swimming

Team Sports

Volleyball

## **WORLD LANGUAGES**

### Spanish 1

Spanish 1 introduces students to the target language and its culture. The student will develop communicative skills in all 3 modes of communication and cross-cultural understanding. Emphasis is placed on proficient communication in the language. An introduction to reading and writing is also included as well as culture, connections, comparisons, and communities.

### Spanish 2

Spanish 2 reinforces the fundamental skills acquired by the students in Spanish 1. The course develops increased listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills as well as cultural awareness. Specific content to be covered is a continuation of listening and oral skills acquired in Spanish 1. Reading and writing receive more emphasis, while oral communication remains the primary objective. The cultural survey of the target language-speaking people is continued.

### Spanish 3 Honors

Spanish 3 provides mastery and expansion of skills acquired by the students in Spanish 2. Specific content includes, but is not limited to, expansions of vocabulary and conversational skills through discussions of selected readings. Contemporary vocabulary stresses activities which are important to the everyday life of the target language-speaking people.

### Spanish 4 Honors

Spanish 4 expands the skills acquired by the students in Spanish 3. Specific content includes, but is not limited to, more advanced language structures and idiomatic expressions, with emphasis on conversational skills. There is additional growth in vocabulary for practical purposes, including writing. Reading selections are varied and taken from the target language newspapers, magazines, and literary works.

### Advanced Placement Spanish Language and Culture

AP Spanish Language and Culture is equivalent to an intermediate level college course in Spanish. Students cultivate their understanding of Spanish language and culture by applying interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational modes of communication in real-life situations as they explore concepts related to family and communities, personal and public identities, beauty and aesthetics, science and technology, contemporary life, and global challenges.



### American Sign Language 1

American Sign Language 1 introduces students to the target language and its culture. The student will develop communicative skills in all 3 modes of communication and cross-cultural understanding. Emphasis is placed on proficient communication in the language with introductions to culture, connections, comparisons, and communities.

### American Sign Language 2

American Sign Language 2 reinforces the fundamental skills acquired by the students in American Sign Language 1. The course develops increased receptive and expressive skills as well as cultural awareness. Specific content to be covered is a continuation of skills acquired in American Sign Language 1 while communication remains the primary objective. The cultural survey of the target language is continued.

### American Sign Language 3 Honors

American Sign Language 3 provides mastery and expansion of skills acquired by the students in American Sign Language 2. Specific content includes, but is not limited to, expansions of vocabulary and conversational skills through discussions of selected media. Contemporary vocabulary stresses activities which are important to the everyday life of people using the target language.

### American Sign Language 4 Honors

American Sign Language 4 expands the skills acquired by the students in American Sign Language 3. Specific content includes, but is not limited to, more advanced language structures and idiomatic expressions, with emphasis on conversational skills. There is additional growth in vocabulary for practical purposes. Media selections are varied and taken from authentic target language literary works.

## **NJROTC**

### Naval Science 1

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the precepts of citizenship, the elements of leadership, and the value of scholarship in attaining life goals. This course will also enable students to develop appreciation for the heritage and traditions of America, to recognize the importance of the role of sea power in America's future, and to develop a sense of pride in his/her organization, associates, and self. These elements are pursued at a fundamental level.

### Naval Science 2

The purpose of this course is to engender a sound appreciation of the heritage and traditions of America, with recognition that the historically significant role of sea power will be important in America's future. This course will also enable students to develop a sense of pride in his/her organization, associates, and self. This course will further enable students to develop understanding of maritime geography as it relates to our natural resources, land forms, climate, soil, bodies of water, people, governments, the military, and geopolitics.

### Naval Science 3

The purpose of this course is to enable students to further develop understanding the importance of sea power and national security, naval operations and support functions, military law, international law, and the sea. This course will also enable students to develop understanding of the technical area of naval science study.

## Naval Science 4

The purpose of this course is to enable students to develop leadership skills including knowledge of individual needs and group dynamics, leadership principles and responsibilities, and effective communication strategies.

