Northwest ISD - Electives

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For CTE electives, please see the Career and Technical Education Guide. For further courses, details, and descriptions, see the NISD 2027-2028 Academic Planning Guide.

English Language Arts

- Communication Applications (9-12)
- Creative Writing (9-12)
- Debate I-III (9-12)
- Independent Study in Speech (Debate IV)
- Literary Genres (Mythology) (10-12)

Fine Arts

- Art I (9-12)
- Dual credit - Art Appreciation (9-12)
- Art II, Drawing I (Prereq: Art I) (9-12)
- Art III, Drawing II (Prereq: Art II, Drawing I) (10-12)
- Art IV, Drawing III (Prereq: Art III, Drawing II) (11-12)
- Art II, Ceramics I (Prereq: Art I) (9-12)
- Art III, Ceramics II (Prereq: Art II, Ceramics I) (10-12)
- Art IV, Ceramics III (Prereq: Art III, Ceramics II)(11-12)
- AP Studio Art: 2D Design (Prereq: Art II, Drawing) (10-12)
- AP Studio Art: Drawing (Prereq: Art II, Drawing) (10-12)
- AP Studio Art: 3D Design (Prereq: Art II, Ceramics) (10-12)
- AP Art History (10-12)
- Floral Design I (10-12)

Fine Arts continued

- Band I-IV (9-12) (Audition required)
- Jazz Band I-IV (9-12) (Audition required and concurrent enrollment)
- Instrumental Ensemble I-IV (9-12) (Audition required and concurrent enrollment)
- Color Guard/Winter Guard I-IV (9-12) (Audition required)

- Choir I-IV (9-12) (Audition required and concurrent enrollment)
- Vocal Ensemble I-IV

- Orchestra I, II, III, IV (9-12)
- Jazz Band I-IV (9-12) (Audition required and concurrent enrollment)
- Instrumental Ensemble I-IV (9-12) (Audition required and concurrent enrollment)

- AP Music Theory (9-12) (Must read & write music and be taken concurrently with Band, Choir, or Orchestra)

- Dance I-IV (9-12)
- Drill Team I-IV (9-12) (Audition required)

- Theatre Arts I- IV (9-12)
- Technical Theatre I-IV (9-12) (Approval required)
- Theatre Production I-IV (9-12) (Audition required)
- Musical Theatre I, II, III (10-12) (Audition required)

Health and PE

- Health (.5) (9-12)
- Lifetime Fitness and Wellness Pursuits (9-12)
- Skilled Based Lifetime Activities (9-12)
- Lifetime Recreation and Outdoor Pursuits (9-12)

Languages Other than English

- Spanish I-III, Spanish IV AP Language and Culture, Spanish V AP Literature (8-12)
- French I-III, French IV AP (9-12)
- German I-III, German IV AP (9-12)
- American SIgn Language (I-IV) (9-12)
- Computer Science I-III (9-12)

Other Electives

- Academic Decathlon (9-12) (Requires approval)
- Independent Study in English -AP Seminar (10-12)
- Project Based Capstone - AP Research (11-12) (Prereq: AP Seminar)
- DC Learning Frameworks (MAPS) (9) - Steele ECHS only
- Student Intern Program (11-12) (Requires application)
- Student Leadership (10-12)
- Leadworthy the Course (9) (.5)

Social Studies

- AP European History (11-12)
- AP Psychology/Adv SS (11-12)
- Psychology (10-12) (.5)
- Personal Financial Literacy (10-12) (.5)
- Sociology (10-12) (.5)