

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is PE different from Fit for Life?

Students need 1 full credit of PE and .5 credit of Fit for Life. The 1 credit of PE can come from any PE classes, the .5 Fit for Life only comes from taking the Fit for Life class that is usually taken in 10th grade.

Which classes count for PE credit?

At Syracuse Junior High we have several classes that will count toward the PE credit. PE 9, Yoga, Kickboxing, Zumba, and Polynesian Dance all give PE credit. 9th graders are permitted to take PE 9 and another PE class to get that full credit, or they can decide not to take PE 9 and take one or two of the other PE options.

Geography looks different this year, how does it work?

** As counselors, we recommend taking Geography full year as some students will be applying for scholarships for which that extra semester will be required. One scholarship that requires that extra .5 credit is the NCAA scholarship. Any student who would like to get a scholarship to play sports in high school will need to take Geography for the full year in 9th grade.

Beginning next year, except for Honors Geography and AP Human Geography, students can select to take Geography for full or half year. If they choose AP Human Geography or Honors Geography, the only option is full year. Students who only want a half year, will add only Geography 1 to their course request. Those who want regular Geography full year will put both Geography 1 and Geography 2 on their course request. We will have a new class next year called History Hijinks that is an elective credit and should be a fun class. The second half of any full-year Geography course is elective credit as well.

How do I get the .5 Digital Studies Credit?

Syracuse Junior has one class that fulfills the .5 Digital Studies credit requirement. It is called Exploring Computer Science (ECS). We HIGHLY recommend that our 9th graders take this class. It is a semester class and the high school counselors tell us that it is much easier to complete ECS at the junior high than any of their digital studies classes at the high school.

Do I have to get all of the credits listed on the course request completed in 9th grade?

No. The credits listed on the course request are all 27 credits required for graduation and will accumulate from 9-12 grades. Syracuse Junior doesn't offer classes in every one of those areas, take advantage of what is offered and make your credits count.

Can I take classes for credit during the summer between 8th and 9th grade?

Yes! You can take classes during the summer to begin earning graduation credits. One great option is Davis Connect. They offer several summer classes and parents can register students for them through the MyDSD app. There is a small fee for each class.