



SHS Counseling Team

# 2025-2026 Course Request Process For Incoming 9th Graders





# Quick CRP Details

- Beginning on March 5<sup>th</sup> (at 4:00 PM), you will be able to request courses for next school year.
- The window to request courses is March 5<sup>th</sup> - March 17<sup>th</sup>
- The **ONLY** way to request courses is through Skyward during this window. You **CANNOT** request courses over email or any other way.
- You will additionally request at least 8 alternate courses. Alternates will be used in the event one of the courses you request cannot be added to your schedule due to scheduling conflicts.



Who completes the Course Request  
Process?

**EVERYONE!!**





# There are MANY changes this year

- Skyward has a new user interface
- New course offerings and pathways
- New IB Courses
- AP Courses
- New course guide look





# Making Requests in Skyward

1. Log into Student Access, select 'Course Requests'

The screenshot shows the Skyward Student Access interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Skyward logo, a search bar, and several utility icons: 'What's New', 'My Messages', 'My Tasks & Processes', and 'Knowledge Hub'. Below this is a 'STUDENT ACCESS' header with a home icon, a search icon, and a 'Compress' button. The main content area is titled 'Student Access' and features a grid of icons for various student services. The 'Course Requests' icon, which includes a plus sign, is highlighted with a red rectangular border. Other icons include Academic History, Activities, Assignments, Attendance, Calendar, Grading, Graduation Plan, Portfolio, Schedule, Student Profile, Test Results, and Transportation.





# Making Requests in Skyward

2. Search for the courses you would like to request. Make sure you request 7.0 credits

The screenshot shows the 'COURSE REQUESTS' page in Skyward. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a search icon and the text 'COURSE REQUESTS'. Below this, there is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Filter courses by Course Code, Description, or Subject', which is highlighted with a red box. To the right of the search bar, there are tabs for 'MY REQUESTS' and 'ALTERNATES'. Below the search bar, there is a table of available courses for 2020. The table has columns for 'Course Description', 'Course Code', 'Earned Credits', and 'Subject Description'. The first row, 'CHOIR A' with course code 'MU300A' and 0.500 credits, is highlighted. To the right of the table, there is a summary section showing 'Requests: 0', 'Total Credits Requested: 0.000', and 'Maximum Credits: 7.000'. Below this, there is another table with the same columns as the available courses table, but it is empty and displays the message 'No records to display'.

Course Description	Course Code	Earned Credits	Subject Description
CHOIR A	MU300A	0.500	Art
CHOIR B	MU300B	0.500	Art
CONCT CHORALE A	MU305A	0.500	Art
CONCT CHORALE B	MU305B	0.500	Art
CR BIOLOGY P1	2SCI03	0.500	

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# Making Requests in Skyward

- 3. Add alternates. Please request at least 8 alternates in a variety of subjects, including electives and humanities courses.

The screenshot shows the Skyward COURSE REQUESTS interface. The 'ALTERNATES' tab is highlighted with a red box. The interface displays a list of available courses on the left and a list of requested courses with alternates on the right. The 'ALTERNATES' tab is selected, showing a list of requested courses with a red minus sign in the 'Request' column.

**AVAILABLE COURSES FOR 20**

↑1 Course Description	↑2 Course Code	Earned Credits	Subject Description
+ INTRO TO COMPUTER SCIEN...	INT245	0.500	Career & Technical E...
+ INTRO TO VIDEO PRODUCTI...	INT150	0.500	
+ INTRODUCTION TO CULINAR...	HFL100	0.500	
+ INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHO...	SST529	0.500	
+ JAPANESE 1 A	FO410A	0.500	

**MY REQUESTS** **ALTERNATES** Reorder Alternates

Requests: 2 Total Credits Requested: 1.000 Maximum Credits: 3.000

Save Course Requests Cancel

↑1 Course Description	Course Code	Earned Credits	↑2 Subject Description	Request
- HISTORY OF SPORTS	SST221	0.500		
- INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHO...	SST529	0.500		





# Making Requests in Skyward

- When you are finished, click Save Course Requests

Course Requests

 [Redacted]

