North Star Online School Edmentum Course Offerings 26-27

These course descriptions provide a general overview of course content and learning objectives. Actual course content, pacing, and activities may vary slightly

Academic Success (1 semester) 9-12th grade

Academic Success is a one-semester elective that helps students build effective study habits and skills to improve academic performance. Through five lessons and two activities, students receive practical, flexible guidance that can be adapted to their individual needs and can also support college-level developmental education.

College and Career Preparation I/II (2 semesters) 11-12th grade

College and Career Preparation I helps high school students understand the college admissions process, college options, financial aid, and the importance of academic preparation in high school. The course also explores career interests, college majors, and career clusters to help students connect their goals to future opportunities. It provides a strong foundation for success in College and Career Preparation II.

Creative Writing (1 semester) 11-12th grade

Creative Writing is an English elective that introduces students to short fiction and poetry through guided writing exercises, critical reading, and revision. Students develop skills in character, plot, imagery, and poetic techniques while creating a final portfolio that includes a revised short story and several polished poems. The course helps students strengthen their writing voice and deepen their appreciation of literature.

Digital Citizenship A/B (2 semesters) 9-12th grade

Digital Citizenship is a two-semester course that teaches students to use technology safely, responsibly, and ethically. Students learn about digital etiquette, cyberbullying, online identity, intellectual property, and evaluating credible information while building practical skills in documents, spreadsheets, presentations, and troubleshooting common technology issues. The course also develops communication, character, and mindfulness through real-world activities.

Drafting and Design A/B* (2 semesters) 10-12th grade

Drafting and Design is a two-semester course that introduces students to the fundamentals of technical drawing and computer-aided design and drafting (CADD). Students learn drafting tools, sketching techniques, projections, and prototype development while building professional skills relevant to careers in drafting and design.

Entrepreneurship A/B (2 semesters) 11-12th grade

Entrepreneurship is a two-semester Career Technical Education course that introduces students to the fundamentals of starting and running a business. Students explore topics such as entrepreneurship in the economy, marketing, sales, customer management, operations, finance, and business law and taxation.

Essential Career Skills (1 semester) 10-12th grade

Essential Career Skills is a one-semester course that prepares students for success in the modern workplace by developing professional skills such as work ethic, teamwork, communication, problem-solving, and critical thinking. The course also covers business organization, time and resource management, workplace safety, career exploration, and the use of job-related technology.

Graphic Design and Illustration A/B* (2 semesters) 10-12th grade

Graphic Design and Illustration is a two-semester CTE course that equips students with industry knowledge and technical skills in digital imaging, design principles, and tools. Students explore the history of graphic design, learn to store and manipulate images, understand copyright laws, and prepare for careers in the graphic design industry.

Introduction to Business and Technology (2 semesters) 10-12th grade

Introduction to Business and Technology is a full-year CTE course that provides foundational knowledge in business principles, financial and marketing decisions, and essential workplace technologies. Students gain hands-on proficiency with office software, learn networking and operating systems, and explore careers in business and information technology. The course prepares students for professional settings and industry certifications including Microsoft Office Specialist and IC3.

Life Skills (1 semester) 10-12th grade

This course helps students explore their personality type and interests while developing life skills in nutrition, fitness, stress management, communication, goal setting, and personal finances. Students also investigate colleges and careers aligned with their individual needs, interests, and talents.

Music Appreciation* (1 semester) 9-12th grade

Music Appreciation is a one-semester course designed to help students explore music from both informational and career perspectives. Students will study music history and evolution, learn musical elements and notation, and examine the contributions of notable artists and composers. Through diverse lessons, activities, and discussions, the course develops critical thinking skills and fosters a deeper appreciation for music as a life-enriching discipline.

Personal Communication (1 semester) 10-12th grade

Personal Communication is a one-semester course that teaches students effective verbal and nonverbal expression skills across personal, academic, and professional contexts. Students develop competencies in interpersonal interaction, interviewing, public speaking, conflict resolution, and ethical communication. The course emphasizes adapting messages to different situations and evaluating communication in an increasingly digital world.

Psychology A/B** (2 semesters) 11-12th grade

Psychology is a two-semester course that gives your students an overview of the history of psychology while also giving them the resources to explore career opportunities in the field. Students will learn how psychologists develop and validate theories and will examine how hereditary, social, and cultural factors help form an individual's behavior and attitudes. Students will also evaluate the effectiveness of different types of psychological counseling and therapy and describe key statistical concepts used in psychological research and testing. Finally, students will identify and explore career opportunities in psychology.

*Counts as an Arts/Humanities/CTE credit towards graduation
**Counts as either an Arts/Humanities/CTE credit OR Flex Credit (cannot count as both)