NHS
Schedules, Credits, & Graduation Requirements 2025

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High School Scheduling

Block Scheduling

- Students will be enrolled in 8 classes.
- Students will take 4 classes one day (black day) and 4 classes the next (Gold Day)

Sample Schedule

Black Day Schedule

1. English
3. Math
5. PE
7. Spanish

Gold Day Schedule

2. Biology
4. World Geography
6. Health
8. Journalism

Black Week/ Gold Week

- Students rotate black and gold days continually.
- Whatever day starts the week decides black or gold week.

Sample Black/Gold Week

Black Week

Monday – Black

Tuesday – Gold

Wednesday – Black

Thursday – Gold

Friday - Black

Gold Week

Monday – Gold

Tuesday – Black

Wednesday – Gold

Thursday – Black

Friday - Gold

Double Block

Double block means the class will take 2 spots in your 8 period schedule.

Sample Double Block

Black Day Schedule

1. English
3. Math
5. PE
7. Spanish

Gold Day Schedule

2. Biology
4. World Geography
6. Welding
8. Welding

Double Block – Continued

Sample Double Block

Black Day Schedule

1. English
3. Football
5. Math
7. Spanish

Gold Day Schedule

2. Biology
4. Football
6. World Geography
8. Health

Split Block

When a student takes a single credit class but goes to the class every day.

Sample Split Block

Black Day Schedule

1a. Health

1b. Band

3. English

5. Math

7. Spanish

Gold Day Schedule

2a. Health

2b. Band

4. Biology

6. World Geography

8. Principles of Applied Engineering

Graduation Requirements

Credits

Students earn credits based on their time in a class. In order to earn a credit for a course, a student must earn a grade of 70 or higher **AND** be present 90% of the days in which the course is offered.

- ½ credit – one block for one semester
- **1 credit** - 1 block for 2 semesters/ one full school year
- 2 credits – 2 blocks for one full school year (double block)
- 3 credits – 2 blocks for one full school year and zero hour or practicum (double blocked)



Reminder: If you do not earn enough credits, you will **NOT** be promoted to the next grade. This is a law not a suggestion!

Credits Per Year – pg. 3 in Course of Study Guide

Students will not be promoted to the next grade level unless they have attained the minimum required credits.

MIN. UNITS OF CREDITS	CLASSIFICATION	SCHEDULED CREDITS PER YEAR
0 - 5	Freshman	8 credits
5.5 - 11	Sophomore	8 credits
11.5 - 17	Junior	8 credits
17.5- over	Senior	7 credits

Graduation Plans – pg. 4 in Course of Study Guide

Foundation – 22 Credits

4 English

3 Math

3 Social Studies

3 Science

2 Foreign Language

1 Fine Art

1 Physical Education

1 Technology

½ Speech

½ Health

2 ½ Electives

Foundation w/ Endorsments – 26 credits

Foundation plan **PLUS**

1 additional math has to include Alg II, CTE or Advanced Math

1 additional science or CTE Science
AND

2 Additional specific criteria/courses for each of the individual endorsements

Distinguished – 26 credits

Foundation w/ endorsements plan **PLUS**

1 additional math has to include Alg II

Performance Acknowledgments

pg. 6 in Course of Study Guide

Performance Acknowledgments: Students may earn up to FIVE acknowledgments for outstanding performance, which will be displayed on diplomas and transcripts:

- Dual credit courses
- Bilingualism and Biliteracy
- AP exams
- PSAT/SAT/ACT
- Business and industry certifications and/or licenses

Endorsements

The five Endorsements you may choose from are:

- STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) This path includes courses directly related to science, including environment science; technology, including computer science; engineering; and advanced mathematics.
- Business and Industry This path includes accounting, architecture, automotive technology, communications, construction, finance, graphic design, information technology, marketing, welding, and much more.
- Arts and Humanities This path includes cultural studies, English literature, fine arts, history, political science, and world languages.
- Public Services This path includes education and training, health sciences and occupations, law enforcement and government services, and human services.
- Multidisciplinary Studies This path includes courses selected from the curriculum of each Endorsement area.

Grade Point Average (GPA)

pg. 7 in Course of Study Guide

The GPA is a measure of the student's total academic performance.

