

INCOMING FRESHMAN SCHEDULING GUIDE



Welcome to Hammond High Magnet School! As you are embarking on your journey through high school, we hope this guide helps your freshman year scheduling go smoothly.

For freshman year, you will have 4 **Core Courses**, 1 **Required Elective (PE or JROTC)** and choose **3 Freshman Electives** for a total of 8 classes. You will also choose a **Career Interest Area** that will give you the opportunity to earn an Advanced Credential in high school based on an area of interest. **1 of the 3 Freshman Electives you choose must be from your Career Interest Area.**

We will be visiting your school later this month to complete your schedule for HHMS. Be sure to read the descriptions on the following pages and know what Career Interest and Electives you want to choose.. **Once an elective is chosen, it can't be changed.** We will send the schedule request a form home for your parent/guardian to sign and return to your school.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please email your counselor using the counselor emails below. We look forward to seeing you on campus soon!

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Core Courses

1. English I
2. Algebra I
3. Environmental Science
4. US History

If you are interested in **Honors**, you must meet **2** of the following **3** requirements:

- 2.8 Cumulative GPA
- 3.0 Subject Area GPA
- Mastery or Advanced on Leap

Career Interest Area

- **Architecture and Construction-**
Ag I or Intro to Engineering
- **Arts, A/V Tech & Communications-**
Art I, Band, Choir, or Theatre I
- **Business Management-** BCA
- **Health Sciences -**Sports Medicine I
- **Hospitality and Tourism-** FCS I

Freshman Electives

****PE or JROTC (Required Elective)****

Agriculture I
Art I
Beginning Band
Beginning Choir
Business Computer Apps (BCA)
English as a Second Language (ESL I)
Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS I)
Intro to Engineering
JAG I- Jobs for America's Graduates
Studio Piano I
Speech I
Sports Medicine I
Theatre I

***If a student makes Unsatisfactory on the Leap assessment in English and /or Math, they will be required to take the **Math Essentials** and/or **Technical Writing** courses for extra support in place of their elective.

Choose an Advanced Track.
Choose 1 elective from your Advanced Track.
Choose 2 additional electives.

Freshman Elective Descriptions

Agriculture I- Architecture & Construction Track

Provides students with basic knowledge of agriculture and its history, and the science applications in agriculture. This course includes units in animal science, soil science, plant science, agricultural mechanics, basic carpentry, food science technology, and agricultural leadership.

Art I- Arts, A/V Tech & Comm Track

Prior art experience is not required to take Art I. Students will be introduced to the elements of art with an emphasis on 2-D media through the practice of basic drawing techniques. Students will explore and develop collage, watercolor, and painting skills while maintaining a personal visual journal and portfolio throughout the year. This course serves as a prerequisite for upper-level art classes II, III, and IV.

Beginning Band- Arts, A/V Tech & Comm Track

This course is open to students who do not play a musical instrument. Students will receive grades based on their attendance, scheduled performances, participation, and weekly quizzes.

*All Band students will be required to attend after school practices 2-3 times a week for the entire year.

**All Band students must either supply their own instrument OR make the necessary arrangements with the Director of Bands to borrow the school equipment. Students are responsible for purchasing the accessories for their instruments.

*There will be a band fee.

Beginning Choir- Arts, A/V Tech & Comm Track

A non-auditioned mixed choir composed of students who have either never been in choir or are new to HHMS. Students will be given the opportunity to learn music in a variety of styles and perform what has been practiced at least once a semester. They will be taught basic music theory, sight-reading, rhythmic exercises, vocal technique, concert etiquette, and vocal repertoire containing two to three parts.

Business Computer Apps (BCA)- Business Management Track

Students study computer concepts, word processing, spreadsheet development, presentation applications, and database management. This is a self paced course that requires you to be self motivated. Students have the opportunity to earn certifications for Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and Access.

Family and Consumer Science (FCS I)- Hospitality Track

This is a survey course that includes an overview of all family and consumer science topics, including: personal development, food and nutrition, personal and family finance, housing and resource management, clothing selection, care and repair, family relations, and child development. Laboratory work is required.

Intro to Engineering- *Prereq: "C" or better in Math and Science classes, **Architecture & Const. Track***

This course allows students to explore 10 primary concentrations in engineering through listening to guest speakers, working on interactive team projects, and presenting their project results to the class. Dual Enrollment (DE) Option: This is a 2 credit hour course at LSU.

Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG I)- *Prereq: Teacher Approval; email matthew.greer@tangischools.org*

JAG helps young people of great promise succeed both in school and on-the-job, leading to a productive and rewarding career. Jobs for America's Graduates is led by a public/private partnership at the national level, comprised of leading Governors, C-Suite Executives among the Fortune 500 and national community leaders.

Math Essentials

This course is a supplemental Math course for students who make an Unsatisfactory on the 8th grade Math Leap test. It will help reinforce concepts learned in Algebra I, giving extra support. **Students cannot choose this elective; they will be placed in it if needed in place of another elective.**

Studio Piano

Studio Piano I is a piano class designed to prepare students in their piano performance technique, allowing them to excel at their own pace. They will be given the opportunity to play in a variety of styles and perform what has been practiced at the end of each semester. Students will be taught basic music theory, music history, sight-reading, rhythmic exercises, and performance etiquette.

Speech I

Provides the study and practice in basic principles and techniques of effective oral communication. This course includes instruction in adapting speech to different audiences and purposes. Students have the opportunities to make different types of presentations including viewpoint, instructional, demonstration, informative, persuasive, and impromptu. This course emphasizes research using technology and careful organization and preparation.

Sports Medicine I- Health Sciences Track

This is the freshman course for the Sports Medicine Medical Magnet program as well as the introduction course for students interested in the healthcare field. This course will provide an overview of the world of athletic training, and the careers that work with sports related injuries. This course will discuss emerging sports and sports management strategies used by healthcare professionals. Students will apply theoretical knowledge to practical situations.

Technical Writing

This course is a supplemental English course for students who make an Unsatisfactory on the 8th grade English Innovative Assessment. It will help reinforce concepts learned in English I, giving extra support. **Students cannot choose this elective; they will be placed in it if needed in place of another elective.**

Theatre I- Arts, A/V Tech and Comm Track

This is an introductory course in performance theatre. Students are introduced to the history of the craft. After working with getting comfortable on stage through various in-class activities, students will perform monologues, pantomimes, improvisations, duo scenes, and much more.