



Introducing Our New Ninth Grade Course Selection Experience

WHAT TO EXPECT

When you log into the Academic Planner to select your student's courses for the 26-27 school year, you will see some options have been pre-selected! To make the course selection process as easy as possible for families, ninth graders will have a suggested course entered for English, math and science.

Preselected courses are not locked, and students still have full flexibility to personalize their schedules. We have one of the largest course catalogs in the state, with over 530 course offerings. Most courses entered by default are on-level placements, and **if your student would like more challenge, we encourage them to consider replacing the suggested course with an Honors version!** Many ninth graders thrive when they take at least one Honors or AP course.

WHAT YOU WILL SEE

A course will be automatically entered for English, math and science. To choose a different option than the one suggested, click in the box and select an option from the drop-down.

If your student would like to take one or more of their core classes virtually, select courses titled "EPO." EPO courses can be found under the elective category.

Step 3: Adding Your Courses

- Click in the box and a drop down will appear listing courses in that subject/credit grouping that you may choose from

English (0.0 / 8.0)

0.0 / 2.0

Type to search or select courses

01001E12 Honors English 9A - 2.0

01001G12 English 9A - 2.0

- Classes with A & B terms will automatically populate

English (2.0 / 8.0)

2.0 / 2.0

01001G12 English 9A - 1.0

01001G22 English 9B - 1.0

Step 4: Dropping a Course

- To remove a planned course, click on the X next to the course number.

Social Studies (3.0 / 8.0)

3.0 / 2.0

04004E11 AP Human Geography - 2.0

04161G11 Democratic Foundation 9 - 1.0

Step 5: Selecting Alternative Courses

- You should select 3 alternate elective courses to guide your counselor in substituting classes in case an elective course becomes unavailable.

Alternates

0.0 / 0.0

Type to search or select courses

COURSE SELECTION

ENGLISH

- Preselected option:** English 9
- For more challenge:** Honors English 9 or Honors English 9 Skinny (Skinny only available if you also schedule a music class)

SCIENCE

- Preselected option:** Earth & Space Science
- For more challenge:** Honors Earth & Space Science (*with Honors Biology, if you would like to double up*)

MATH

- Preselected option:** A student's best math placement based on their course progression. Most students will be placed in Intermediate Algebra & Statistics A/B or Honors Intermediate Algebra & Statistics.
- If you believe your student should be in a different math placement:** Contact Talent Development Programming Specialist Kelsey Snyder at ksnyder@edenpr.org.

SOCIAL STUDIES

- There is no preselected option for social studies.**
- Students can choose between:** Human Geography A/B or AP Human Geography A/B

We encourage ALL students to select AP Human Geography! Students coming from CMS have engaged in enriched social studies since seventh grade, and AP Human Geography is a natural continuation of that pathway. Year after year, our ninth grade students have experienced strong success in this foundational AP course. However, on-level Human Geography is also a supportive and high-quality option for many learners.

Have questions about the 9th grade course selection experience? Counselors will be available during Course Selection Open House Night, or families may schedule an appointment through their student's Student Center for additional support.

Remember, preselected courses are not locked, and students still have full flexibility to personalize their schedules. We can't wait to continue your Inspired Journey here at Eden Prairie High School!