## **FINE ARTS**

### ART

#### Creating 2D Art

Students experiment with the media and techniques used to create a variety of two-dimensional (2-D) artworks through the development of skills in drawing, painting, printmaking, collage, and/or design. Students practice, sketch, and manipulate the structural elements of art to improve mark making and/or the organizational principles of design in a composition from observation, research, and/or imagination. Through the critique process, students evaluate and respond to their own work and that of their peers. This course incorporates hands-on activities and consumption of art materials.

#### Creating 3D Art

Students explore how space, mass, balance, and form combine to create aesthetic forms or utilitarian products and structures. Instruction may include, but is not limited to, content in green or industrial design, sculpture, ceramics, or building arts. Media may include, but are not limited to, clay, wood, plaster, and paper maché with consideration of the workability, durability, cost, and toxicity of the media used. Student artists consider the relationship of scale (i.e., hand-held, human, monumental) through the use of positive and negative space or voids, volume, visual weight, and gravity to create low/high relief or freestanding structures for personal intentions or public places. They explore sharp and diminishing detail, size, position, overlapping, visual pattern, texture, implied line, space, and plasticity, reflecting craftsmanship and quality in the surface and structural qualities of the completed art forms. Students in the 3-D art studio focus on use of safety procedures for process, media, and techniques.

#### Two-Dimensional Studio Art 2

Students develop and refine technical skills and create 2-D compositions with a variety of media in drawing, painting, printmaking, collage, and/or design. Student artists sketch, manipulate, and refine the structural elements of art to improve mark-making and/or the organizational principles of design in a composition from observation, research, and/or imagination. Through the critique process, students evaluate and respond to their own work and that of their peers. This course incorporates hands-on activities and consumption of art materials.

#### Portfolio Development: Two-Dimensional Design Honors

Students work in a self-directed environment to develop a portfolio showing a body of their own work that visually explores a particular artistic concern, articulated and supported by a written artist's statement. Artists may work in, but are not limited to, content in drawing, painting, printmaking, mixed media, traditional photography, digital photography, and/or new media and emerging technologies that demonstrate understanding of design principles as applied to a 2-dimensional surface. Students regularly reflect on aesthetics and art issues individually and as a group, and manipulate the structural elements of art and organizational principles of design to create 2-dimensional works of art that are progressively more innovative and representative of the student's artistic and cognitive growth. In keeping with the rigor expected in an accelerated setting, students' portfolios show personal vision and artistic growth over time, mastery of visual art skills and techniques, and evidence of sophisticated analytical and problem-solving skills based on their structural, historical, and cultural knowledge. Students are self-directed and display readiness for high levels of



critical thinking, research, conceptual thinking, and creative risk-taking. This course incorporates hands-on activities and consumption of art materials.

### Three-Dimensional Art 2

Students explore spatial relationships through the use of nonobjective, abstract, or representational forms, products, or structures. Instruction may include, but is not limited to, content in green or industrial design, sculpture, ceramics, or building arts. Processes and techniques for substitution include wheel-thrown clay, glaze formulation and application, or extruded, cast, draped, molded, laminated, or soft forms. Media may include, but are not limited to, clay, wood, metal, plaster, paper maché, and plastic with consideration of the workability, durability, cost, and toxicity of the media used. 3-D artists experiment with and manipulate space-producing devices, including overlapping, transparency, interpenetration, vertical and horizontal axis, inclined planes, disproportionate scale, fractional or abstracted representation, and spatial properties of the structural art elements. Craftsmanship and quality are reflected in the surface and structural qualities of the completed art forms. Students in the 3-D art studio focus on use of safety procedures for process, media, and techniques.