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Legend

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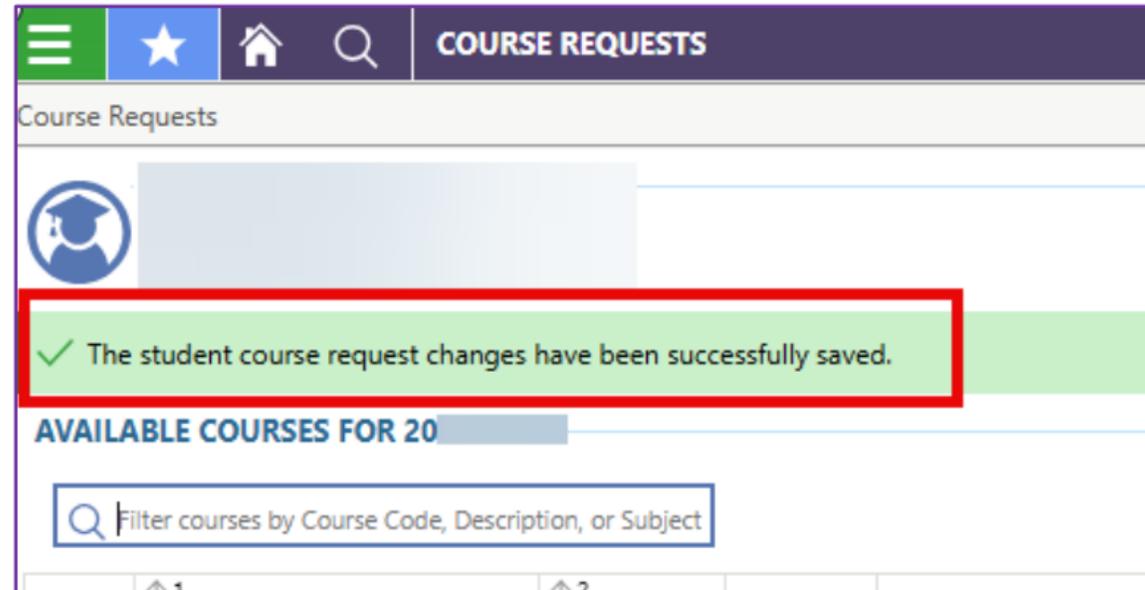
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# Finishing Your Course Requests

- When you have saved your course requests, you will see this note:



- You can make requests until March 17th at 8:00 AM





# Am I guaranteed my course requests?

- All requests are used to make our building schedule so students can take as many of their first-choice classes as possible. However, schedule conflicts can arise and graduation requirements will be prioritized. You are not guaranteed your requests, however you are guaranteed your graduation requirements.
- If there is a schedule conflict and you do not get one of your first-choice classes, we will attempt to add a similar course from your alternates list.
- If none of the courses in your alternates list work in your schedule, the system will assign you an available course that will meet a graduation requirement.



# Required Credits





# What should I request?

- All 9<sup>th</sup> Grade students (that's you) will take:
  - Language Arts (Yearlong class)
  - World History (Yearlong class)
  - Math (Yearlong class)
  - Science (Yearlong class)
  - World Language (You will need 2.0 World Language Credits during high school) or Elective
  - Other Graduation Requirements (1.0 Credit)
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  - Can be CTE, Fine Art, Health, PE



# 9th Grade Requirements



## Level: Honors vs On-level

- **Honors**
  - Deeper analysis
  - More rigorous discussion
  - More student independence
  - Preparation for IB
- **On-Level**
  - Standard level curriculum
  - More scaffolded support

## Class Structure: Block vs. Individual

- **Block**
  - Interdisciplinary
  - Two teachers for support in the classroom
  - Some integrated assignments
  - Teachers can coordinate on homework load, skills, and assessments
- **Individual**
  - Smaller class size
  - No integrated assignments
  - Option for accelerated learning in only one discipline



# 9th Grade Requirements



## LA/SS Pairing Options and course titles

### ● **Honors Block**

- SS: Honors World History 1 and 2 (block)
- LA: Honors Lit & Comp 1 (block)

