



rising 9th Grade
Curriculum
Information *for parents*
Class of 2025

February
2021

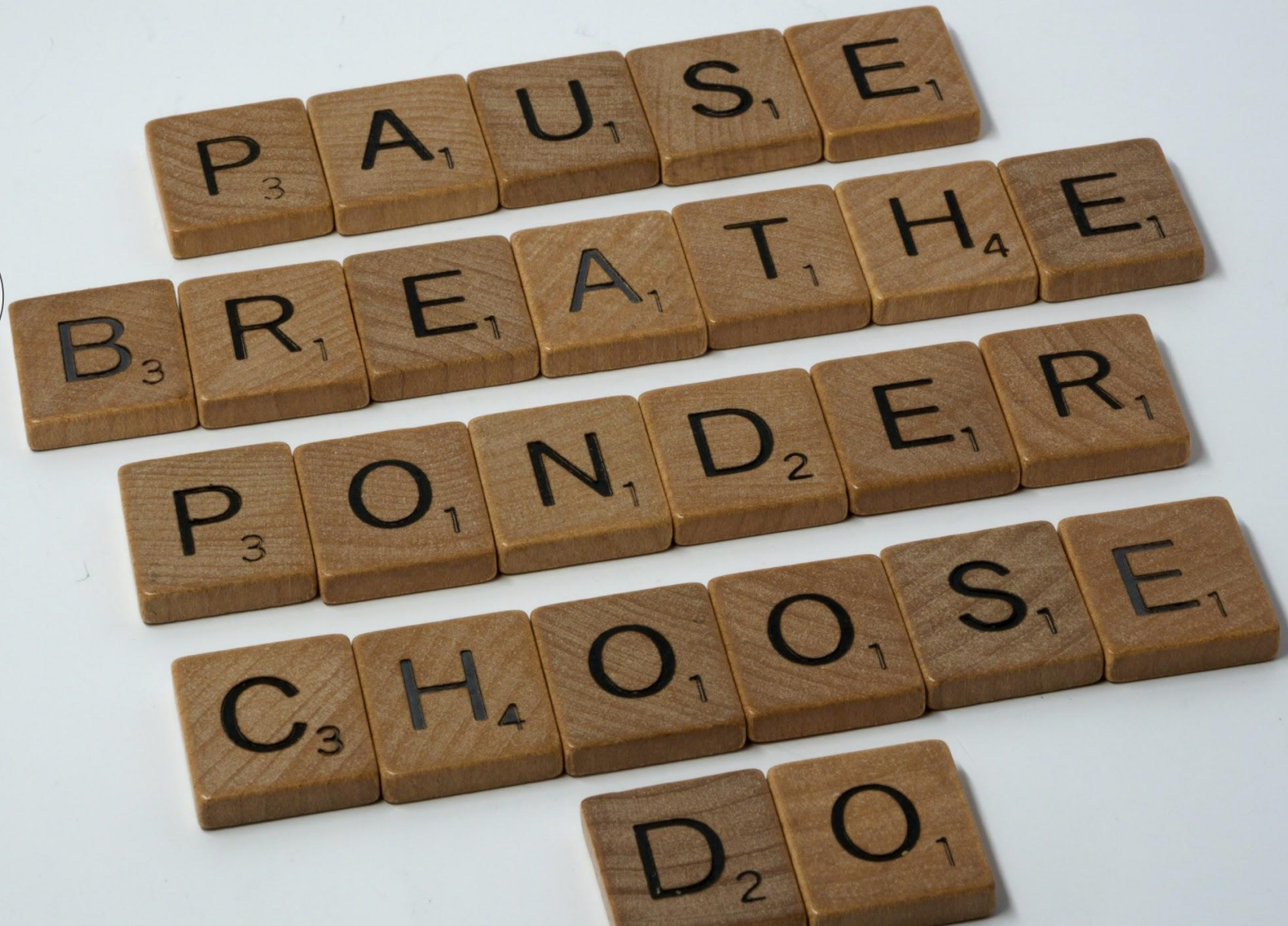


Welcome to Bearden High!

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.

