

# Sunset Jr. High

9<sup>th</sup> Grade Course Request





# Please excuse our mess!

Construction is underway for our new school. The school is a little crowded while we are in the building process. The new school should be completed by August 2025.



# Important Information about Course Requests

- The master schedule is built on the classes you choose on your course request, so please pick your classes carefully
  - If you change your mind about a class, we may not have room in another class for you and if the change is possible, it will cost \$10
- The course request must be filled out completely and correctly, so we have options in the classes you want to take
- If you think you might be moving or attending another school next year, please turn in a course request anyway (if you move or attend another school your course request will be deleted)
- If you change your mind about a course after turning in your course request, you can come to the counseling center to update the course request



- The descriptions are on the back of the course request and give you details about each class
- Prerequisite classes must be taken before the more advanced courses
  - i.e., Art Found 1 must be taken before advanced art classes
- If you already took a course, you cannot retake the course
- List your elective options in order of preference with the classes you want most listed first so we can try to place you in your top choices
- If you are interested in an audition/application course, do not list it on your course request
  - If you make the audition or application course, we will replace your bottom choice on the course request with it

**\*You will enter your course requests online on Thursday and the system will not allow you to put in courses you already took or advanced classes if you did not take the prerequisite courses**



# Semester or year course options:

## Semester (SEM)

(this is a half year option)

- Fill in ONE box.

## Full Year (YR)

- Fill in TWO boxes.



# 9th Grade Information

- You have 2 options for Science in 9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Earth Science and Biology Honors (most students take Earth Science)
  - Those interested in taking Honors Biology should have a 1300 lexile and earn at least a B in math because it puts you on a more difficult track throughout high school. You will probably take Chemistry in 10<sup>th</sup> grade, which requires more math.
- AP Human Geography is a college level class and requires commitment, good reading skills, and willingness to work hard
- You begin earning high school graduation credits in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, but you must PASS your classes to earn the credit
- You need 27 credits to graduate and should earn at least 7 credits in 9<sup>th</sup> grade to be on track for graduation





3 SEM Fine Arts Classes 2 SEM CTE Classes  
1 SEM Digital Studies Class

SUNSET JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
9TH GRADE COURSE REQUESTS  
2023-2024 School Year

NAME:

STUDENT ID #:

Required Courses				Elective Course Options YR= Year Long SEM= Semester			
<b>English (Please mark one)</b>				<b>Fine Arts (Fine Arts Credit)</b>			
1	4055	English 9		2204	Band 1 Brass (YR)	2210	Band 2 (YR)
	4060	Honors English 9 (recommended Lexile of 1300)		2205	Band 1 Woodwind (YR)	2213	Band Percussion (Experience Required) (YR)
<b>Science (Please mark one)</b>				2401	Guitar 1 (SEM)	2301	Choir 1 (YR)
2	6300	Earth Systems		2405	Orchestra 1 (YR)	2307	Choir 2 (YR)
	6201	Honors Biology (recommended Lexile of 1300; B or higher in Math)		2406	Orchestra 2 (YR)	2502	Theatre 1 (SEM)
				2106	Adv Art Found 2 (SEM)	2503	Theatre 2 (SEM)
<b>Math (Please mark one)</b>				2106	Adv Art Found 2 (SEM)	2503	Theatre 2 (SEM)
3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5200	Integrated Sec Math I/Honors Sec Math I (Accelerated Math students qualify through district processes)	2118	Photo 2 (SEM)	2112	Intro to Ceramics (SEM)
				2121	Photo 1 (SEM)	2107	Painting 1 (SEM)
<b>Geography (Please mark one)</b>				<b>Career &amp; Technical Education (CTE Credit)</b>			
4	4520	FY World Geography		7460	Food and Nutrition 1 (SEM)	7820	Engineering Tech (SEM)
	4590	AP Human Geography (recommended Lexile of 1300)		7215	Teaching Profession 1 (SEM)	7410	Child Development 1 (SEM)
<b>Sem 1 Electives (order may change)</b>		<b>Sem 2 Electives (order may change)</b>		7760	Expl Computer Science (SEM) (Digital Studies)		
Course #	Course Name	Course #	Course Name	<b>Other Electives (Elective Credit)</b>			
5		1022	PE 9 (Required)	4335	Creative Writing (SEM)	4531	Civics (SEM)
6				3100	Spanish 1 (YR)	3410	German 1 (YR)
7				3120	Spanish 2 (YR)	3420	German 2 (YR)
8				3130	Spanish 3 (YR)	3430	German 3 (YR)
<b>Alternate Courses</b>				214	Latinos in Action (YR)	850	Life Skills (No Credit) (YR) (Seminary)
List courses in order of what you want most. Alternates are used when original elective is unavailable. Students who do not select alternate courses here may have one chosen for them if necessary. Please only list courses once and do not include electives previously selected.				<b>Audition/Application Courses (DO NOT LIST IN COURSE REQUEST)</b>			
Course #	Course Name	Course #	Course Name				
1				Musical Theatre (SEM)			
2				Band 3 (YR)			
3				Choir 1 (SEM)			
4				Teacher Class Assist (SEM)			
				Library Assist (SEM)			
				Yearbook 1 (YR)			
				Peer Tutor (SEM)			
				Math Peer Tutor (SEM)			
				Main Office Assist (SEM)			
				Counseling Office Assist (SEM)			
				Student Signature:			
				Parent Signature:			
				Telephone:			

