

8TH GRADE CURRICULUM NIGHT

(FOR RISING 9TH GRADE PARENTS)

FEBRUARY 22, 2023

Class of 2027

WELCOME TO BEARDEN HIGH SCHOOL!!

OUR MISSION = BEARDEN HIGH SCHOOL EXISTS TO HELP ALL STUDENTS BECOME RESPONSIBLE, SELF-DIRECTED, LIFE-LONG LEARNERS CAPABLE OF FUNCTIONING EFFECTIVELY IN A GLOBAL SOCIETY.

MEET YOUR CLASS OF 2027 SUPPORT TEAM



Mr. Greg Adams
Freshmen Academy Principal



Ms. Leslie Lee
Freshmen Academy Counselor



Mrs. Rebecca Nutter
Freshmen Academy Dean



Mrs. Kelly Darnell
Academy Coach

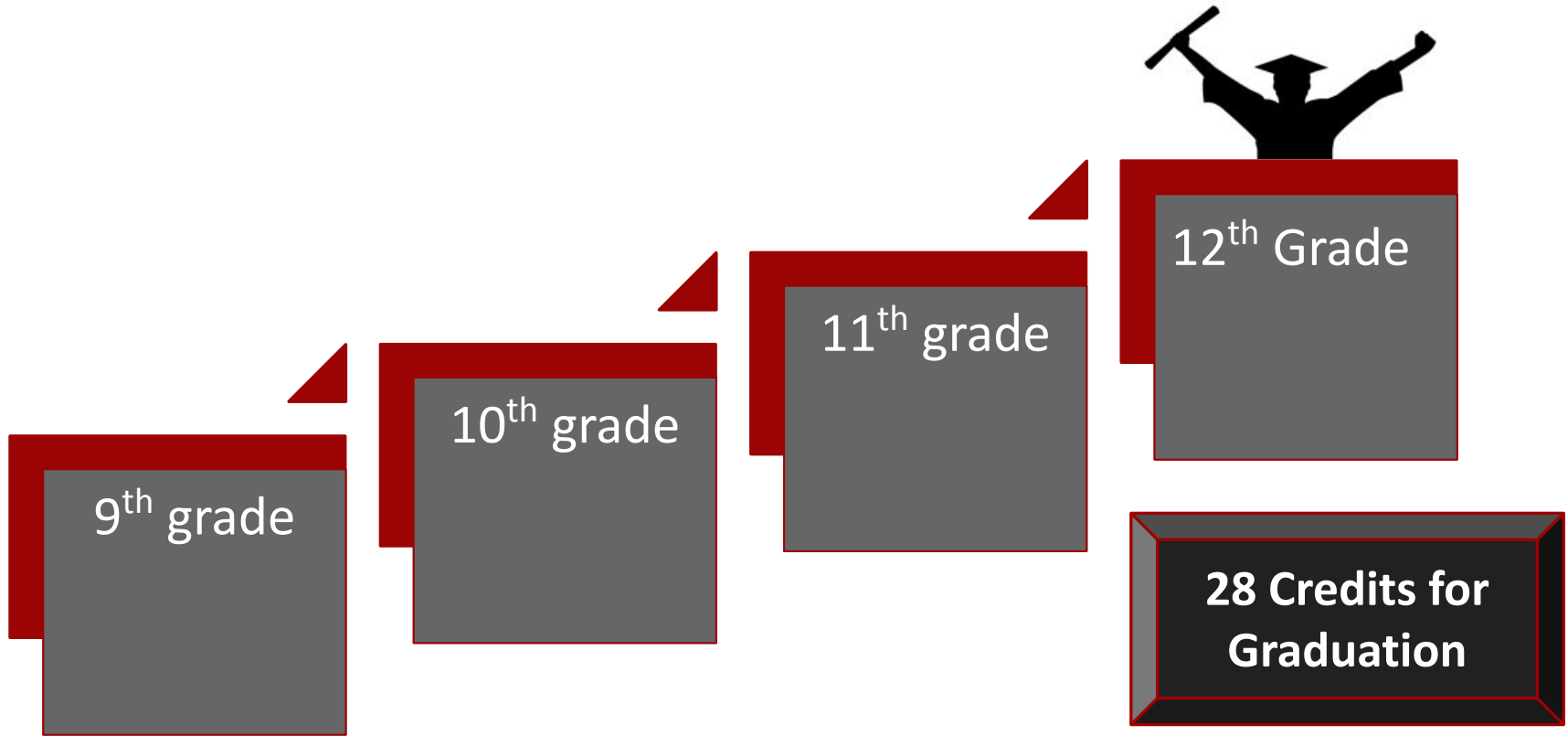
THIS IS THE FIRST STEP TOWARD GRADUATION...