### Portfolio Development: Three-Dimensional Design Honors

Students work in a self-directed environment to develop a portfolio showing a body of their own work that visually explores a particular artistic concern, articulated and supported by a written artist's statement. Artists may work in, but are not limited to, content in clay, wood, wire, glass, metal, jewelry, fabrics/fibers, fashion design, green design, industrial design, and/or objects for interior design or architecture that integrate 3-dimensional design issues in a purposeful way. Students regularly reflect on aesthetics and art issues individually and as a group, and manipulate the structural elements of art and organizational principles of design to create 3-dimensional works of art that are progressively more innovative and representative of the student's artistic and cognitive growth. In keeping with the rigor expected in an accelerated setting, students' portfolios show personal vision and artistic growth over time, mastery of visual art skills and techniques, and evidence of sophisticated analytical and problem-solving skills based on their structural, historical, and cultural knowledge. Students are self-directed and display readiness for high levels of critical thinking, research, conceptual thinking, and creative risk-taking. This course incorporates hands-on activities and consumption of art materials.

### Printmaking 1

Students experiment with the media and techniques used to create a variety of two-dimensional (2-D) artworks through the development of skills in printmaking. Media may include, but are not limited to intaglio, lithography, relief printing, and wood block printing. Students practice, and manipulate the structural elements of art to improve mark making and/or the organizational principles of design in a composition from observation, research, and/or imagination. Through the critique process, students evaluate and respond to their own work and that of their peers. This course incorporates hands-on activities and consumption of art materials.

### Advanced Placement 2D Portfolio

AP 2-D Art and Design is an introductory college-level two-dimensional design course. Students refine and apply 2-D skills to ideas they develop throughout the course.

### Advanced Placement 3D Portfolio

AP 3-D Art and Design is an introductory college-level three-dimensional design course. Students refine and apply 3-D skills to ideas they develop throughout the course.

## Advanced Placement Drawing

AP Drawing is an introductory college-level drawing course. Students refine and apply drawing skills to ideas they develop throughout the course.

## BAND/CHORUS/ORCHESTRA

### Band 1

This year-long, entry-level class, designed for students having little or no previous band experience with woodwind, brass, and/or percussion instruments, promotes the enjoyment and appreciation of music through performance of high-quality, beginning wind and percussion literature from different times and places. Rehearsals focus on the development of critical listening/aural skills; rudimentary instrumental technique and skills, music literacy, and ensemble skills; and aesthetic musical awareness culminating in periodic public performances.

### Band 2/3/4

This year-long, formative class, designed for students ready to build on skills and knowledge previously acquired in a middle or high school instrumental ensemble, promotes the enjoyment and appreciation of music through performance of high-quality, intermediate-level wind and percussion literature. Rehearsals focus on development of critical listening/aural skills, individual musicianship, instrumental technique, refinement of ensemble skills, and aesthetic engagement culminating in periodic public performances.

### Jazz Ensemble 1

Students with experience on an instrument suited for jazz ensemble explore the fundamentals of performance practices, improvisation, and music theory through a diverse repertoire of high-quality jazz literature. Students learn the basics of foundational jazz styles, use chord symbols, develop knowledge of musical structure, and study the history of jazz and its iconic musicians. Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. Students may be required to attend and/or participate in rehearsals and performances outside the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom. Students in this class may need to obtain (e.g., borrow, rent, purchase) an instrument from an outside source.

### Jazz Ensemble 2/3/4

Students with considerable jazz experience become conversant with more complex forms and harmonic progressions, and strengthen their aural and improvisational skills as they rehearse, perform, and study high-quality jazz ensemble literature. Musicians apply their theory skills to arranging, transposition, and composing; and study various periods, cultural contexts, compositions, and artists in jazz history. Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. Students may be required to attend and/or participate in rehearsals and performances outside the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom. Students in this class may need to obtain (e.g., borrow, rent, purchase) an instrument from an outside source.

### Orchestra 1

Students who have little or no orchestral experience study and perform high-quality beginning orchestra literature of diverse times and styles. Rehearsals focus on the development of critical listening skills, rudimentary string techniques, music literacy, ensemble skills, and aesthetic awareness. Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. Students may be required to attend and/or participate in rehearsals and performances outside the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in



the classroom. Students in this class may need to obtain (e.g., borrow, rent, purchase) an instrument from an outside source.

