

9th Grade Registration Tips

Online Registration: Go to the AVHS web site at <https://avhs.district196.org/academics/registration-information> Here, you can find all of our registration information and links. The Step-by-Step Instructions provide the information you will need for this process. The online registration window will close January 30th, 2023. Students/parents can change their registration as often as they want during this timeframe. Students who do not input their registration online during the registration period will have their courses selected by the high school counseling office.

Core Courses of English, Math, Earth Science & Social Studies: Carefully check the “Registration Information for Honors Classes” handout about honors and advanced courses, and choose the best level for each core course.

Physical Ed/Health/Safety Ed.: All 9th graders are required to take Fitness for Life and Wellness 1. Students also have the option to take Safety Ed (Driver’s Ed) or another physical education class. Safety Ed is a graduation requirement and is usually taken in the 9th or 10th grade year depending on the age of the student. Although we try to schedule the class around the student’s 15th birthday, it may not always be possible due to various scheduling constraints. If the student plans to take Safety Ed in 9th grade, please register for the course number on the Registration Sheet that corresponds with the month when the student turns 15. AVHS will then place students into corresponding Fitness and Wellness classes. If the student plans to take Safety Ed after 9th grade, he/she should choose one of the options for Fitness for Life, Wellness 1 and the physical education elective.

Behind the Wheel: Behind the wheel driver’s training is available for approximately \$300. It is an optional program and NOT a requirement of the Safety Education course.

Elective Courses: We have a seven period day and all 9th grade students are required to take at least 6 courses. The front side of the 9th Grade Registration Sheet refers to the required courses. Electives are found on the back side. The registration sheet will come home with your son/daughter from middle school in January.

Music/Dance/World Language/Yearbook/: Students registering for any of these courses are expected to register for the full year in most of these classes. There are some dance electives that are either one or two trimester courses. The combination of music and world language is very popular. Students who register for 2 electives will have 7 classes and a full schedule.

Arts Standard: All students must take an art elective sometime during their high school career. Any art, performing arts course or interior design course will fulfill this graduation requirement. Additional courses are Interior Design (9-12), Marketing Education: Advertising 1A (10-12), Architecture (10-12), or Engineering classes. The Arts Standard is NOT a specific 9th grade requirement and can be taken anytime in 9th–12th grade.

World Languages: AVHS offers Spanish, French, German, and Japanese. Many colleges look for two consecutive years of the same language for admission.