- GPA begins calculating in the ninth grade.
- GPA is based on SEMESTER averages.
- Pre-AP/AP/Honors and Co-enrolled classes are on a weighted scale.
- Semester grades are converted to grade points as follows:

Grade	Regular	Pre-AP/AP/Honors
90-100	3.0-4.0	4.0-5.0
80-89	2.0-2.9	3.0-3.9
75-79	1.5-1.9	2.5-2.9
70-74	1.0-1.4	2.0-2.4
0-69	0	0

Grade Point Average (GPA)

pg. 7 in Course of Study Guide

2 Types of GPA

- College GPA – what will go on your transcript for college admissions
- Ranking GPA – what will determine your placement/rank in the class

NOTE: The weighted classes only add points to your RANKING GPA, not your college GPA.

Special Classes

Lab Classes

Students who are struggling in math will be placed in a math lab which is a double blocked math class.

- Students who consistently make below 80.
- Students that consistently make low test grades.
- Students that do not pass STAAR.
- Students that make low test and low daily grades.



Reminder: If you are put in a lab class you will lose an elective spot in your schedule.

Sample Lab Schedule

Black Day Schedule

1. English
3. PE
5. Math Class
7. Spanish

Gold Day Schedule

2. Biology
4. World Geography
6. Math Lab
8. Health

Pre-Ap, AP, and Honors

Pre-AP, AP and Honors courses are open to all students with the pre-requisite coursework and teacher approval for students who wish to take on the additional challenge of advanced academics.

- Pre-AP and AP courses concentrate on providing students with rigorous college level curriculum while preparing them for the AP exam associated with the course.
- Pre-AP, AP, and Honors courses provide a weighted GPA.
- AP and Honors courses are required for most Performance Acknowledgements for graduation

What's the difference between Honors and AP?

The main **difference between** the two has to do with college credit. Basically, if you are in an **AP** course, you have the chance to receive college credit with a score of 3 or higher on the AP exam. However, if you enroll in an **honors** course you get the weighted GPA, but not the college credit opportunity.

Co-Enrolled / Dual Credit

The term **co-enrolled** or **dual enrollment** refers to high school students taking college courses while they are still in high school or to the programs that allow high school students to take college-level courses.

- You have to be accepted into the participating college to take co-enrolled classes at NHS by showing that you are college ready by various tests
- You have to pay tuition
- Your grades will be on your college transcript

AP vs Co-enrolled

+ Similarities

- Both expose students to college level work
- Both allow students to earn college credits while in high school

+ Differences

- Dual enrollment performance is based on a course grade while AP scores are based on a standardized exam.
- AP students take the course in a high school setting with other high school students. Dual enrollment may take place either at the high school or at a local college.

*** AP is accepted nation-wide in all colleges. Co-enrolled is accepted in public Texas universities.

How to complete GREEN 9th Grade Registration Form

NEDERLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Registration/Parent Approval Form

(Complete form in pencil)

GRADE 09

NAME: Last Name First Name Middle Name ID#

ADDRESS: PHONE#

Circle the State Graduation Program Endorsement(s) you are planning to follow:

Foundation (22 credits) Plus Endorsement(s) (26 credits)

- STEM
- Business & Industry
- Arts & Humanities
- Public Service
- Multidisciplinary Studies

FALL SEMESTER	SPRING SEMESTER
English I	English I
Algebra I/Math	Algebra I
Biology	Biology
World Geography/World History	World Geography/World History
P.E. or P.E. Equiv.	P.E. or P.E. Equiv.

Alternate Course: List your alternate selections (in order of preference). These courses will be schedule if the above courses are not available or if there is a scheduling conflict. It is not always possible to schedule every course you choose, so choose your alternate courses carefully. If you choose semester courses, be sure to put two (2) on one line.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

I plan to audition for the following course or organization: _____.

If selected, I will drop the following elective class _____.

ANY CHANGES IN COURSE SELECTIONS MUST BE MADE BY MAY 9th. AT THAT TIME TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE BASE ON COURSE REQUESTS. CHANGES REQUESTED AFTER MAY 9th WILL BE ALLOWED ONLY IF THE CHANGE WILL NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS AND WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BUILDING PRINCIPAL.

