

Freshmen Elective Course Descriptions

American Sign Language 1

(1 credit)

MJHS Code: FLASL1SS TN Code: G24H00

- Grade Level: 9-12

This course is designed for students with no knowledge of Deaf American culture or its language, American Sign Language (ASL). Training is designed to lay a foundation of expressive and receptive skills of ASL used by the Deaf Community through basic linguistic structures and analysis of signs. Content includes basic statements and vocabulary, finger spelling, questions, classifiers, spatial relationships, time and numbers. In addition, cultural knowledge and an increased understanding of the Deaf Community will be introduced. Scheduling priority will be given to students taking ASL to fulfill their language requirement for graduation.

Art 1

(1 credit)

MJHS Code: FAVA1 MHS Code: FAAR1SS TN Code: G05H08

- Grade Levels: 9-12

This course is an introduction to basic art skills and techniques with direct emphasis on the elements and principles of design. Students will work with a variety of materials and will be introduced to art history through correlation of artists with assigned projects. This course will be offered both terms and is a prerequisite for all studio art courses. A materials fee will be charged.

Career Exploration

(1 credit)

(*This course is encouraged as a pre-requisite for any and all high school CTE courses and programs of study, as well as academic and fine art elective focuses.)

MJHS Code: CTCE9 TN Code: C25H08

- Grade Level: 9

This introductory course designed to assist students in (a) discovering their personal strengths and abilities, (b) understanding opportunities available to them in different career areas, and (c) practicing skills necessary to excel in the workforce and in postsecondary learning. Upon completion of this course, proficient students will know and exhibit soft skills (e.g. teamwork, creative thinking, and problem solving), as well as more technical skills (e.g. resume building and written communications) related to career exploration and experience. Students will also learn about existing CTE pathways and elective focus options within the Maryville High School setting, and will learn how to successfully transition into district recognized CTE pathways and programs of study. **This course is meant to serve as an exploratory course to assist students in determining an appropriate elective focus.**

Computer Science Foundations

(1 credit)

MJHS Code: CTSCF MHS Code: CTCSFSS TN Code: C10H11

- Grade Level: 9-11
- 1 industry certification available: Comp TIA IT Fundamentals + Certification

Computer Science Foundations (CSF) is a course intended to provide students with exposure to various information technology occupations and pathways such as Networking Systems, Coding, Web Design,

and Cybersecurity. As a result, students will complete all core standards, as well as standards in two of four focus areas. Upon completion of this course, proficient students will be able to describe various information technology (IT) occupations and professional organizations. Moreover, they will be able to demonstrate logical thought processes and discuss the social, legal, and ethical issues encountered in the IT profession. Depending on the focus area, proficient students will also demonstrate an understanding of electronics and basic digital theory; project management and teamwork; client relations; causes and prevention of Internet security breaches; and writing styles appropriate for web publication. Upon completion of the CSF course, students will be prepared to make an informed decision about which Information Technology program of study to pursue.

General Band (Instrumental Music-Band-MJHS)

(2, 1 credit or ½ credit)

MJHS Code: FAGB9

TN Code: G05H81

MHS Code:

FABNDSS Band - Brass & Woodwinds yearlong A/B day schedule for 1 credit

FABPESS Band - Percussion yearlong A/B day schedule for 1 credit

FABNDSQ Band - 2nd Band class for students interested in taking band every day

FABGUSA Band - Field Guard (fall only) - ½ credit (no prerequisite)

This elective course is offered on an A/B schedule for a year-long class. It requires playing at an intermediate or advanced level. Emphasis is placed on building a musical foundation that will help the student succeed in individual and group performance. Special attention is focused on the skills required for Sr. Clinic. Performance and scheduled rehearsals are required. A transportation/uniform fee is necessary to cover travel and uniform costs. After selecting the appropriate A/B class, students may elect to increase their participation by attending daily for one or both semesters. Appropriate credit will be available.

Chorus I: Beginning Women's Chorus

(1 credit)

MJHS Code: FACF9

TN Code: G05HA1

This course is appropriate for all 9th-grade female chorus students. No vocal audition is required. The course covers the basics of notation literacy, vocal production, performance preparation, and public performance. The choir will perform high-school-appropriate repertoire of beginning-level difficulty from all stylistic periods (1-2 on a scale of 1 to 6) in 2 public performances per year. A course fee will be charged.