BEARDEN STRONG: Support each other Teach kids Reach out Own your effort Never settle Give grace

*You're probably more
nervous than your kid!
Remember to breathe!*



Meet Your Support Team



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Believe it or not, this is the

First step toward graduation...



50 month
countdown!



Registration Request Window

2/26/21 - 3/12/21

- 2/26 ASPEN opens to select electives
Parent communication sent via ASPEN
- 2/26 WVMS registration visit
- 3/02 Bearden Middle registration visit
- 3/8 & 9 Small Group Q&A Sessions
- 3/12 ASPEN closes for course requests

Mid July - Schedules are released

Reach the Class of 2025 counselor by: **by email:** beverly.anderson@knoxschools.org

by phone: (865) 539-7800, select "1" then "4"

by visiting virtual office hours: 3/1, 3, 4, 8-11 @12:00 -1:00

[click here to join office hours](#)

by attending a small group meeting on March 8th or 9th - [Sign Up here](#)

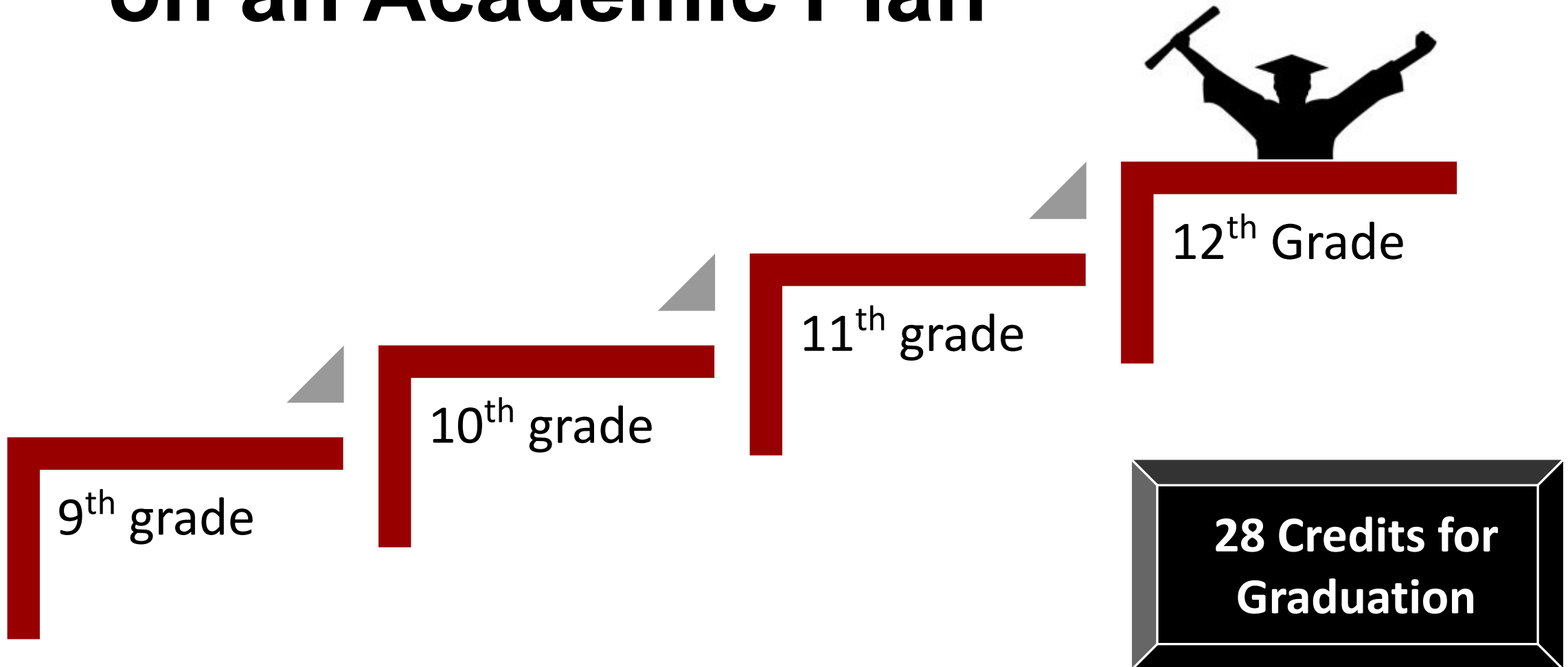
by scheduling an online meeting: www.calendly.com/beverly-anderson

(once you schedule a meeting, a *TEAMS* link will be sent for the Virtual meeting)



*don't
worry,*

Each Year, We'll Work on an Academic Plan



First, let's talk a little about high school...