### Orchestra 2/3/4

Students build on previous orchestral experience through the study and performance of high-quality orchestra literature. Rehearsals focus on the strengthening of critical listening skills, musicianship, string techniques, ensemble skills, and aesthetic awareness in the context of relevant history and cultures. Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. Students may be required to attend and/or participate in rehearsals and performances outside the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom. Students in this class may need to obtain (e.g., borrow, rent, purchase) an instrument from an outside source.

### Eurhythmics 1 (Colorguard)

Student dancers develop basic skills in performing and evaluating choreographed performances as an independent ensemble and in cooperation with a music ensemble. Emphasis is placed on dance, equipment manipulation, precision, and the relationship between music and dance. Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. Students may be required to attend and/or participate in rehearsals and performances outside the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom.

### Eurhythmics 2/3/4 (Colorguard)

Student dancers build on previous experience to perform and evaluate choreographed performances as an independent ensemble and in cooperation with a music ensemble. Students focus on strengthening dance skills, equipment manipulation, precision, and the relationship between music and dance. Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. Students may be required to attend and/or participate in rehearsals and performances outside the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom.

### Keyboard 1

Students build fundamental piano techniques while learning to read music, acquire and apply knowledge of basic music theory, and explore the role of keyboard music in history and culture. Beginning pianists develop skills in analytical listening and explore musical creativity in the form of basic improvisation and basic composition. Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. Students may be required to attend and/or participate in rehearsals and performances outside the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom.

### Keyboard 2

Students build on previous piano techniques and skills through reading music, acquiring and applying knowledge of music theory, and exploring the role of keyboard music in history and culture. Students learn repertoire from various styles and time periods, exploring the historical influence keyboards have had on music performance and composition. Students explore the basic tools of music technology (i.e., MIDI keyboards). Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. Students may be required to attend and/or participate in rehearsals and performances outside the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom.

## Music of the World

Students explore the musical traditions of 20th- and 21st-century American and global communities around the world through study of current trends, focusing on the function of music within various cultures (e.g., jazz, world drumming, mariachi, soul, gamelan, Bollywood, digital). Students examine and report on human activities involving music, technology- and culture-related influences on music, and the sounds and structures of music composition. Public performances may serve as a resource for specific instructional goals. Students may be required to attend one or more performances outside the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom.

## Chorus 1

This year-long, entry-level class, designed for students with little or no choral experience, promotes the enjoyment and appreciation of music through performance of beginning choral repertoire from a variety of times and places. Rehearsals focus on the development of critical listening skills; foundational instrumental technique and skills, music literacy, and ensemble skills; and aesthetic musical awareness culminating in periodic public performances.

## Chorus 2/3/4

This year-long class, designed for students with developing and advancing experience in a choral performing group, promotes the enjoyment and appreciation of music through performance of basic, high-quality choral music. Rehearsals focus on the development of critical listening/aural skills; foundational instrumental technique and skills, music literacy, and ensemble skills; and aesthetic musical awareness culminating in periodic public performances.

## Chorus Register Specific 1/2/3

Students in this entry and advanced level class focus on the rehearsal, performance, and study of high-quality music literature for singers of a similar voice range. As they address the technical needs of singers in a specific range of notes, they learn beginning leading to advanced music theory, musicianship, and choral performance skills. Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. Students may be required to attend and/or participate in rehearsals and performances outside the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom.

## Vocal Ensemble 1/2/3

Students study the vocal ensemble, developing basic to advanced musicianship and ensemble performance skills through the study of basic, high-quality music in diverse styles. Student musicians focus on building and advancing foundational music techniques, music literacy, listening skills, and aesthetic awareness. Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. Students may be required to attend and/or participate in rehearsals and performances outside the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom.



## THEATRE

### Theatre 1

This course is designed for students with little or no theatre experience, and promotes enjoyment and appreciation for all aspects of theatre. Classwork focuses on the exploration of theatre literature, performance, historical and cultural connections, and technical requirements. Improvisation, creative dramatics, and beginning scene work are used to introduce students to acting and character development. Incorporation of other art forms in theatre also helps students gain appreciation for other art forms, such as music, dance, and visual art.

