Student & Parent Quick Guide
9th Grade Course Selection

Students will take 6 classes in 9th grade.

Students are required to take an English, Math, Science, and Lifetime Wellness course during 9th grade.

English-
English 9 or English 9 Honors

Math
Algebra 1 or Algebra 1 Honors (student is currently taking 8th grade Math)
Geometry or Geometry Honors (student is currently taking Algebra 1)

Science
Environmental Science (student is currently taking 8th grade Science)
Biology or Biology Honors (student is currently taking Physical Science)

Lifetime Wellness
Lifetime wellness is a health/wellness/PE class. Students will be separated by their biological gender.

Students can select two of the following courses.

Social Studies
World History and Geography or World History and Geography Honors

Focus Elective
Focus Elective choices are listed on the back of the pink course selection form.

- Criminal Justice 1- open to students who select Criminal Justice as their focus area
- Computer Science Foundations- open to anyone (must earn 1 computer science credit in order to graduate; this can satisfy that requirement)
- Health Science Education- open to students who select Health Science as their focus area
- STEM 1/ STEM 1 Honors- open to students who select STEM as their focus area
- Leadworthy 1- open to students who select Leadworthy as their focus area

Additional focus elective options will begin in 10th grade.

Foreign Language
Foreign Language choices are listed on the back of the pink course selection form.
*First year foreign language **honors** courses are *not* offered in 10th grade. First year foreign language classes will only be offered as standard classes in 10th grade.

Fine Art
Fine Art choices are listed on the back of the pink course selection form. Some fine arts classes do require an audition.

In order to take an honors course, the student must complete an honors contract and submit it to BLMS school counselors. Instructions and guidelines can be found on the honors contract form.

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Students must select 3 alternative courses.
(These are a back-up plan in case the other selections do not work out.)

The following classes are the ONLY classes that are offered as alternates

- Health Science Education
- Leadworthy
- STEM 1
- Intro to Theatre Arts (recommended for students who selected Intro to Theatre Arts Honors)
- World History and Geography