Please select your classes carefully. The master schedule is built upon course requests. A \$10 fee is charged for class changes. Your signature acknowledges your understanding of this policy.

Everyone write this credit information on the top of your course request right now

Clearly write first, last name and ID#

Choose one English, Science, and Geography class

Integrated Secondary Math 1 is 9<sup>th</sup> grade Math

Choose from Elective options (All boxes must be filled)

All alternate boxes must be filled and with a DIFFERENT elective

DO NOT PUT ANY AUDITION/APPLICATION COURSES ON THIS COURSE REQUEST

Include signatures and contact information



Fine Arts (Fine Arts Credit)	
2204	Band 1 Brass (YR): Class for students wanting to play a trumpet, trombone, baritone, french horn, and tuba. Students provide/rent their own instrument and plan to attend summer band camp. Evening performances required.
2205	Band 1 Woodwinds (YR): Class for students wanting to play a clarinet, flute, oboe, bassoon, or saxophone. Students provide/rent their own instrument and plan to attend summer band camp. Evening performances required.
2210	Band 2 (YR): Students provide/rent their own instrument. Band 2 is combined with the Band 3 Adv and acts as the flagship wind ensemble. Evening performances required.
2213	Band Percussion (YR): Students provide/rent their own instrument. Learn basic fundamentals of rhythm, pitch, and ensemble performance, while playing multiple percussion instruments. Must have at least 1 year of piano or ensemble experience. If minimum proficiency levels are not achieved, student may be moved to another class. Evening performances required.
2405	Orchestra 1 (YR): Continuation of the 6th grade Orchestra class. Beginners are welcome, but will need to catch up to the class. Students provide/rent their own instrument.
2406	Orchestra 2 (YR): Students provide/rent their own instrument. Evening performances required.
2301	Choir 1 (YR): Choral singing class combined with general music. Students explore musical concepts like note values, pitch, rhythm, music connections, and learning to perform. Evening performances required (fees required).
2307	Choir 2 (YR): Non-Audition and is a more rigorous/advanced course. Evening performances required (fees required).
2502	Theatre 1 (SEM): Students focus on creating, performing, responding, and connecting by learning basic theatre concepts and techniques. Preference given to 8th and 9th graders.
2503	Theatre 2 (SEM): Prerequisite Theatre 1. Students focus on intermediate theatre concepts and techniques including script creation.
2503	Theatre 2-Fall Production (SEM): Non-audition. Students engage in a complete theatrical experience by participating in the creation and production of a play. Rehearsals and evening performances required.
2401	Guitar 1 (SEM): Acoustic guitar. Students provide/rent their own instrument. Students learn basic fundamentals of guitar performance, song writing, and music theory. Evening performances required.
2101	Art Found 1 (SEM): Beginning art class. Focus on Art Elements (fees required).