### Theater 2/3/4

This course is designed for students with a year of experience or more, and promotes enjoyment and appreciation for all aspects of theatre through opportunities to build significantly on existing skills. Classwork focuses on characterization, playwriting, and playwrights' contributions to theatre; while improvisation, creative dramatics, and scene work are used to help students challenge and strengthen their acting skills and explore the technical aspect of scene work.

### Technical Theater Design and Production 1 (Stagecraft)

Students focus on developing the basic tools and procedures for creating elements of technical theatre, including costumes, lighting, makeup, properties (props), publicity, scenery, and sound. Technical knowledge of safety procedures and demonstrated safe operation of theatre equipment, tools, and raw materials are central to success in this course. Students explore and learn to analyze dramatic scripts, seeking production solutions through historical, cultural, and geographic research. Students also learn the basics of standard conventions of design presentation and documentation; the organizational structure of theatre production and creative work in a collaborative environment; and the resulting artistic improvement. Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. Students may be required to attend or participate in technical work, rehearsals, and/or performances beyond the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom.

### Technical Theater Design and Production 2 (Stagecraft)

Students focus on the design and safe application of basic tools and procedures to create elements of technical theatre, including costumes, lighting, makeup, properties (props), publicity, scenery, and sound. Students develop assessment and problem-solving skills; the ability to connect selected literature to a variety of cultures, history, and other content areas. Public performances may serve as a culmination of specific instructional goals. Students may be required to attend or participate in technical work, rehearsals, and/or performances beyond the school day to support, extend, and assess learning in the classroom.

## **CAREER AND TECHNICAL ELECTIVES**

### **Nutrition and Wellness/Principles of Food Preparation**

The content includes but is not limited to selection, preparation, service and storage of foods. It allows students to use technology to practice meal management techniques directed toward nutritional food choices based on the life cycle. This course will provide an awareness of consumer issues relating to health and wellness. The content includes but is not limited to preparing students to understand the principles of food, selection and storage, basic food preparation, and selection of food services.

### **Child Development/Life Management Skills**

The content includes but is not limited to understanding the nature of child development from conception to school age. This course emphasizes positive development and nurturing of the family at each stage of a child's growth.

### **Marketing Essentials**

Marketing Essentials blends theory and practice to facilitate immediate implementation and impact. Students will learn to develop strategic marketing with sales and customer plans. A review of the marketing environment is used to help develop the segmentation, targeting and market positioning strategy for implementation along with the marketing mix (product, price, place and promotion). The goal is the identification and delivery of organizational competitive advantage and customer satisfaction – key to long-term revenue growth, profitability and success.

### **Medical Skills and Services**

The purpose of this program is to give students an opportunity to apply knowledge and skills related to the area of Health Science career cluster. The content includes but is not limited to practical generic skills in health occupations.

### **Digital Information Technology**

Emphasis is placed on developing fundamental computer skills. The intention of this course is to prepare students to be successful both personally and professionally in an information based society. Digital Information Technology includes the exploration and use of: databases, the internet, spreadsheets, presentation applications, management of personal information and email, word processing and document manipulation, HTML, web page design, and the integration of these programs using software that meets industry standards.

### **Digital Video Technology 1**

This course provides students with an introduction to the digital video production process; content includes safe work practices, planning a production set, designing lighting plans, camera operation, and audio/ video recording, mixing, and editing.

### **Private Pilot Ground School**

The Private Pilot Ground School course prepares students for entry into the aviation industry. Students explore career opportunities and requirements of a professional aviation pilot/mechanic. Students study general shop safety, fundamentals of flight, FAA regulations, meteorology, aircraft communications, propulsion, and navigation systems, flight planning, communication and analytical skills, applied sciences, safe aircraft operation and principles, flight training processes, and airport environments.