What is a credit?



1.0 class=
1 credit
opportunity

Opportunity
for 8 credits
during
9th grade

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*S*upport each other

*T*each kids

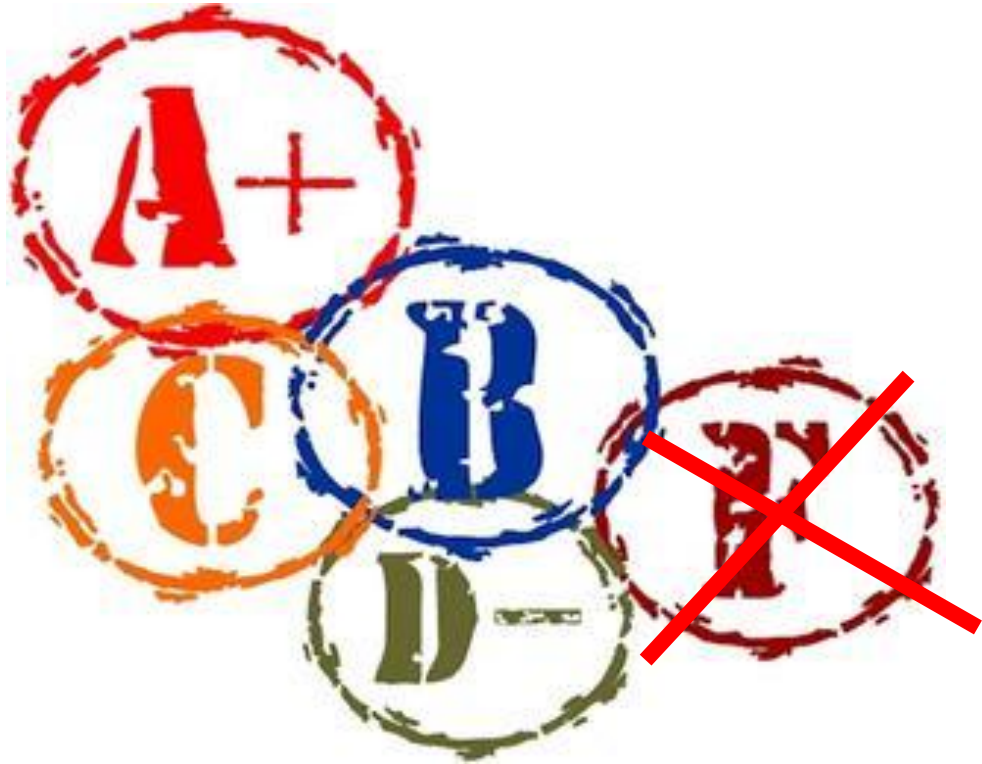
*R*each out

*O*wn your effort

*N*ever settle

*G*ive grace

How are credits earned?



To earn a credit
students must earn

70%+

for their final grade.

Grades in high school are Cumulative; they do not start over each 4.5 weeks.

How many credits are earned in a year?

Fall
4 CLASSES
August- December

Spring
4 CLASSES
January- May

Yearlong
Class
Credits
post in
May
August- May

$$4 + 4 = 8$$

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Which credits count toward graduation requirements?



- 4 English credits
- 4 Math credits
- 3 Science credits
- 3.5 Social Studies Credits
- 1.5 Lifetime Wellness and PE
- 1 Fine Arts
- 2 World Language
- 3 Elective Focus
- 6 Additional Electives

28 credits



How many classes do students take each year?

Students will take **8 classes each year.**

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

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

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

Below are two examples of a schedule

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).*

SAMPLE SCHEDULE 2

3rd block is when lunch occurs

Determining Course Readiness



NOTE:

Core Course recommendations are based on

- Previous and projected state testing percentiles
- Current courses/ grades
- 8th Grade Teacher Recommendation
- If your student is recommended for an AP/honors class and you have concerns, email Mrs. Anderson at beverly.anderson@knoxschools.org

Course Levels



CP

College Prep



Honors


Accelerated College Prep course



AP

College Course

Core Academic Course Options *(9th grade)*

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 or CP
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.	