2106	Adv Art Found 2 (SEM): Prerequisite Art Found 1. Building upon Art Found 1.
2107	Painting 1 (SEM): Prerequisite Art Found 1. Working with acrylics and watercolor.
2112	Intro to Ceramics (SEM): Prerequisite Art Found 1. Beginning pottery.
2118	3D Design 1 (SEM): Prerequisite Art Found 1. Building upon Art Found 1.
2121	Photo 1 (SEM): Prerequisite Art Found 1. Covering the basics of photography.

Career & Technical Education (CTE Credit)	
7460	Food and Nutrition 1 (SEM): Science of food and nutrition. Introduction to the culinary arts.
7215	Teaching Profession 1 (SEM): Introduces students to the role of a teacher.
7410	Child Development (SEM): Students gain understanding of human growth and development.
7800	Engineering Tech (SEM): Explores how to construct and design.
7760	Expl Computer Science (Digital Studies Credit) (SEM): Introduction to computer science.

Other Electives (Elective Credit)	
3110	Spanish 1 (YR): World Language class covering the basics of Spanish.
3120	Spanish 2 (YR): Prerequisite Spanish 1. Extension from Spanish 1.

3130	Spanish 3 (YR): Prerequisite Spanish 2. Extension from Spanish 2.
3410	German 1 (YR): World Language class covering the basics of the German language. Preference given to 8th and 9th graders.
3420	German 2 (YR): Prerequisite German 1. Extension from German 1.
3430	German 3 (YR): Prerequisite German 2. Extension from German 2.
214	Latinos in Action (YR): Students tutor at local elementary schools and learn leadership skills. The class has limited availability and minimum academic requirements, so not all students may be accepted.
4335	Creative Writing (SEM): Students develop a variety of approaches to writing prose, poetry, and short stories. Preference given to 8th and 9th graders.
4531	Civics (SEM): Focus on the principles, functions, and organization of government; the origins of the American political system; the roles, rights and responsibilities of United States citizens.
Audition/Application Courses (DO NOT LIST ON COURSE REQUEST)	
Musical Theatre (SEM): Audition required. Students engage in a complete theatrical experience by participating in a musical. Rehearsals and evening performances required.	
Band 3 (YR): Audition required. Students provide/rent their own instrument. Ensemble is combined with Band 2 and is the flagship wind ensemble. Evening performances required.	
Choir 3 (YR): Audition. Choir is the most rigorous large choir at the school. Evening performances including District Festivals are required (fees required).	
Teacher Assist (SEM): Online application required ( <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SJHteacherassist">https://tinyurl.com/SJHteacherassist</a> ). Teachers request students to assist in their classrooms, may be assigned to any teacher.	
Library Assist (SEM): Online application required ( <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SunsetLibraryAssist">https://tinyurl.com/SunsetLibraryAssist</a> ). Students assist in the library.	
Math Peer Tutor (SEM): Online application required ( <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SJHMathPeerTutor">https://tinyurl.com/SJHMathPeerTutor</a> ). Works under teacher's direction to provide one-on-one tutoring in a math class.	
Peer Tutor (SEM): Online application required ( <a href="https://bit.ly/SunsetPeerTutor">https://bit.ly/SunsetPeerTutor</a> ). Assists other students with academic work. May be placed in any class.	
Yearbook 1 (YR): Online application required ( <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SunsetYearbook">https://tinyurl.com/SunsetYearbook</a> ). Students plan and create the school yearbook.	
Office Assist Counseling (SEM): Online application required ( <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SunsetCounselingAssist">https://tinyurl.com/SunsetCounselingAssist</a> ). Students assist in the counseling center.	
Office Assist (SEM): Online application required ( <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SunsetMainOffice">https://tinyurl.com/SunsetMainOffice</a> ). Students assist the main office.	

The back of the course request provides descriptions of the classes

Do not put "Audition/Application" options on the course request  
 These require an audition or an electronic application to go to the teacher

The links for application courses are in the description or on the Counseling Center website





# Course Request

- Please take your course request home and go over it with your parents/guardians. Bring your completed course request to your advisory class on Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. You will enter your course requests online on January 28<sup>th</sup>.
- If your course request is not turned in, you will be called to Lunch and Learn to complete it

**\*\*The Sundevil Academy class with the most completed/returned course requests on Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, will win a treat for the whole class!!**