### ● **On-level Block**

- SS: World History 1 and 2 (block)
- LA: Lit & Comp 1 (block)

### ● **Honors LA Individual + On-level SS Individual**

- LA: Honors Lit & Comp 1 (Sem 1 & 2)
- SS: World History 1 and 2

### ● **Honors SS Individual + On-level LA Individual**

- SS: Honors World History 1 and 2
- LA: Lit & Comp 1

### ● **On-level SS Individual + On-level LA Individual**

- SS: World History 1 and 2
- LA: Lit & Comp 1

### ● **Honors SS Individual + Honors LA Individual**

- SS: Honors World History 1 and 2
- LA: Honors Lit & Comp 1

*Course Request Disclaimer: Students are not guaranteed their first-choice courses as there may be schedule conflicts, changes, or adjustments through the scheduling process and number of requests per class. Please remember to add alternate courses for ALL courses, not just for electives! For humanities classes, while you are guaranteed your grade level graduation requirement, the prioritization will then be: 1) request of on-level vs. accelerated and then 2) teaching method (block vs. individual).*

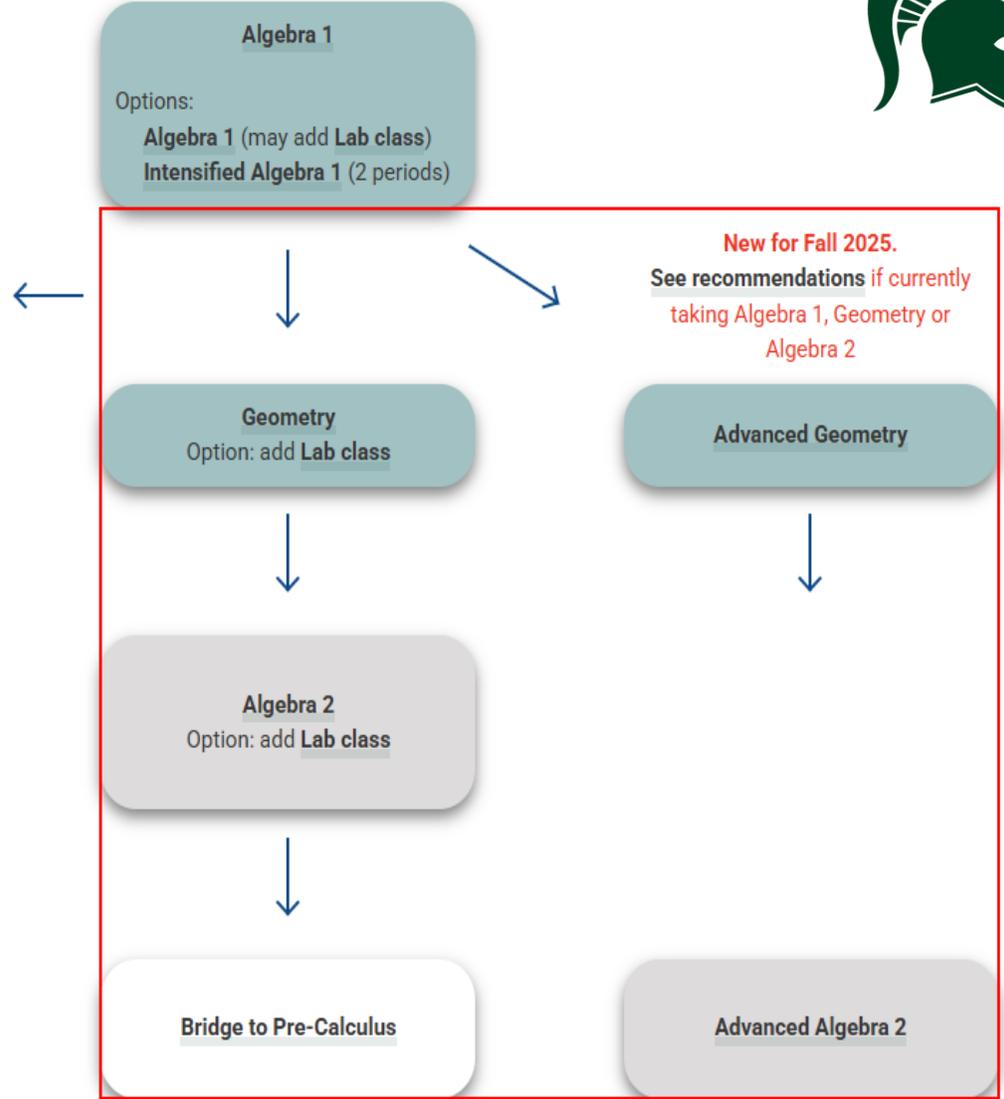
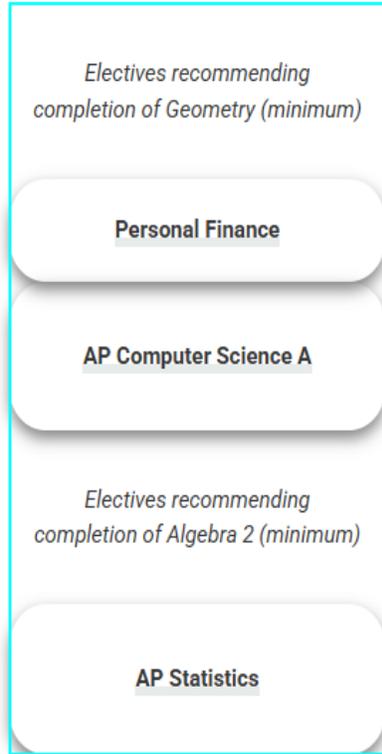


