

Getting to know HJHS

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GRADES & CREDITS

Grades

A= 90-100

B= 80-89

C= 75-79

D= 70-74

F= 69 and lower

*As defined in our handbook

Credits

Sophomore= 6 credits

Junior= 12 credits

Senior= 19 credits

Graduate= 26 credits



YOUR STUDENT'S CHOICES FOR 9th GRADE

- English I or Pre-AP English I
- Algebra I or Honors Geometry for those who are currently taking Algebra I & will pass it
- IPC (Integrated Physics and Chemistry) or Pre-AP Biology
- World Geography or Honors World Geography
- Spanish I or II
- Band, PE or Athletics
- Fine Art or Endorsement Class/Elective

FRESHMAN Course Selection Template

Student Name: _____
 Student ID: _____
 Student Cell: _____ Parent Phone Number: _____

SAMPLE

Course Selection Sheet

-This is what I will help your Student complete when I meet with them to make their schedule for next year.

	<i>Class Name (circle your choice or write it in here)</i>	<i>**Do not write in this column- office use only</i>
1	English I (1011) Or Honors English I (1021)	
2	Algebra I (1300) Or Honors Geometry (1308)	
3	World Geography (1500) Or Honors World Geography (1501)	
4	IPC (1406) Or Honors Biology (1400)	
5	Band (2008) Or PE (2250) Or Athletics (2258) <write in your sport>	
6	Spanish I (1206) Or Spanish II (1207)	
7	Fine Art (Art, Theatre Arts, Band or Floral Design)	
8	Alternate 1- Endorsement (elective)	
9	Alternate 2	

Endorsements/ Programs of Study (electives) available at HJHS

HJHS Endorsements & Programs of Study

Animal Science (Business & Industry)

- 1) Principles of Ag
- 2) Small Animal Management, & Equine Science
- 3) Livestock
- 4) Advanced Animal Science
- * Entrepreneurship

Welding (Business & Industry)

- 1) Intro to Welding
- 2) Welding I (2 period class)
- 3) Welding II (2 period class)

Digital Communications (Business & Industry)

- 1) Prin. of Arts, Audio Video Technology
- 2) Audio/Video Production I
- 3) Audio/Video Production II
- 4) Entrepreneurship

Business Management (Business & Industry)

- 1) Principles of Business, Marketing & Finance
- 2) Virtual Business & Global Business
- 3) Business Management
- 4) Entrepreneurship

(Arts & Humanities Endorsement)

Spanish 1-4

(Arts & Humanities Endorsement)

Art 1-4

(Arts & Humanities Endorsement)

Theater Arts 1-4

(Arts & Humanities Endorsement)

Band 1-4

Health Science- Diagnostic & Therapeutic Services (Public Service)

- 1) Principles of Health Science
- 2) Medical Terminology
- 3) Anatomy & Physiology
- 4) Health Science Theory

Culinary Arts (Public Service)

- 1) Principles of Hospitality & Tourism
- 2) Introduction to Culinary Arts
- 3) Entrepreneurship
- 4) Intro to Event & Meeting Planning

Law Enforcement (Business & Industry)

- 1) Principles of Law
- 2) Law Enforcement I
- 3) Law Enforcement II
- 4) Criminal Investigations

Engineering Foundations (STEM)

- 1) Principles of Engineering
- 2) Aerospace Engineering
- 3) Engineering Science **Rocket I**
- 4) Engineering Design & Problem Solving **Rocket II**
- 5) Scientific Research & Design **Rocket III** (#5 not required- only if student wants)

Miscellaneous Electives (not an endorsement)

Yearbook
Yearbook 2
Office Aide- Seniors only
PALS- Juniors & Seniors only
Career Prep (the work program)- Seniors only
AP Psychology

Fine Arts Choices: (Circle 1)

Art
Band
Jazz Band
Floral Design
Theater Arts



****The level 1 classes are the entry level course for each Program of Study.**

EXCEPTIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

- IPC is what should be considered “regular” science. Honors Biology is advanced
- Students must pass 2 years of the same foreign language to graduate.
- Fine Art choices: Art, Theater Arts, Band, Jazz Band or Floral Design
- If your student is taking Algebra I in 8th grade, & will pass it for the year, they can choose between Honors Geometry or Geometry.
- If your student is taking Spanish I in 8th grade, & will pass it for the year, they will take Spanish 2 in 9th grade.



EXCEPTIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

- Students have to wait to take Intro to Welding starting with their 10th grade year- per the welding teacher, Mr. Fletcher
- One of the following sports is required to be in Boys Athletics for 9th grade: Football, Basketball, Golf, Baseball or Soccer- per our coaches
- One of the following sports is required to be in Girls Athletics for 9th grade: Volleyball, Basketball, Golf, Soccer, Cheer or Softball- per our coaches
- All other sports are after school only; meaning they cannot join athletics for any sports than what is listed above- per our coaches

EXPLANATION OF REGULAR, HONORS AND AP

- If a student takes a regular class and makes a 70, they get a 70 on their report card, a 70 for their GPA and a 70 for ranking.
- If a student takes an Honors class and makes a 70, they get a 70 on their report card, a 70 for their GPA and a 75 for ranking.
- If a student takes an AP class and makes a 70, they get a 70 on their report card, a 70 for their GPA and an 80 for ranking.

SCENARIO

- Jane takes **Honors English** and makes an 80.
- Joe takes **regular English** and makes a 90.
- Who is better off when looking at grades? ranking?
- Jane has an 80 on report card, 80 for GPA and 85 for ranking.
- Joe has 90, 90, and 90 for the 3.
- You have to decide what is most important - grades?
Rank? Taking advanced classes?

