

Course Guide for 9th Grade — 2022-2023

Seven Periods

- Honors 9th Grade English
- Honors Ancient & Medieval Civilizations¹
- Honors Biology²
- Honors Math³
- Honors World Language I–III⁴
- Arts/Electives⁵
- Upper School PE with Health

Fine Arts and Electives

- Acting
- Ceramics
- Creative Writing
- Music History & Theory
- Music & Composition
- Musical Theatre
- Weight Training
- CS Programming
- Jazz Band
- 3D Printing
- Orchestra
- Painting
- Photography
- Sculpture
- Directing
- Annual Staff
- CS Web Design
- Drawing
- Journalism

¹ May be taken the summer before ninth grade in order to open the schedule for more courses. Be sure to map out a plan with an advisor to avoid unwanted gaps in the schedule.

² The standard ninth grade science is Honors Biology. Exceptions are allowed only at the recommendation of the head of the science department and after consultation with college counseling.

³ Most ninth graders will take Honors Geometry, with the majority of the remainder in Algebra 1. See the separate document for further details on the high school mathematics curriculum.

⁴ Most ninth graders will take either a Level 1 language course or the course subsequent to their eighth grade class. Note that three years of consecutive levels in a single language are required in high school; thus whatever language is taken in ninth grade is almost always the language continued in tenth and eleventh, with the option of continuing into twelfth.

⁵ Students are required to take at least two complete Fine Arts courses through high school. Study Hall is highly discouraged for ninth graders.