50 month
countdown!



WE'RE MAKING A PLAN EACH YEAR...



WHICH CREDITS COUNT TOWARD GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS IN TN?



- 4 English credits
- 4 Math credits
- 3 Science credits
- 3.5 Social Studies credits
- 1.5 Lifetime Wellness + PE
- 1 Fine Arts
- 2 World Language (same lang)
- 3 Elective Focus
- 6 Additional Electives

28 CREDITS

**Opportunity
for total of
30+ credits**

WHAT IS A CREDIT?

EACH CLASS = OPPORTUNITY TO EARN 1.0 CREDIT



Opportunity
for 8.5 credits
during
9th grade

HOW DO I EARN A CREDIT?

To earn a credit/make a class count = you must earn a 60% (or higher) for final grade

Remember: taking 8 classes doesn't mean you'll earn 8 credits. A 60%+ must be earned in the end - below 60% will result in zero credit & retaking class.



HOW MANY CREDITS CAN I EARN NEXT YEAR?

Fall

4 CLASSES

August- December

Spring

4 CLASSES

January- May

Yearlong class
credits
post in May

August- May

$$\boxed{4} + \boxed{4} = \boxed{8}$$

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HOW MANY CLASSES DO STUDENTS TAKE EACH YEAR?

Students will take **8 classes per year + Yearlong Seminar**

Four (4) classes in the FALL term ...

... then four (4) *different* classes in the
SPRING term

The exception is if you are in Honors English & AP Human Geography.
These 2 classes meet all year long; every other day for 1 credit each.

WHAT IS BLOCK SCHEDULING?

EXAMPLE of BLOCK SCHEDULE

Fall

August-December

1st Period - English

2nd Period - Math

3rd Period - Art

4th Period - Introduction to Business

Spring

January -May

1st Period - Science

2nd Period - Social Studies

3rd Period - Lifetime Wellness

4th Period - Speech

3rd block is when lunch occurs

EXAMPLES OF 2 (DIFFERENT) SCHEDULES - 9TH GRADE

FALL - AUG - DEC		JAN - MAY
BLOCK	CLASS	CLASS
1st	CP ENGLISH 1	CP ALGEBRA 1
2nd	VISUAL ART 1	ADV ART PRINTMAKING*
3rd	PE 1	WELLNESS
4th	CP PHY WLD CONCEPTS	CP WORLD HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

FALL - AUG - DEC		JAN - MAY
BLOCK	CLASS	CLASS
1st	HON ENGLISH & AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY	
2nd	FRESHMAN ORCHESTRA	ORCHESTRA or ADV ART PRINTMAKING or VISUAL ART 2*
3rd	VISUAL ART 1	WELLNESS
4th	HONORS BIOLOGY	HONORS GEOMETRY

SAMPLE SCHEDULE 1

**Students can take Adv Art courses multiple times throughout the 4 years in high school. The same is true for Orchestra, Band, Chorus, ROTC and PE (beyond PE 1).*

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SAMPLE SCHEDULE 2

HOW WERE CORE COURSES CHOSEN?



NOTE:

- Previous & projected state testing percentiles
- PreACT scores
- Current courses/grades
- 8th Grade Teacher Recommendation

If your student is recommended for an AP/honors class and you have concerns, email Ms. Lee at leslie.lee@knoxschools.org.

