Entering 9th Grade Students – 2026-2027 School Year

Parents and Guardians,

Please read these guidelines completely as they contain very important information about your student's high school career.

Welcome to Alameda High School. We are excited to have your student on our campus. As you prepare for the transition into high school, it is very important that you understand the course selection process, the graduation requirements and the University of California and California State University system eligibility requirements known as A-G (see table below). Understanding this information will help you and your student make the right choices when picking your classes.

Selecting Your 9th Grader's Schedule:

All 9th grade students will take 6 classes. Five of those classes are requirements plus one elective. See the list below. Your student will be asked to rank order 8 elective choices. Your student should make their choices based on interest, taking into consideration high school graduation and college admissions requirements. See boxes below. Please note that your student may be placed in an unselected support class if your student has an IEP or is part of the ELD program. AHS has five (5) career pathways for interested students who can get involved starting in 9th grade. For more information, see the AHS website (go to Students and select Course Selection).

All 9th grade students take 6 classes.

1. English 1
2. Physical Education 9
3. Biology
4. Math Course
5. Navigating Life (semester) and Ethnic Studies (semester)
6. Elective

7th Class Option: A 7th class option is available to a limited number of students. Priority will be given to students who are interested in band or orchestra and a foreign language. To be eligible for either music class, students must have prior musical experience. Please see the back page of the Course Selection Sheet for eligible instruments for each class. **0 period will start at 7:30 a.m.** The 7th class option will be based on space availability and there is no guarantee of placement.

Alameda Unified School District Graduation Requirements: 220 Credits *

40 credits in English	60 credits in Electives
20 credits in Math	20 credits total in 2 out of the 3 categories: • 10 credits in World Language • 10 credits in Visual and Performing Art • 10 credits of Career Technical Education (CTE) may be substituted for one of the categories listed above
20 credits in Lab Science *10 Biological/10 Physical*	5 credits in Navigating Life/Adulting
	5 credits in Ethnic Studies
20 credits in Physical Education	20 Hours of Community Service
30 credits in History/Social Science *10 MW Hist/10 US Hist/10 Govt/Econ*	GPA of 1.75 or higher

* Students earn credits by earning grades of "D" or higher in their classes at the semester. For each class passed, five (5) credits will be issued per semester for a total of ten (10) credits per class per year. Unless otherwise noted in the course catalog descriptions, a student can only earn a maximum of ten (10) credits per course. If a student chooses to repeat a class for which they have already earned a passing grade and credits, the previously earned credits will be removed from the student's credit total and potentially create credit deficiencies toward graduation. Students should consult with their counselor prior to repeating a course.

A-G Eligibility Requirements (University of California and California State University)

Note: Only semester grades A, B, or C count toward A-G Eligibility Requirements

A. History: 2 years Required	E. Foreign Language: 2 yrs Required (3 Recommended)
B. English: 4 years Required	F. Visual/Performing Art: 1 yr Required
C. Math: 3 yrs Req (Alg 1/IM 1, Geom/IM 2, Alg 2/IM 3)* *4 Years Recommended	G. College Prep Elective: 1 yr Required
D. Lab Science: 2 yrs Req (1 Biological & 1 Physical)* *3 years Recommended	**UC Minimum Academic 10th and 11th grade GPA for Admissions = 3.0** **CSU Minimum Academic 10th and 11th grade GPA for Admissions = 2.5**

Math Sequence for Incoming AHS 9th Graders

Students should select the correct math course in sequence. Students are <u>not</u> allowed to skip any levels.

8th Grade Class Completed	Enroll in	9th Grade Class
Math 8 (typical 8th grade math class with various names such as Foundations to Algebra, Pre-Algebra, etc.)	→	**<u>Integrated Math 1</u>** (Required for 4-year college admission)
Integrated Math 1 (passed with a grade of C or higher)	→	**<u>Integrated Math 2</u>** (Required for 4-year college admission)
Integrated Math 2 (passed with a grade of C or higher)	→	**<u>Integrated Math 3</u>** (Required for 4-year college admission)

If you plan to complete an outside of AUSD math class to advance to a higher level, please visit the Alameda High Website (Academics-Mathematics) and review the **AUSD High School Guidelines for Taking an Online/Correspondence Math Class for Advancement** document for details and instructions.

Alameda High School

Entering 9th Grade Course Selection Form

2026-2027 School Year

Middle School Attending: _____

First Name:_____ Last Name: _____ ID #_____

Instructions: All 9th grade students must take 6 classes. **On this form, students will choose their elective only**. Students cannot choose the order of classes. Courses offered are tentative pending student signups. Classes that do not fill may be cancelled. The AHS Course Catalog is available on our website at https://ahs.alamedaunified.org/ in the Students- Counseling section under Course Selection. Please complete this form, enter your elective selection in Aeries and return this worksheet to your middle school by the listed deadline.