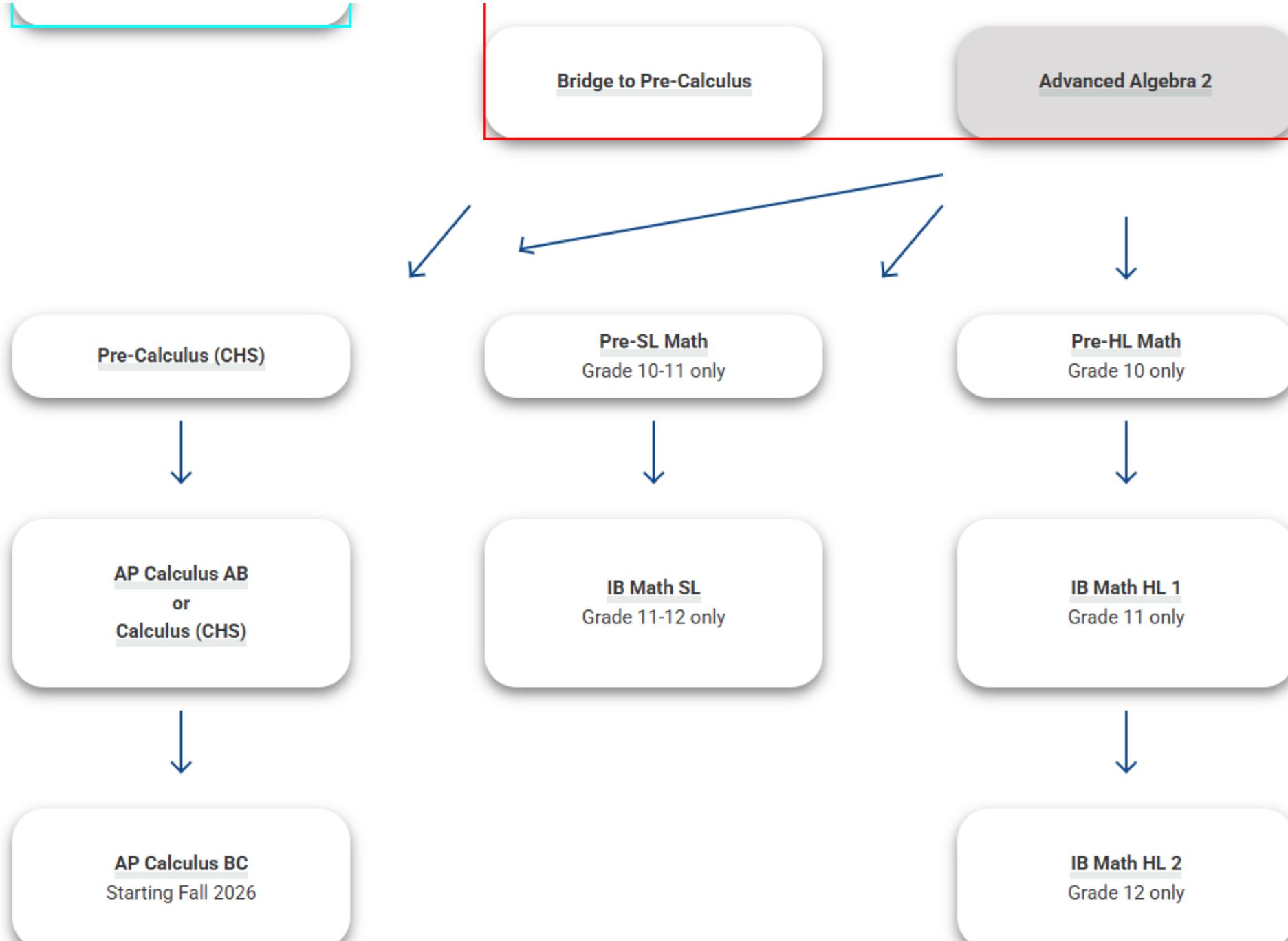


# Math Pathways

**Graduation Requirement:**  
3 Math Credits including **Algebra 1 + Geometry**  
(*Bridge to Algebra 1 or Math labs do not count toward graduation requirements*)

**Washington College (CADR) Requirement:**  
3 Math Credits through **Algebra 2** or beyond  
and senior year quantitative course





# Science Sequencing



<p><b><u>Chemistry Lab Methods</u></b> SCI125 <i>Semester Course</i> <i>Minimum concurrently with CC</i> <i>Algebra 1</i></p>	<p>and</p>	<p><b><u>Physics Lab Methods</u></b> SCI126 <i>Semester Course</i> <i>Minimum concurrently with CC</i> <i>Algebra 1</i></p>
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**Notes about Science Course Options:**

Make sure that you are choosing a science class that works with your current level of math. For example, Chemistry should only be taken if you are currently taking Geometry or above.

**Biology**  
SC200A/B  
*Minimum concurrently with CC*  
*Algebra 1*

**Chemistry**  
SC300A/B  
*Minimum concurrently with CC*  
*Geometry*

**Physics**  
SC225A/B  
*Minimum concurrently with CC*  
*Algebra 2*

**Science of Forensics**  
SC348A/B  
*Minimum concurrently with CC*  
*Algebra 1*

**Environmental Systems**  
SC240A/B  
*Minimum concurrently with CC*  
*Geometry*

**Astronomy**  
SCI227/228  
*Minimum concurrently with CC*  
*Geometry*





# Science continued

**IB Exercise Science SL**  
SC682A/B  
Grades 11-12

**IB Environmental Systems & Society SL**  
SC680A/B  
Grades 11-12

**IB Chemistry SL**  
SC660A/B  
Grades 11-12

<p><b>IB Biology HL 1</b> SC650A/B Year 1 of 2 Grades 11-12</p>	<p><b>IB Biology HL 2*</b> SC655A/B Year 2 of 2 Grade 12</p>
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<p><b>IB Physics HL 1</b> SC670A/B Year 1 of 2 Grades 11-12</p>	<p><b>IB Physics HL 2*</b> SC675A/B Year 2 of 2 Grade 12</p>
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## CTE COURSES THAT QUALIFY FOR HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE EQUIVALENCY

