

Changes to the Academic Handbook for 2025-26

1. General Information

A. EARLY GRADUATION

- i. Added language and deadline information about the approval process

B. METHOD OF DETERMINING UNWEIGHTED GPA

- i. Added the term Unweighted
- ii. Moved Language stating that Physical Education I & II and Personal Physical Fitness are not included in the GPA Calculation

C. METHOD OF DETERMINING WEIGHTED GPA

- i. Added rationale for beginning to use Weighted GPA as a secondary calculation
- ii. Since advanced courses are being removed from class rank calculation and incorporated into weighted GPA, advanced course listing was moved within this section
- iii. Calculation procedure

D. METHOD OF DETERMING CLASS RANK, VALEDICTORIAN, SALUTATORIAN, AND GRADUATES OF DISTINCTION FOR THE CLASSES OF 2026, 2027, & 2028

- i. Distinguish this is for the specific graduation classes
- ii. REMOVE: The current system of determining class rank, valedictorian, salutatorian, and graduates of distinction is for the classes of 2025 – 2028, beginning with the class of 2029 a new system is being developed and more information will be made available if changes are approved.
- iii. Update the list of honors courses to be considered for the class rank formula based on course offerings.

E. METHOD OF DETERMING VALEDICTORIAN, SALUTATORIAN, AND CLASS RANK FOR STATE SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY FOR THE CLASS OF 2029 AND BEYOND

- i. Establish a new formula for calculation of class rank that will be used predominately for Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and State Scholarship
(Currently the Governor's Merit Scholarship requires top 5%)

F. LATIN HONORS SYSTEM FOR GRADUATION

- i. Student will begin being recognized based off criteria established. Implementation of this system will maintain consistency year after year as the thresholds for distinction will not change based off the enrollment or achievement of each graduating class.

G. COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS PROGRAM

- i. move Language about possible tuition expense from Option 1 & 2 to a General statement
- ii. Adjust course offerings
 - 1. Remove Human Anatomy & Physiology
 - 2. Add Pre-Calculus & Calculus
- iii. Removed term Ohio Department of Education
- iv. Adjust Example Credit Pathways to reflect courses offered at Elida High School

H. ELIDA LIST OF APPROVED CORES COURSES NCAA

- i. Courses removed
 - 1. Physical Science: Chemistry
 - 2. Physical Science: Physics
 - 3. AP Latin
 - 4. AP Spanish
 - 5. Chemistry II
 - 6. Applied Physics
- ii. Courses added
 - 1. African American Literature
 - 2. Advanced Latin IV

- 3. Advanced Spanish IV
- iii. Note: 1040 Senior Year Mathematics and 1346 History of the Holocaust are not NCAA Approved at this time as they have not been approved. Once curriculum documents are available an application for approval will be submitted

2. Program of Studies

A. AGRICULTURE EDUCATION

- i. Adjust all course names to reflect what is being taught in the course
- ii. Updated course descriptions
- iii. Updated fees

B. ART COURSES

- i. Changed Structure of course offerings
 - 1. Removed the following courses
 - a. 220 Drawing & Painting 2
 - b. 230 Drawing & Painting 3
 - c. 215 Sculpture & Ceramics 2
 - d. 225 Sculpture & Ceramics 3 Courses
 - 2. Added the following course offerings
 - a. 216 Digital Art Course
 - b. 232 Studio Art Course

C. COMPUTER COURSES

- i. Change the fee structure on 411 Computer Applications & 412 Digital Media to reflect no cost for supplies
- ii. Adjusted Course Descriptions on 411 Computers Applications, 412 Digital Media, 421 Game Design, and 425 Technology & Entrepreneurship

D. FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE

- i. Rotation of Course Offerings
 - 1. Offer 2025/26
 - a. 521 Culinary Fundamentals
 - 2. Offer 2026/27
 - a. 520 Global Foods
- ii. Adjusted fee structure in Foods Courses to reflect cost of buying supplies

E. FOREIGN LANGUAGE

- i. Change Course name from 640 AP Latin to 640 Advanced Latin IV
 - 1. Updated Course Description
 - 2. Removed College Credit Plus Language
- ii. Spanish II & Spanish II fee structure changed to reflect no cost of supplies
- iii. Change course names of 652 AP Spanish to 652 Advanced Spanish IV
 - 1. Updated Course Description

F. ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS COURSES

- i. Added information stating what fees covered in the following:
 - 1. 910 English 9 - *Vocabulary Power Plus* Workbook
 - 2. 911 Advanced English 9 - *Vocabulary Power Plus* Workbook
 - 3. 921 Advanced English 10 - *Vocabulary Power Plus* Workbook
 - 4. 931 Advanced Composition/American Literature - *Vocabulary Power Plus* Workbook and PSAT Test
- ii. 911 Advanced English 9 & 921 Advanced English 10 – Added language about summer reading assignment due dates

- iii. 931 Advanced Composition/American Literature, 935 Public Speaking, 941 Advanced Composition II/British Literature – Added language about College Credit Plus
- iv. 935 Public Speaking – Added language about course not counting towards English graduation requirement
- v. 937 Contemporary Literature – adjusted time frame for literature to be considered for the course
- vi. Added 946 African American Literature back to the course offerings
- vii. Added language about availability of course offerings potentially affecting 937 Contemporary Literature, 942 Creative Writing, 943 Journalism, 946 African American Literature, 947 Mystery Literature
 - 1. Notice to students choosing Creative Writing, Journalism, African American Literature, Contemporary Literature, or Mystery Literature: Only courses with significant requests will be offered. You need to plan on listing your alternate class choices on your schedule request sheet.
- viii. Updated English Course Flow Chart Diagram

G. MATHEMATICS COURSES

- i. 1047 Pre-Calculus
 - 1. Updated Course Prerequisite Description to include College Credit Plus information
 - 2. Updated name changes to prerequisite courses in course descriptions
- ii. 1057 Calculus
 - 1. Updated Course Prerequisite Description to include College Credit Plus information

H. SCIENCE COURSES

- i. Removed semester Courses 1217A Physical Science - Chemistry , 1217B Physical Science - Physics and replaced with full year 1217 Physical Science
- ii. Removed 1232 Chemistry II, 1233 Applied Physics, and AP Chemistry course offerings
- iii. Updated 1234 Advanced Physics Course Description to reflect only ONE physics course offering
- iv. Added language about availability of course offerings potentially affecting 1235 Earth Science, 1236 Astronomy & Meteorology, 1237 Forensics, 1238 Botany
 - 1. Notice to students choosing Botany, Earth Science, Astronomy & Meteorology, and Forensics: Only courses with significant requests will be offered. You need to plan on listing your alternate class choices on your schedule request sheet.
- v. Updated Flow Chart for Student Class Choice Pathway

I. SOCIAL STUDIES COURSES

- i. Update years offering Electives courses:
 - 1. Offer 2025/26
 - a. 1333 Contemporary Issues
 - b. 1341 Military History
 - 2. Offer 2026/27
 - a. 1343 American Pop Culture
 - b. 1346 History of the Holocaust
- ii. 1350 AP Psychology – Update course description about additional fees and AP exam registration
- iii. Updated name changes to prerequisite courses in course descriptions

J. APOLLO

- i. Added Criminal Justice program – New for the 2025-2026 school year