Chorus I: Beginning Men's Chorus

(1 credit)

MJHS Code: FACM9

TN Code: G05HA1

This course is appropriate for all 9th-grade male chorus students. No vocal audition is required. The course covers the basics of notation literacy, vocal production, performance preparation, and public performance. The choir will perform high-school-appropriate repertoire of beginning-level difficulty from all stylistic periods (1-2 on a scale of 1 to 6) in 2 public performances per year. A course fee will be charged.

Culinary Arts I**(1 credit)****MJHS Code: CTCA0 MHS Code: CTCA1SS TN Code: C16H06**

- **Grade Level: 9-11**

Culinary Arts I is the first level of Culinary Arts and prepares students for gainful employment and/or entry into post-secondary education in the food production and service industry. Designed to introduce students to food preparation concepts, terminology and practices in the modern commercial kitchen, the content provides students the opportunity to acquire marketable skills by examining both the industry and its career opportunities and by developing food preparation, service and interpersonal skills. Fundamental techniques and skills are taught with an emphasis on safety, sanitation, and proper equipment operation and maintenance. A \$40 lab fee will be charged.

French 1**(1 credit)****MJHS Code: 8th FLFR0; 9th FLF10 MHS Code: FLFR1SS TN Code: G24H21**

- **8th grade by recommendation only**
- **Grade Level: 9-12**
- **NCAA Eligibility Qualifying Course**

This course will teach students the basic skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing in French with a focus on interpretive, interpersonal, and presentational modes of communication. The purpose of learning these skills is to build language proficiency and cultural understanding for the 21st century. This course is recommended for first time language students placed in CP or Honors English or students who have successfully completed another language. French 1 is the first step toward the understanding of grammar, culture, and structure of the language.

French 2**(1 credit)****MJHS Code: FLF20 MHS Code: FLFR2SS TN Code: G24H22**

- **Prerequisite: French 1**
- **Grade Level: 9-12**
- **NCAA Eligibility Qualifying Course**

This course assumes that students have mastered the Maryville City Schools performance objectives presented in French 1. Students will continue learning to communicate in French through listening, speaking, reading, and writing with a focus on interpretive, interpersonal, and presentational modes of communication. The purpose of learning these skills is to build language proficiency and cultural understanding for the 21st century. French 2 builds on the basic understanding of grammar, vocabulary, and structure of the language learned the previous year and prepares students for upper level French courses.

Health Science Education**(1 credit)****MJHS Code: CTHS9 MHS Code: CTHSESS TN Code: C14H14**

- **Grade level: 9-11**

This introductory course acquaints the student with beginning principles of health care, services offered by health care systems, careers in the health care industry, and basic patient care skills. Components of human anatomy & physiology, growth & development, cultural diversity, and communication skills are emphasized as they relate to the medical setting. Students who are interested in any type of future medical career are highly encouraged to take this course. Preference is given to sophomores and juniors

who wish to complete all four Health Science courses and become program completers. A lab fee will be charged.

Latin 2 (1 credit)

MJHS Code: FLL20 MHS Code: FLLT2SS TN Code: G24H14

- **Prerequisite: Latin 1**
- **Grade Level: 9-12**
- **NCAA Eligibility Qualifying Course**

Latin 2 involves the continuing study of grammar and vocabulary. More complex grammatical constructions are introduced, and emphasis is again placed on English derivatives. Students gain knowledge of ancient Roman daily life and history through textbook readings and articles and through various other media. A fee is charged and students are required to keep a notebook for the class.

Orchestra/Strings 1-MJHS (2, 1 credit or additional ½ credit)

MJHS Code: FAOS9 TN Code: G05H89

MHS Code:

FAORCSS – Yearlong A/B day schedule for 1 credit

FAORCSB – 2nd orchestra class for students interested in taking orchestra every day one semester- ½ credit

This elective course for is being offered on an A/B schedule for a year-long class. It requires playing at an advanced level. Emphasis is placed on musical skills that advance the students individual and group performance. Special attention is focused on the skills required for Sr. Clinic. All performances and scheduled rehearsals are required. An annual fee is required to cover class materials. After selecting the appropriate A/B class, students may elect to increase their participation by attending daily for one or both semesters. Appropriate credit will be available.

Peer Tutoring (1 credit)

MJHS Code: SAPT0 MHS Code: SAPRTSS TN Code: C25H15

- **Prerequisite: Application required**
- **Grade Level: 9-12**

This course is offered to students who want to assist in the Special Education Department. An understanding of various disabilities and trends/contemporary issues dealing with these disabilities will be gained. This course is suggested for students considering entering a career involving teaching and working with adults and children who have disabilities. Peer tutors may be assigned to accompany and assist students with disabilities in general education classes, or to serve as a job coach at based sites, or to tutor students in a special education classroom. Students **MUST** submit an application and complete a peer matching survey. Applications are available in Room 277at MHS or in the school counseling office at MJHS.