ENGLISH & SOCIAL STUDIES: Core Course Sequencing 9th - 12th

English Sequence of Classes (4 Credits Required)			
9th	10th	11th	12th
English 1 CP	English 2 CP	English 3 CP & Writing for College (2 classes in the schedule)	English 4 CP or DE English Composition I <i>(all DE is off campus; not at Bearden)</i>
Honors English 1	Honors English 2	AP Lit & Comp	AP Lang & Comp
Social Studies Sequence of Classes (3.5 Credits Required)			
9th	10th	11th	12th
World History & Geography	U.S. Govt. (1/2 credit) & Cont. Issues (1/2 credit)**	U.S. History & Geography	Econ (1/2 credit) & Personal finance (1/2 credit)
AP Human Geography	AP Govt.	AP U.S. History	*AP Econ & Personal Finance *students may choose AP Macro, AP Micro or both AP Micro & Macro

SCIENCE Core Course Sequencing 9th - 12th

Science Sequence of Classes (3 Credits Required; 4 Strongly Recommended)			
9th	10th	11th	12th
*Physical World Concepts <input type="checkbox"/>	Chemistry	Biology *if PWC not earned in 9 th , then Env Science in 11 th or 12 th	Optional but encouraged: additional science CP Env Science CP Anatomy & Physiology CP Chemistry 2
Honors Physical World Concepts	CP or Honors Chemistry	CP or Honors Biology	Optional but encouraged: additional science CP Physics CP Chemistry 2 CP or Hon Anatomy & Physiology
	if desired, a student may take both Chemistry and Biology in 10 th or 11 th grade in order to later take science courses which require both as prerequisites		Honors &/or AP Science e.g., AP Env. Sci CP or Hon Anatomy & Physiology CP Physics Hon Scientific Research Hon Chem 2 & AP Chem Hon Bio 2 & AP Bio Hon Physics & AP Physics
Honors Biology	Honors Chemistry	Honors &/or AP Science e.g., AP Env. Sci CP or Hon Anatomy & Physiology Hon Scientific Research Hon Chem 2 & AP Chem Hon Bio 2 & AP Bio Hon Physics & AP Physics	Optional but encouraged: Honors &/or AP Science e.g., AP Env. Sci CP or Hon Anatomy & Physiology CP Physics Hon Scientific Research Hon Chem 2 & AP Chem Hon Bio 2 & AP Bio Hon Physics & AP Physics
NOTES: These courses do NOT count as a lab science for TN graduation requirements, but may be taken as a 4 th science elective: <i>Marine Ecology, Microbiology, & Wildlife</i> . Check Course Registration sheet for pre-requisite and other information			

MATH Core Course Sequencing 9th - 12th

Math Sequence of Classes (minimum 4 Credits Required; must take math class each year)			
9th	10th	11th	12th
Alg. 1A & Alg. 1B	Geometry	Algebra 2	Bridge
Algebra 1	Geometry	Algebra 2	Applied Math, Bridge, PreCal, DC Stats, DE Math
	Geometry FALL and Algebra 2 SPRING	Pre Calculus	Calculus, DC Statistics, DE Math)
Honors Alg. 1	Honors Geometry	Honors Algebra 2	Honors PreCal, AP Stats
Honors Geometry	Honors Algebra 2	Honors PreCal	AP Calc. AB & BC (2 Classes), AP Stats, +AP Comp Sci, *+Hon Physics & AP *+CP Physics <i>*+ see chart below</i>
	Honors Algebra 2 (Fall) Honors PreCal (Spring)	AP Calc. AB & BC (2 Classes), AP Stats, AP Comp Sci	<u>Classes Below are suggested if AP Calc AB/BC is completed:</u> DE Matrix Algebra, +AP Comp Science -Hon Physics & AP <i>*+ see chart below</i>

students will choose a Wellness Track: Wellness or ROTC

Lifetime Wellness

Required
for Graduation

• Topics covered:

- Disease Prevention and Control
- Mental Health; Nutrition
- Physical Fitness and Related Skills
- Safety and First Aid
- Substance Use/Abuse

If you are taking ROTC both semesters, you will not be required to take Lifetime Wellness.