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- ENGLISH- (4) English 1, 2, 3, 4
- MATH- (4) Algebra I, Geometry, and two Advanced Math classes (students will have several choices)
- SCIENCE- (4) IPC, Biology, and two Advanced Sciences (students will have several choices) OR Biology, Chemistry, and two Advanced Sciences (some colleges require Physics- check their website for courses required for admissions)
- HISTORY- (4) World Geography, World History, US History, Government (.5), Economics (.5)
- PE/Athletics- (1) one credit
- Foreign Language- (2) two credits of Spanish
- Fine Arts- (1) one credit
- Electives (6)

Hardin-Jefferson High School Four Year Plan with Endorsement

Name: _____

ID #: _____

The Four Year Plan is intended to give you and your parent(s) a guide to use as you progress through high school. You will choose an Endorsement based on your career goals. Make sure that you are taking the academic courses that support your post-secondary plans.

Endorsement:

- _____ STEM- (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)
- _____ Business and Industry
- _____ Arts and Humanities
- _____ Public Services
- _____ Multidisciplinary Studies

Directions: Students under the distinguished academic plan need to complete 4 math credits (Algebra 2 is required), 4 science credits and an endorsement.

Career Goal: _____

Discipline	Credits
English	4
Math	4
Science	4
Social Studies	4
Foreign Language	2
Fine Arts	1
Physical Education	1
Electives	6
Total Credits for Graduation:	26

	Prior to 9th grade	9th grade	10th grade	11th grade	12th grade
1		English 1	English 2	English 3	English 4
2		Math	Math	Math	Math
3		Science	Science	Science	Science
4		World Geography	World History	US History	Government/Economics
5		Spanish 1	Spanish 2	Elective or Fine Arts	Elective
6		PE/Athletics	Athletics or Elective	Athletics or Elective	Athletics or Elective
7		Elective or Fine Arts	Elective	Elective	Elective

SPORTS & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Band, Flag Team & Twirlers

Director: Martin Trammel
martintrammel@hjisd.net

Baseball

Coach: Kelby Weyler
kelbyweyler@hjisd.net

Basketball

Boys Coach: Keithan Hancock
keithanhancock@hjisd.net
Girls Coach: Mike Fogo
mikefogo@hjisd.net

Cheerleading

Coaches: Alicia Rutherford
aliciarutherford@hjisd.net

Cross Country

Coach: Raylie Huff
rayliehuff@hjisd.net

Football

Coach: Zach Bass
zachbass@hjisd.net

Golf

Coach: Darrell Westfall
darrellwestfall@hjisd.net

Powerlifting

Coaches: Derek Peveto
derekpeveto@hjisd.net

Soccer

Boys Coach: Matt Calvert
matthewcalvert@hjisd.net
Girls Coach: Cara Robinson
cararobinson@hjisd.net

Softball

Coach: Robin Wilson
robinwilson@hjisd.net

Starlettes

Directors: Michaela Knupple
michaelaknupple@hjisd.net

Swim Team

Coach: Cara Robinson
cararobinson@hjisd.net

Tennis

Coach: JoLee Kolander
joleekolander@hjisd.net

Track

Coaches: Brandon Thomas & Raylie Huff
brandonthomas@hjisd.net
rayliehuff@hjisd.net

EMAILS

- The best way to communicate with all staff members is via email
- All email addresses are firstnamelastname@hjisd.net
ex: rachelcordova@hjisd.net
- PRETTY PLEASE check your emails & encourage your student to check their school emails

TUTORIALS

- Tutorials are offered each morning from 7:20-7:45
- Khan Academy has many AWESOME tutorials available, for free, including SAT Prep

<https://www.khanacademy.org>

LUNCHES

- We have three lunches for students- A, B & C.
- Their lunch is tied to their 5th period class.
- We cannot make lunch changes

SCHEDULE CHANGES

- Students can make as many schedule changes as they'd like from now till the last day of this school year- May 23
- Very limited schedule changes are allowed the first week of school
- Schedule changes out of Honors/AP classes are allowed till the Friday after the first progress report with signed parent permission

GRADING PERIODS

- 4 nine weeks- 1st & 2nd in the 1st semester & 3rd & 4th in the 2nd semester
- 1st semester ends at Christmas break & 2nd semester ends at the end of school
- GPA & Class Rank are ONLY ran at the end of each semester
- Progress Reports are twice in each nine weeks; at the end of the first 3 weeks & at 6 weeks

ATTENDANCE

- You have to attend school 90% of each semester in order to receive credit for all your classes.
- There are 84 days in our first semester & 86 days in our second semester.
- 10% includes both excused & unexcused absences.
- After missing more than 10%, you will have to make-up hours.
- Our attendance clerk or Assistant Principal will get with you about make-up hours, when needed.
- Questions? Email janycebaack@hjisd.net or aliciarutherford@hjisd.net

STAAR (EOC) TESTS

Students **HAVE** to pass all 5 STAAR/EOC tests in order to graduate/get their diploma from HJHS:

English 1

English 2

Algebra 1

Biology

US History

COUNSELING

Please help your student understand that we are here to help them with whatever they need. I am first & foremost a counselor. They are welcome to stop by our office ANYTIME!! We look forward to getting to know them.

FOLLOW US

- Facebook at Hardin-Jefferson H.S. Counselors' Office
- School Website- High School & our page is listed under Students, Counseling
- Check your emails from HJHS & HJISD

QUESTIONS???

FOR HELP CHECKING YOUR
GRADES, STOP BY THE
COUNSELORS' OFFICE ANYTIME!