DIFFERENCES OF COURSE LEVELS / PLACEMENTS

CP

College Prep

Honors


Accelerated College Prep course

AP

Advanced Placement (college course)

CORE ACADEMIC COURSE OPTIONS - 9TH GRADE

(ALREADY SELECTED/CHOSEN FOR STUDENT BY MIDDLE SCHOOL SUBJECT TEACHERS)

English	English 1 CP	English 1 Honors (yearlong tied to APHG)		
Math	Algebra Yearlong (1A in fall; 1B in Spring)	Algebra 1 CP	Algebra 1 Honors	Geometry Honors
Science	Physical World Concepts	Honors PWC	Honors Biology 1	
Social Studies	World History and Geography	AP Human Geography (yearlong tied to Hon English)	Students enrolled in Honors English will also be enrolled in AP Human Geography.	

LIFETIME WELLNESS

- **Students will take:** Lifetime Wellness
-OR- 2 credits of NJROTC
- **This is a graduation requirement.**
- **Topics covered:**
 - Disease Prevention and Control
 - Mental Health
 - Nutrition
 - Physical Fitness and Related Skills
 - Safety, First Aid & Substance Use/Abuse



NJROTC



- Students can take NJROTC **BOTH** semesters.
- 2 NJROTC credits give you a Lifetime Wellness **and** the additional PE credits - both are graduation requirements.



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WORLD LANGUAGES

- **This is a graduation requirement: 2 credits of same language.**
- Freshman students who are on track to receive a high “B” or “A” in 8th grade English are permitted to select:
 - German 1 & 2
 - French 1 & 2
 - Latin 1 & 2
 - Spanish 1 & 2 ← *NOTE: Spanish has limited availability*
- BHS recommends college-bound students / students who took 8th grade foreign language course to take a third level of the same Foreign Language during their high school career.

FINE ARTS



- This is a graduation requirement: 1 credit of a Fine Art.
- BHS Intro Fine Art options are:
- Theater 1
 - Choir
 - Concert Choir & BHS Brothers in Song (*no audition required*)
 - BHS Belles (*audition required*)
 - Visual Art & Adv Art courses
 - Band/Orchestra - prior experience required, **EXCEPT** Color Guard
 - Marching Band Woodwinds/Percussion (*band camp required*)
 - Marching Band Brass/Color Guard (*band camp required*)
 - Concert Band
 - Orchestra



**If student wants to take certain Fine Art electives all year,
please select both parts, if identified by “Fall” & “Spring”**

-OR-

make a note in the “Notes to Counselor” box.

ex. Freshman Orchestra (Fall) + Orchestra (Spring)

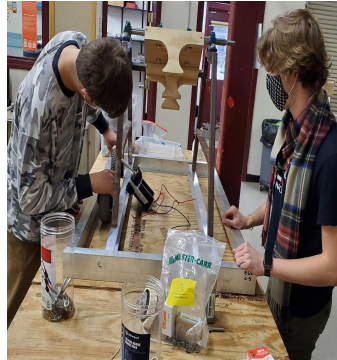


CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ELECTIVES

(CHECK OUT [THIS WEBSITE](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION!)



Health Science Education
Intro to Business and Marketing
NIC Computer Science Foundations



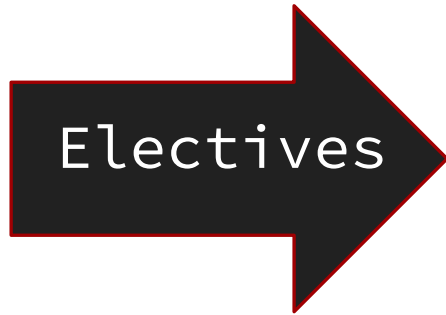
9TH HUMANITIES ELECTIVES



Creative Writing
Journalism 1
Science Fiction
Speech (Public Speaking)



REGISTRATION WORKSHEET: STEP-BY-STEP



SUBJECT	COURSE NAME
English	
Math	
Science	
Social Studies	
Required	Lifetime Wellness
Elective	
World Language OR Elective	Wld Language is limited to Honors English students in 9th
Elective	

*Students will have academic recommendations **pre-loaded** in Aspen for English, Math, Science and Social Studies. (core courses)*

**see Class of 2027 Registration Meeting presentation for the step-by-step guide we share with the students at middle school visits - found here >> [Class of 2027 Page](#).*



WHAT WILL ASPEN LOOK LIKE FOR MY STUDENT?