_____ _____ _____

Student Signature **Parent Signature** **Date**

Elective Forms



Electives

9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
*Health Education Journalism I *Professional Communications Theatre Arts I **Theatre Production Spanish I, II French I, II Art I Choir I Band I **Inst. Ensemble Study Hall *Study Hall Computer Science Principles of Business, Marketing & Finance Principles of Agricultural, Food & Natural Resources Principles of Human Services Accounting I Business Information Mgmt. I *Banking & Financial Services Principles of Law, Public Safety, Correction & Security Principles of Applied Engineering Robotics I Automotive Basics *Dollars and Sense Principles of Health Science	*Poetry / *Creative Writing Journalism I **Adv. Journ: Yearbook/Photo **Adv. Journ: Newspaper/Photo *Professional Communications Prin. of Arts, A/V Tech & Comm. **Audio Video Production I Theatre Arts I, II **Technical Theatre **Theatre Production Spanish I, II, III PreAP French I, II, III Honors *Psychology / *Sociology Computer Science (Fundamentals) Computer Science Pre-AP (I) *Health Education Art I, II Band II **Inst. Ensemble Choir I, II **Vocal Ensemble **Music Theory AP **Chorale **Concert Choir Principles of Business, Marketing & Finance Principles of Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources Wildlife Fisheries & Ecology, Management Principles of Human Services Fashion Design I Construction Management (Prin) Engineering Design & Pres I *Banking & Financial Services Business Information Mgmt. I. II Accounting I, II Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security Court System & Practices *Lifetime Nutrition & Wellness Family & Community Services Child Development Intro to Culinary Arts Welding (Intro) Robotics I/II Automotive Basics/**Automotive Tech I *Small Animal Mtg. *Equine Science Principles of Applied Engineering *Dollars and Sense Medical Terminology Principles of Health Science *Social Media Marketing *Virtual Business	*Poetry / *Creative Writing Journalism I **Adv. Journ: Yearbook/Photo ** Adv. Journ: Newspaper/Photo *Professional Communications Prin. of Arts, A/V Tech & Comm. Audio Video Production I, II Theatre Arts I, II, III **Technical Theatre **Theatre Production Spanish I, II, III PreAPs, IV AP, VAP French I, II, III Honors, IV Adv. H *Psychology / *Sociology **World History AP *SAT Prep. Computer Science (Fundamentals) Computer Science Pre-AP (I) **Computer Science AP (II) Forensic Science *Health Education Art I, II, III Band III **Inst. Ensemble Choir I, II, III **Vocal Ensemble Music Theory AP **Chorale **Concert Choir Accounting I, II Business Information Mgmt. I, II *Banking & Financial Services Wildlife Fisheries & Ecology Management Fashion Design I *Lifetime Nutrition & Wellness Family & Community Services Child Development Law Enforcement I/ II Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security Court System Practices Intro Welding/ **Welding I, II ** Cosmetology I Construction Management (Prin) Construction Tech I Engineering Design & Pres I/II Health Science (Prin) **Practicum in Marketing I ** Career Preparation I ** Intro to Culinary Arts/Culinary Arts **Practicum in AFNR Principles of Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources * Small Animal Mtg. *Equine Science Advanced Animal Science Automotive Basics ** Automotive Technology I/II Robotics I/II Principles of Applied Engineering Prin of Bus Mtkg. *Dollars and Sense Medical Terminology Health Science Theory HVAC Tech I *Social Media Marketing *Virtual Business Pipefitting I	*Poetry / *Creative Writing Journalism I **Adv. Journ: Yearbook/Photo **Adv. Journ: Newspaper/Photo *Professional Communications Prin. of Arts, A/V Tech & Comm. Audio Video Production I, II Theatre Arts I, II, III, IV **Technical Theatre **Theatre Production Spanish I, II, III PreAP, IVAP, VAP French I, II, III Honors, IVAdv.H *Psychology / *Sociology *Co-enrolled TX Government **World History AP *SAT Prep. Computer Science (Fundamentals) Computer Science/Pre-AP (I) **Computer Science AP (II) Forensic Science Principles of Technology *Health Education Art I, II, III, IV Band IV **Inst. Ensemble Choir I, II, III, IV **Vocal Ensemble Music Theory AP **Chorale **Concert Choir *Banking & Financial Services Accounting I, II Business Information Mgmt. I, II *Small Animal Mtg. *Equine Science Advanced Animal Science Wildlife Fisheries & Ecology Mgmt **Practicum in Agr., Food & NR I, II Fashion Design I *Lifetime Nutrition & Wellness Family & Community Services Child Development Law Enforcement I/II Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security Court Systems & Practices Intro Welding/ **Welding I, II **Automotive Tech. II Cosmetology I, II Construction Management (Prin) ** Construction Technology I/II Engineering Design & Pres I/II Health Science (Prin) ** Health Science Theory **Practicum in Marketing I, II **Career Preparation I, II * *Practicum in Business Mgmnt. ** Culinary Arts/Adv Culinary Arts Automotive Basics **Automotive Tech I/II Robotics I/II Principles of Applied Engineering Prin of Bus Mtkg. *Dollars and Sense Medical Terminology Practicum Health Science Instructional Practices HVAC Tech I/II Process Operating Tech *Social Media Marketing *Virtual Business Pipefitting I/II