## **CAREER AND TECHNICAL ACADEMIES**

Booker T. Washington High School offers six career academies and one academic academy. Each academy follows a four-year course progression, outlined below:

### Aviation Technology

Year 1 - Private Pilot Groundschool

Year 2 - Aviation Technology 1

Year 3 - Aviation Technology 2

Year 4 - Aviation Technology 3

### Culinary

Year 1 - Nutrition and Wellness/Principles of Food Preparation

Year 2 - Culinary 1

Year 3 - Culinary 2

Year 4 - Culinary 3 and Culinary 4

### Early Childhood Education

Year 1 - Child Development/Life Management Skills

Year 2 - Early Childhood Education 1

Year 3 - Early Childhood Education 2 and Early Childhood Education 3

Year 4 - Early Childhood Education 4

### Health Science Academy - Emphasis on Nursing or Emphasis on Sports Medicine

Year 1 - Medical Skills and Services

Year 2 - Anatomy and Physiology

Year 3 - Health Science Foundations 2

Year 4 - Allied Health and Directed Study (Nursing Emphasis trains in medical facility; Sports Medicine trains at Physical Therapy facility)

### Marine Science (Academic)

Year 1 - Biology

Year 2 - Chemistry

Year 3 - Marine Science Honors 1 and Marine Science Honors 2

Year 4 - Advanced Placement Science course of choice

\*Sequence may vary based on student knowledge and skills\*

### Marketing and Entrepreneurship

Year 1 - Marketing Essentials

Year 2 - Marketing Applications

Year 3 - Business Ownership and Marketing Management

Year 4 - Marketing OJT (Employment in Members First Credit Union or Cat Shack)

## **ADVANCED COURSEWORK ELECTIVES**

### Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles

AP Computer Science Principles is an introductory college-level computing course that introduces students to the breadth of the field of computer science. Students learn to design and evaluate solutions and to apply computer science to solve problems through the development of algorithms and programs. They incorporate abstraction into programs and use data to discover new knowledge. Students also explain how computing innovations and computing systems—including the internet—work, explore their potential impacts, and contribute to a computing culture that is collaborative and ethical.

### Advanced Placement English Language and Composition

AP English Language and Composition is an introductory college-level composition course. Students cultivate their understanding of writing and rhetorical arguments through reading, analyzing, and writing texts as they explore topics like rhetorical situations, claims and evidence, reasoning and organization, and style.

### Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition

AP English Literature and Composition is an introductory college-level literary analysis course. Students cultivate their understanding of literature through reading and analyzing texts as they explore concepts like character, setting, structure, perspective, figurative language, and literary analysis in the context of literary works.

### Advanced Placement Pre-Calculus

AP Precalculus prepares students for other college-level mathematics and science courses. Through regular practice, students build deep mastery of modeling and functions, and they examine scenarios through multiple representations. The course framework delineates content and skills common to college precalculus courses that are foundational for careers in mathematics, physics, biology, health science, social science, and data science.

### Advanced Placement Calculus AB

AP Calculus AB is an introductory college-level calculus course. Students cultivate their understanding of differential and integral calculus through engaging with real-world problems represented graphically, numerically, analytically, and verbally and using definitions and theorems to build arguments and justify conclusions as they explore concepts like change, limits, and the analysis of functions.

### Advanced Placement Statistics

AP Statistics is an introductory college-level statistics course that introduces students to the major concepts and tools for collecting, analyzing, and drawing conclusions from data. Students cultivate their understanding of statistics using technology, investigations, problem solving, and writing as they explore concepts like variation and distribution; patterns and uncertainty; and data-based predictions, decisions, and conclusions.

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### Advanced Placement 2D Portfolio

AP 2-D Art and Design is an introductory college-level two-dimensional design course. Students refine and apply 2-D skills to ideas they develop throughout the course.

### Advanced Placement 3D Portfolio

AP 3-D Art and Design is an introductory college-level three-dimensional design course. Students refine and apply 3-D skills to ideas they develop throughout the course.

### Advanced Placement Drawing

AP Drawing is an introductory college-level drawing course. Students refine and apply drawing skills to ideas they develop throughout the course.

### Advanced Placement Biology

AP Biology is an introductory college-level biology course. Students cultivate their understanding of biology through inquiry-based investigations as they explore topics like evolution, energetics, information storage and transfer, and system interactions.