THE GOAL = CREATE A LIST OF 8 PRIMARY REQUESTS + 3 ALTERNATE REQUESTS BY MARCH 3RD

Primary requests

	Subject area	SchoolCourse > CrsNo	SchoolCourse > Short Description	SchoolCourse > Description	Alternate?	Credit
<input type="button" value="Select..."/>	English	301405000	AP LI		N	1.0
<input type="button" value="Select..."/>	Math	312600000	PRE		N	1.0
<input type="button" value="Select..."/>	Science	325104000	HON		N	1.0
<input type="button" value="Select..."/>	Social Studies	344005000	AP U		N	1.0
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These boxes will show core subjects. They will already be filled /completed for your student by their Middle School Subject Teachers...

Alternate requests

	Subject area	SchoolCourse > CrsNo	SchoolCourse > Short Description	SchoolCourse > Description	Alternate?	Credit
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WHAT ARE ALTERNATES?.... WHY DO WE NEED THEM?

- Alternates = If Plan A (top 3 electives) don't work, we need to know what courses you would like for Plan B
- Students **MUST** give ALTERNATES! (minimum of 3)
- Availability is limited.
- Not all classes are offered during all time slots.
- Academics (core courses/grad requirements) are placed first & are priority.
- Choose **WISELY**.

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WHAT'S AN "ACADEMIC RELEASE"?

If you disagree with the academic placement/level that was recommended by teachers, you must complete an **Academic Release Form**.

→ Electronic Forms available by request from Ms. Lee - leslie.lee@knoxschools.org **Request by March 3rd!**

- **Required on Academic Release:**
- ◆ Current Grades/Test Scores
 - ◆ Rationale for changing levels
 - ◆ Student Signature
 - ◆ Parent Signature

WHAT HELPS BHS STUDENTS STAND OUT FROM THE REST?

- **8th gd foreign language and/or a college bound student?**
 - ◆ BHS recommends that these students take 3 or more World Language credits
- **Want to have the best ACT score possible?**
 - ◆ Stats show that a BHS student who take 4 sciences (only 3 sciences are required) raise their ACT score an average of 4.5 points.
- **Want to be more competitive to colleges / workforce?**
 - ◆ BHS recommends students take 1 (or more!) AP courses in high school, especially if college-bound.
- **Be Bearden STRONG..**
 - ◆ Support each other
 - ◆ Teach Kids
 - ◆ Reach out
 - ◆ Own Your effort
 - ◆ Never Settle
 - ◆ Give grace



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



- **Do I need Lifetime Wellness if I play a sport?** YES (but sport can count for 0.5 PE credit, “Activity PE”, which is an additional requirement)
- **Can I take honors in 10th grade, if I am not in honors classes in 9th?** It’s a possibility, dependant on Eng 9 course / teacher.
- **Summer Reading?** YES for Honors ([see list on the Class of 2027 page](#))
- **World Language?** YES for Honors **or** if you’ve already earned a high school credit in Spanish or French
- **If I get high school level credit for Spanish 1 in 8th grade, can I take Spanish 2 in 9th, even if I’m not in Honors English?** YES

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Discuss your choices with your teachers and parents.
- Attend the 8th Grade Parent Night (for rising 9th families) @ Bearden High on **February 22nd**.
- Finalize entries in ASPEN by **March 3rd**.
- Request Academic Release (if concerned about a student's Core course - english, math, science, social studies) by **March 3rd**.
- We will see your students at Bearden for the 8th Grade Visit Day on **March 3rd**. (**student only event**)

Remember - if you have a concern about your student's core course recommendations, email Ms. Lee at leslie.lee@knoxschools.org



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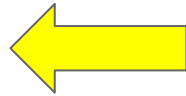


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- > Requesting Transcripts
- > Dual Enrollment
- > Volunteer & Internship Opportunities
- > Job Postings
- > Pre-College Summer



WELCOME, CLASS OF 2027!!!





**KEEP
CALM
AND
BULLDOG
ON**

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**See Class of 2027 page on our school
website for more info!**