*Semester Courses
** Teacher recommendation

ENGLISH

English Options:

English I – no summer reading required

OR

English I Pre-AP

- Signatures required from teacher and parent on Honors Contract Form.
- Summer reading is required and your much purchase (Amazon, Barnes & Nobles) or check out the books from the Nederland Library.
  - *How to Read Literature like a Professor: For Kids* by Thomas C. Foster
  - *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd

MATH

Math Options:

- Algebra – if student is in regular 8th grade math this year and made and 80 or above consistently on their report card
- Algebra with lab (2 spots on their schedule) – if the grades on the student's report card are 80 or below
- Geometry – only for students who took Algebra 8th grade but they are not ready for the rigorous pace of Geometry Pre-AP
- Geometry Pre-AP – Performed well and has a solid understanding of Algebra in 8th grade. Parent and teachers signatures required on Honors Contract form.

SCIENCE

Biology Options:

Biology – this is the regular 9th grade course

OR

Biology Pre-AP – Parent and teacher signatures required on Honors Contract form.

HISTORY

History Options:

World Geography – this is the regular 9th grade history course

OR

World History Pre-AP – parent and teacher signatures required on Honors Contract Form. This is an advanced class, see description on page 20 of the Course of Study Guide.

PE

PE Options:

- Boys PE or Girls PE
- Band – Band will substitute for your PE credit
- Sport Classes – You can play more that one sport but only one sport will be listed on your schedule. The sport that comes first in the season will be listed on your schedule.
  - Sport classes are: Girls/Boys Basketball, Girls/Boys Soccer, Volleyball, Girls/Boys Tennis, Girls/Boys Golf, Softball, Baseball, Girls/Boys Swimming
- Boys Baseball in 9th grade is after school
- Track is after school

INFORMATION ON SPORTS

- Boys Basketball – you can sign up for the class if you played in 7th and 8th grade
- Girls Basketball – any girl can sign up
- Girls/Boys Soccer – anyone can sign up
- Volleyball – you must make the team first, tryout are usually early August, your high school counselor will put this in your schedule if you make the team. Look for tryout information on Nederland Lady Dog Volleyball Facebook Page.
- Tennis – you will be practicing during the summer with Coach Guibeaux.
- Golf – must have some previous experience and own your own golf clubs
- Softball – must make the team to have this in your schedule.
- Swimming – Black Days, you are at Central Middle Pool at 5:15 am, the bus will bring you to NHS for first period. Gold Days, you will be bused to Central Middle Pool at 2:00 pm and practice ends at 4:00pm
- Track is after school

What to put in the next 3 spots?

Algebra Lab – if you score 80 or below in 8th grade math, you need algebra lab which is another spot on your course selection sheet.

AVID – those students who are currently in the AVID class.

COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The following course are required course you need to graduate, if you take them in 9th or 10th grade, you have more room in 11th and 12th grade year for other electives.

Fine Arts – everyone must take one full year which is one credit of either band, choir, art or theatre arts.

Technology – everyone must take one full year which is one credit of a technology class. BIM, business information system see page 32 in the Course of Study Guide. Students who are currently in Algebra in 8th grade can take a computer science class. If students are not in Algebra in 8th grade and they want to take computer science, they can take it in 10th grade after they have taken algebra.

Health (one semester) & Professional Communication (one semester) – these pair well together for a full year spot in your schedule. You may take these any summer after your 9th grade year.

Foreign Language – French or Spanish. Students are required to take 2 years of the same foreign language. You must have a solid A in your 8th grade English class to start a foreign language as a freshman.

ALTERNATE COURSES

List two alternate courses

If you choose a semester course, list two course on one line

AUDTITION

If you plan to tryout for volleyball or honors band, list the class you are willing to drop to add those to your schedule.

Volleyball – you must make the team, tryouts are in August, your high school counselor will change your schedule.

Honors Band – honors band is a double block class meaning it takes two spots out of your schedule.

DEADLINE for Schedule Changes

Deadline for course selections is May 9th, 2025. This is a hard deadline so that the high school can plan the master schedule.

4-Year Meeting Information

All 8th grade students will have a 30 minute meeting with either Mrs. Devenzio or Mrs. Blanchard. Meetings will start on February 5th and will run through the end of March. Students will attend meetings in the counselor's office, parents can participate by phone if they would like to participate. A copy will be sent home for review.

Remember any changes must be made before May 9th, 2025.

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