

HADDAM KILLINGWORTH HIGH SCHOOL



2025-2026 Opportunities Book & Course Catalog **SUMMARY OF UPDATES**

Each year, Haddam Killingworth High School revises our Opportunities Book & Course Catalog. The following updates have been included in the newest edition.

Some of these are not brand new, but rather they have been updated since the 2024-2025 Opportunities Book was published.

- Updates to courses that are offered every other year
- List of non-athletic co-curricular activities updated
- Athletic & Co-Curricular Activity Eligibility section added
- GPA Scale & Class Rank section added – *note that beginning with the Class of 2027:*
 - Class rank will no longer be provided
 - Personal Finance is a required course, but now counts as a STEM credit
 - May be taken concurrently with Algebra 2 instead of after Algebra 2
 - Students must earn an additional 2.5 STEM credits of their choice (9 total) instead of the previously required 3 additional credits of their choice
- Add/drop period for classes will be the first two weeks of each semester - *please note that the spring add/drop period only applies to spring semester-long courses*
- Reminder added that all 30 hours of community service are required before students may apply for a parking pass or for seniors to participate in senior privileges
- Online learning reminder added that students who wish to pursue online options on their own must speak to their counselor in advance to discuss the approval process

Mathematics Department:

- Notice added about alignment between placement in Honors Biology and Geometry as a freshman
- Notice added about sophomores that fail Geometry or Geometry Honors still being required to take Algebra 2 as a junior

Music Department:

- Notice added that students must be enrolled in a performance ensemble in order to participate in activities such as band concerts, auditions, etc.
- Updates for students enrolled in honors band courses
- UConn: Music Theory Fundamentals added (full-year course)
 - Replaced Music Theory (semester course) & AP Music Theory (full-year course)
- UConn: Popular Music & Diversity in American Society added (full-year course)

Art Department:

- UConn: Drawing 1 added (semester course) – **Note: Drawing Studio 1 IS a prerequisite**
 - Replaced Drawing Studio 2 (semester course)
 - **PLEASE NOTE:** Drawing Studio 1 (semester course) was REMOVED from the ***printed*** copies of the 2025-2026 Opportunities Book but it **will** be offered and **is** listed in the electronic version of the book available on the HKHS website

51561	DRAWING STUDIO 1	9-12	0.5	Humanities
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Prerequisites: none

This course provides students with the knowledge and opportunity to explore drawing and to create individual works of art. The course covers the language, materials, and processes of drawing and the design elements and principles supporting a work of art. This course provides an understanding of drawing techniques required to be successful in Painting Studio 1. A variety of media such as pencil, charcoal, pastel, pen and ink, and mixed media will be used to complete works in still life, portraits, figure, and perspective.

World Language Department:

- The courses below have been added on a temporary basis for the 2025-2026 academic year (*pending Board of Education approval*)
 - Spanish 2 Honors
 - French 2
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Wellness Department:

- UConn: Exercise & Wellness for Everyone added (semester course)
 - May be taken in lieu of Health Education 2 to fulfill the graduation requirement (*pending Board of Education approval*)

Technology Department:

- PLTW Computer Integrated Manufacturing (CIM) is now one year-long course, rather than two semester-long courses
- **Multimedia Design & Communication Program:**
 - *Newly formed program that includes the following new courses:*
 - Introduction to Multimedia
 - Multimedia: Studio Production
 - Multimedia: Short Film
 - Multimedia: Motion Graphics
 - Multimedia: Capstone
 - *The above courses replaced the following:*
 - Graphic Communication 1 & 2
 - Introduction to Digital & Media Communication
 - Mx Video Digital Communication
 - QU Event Broadcast Production