**Introduction to Sports Medicine**  
IN500A/B  
Grades 9-12

**Advanced Sports Medicine - Evaluation**  
IN505A/B  
Grades 10-12  
Offered every other year

**Advanced Sports Medicine - Rehabilitation**  
IN510A/B  
Grades 10-12  
Offered every other year

**IB Computer Science SL**  
CO650A/B  
Grades 11-12

**IB Computer Science HL**  
CO651A/B  
Grade 12

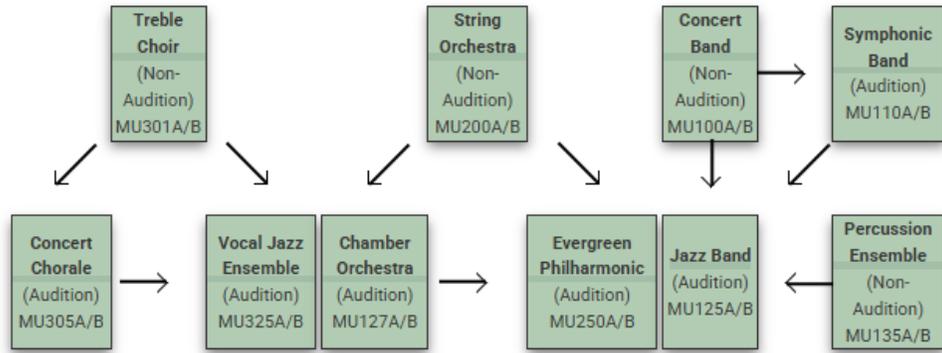


# Music and Theater

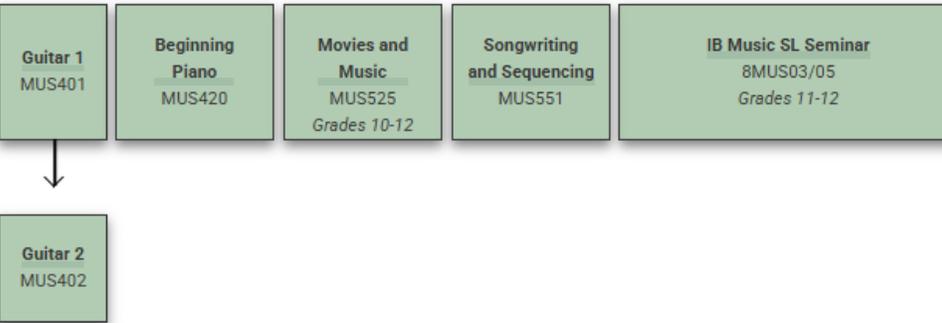


## Skyline Music Flow Chart

### Choral      Orchestra      Band

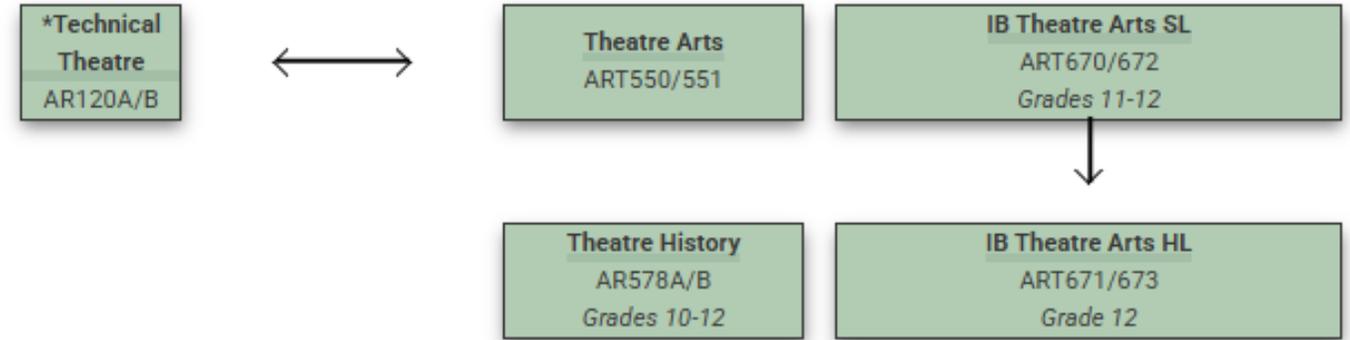


### General Music Classes      IB Music Classes



## Skyline Theatre Flow Chart

### General Theatre Classes      IB Theatre Classes



\*Courses marked with an asterisk may not meet all four-year college admissions requirements for Fine/Visual/Performing Arts. Please check with the university or college that you are interested in attending.