Principles of Engineering & Technology**(1 credit)****MJHS Code: CTET9 TN Code: C21H04**

- **Grade Level: 9**

This survey course of engineering exposes students to some of the major concepts they'll encounter in a postsecondary engineering course of study. Students have an opportunity to investigate engineering and high-tech careers while developing skills and understanding of course concepts. Students employ engineering and scientific concepts in the solution of engineering design problems. Students will use VEX Robotics kits and learn some basic programming.

Principles of Manufacturing & Construction**(1 credit)****MJHS Code: STPM0 TN Code: C17H15**

- **Grade Level: 9**

This course provides students with exposure to various occupations and pathways in the Manufacturing Career Cluster. Students will develop an understanding of the general steps involved in the manufacturing process and master the essential skills to be an effective team member in a manufacturing production setting.

Spanish 1 CP**(1 credit)****MJHS Code: FLSP0 (8th grade), FLS10 (9th grade) MHS Code: FLSP1SS TN Code: G24H04**

- **8th grade by recommendation only**
- **Grade Level: 9-12**
- **NCAA Eligibility Qualifying Course**

This course will teach students the basic skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing in Spanish with a focus on interpretive, interpersonal, and presentational modes of communication. The purpose of learning these skills is to build language proficiency and cultural understanding for the 21st century. This course is recommended for first time language students placed in CP or Honors English or students who have successfully completed another language. Spanish 1 is the first step toward the understanding of grammar, culture, and structure of the language.

Spanish 2 CP**(1 credit)****MJHS Code: FLS20 MHS Code: FLSP2SS, FLSP2CS TN Code: G24H05**

- **Prerequisite: Spanish 1**
- **Grade Level: 9-12**
- **NCAA Eligibility Qualifying Course**

Students will continue learning to communicate in Spanish through listening, speaking, reading, and writing with a focus on interpretive, interpersonal, and presentational modes of communication. The purpose of learning these skills is to build language proficiency and cultural understanding for the 21st century. Spanish 2 builds on the basic understanding of grammar, vocabulary, and structure of the language learned the previous year and prepares students for upper level Spanish courses.

Teacher Assistant (Student Assistant-MJHS)**(No Credit)****MJHS Code: SATA9 TN Code: C25H15****MHS Codes: TN Code: G25H10**

- Semester course – SATASSS
- A/B day semester course – SATASSB
- Grade Level: 10-12

Selection as a teacher assistant is a privilege. Students are expected to demonstrate integrity and maturity. Teacher assistants will be randomly assigned to classroom teachers or to one of the offices. Students should not consider this course a study hall but rather a service opportunity to their placement area.

- Juniors and seniors may request the position of teacher assistant only one time per academic year and must be enrolled in five core academic courses.
- Sophomores may request the position of teacher assistant. Limited opportunities are available as preference is given to juniors and seniors.

Theatre Arts 1**(1 credit)****MJHS Code: FATH9 MHS Code: FADR1SS TN Code: G05H16**

- Grade level: 9-12

This course is open to all students and focuses on the major aspects of theatre. It emphasizes the basic principles of acting, theatre terminology, theatre design, and stagecraft. This course will include various in-class acting opportunities, as well as introduction into technical theatre (props, lights, stage design, etc.) Typically, one in-school production will be performed in the year. A fee will be charged.

Theatre Arts 1 Intermediate (MJHS)**(1 credit)****MJHS Code: FATH1 TN Code: G05H16**

- Grade level: 9

This course is an advanced-level course for students who have taken MJHS Theatre Arts as an 8th grader. Interested students must apply and audition to be accepted into the course. The course delves deeper into the major aspects of theatre and film, focusing more on acting methods and performance. Additionally, students in this course take more of a hands-on role, assisting (building sets, directing, making props, etc.) in the development of the performances produced in the school year. A fee will be charged.

Journalism – Yearbook**(1 credit)****MJHS Code: SAY90**

- Grade Level: 9

This course focuses on the design and development of the MJHS school yearbook and how it is created using page layouts, journalism, interviewing and proofreading skills, editing, and photography. Creativity, meeting deadlines, and writing skills are very important.