### Advanced Placement Chemistry

AP Chemistry is an introductory college-level chemistry course. Students cultivate their understanding of chemistry through inquiry-based lab investigations as they explore the four Big Ideas: scale, proportion, and quantity; structure and properties of substances; transformations; and energy.

### Advanced Placement Environmental Science

Students cultivate their understanding of the interrelationships of the natural world through inquiry-based lab investigations and field work as they explore concepts like the four Big Ideas; energy transfer, interactions between earth systems, interactions between different species and the environment, and sustainability.

### Advanced Placement Physics 1

AP Physics 1 is an algebra-based, introductory college-level physics course. Students cultivate their understanding of physics through classroom study, in-class activity, and hands-on, inquiry-based laboratory work as they explore concepts like systems, fields, force interactions, change, conservation, and waves. Laboratory experience must be part of the education of AP Physics students and should be included in all AP Physics courses. Colleges may require students to present their laboratory materials from AP science courses before granting college credit for laboratory, **so students are encouraged to retain their laboratory notebooks, reports, and other materials.**

### Advanced Placement Physics 2

AP Physics 2 is an algebra-based, introductory college-level physics course. Students cultivate their understanding of physics through classroom study, in-class activity, and hands-on, inquiry-based laboratory work as they explore concepts like systems, fields, force interactions, change, conservation, waves, and probability. Laboratory experience must be part of the education of AP Physics students and should be included in all AP Physics courses. Colleges may require students to present their laboratory materials from AP science courses before granting college credit for laboratory, **so students are encouraged to retain their laboratory notebooks, reports, and other materials.**

### Advanced Placement Human Geography

AP Human Geography is an introductory college-level human geography course. Students cultivate their understanding of human geography through data and geographic analyses as they explore topics like patterns

and spatial organization, human impacts and interactions with their environment, and spatial processes and societal changes.

#### Advanced Placement World History:Modern

AP World History: Modern is an introductory college-level modern world history course. Students cultivate their understanding of world history from c. 1200 CE to the present through analyzing historical sources and learning to make connections and craft historical arguments as they explore concepts like humans and the environment, cultural developments and interactions, governance, economic systems, social interactions and organization, and technology and innovation.

#### Advanced Placement US History

AP U.S. History is an introductory college-level U.S. history course. Students cultivate their understanding of U.S. history from c. 1491 CE to the present through analyzing historical sources and learning to make connections and craft historical arguments as they explore concepts like American and national identity; work, exchange, and technology; geography and the environment; migration and settlement; politics and power; America in the world; American and regional culture; and social structures.

#### Advanced Placement US Government

AP U.S. Government and Politics is an introductory college-level course in U.S. government and politics. Students cultivate their understanding of U.S. government and politics through analysis of data and text-based sources as they explore topics like constitutionalism, liberty and order, civic participation in a representative democracy, competing policy-making interests, and methods of political analysis.

#### Advanced Placement Macroeconomics

AP Macroeconomics is an introductory college-level macroeconomics course. Students cultivate their understanding of the principles that apply to an economic system as a whole by using principles and models to describe economic situations and predict and explain outcomes with graphs, charts, and data as they explore concepts like economic measurements, markets, macroeconomic models, and macroeconomic policies.

#### Advanced Placement Psychology

AP Psychology is an introductory college-level psychology course. Students cultivate their understanding of the systematic and scientific study of human behavior and mental processes through inquiry-based investigations as they explore concepts like the biological bases of behavior, sensation and perception, learning and cognition, motivation, developmental psychology, testing and individual differences, treatment of abnormal behavior, and social psychology.

#### Advanced Placement Spanish Language and Culture

AP Spanish Language and Culture is equivalent to an intermediate level college course in Spanish. Students cultivate their understanding of Spanish language and culture by applying interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational modes of communication in real-life situations as they explore concepts related to family and communities, personal and public identities, beauty and aesthetics, science and technology, contemporary life, and global challenges.