NJROTC



Naval Science Instructor:
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*Former Professor of
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Students can take ROTC **both** semesters.

2 ROTC credits will give you a

Lifetime Wellness credit

and

it will satisfy the additional PE graduation requirement.

World Languages

2 Credits of Same Language Required for Graduation

Freshman students who are on track to receive a high “B” or “A” in 8th grade English are permitted to select:

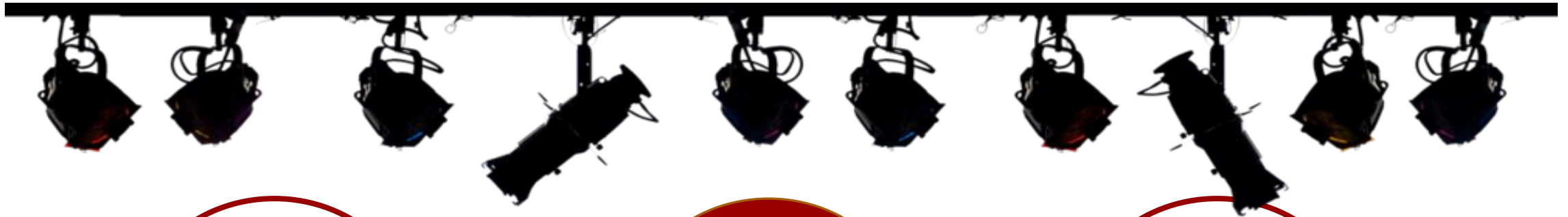
- German 1 and 2
- French 1 and 2
- Latin 1 and 2
- Spanish 1 and 2



NOTE: Spanish has limited availability

Fine Arts

{ 1 Credit Required
for Graduation }



Concert
Choir

Theatre
Arts 1

Visual
Arts 1



Fine Arts cont.

1 Credit Required
for Graduation

Marching Band

Concert Band

Orchestra 1

Prerequisites:

- Prior experience required on a band/orchestra **EXCEPT** Color Guard.
- Band Camp attendance is required for Marching Band.



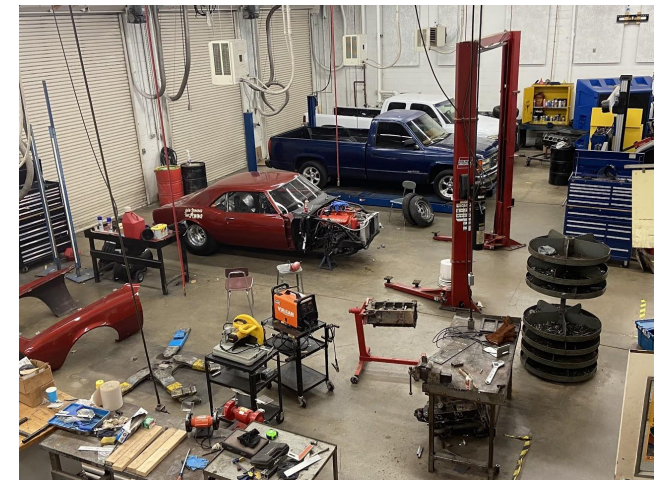
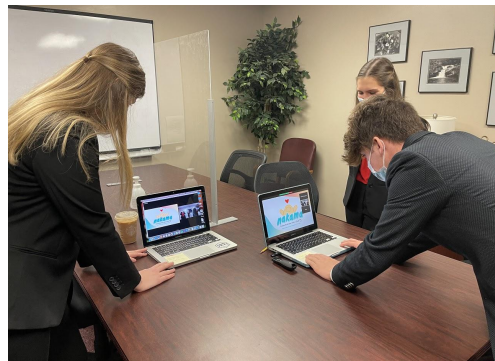
**If students want to take
electives all year, they should
select both “parts.”
(Examples: Band, ROTC,
Orchestra)**



Career and Technical Education Electives - check out [this website](#) for more information!