Course selection steps:

1. **Enter** your course selection on this Course Selection Form.
2. **Enter** your Primary Elective and Alternate Electives in Aeries (instructions available on the website) from **January 14-23, 2026**.
3. **Return** this course selection sheet to your teacher by **January 26, 2026.**

7th Class Option: I would like to take a 0 period: ☐ Yes * Priority will be given to students choosing Band or Orchestra and foreign language. 0 period starts at 7:30 a.m.

Please Circle Your Course Selection – Required Subjects

	Course Code	Course Title		Course Code	Course Title
English 1 P	EECD	English 1 P	**Physical Education**	PZGD	PE
Math	MICD	Integrated Math 1 P	**Science**	QBCI	Biology P
-	MICE	Integrated Math 2 P	**Navigating Life +**	DDGD	Navigating Life P +
-	MICF	Integrated Math 3 P	**Ethnic Studies**	SJCI	Ethnic Studies P

Current 8th grade Math Class Name:

Please List Your Course Selection – Elective Subjects –

Choose eight (8) and rank in order of preference with "1" as your first choice.

WORLD LANGUAGE
(A-G approved)
___ French 1 P (FFCD)
___ French 2 P (FFCE)
___ French 3 P (FFCF) *
___ Mandarin 1 P (FMBI)
___ Mandarin 2 P (FMKI)
___ Mandarin 3 P (FMUI) *
___ Spanish 1 P (FSCD)
___ Spanish 2 P (FSCE)
___ Spanish 3 P (FSCF) *

*_____
*Teacher signature required for 3rd year or above language

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS
(A-G approved)
___ Band P (LBII):instrument played: _____
___ Beg. Guitar P (LIBI)
___ Contemporary Dance 1 P (LMGI)
___ Digital Filmmaking 1 P (RGCI)
___ Drama 1 P (LDCE)
___ Multimedia Art 1 P (LAAE)
___ Musical Theater (LDAI)
___ Orchestra P (LICI) instrument played: _____
___ Visual Art 1 P (LAGD)

ELD (English Language Learners)
___ ELD Beginning (NEBI)
___ ELD Intermediate (NEII)
___ ELD Advanced (NXCG)

CAREER TECH. EDUCATION
___ Computer Science Discoveries P (VQJI)
___ Digital Filmmaking 1 P (RGCI)
___ Multimedia Art 1 P (LAAE)

OTHER ELECTIVES
___ Creative Writing P (EWCI) (A-G approved)
___ Leadership (application and interview required) (OSGD)
___ Yearbook (application required) (EYCI)

OTHER ELECTIVES (SPECIAL ED.)
___ Academic Strategies – strategic (ZOBI)
___ Communication in the Real World (ZXBI)

We understand that 1) these are the classes we have selected for the 2026-2027 school year but there is no guarantee that the student will receive the selected classes; 2) teachers are hired based on course selection requests; and 3) requests for classes that you did not select on this form may not be honored in August.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Course Offerings for 9th Grade

*** Audition Required** **+ Teacher Approval Required** **✡ Application Required** **^ English Learner Program** **▪ Special Education** **$ Summer Assignment Required**
P = meets eligibility for 4-year college admission

Physical Education

PZGD PE

English

EECD English 1 P

ELD (English Language Learners)

NEBI Beginning ELD
NEJI Newcomer English (must sign up for Beginning ELD also)
NEII Intermediate ELD
NXCG Advanced ELD

Science

QBCI Biology P

Math

MICD Integrated Math 1 P
MICE Integrated Math 2 P
MICF Integrated Math 3 P

Please select the correct Math course in sequence. Do not skip a level.

Navigating Life/Ethnic Studies

DDGD/ Navigating Life P /
SJCI Ethnic Studies P

Career Tech. Education Electives

VQJI Computer Science Discoveries P
RGCI Digital Filmmaking 1 P
LAAE Multimedia Art 1 P

Visual & Performing Arts Electives

LBII Concert Band P
LIBI Beg. Guitar P
LMGI Contemporary Dance 1 P
LDCE Drama 1 P
LAAE Multimedia Art 1 P
LDAI Musical Theater
LICI Orchestra P
LAGD Visual Art 1 P
RGCI Digital Filmmaking 1 P

Concert Band *– applicable instruments*

-Piccolo/flute
-Oboe
-Clarinet
-Bass Clarinet
-Alto Saxophone
-Tenor Saxophone
-Bari Saxophone
-Bassoon
-Trumpet
-French Horn
-Trombone
-Baritone
-Tuba
-Percussion

Orchestra*- applicable instruments*

-Violin
-Viola
-Cello
-Double Bass

World Languages Electives

FFCD French 1 P
FFCE French 2 P
FFCF French 3 P +
FMBI Mandarin 1 P
FMKI Mandarin 2 P
FMUI Mandarin 3 P +
FSCD Spanish 1 P
FSCE Spanish 2 P
FSCF Spanish 3 P +

Other Electives

ZOBI Academic Strategies ▪ - strategic
ZXBI Communication in the Real World ▪
EWCI Creative Writing P
OSGD Leadership (separate application or interview required)
EYCI Yearbook (separate application required)