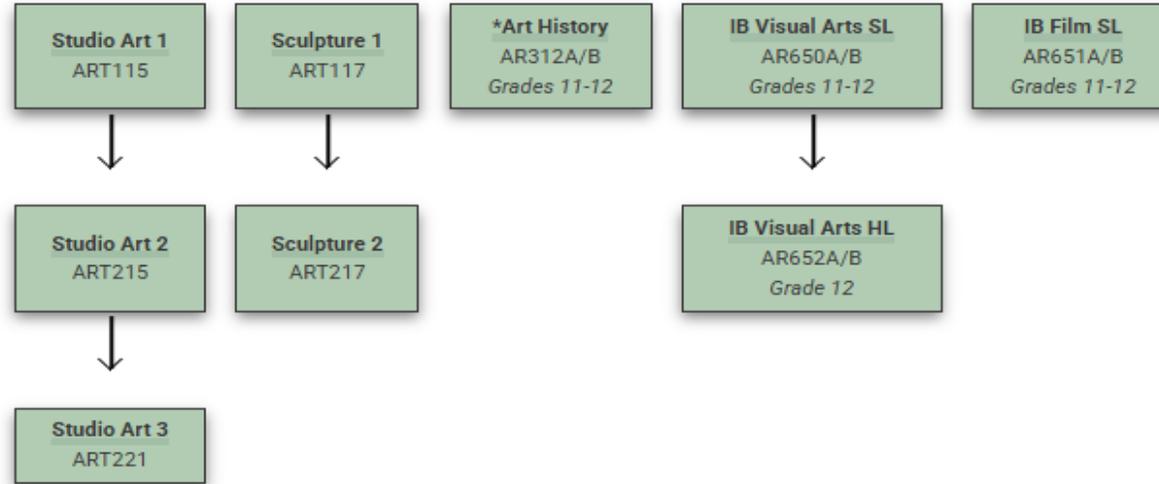




# Skyline Visual Arts Flow Chart

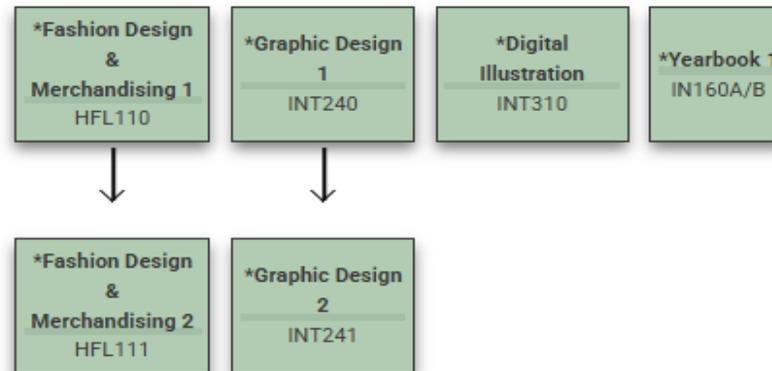
## General Art Classes

## IB Art Classes



# Visual Arts

## CTE Courses Offering Fine Arts Credit



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# World Languages

## Spanish, French, Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, ASL

- **What is my post-high school plan?**
  - *Most* 4 year colleges require a minimum of 2 years of the same world language *Some* 4 year colleges recommend 3 years of one world language
  - 2 year colleges, tech schools, military, etc... do not require world language completion
  - If you are fluent in a language other than English, it is possible for you to take the World Language Competency Exam for credit. This does not meet IB Diploma option.



# Course Guide: CTE, World Language, Fine Art, Health, PE, and many more!



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [skyline.isd411.org](https://skyline.isd411.org). The page header includes the Skyline High School logo and navigation links: EMPLOYMENT, PORTALS, SAFETY CONCERN, DISTRICT SITE, SCHOOLS, ENGLISH, and a search icon. A secondary navigation bar contains: OUR SCHOOL, ACADEMICS, FAMILIES & COMMUNITY, STUDENT LIFE, and STAFF. The ACADEMICS menu is open, displaying a list of links: International Baccalaureate (IB), Annual School Report, Testing, WA State Report Card, Summer School, Transcripts, School Improvement Plan, Special Education, and Course Guide. The 'Course Guide' link is circled in blue. The browser's address bar shows the URL, and the Windows taskbar at the bottom displays the search bar and system tray with the time 9:48 PM on 2/27/2025.