Computer Applications
NIC Found of Supply Chain Mgt
Health Science Education
Intro to Business and Marketing
Intro to Human Studies
Maintenance and Light Repair (Auto)
NIC Computer Science Foundations
NIC Foundations of Supply Chain
NIC Principles of Engineer



9th Humanities Electives

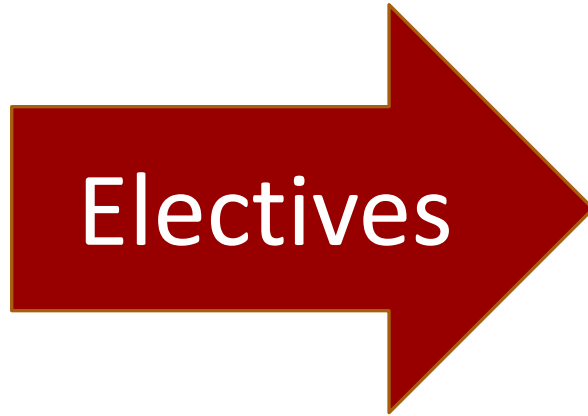


Books of Broadway
Creative Writing
Historical Fiction
Journalism 1
Medieval Literature
Science Fiction
Speech (Public Speaking)
Tennessee History



Registration Worksheet:

this is yours to keep



For your 5th course, select either Lifetime Wellness or ROTC (note: 2 credits of ROTC meets the Wellness/PE graduation requirement.)
Using the 9th grade Course Selection Sheet, select three (3) Elective courses & three (3) Alternate courses.
Use the chart below as pre work for online registration. Review your course selections with your parents.
Keep this form as your planning copy. If you have any questions, email Beverly.Anderson@knoxschools.org.

DEPARTMENT	COURSE NAME	NOTES
ENGLISH	CP ENGLISH or HONORS ENGLISH w/APHG	
MATH	CP ALGEBRA 1 or HONORS GEOMETRY or other	
SCIENCE	CP PHYSICAL WORLD CONCEPTS or HONORS PHYSICAL WORLD CONCEPTS or HONORS BIOLOGY	
SOCIAL STUDIES	CP WORLD HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY or AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY w/HONORS ENGLISH	
WELLNESS OR ROTC		
ELECTIVE or PE?		consider taking PE 1 unless you are in marching band, a BHS sport, or taking 2 ROTCs
ELECTIVE or WLD LANG ?		If you are currently in <u>high school level</u> Spanish 1, French 1 or German 1, you should select the Level II course.
ELECTIVE or FINE ART?		
***BE SURE TO SELECT ALTERNATES ***		
ELECTIVE		
ELECTIVE		
ELECTIVE		

Students will have academic recommendations pre-loaded in Aspen for English, Math, Science and Social Studies.



**see Class of 2025 Registration Meeting presentation for the step-by-step guide we shared via the middle school TEAMS visits.*

Determining Course Readiness



Again, if you have a concern about your student's core course recommendations, if your student is recommended for an AP/honors class and you have concerns, email Mrs. Anderson at beverly.anderson@knoxschools.org

IMPORTANCE OF ALTERNATES

- Student **must** select three ALTERNATES.
- If a student's 1st three Elective choices aren't available, we'll try to schedule their Alternates. Sometimes we have to go off the grid; but we first try to place students in courses that interest them.
- Academics are placed first.
- Think of Alternates as a "Plan B" if Plan A doesn't work. Choose **WISELY**.



Frequently Asked Questions



- Do I need to take Lifetime Wellness if I play a sport? **YES**
- Can I take honors in 10th grade if I am not in honors classes in 9th? **It's a possibility**
- Summer Reading? **YES for Honors English** [see list on the Class of 2025 webpage](#)
- World Language? **YES** if you're on track to earn an "A" or high "B" in your 8th grade English course or you've already earned a high school credit in Spanish, French, or German
- If I'm getting high school level credit for Spanish 1 in 8th grade, can I take Spanish 2 in 9th? **YES**

Come on,
You
know
you
want to
get your
kid
some
SWAG!



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Bulldog with
merchandise from
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logo merchandise*

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What's Next?

- Discuss your choices with your student and finalize entries by **March 12th**.
- **Stay tuned for Freshman Orientation details (likely early August)**



**KEEP
CALM
AND
BULLDOG
ON**

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