

WELCOME TO HARRIS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

HCHS 9th Grade Course Planning Guide



REGISTERING FOR 9TH GRADE COURSES

All students will be automatically registered for the following academic courses:

- English – 9th Lit/Comp
- Math – Geometry
- Science – Environmental Science
- Social Studies – World History

In your STUDENT CAMPUS PORTAL, you will make selections for elective course options you are interested in taking. Courses will be filled based upon your interest and availability.

- Select 4 Requests
 - These will be considered your top 4 choices.
- Select 4 Alternates
 - These will be used in the event your requests are unavailable.
 - Make sure these are courses you are interested in taking, even though they may not be your first choice.

9TH GRADE ACADEMIC COURSE OFFERINGS BY DEPARTMENT

Below are all academic courses available for 9th grade students. **For registration in courses outside the standard academics listed above, please scan the QR code to complete the interest form.** This is NOT required unless you are seeking placement in upper level or support level courses outside the general academic courses for all 9th grade students. Keep in mind, prerequisites and/or other qualifiers are required for these courses.

English	Math	Science	Social Studies
9 th Lit/Comp Accelerated 9 th Lit/Comp	Geometry Geometry Support (yearlong) Honors Geometry	Environmental Science AP Biology (yearlong)	World History Honors World History

9TH GRADE ELECTIVE COURSE OFFERINGS BY DEPARTMENT

Below are the elective courses available for 9th grade students.

Physical Education	Foreign Language Required for college	Fine Arts Pathways
♦ Health/PE (9 th grade) Weight Training Team Sports	Spanish I Spanish II NOT available for 9 th grade students. Available for students in 11 th and 12 th grades.	Band Band Percussion Band Woodwinds Band Brass Chorus Beginning Chorus Theater Arts Fundamentals of Theater Advanced Drama Visual Arts Intro to Visual Arts

Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education (CTAE) Pathways

***Limited Availability

Pathway Name	Introductory Course for the Pathway
Agriculture Pathway	Basic Agriculture
Architecture & Construction Pathway	Industry Fundamentals and Occupational Safety
Arts, A/V, Tech, Communication Pathway	Introduction to Graphics and Design
Education & Training Pathway	Examining the Teaching Profession
Health Science/ Therapeutic Services Pathway	Introduction to Healthcare Science
Hospitality, Tourism, Hotel Management Pathway	Hospitality, Recreation, and Tourism Essentials
Information Technology Pathway	Cybersecurity Introduction to Hardware Computer Science Programming Introduction to Software
JROTC Pathway	JROTC/ Army I: Government and Public Administration, Army Leadership
Law & Public Safety Pathway	Introduction to Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security
STEM Pathway	Introduction to Engineering, Drawing, and Design
Transportation, Distribution & Logistics Pathway	Automotive Technology I

PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS

IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE: High school students are promoted to the next grade **based upon credits earned** NOT by the number of years they have been in high school. Promotion only happens at the end of the 2nd semester each year.

In order to be promoted to the:

- 10th grade, students must earn a MINIMUM of 7 credits.
- 11th grade, students must earn a MINIMUM of 14 credits.
- 12th grade, students must earn a MINIMUM of 20 credits.
 - REMINDER: To graduate, students must earn a MINIMUM of 28 credits.

HCHS USES BLOCK SCHEDULING

As you consider your course selections, keep in mind HCHS uses block scheduling. This means:

- Students take 4 courses per day, per semester, for a total of 8 courses per year.
- Courses are 90 minutes each.
- Courses are completed in 1 semester*.
 - We have 2 semesters per year;
 - Fall semester is 1st and 2nd Nine Weeks (August—December)
 - Spring semester is 3rd and 4th Nine Weeks (January—May)
 - Each semester is a new set of 4 different courses.
- Students receive 1 credit for each successfully completed course. Therefore, students should expect to receive a total of 8 credits by the end of their 9th grade year if they successfully complete all courses.
- ATTENDANCE MATTERS! Students who have 6 or more unexcused absences in a course will NOT receive credit for that course regardless of the grade.

*There are a small number of courses which are yearlong courses. Students earn 2 credits for yearlong courses; 1 credit per semester of successful completion.

TYPICAL 9th GRADE BLOCK SCHEDULE

Sample ONLY, not exact order.

1 st Semester August – December	2 nd Semester January – May
Academic	Academic
Academic	Academic
PE/Health	Elective
Elective	Elective

HARRIS COUNTY GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS = 28 credits total for graduation

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| 4 English | 4 Math |
| 4 Science | 3 Social Studies |
| 9 Electives** | 1 Health/Personal Fitness* |
| 3 CTAE and/or Fine Arts and/or Foreign Language*** | |

*Students can replace Health/Personal Fitness requirement with 3 semesters of JROTC.

**Yearbook/Journalism elective is by application process only.

***Students planning to enter or transfer into a University of Georgia institution or other postsecondary institution must take two units of the same foreign language.

COMPLETE ACADEMIC COURSE OFFERINGS BY DEPARTMENT

Not an exhaustive list. Course offerings are subject to change based upon availability.

- ◆ Required course
- Honors option available (Pre-requisites may apply)
- Support option available

English Must have 4 total	Math Must have 4 total	Science Must have 4 total	Social Studies Must have 3 total
◆● 9 th Lit/Comp ◆● 10 th Lit/Comp ◆● American Lit/Comp Senior English English electives: Explorations in Lit/Comp AP Language CSU English 1101 CSU English 1102	◆●■ Geometry ◆●■ Algebra ◆●■ Advanced Algebra Math Electives: ● Pre-Calculus Statistical Reasoning Senior Math AP Statistics AP Calculus CSU Algebra	◆ Environmental <u>or</u> Earth Systems <u>or</u> Chemistry ◆ Biology <u>or</u> AP Biology ◆ Physical Sci <u>or</u> Physics Science Electives: Forensic Science Anatomy Oceanography Zoology AP Physics AP Chemistry	◆● World History ◆● US History ◆ Govt./Econ./Personal Finance Social Studies Electives: Sports in US Society AP World History AP European History AP Government AP Psychology CSU World History

NEXT STEPS FOR REGISTRATION

We are ready to hear from you! Use the information below to complete your 9th grade registration.

Course registration begins MONDAY, February 26th at 8:00 a.m. **and ends on March 22nd at 3:00 p.m.**

STEP 1

Familiarize yourself with the elective course offerings for 9th grade students. Scan the QR code below to see course descriptions for these courses. **THIS LINK WILL NOT WORK** until Saturday, February 24th.



STEP 2

Log into your STUDENT PORTAL ACCOUNT to select elective course requests and alternates. (Instructions below.) **THIS LINK WILL NOT WORK** until Monday, February 26th at 8:00 a.m.



OPTIONAL STEP

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