# Course Guide



## Find the Right Classes for You

Choosing your classes is a big deal! - Each spring, you get to pick the courses that will shape your next school year, and this guide is here to help. Inside, you'll find info on the classes offered, graduation requirements, and tips for making the best choices for you.

### There's no single "right" schedule.

What matters most is picking classes that match your interests, challenge you in the right ways, and help you stay on track to graduate. The students who feel the best about their schedules usually:

- Talk with family about their options
- Take time to think before making final decisions
- Read the course guide to understand what each class offers



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# Graduation Requirements



# Graduation Requirements: 24 Credits



Subject	Course Requirements to earn High School Diploma - State and District	Minimum College Entrance Required for WA public 4-year universities (CADRs)**
English Language Arts	4 credits	4 credits
Mathematics	3 credits earned in 9th-12th: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Algebra 1</li> <li>•Geometry</li> <li>•3rd year Math*</li> </ul> If Algebra 1 and/or Geometry are successfully completed before 9th, higher level HS Math can be included.	3 - 4 credits •minimum through Algebra 2 and quantitative class in senior year
Science	3 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•2 lab sciences</li> <li>•1 additional science, lab or non-lab*</li> </ul> (All ISD classes with SC course code are lab sciences)	3 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Biology</li> <li>•Chemistry or Physics</li> <li>•1 additional science</li> </ul>
Social Studies	3 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•1.5 World History</li> <li>•1.0 US History</li> <li>•0.5 Civics</li> </ul>	3 - 4 credits
World Language	2 credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Both credits may be replaced with a Personalized Pathway Requirements**</li> </ul>	2 credits, must be two consecutive years in the same language.
<i><b>NOTE:</b> biliterate students can take a competency test to earn up to 4.0 World Language credits</i>		
Art	2 (Fine or Applied Art) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•1 credit may be replaced with a Personalized Pathway Requirement**</li> </ul>	1 (must be Fine Art)
PE/Health	1.5 PE and 0.5 Health	Not required for college entrance but provide opportunities for students to demonstrate and explore their learning <b><i>Students are encouraged to reach out directly to colleges they are interested in applying to, as admissions processes and requirements vary by school.</i></b>
Career and Technical Education (CTE)	1 (many options in high school)	
Elective (any course)	4 credits, or enough to reach the total credit requirement for graduation	



# Northwest Studies & Middle School Courses



- **Northwest Studies** (can be earned in Middle School or online learning course)
- **Credit Earned Before High School**
  - Credit from ISD middle schools for classes such as Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, Biology, and World Language are automatically added to HS transcript; students/ families must opt out by end of 11<sup>th</sup> grade



# High School and Beyond Plan on Xello



The High School & Beyond Plan, a graduation requirement, helps students get the most out of high school and think about their future. It revolves around three questions:

- Who am I?
- What can I become?
- How do I become that?



# Graduation Pathway Requirement



The use of the term “Pathway” exists in multiple contexts. The *graduation pathway* refers to the many ways in which students can demonstrate readiness for a meaningful first step after high school.

- Smarter Balanced Assessment
- ACT / SAT / AP / IB Exams
- Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Test
- [Dual Credit Courses](#)
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) Course Sequence
- Washington Access to Instruction & Measurement (WA-AIM) Assessment

[For more information click here for the Graduation Toolkit](#)





# Upcoming CRP Events

- **Wednesday March 5th 6:00-8:15:** Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Night Student and Family Welcome Night
- **Thursday March 6th 6:00-7:00 on Zoom:** Parent and Student Zoom Presentation.
- **Week of March 10th:** SHS Counselors will be coming to you to answer any CRP questions that you may have!



Follow the counseling team on IG for updates!

