

SDHS 9th Grade Electives & Alternatives

Students may take any of the following electives as long as they meet the prerequisites for the course. Additional course descriptions may be found in Knox County Schools Student Progression Plan (available online through the KCS website).

	COURSE OPTIONS	DESCRIPTION
Fine Arts	Visual Art I	<i>Provides variety of art experiences that builds on concepts and techniques from MS Art</i>
	General Music	<i>Intro to music over each historical period from Renaissance to 20th century</i>
	Theatre Arts	<i>Explore interest in drama and theatre; Communicating before a group</i>
	Vocal Music 3 ^	<i>Mixed chorus/ ^ After-school activities required</i>
	Male Chorus ^	<i>^ After-school activities required</i>
	Female Chorus ^	<i>^ After-school activities required</i>
	Marching Band (Fall) ^	<i>^ After-school activities required</i>
	Concert Band (Spring) ^	<i>^ After-school activities required</i>
	Color Guard/Band Flag Corps ^	<i>^ After-school activities required</i>
Humanities	Creative Writing	<i>Develop a creative outlet and self-expression through writing experiences</i>
	Film Studies	<i>View and analyze numerous films representing every major cinematic genre</i>
	Science Fiction	<i>Explore the thematic elements and plots of Science Fiction literature</i>
	Speech & Communication	<i>Explore a variety of speaking situations and types of communication</i>
	Visual Literacy	<i>Interpret and analyze visual forms of media (like film, print, & photos)</i>
Career Technical Ed (CTE)	Health Science Education	<i>Prepares students to pursue careers in the medical and healthcare fields</i>
	Introduction to Collision Repair	<i>Intro for learning more about automotive collision repair technician careers</i>
	Fundamentals of Construction	<i>Covers essential knowledge, skills, and concepts required for careers in construction</i>
	Principles of Manufacturing	<i>Intro class for Welding, Mechatronics, Electromechanical, and Machining Technology</i>
	Architectural & Engineering Design I	<i>Foundational course for those interested in a variety of engineering and design professions</i>
	Computer Application	<i>Teaches computing fundamentals and concepts involved in common software applications</i>
	Intro to Business/Marketing	<i>Examine the basic principles of business, marketing, and finance careers</i>
	Cosmetology I	<i>Learning knowledge and skills in hair design, nail artistry, and cosmetic standards</i>
	Culinary Arts I	<i>Gain skills to pursue careers like personal chef, caterer, executive chef, and food manager</i>
	Robotics (Math Elective)	<i>Overview of robotics/engineering skills including 2d/3d modeling and programming a robot</i>
World Lan.	French I *	<i>* Must be recommended for Honors English</i>
	Spanish I*	<i>* Must be recommended for Honors English</i>
	Honors Spanish II *	<i>* Must have Honors Spanish 1 in MS</i>
Health	Lifetime Wellness	<i>Students will learn about positive lifestyle management and health</i>
	Physical Education 1	<i>Variety of physical activities including individual and team sports, gymnastics, and health</i>
	JROTC 1	<i>Army JROTC classes teaches character education, student achievement, wellness, leadership, personal finance, and diversity; Includes physical training, uniform, & grooming requirements.</i>
	JROTC 2	<i>Army JROTC classes teaches character education, student achievement, wellness, leadership, personal finance, and diversity; Includes physical training, uniform, & grooming requirements.</i>

Instructional Levels

College Prep: Coursework is designed for students with the ability and commitment to pursue a College Preparatory course of study and post-secondary opportunities.

Honors: Coursework is rigorous, fast-paced, and requires superior motivation. Honors courses prepare students for AP studies and college coursework. Summer reading may be required.