

Interest Form—Ninth Grade 2019-2020

Name of Student: _____ ID# (Office Use Only): _____

AUTOMATIC REGISTRATION

- Hon 9th English
- Hon Ancient & Medieval Civilizations
(unless taken in summer)
- Health

MATHEMATICS

- Algebra I
- Hon Geometry
- _____ (with recommendation)

WORLD LANGUAGES

- Hon French Level: _____
- Hon Latin Level: _____
- Hon Mandarin Level: _____
- Hon Spanish Level: _____
- 2nd language _____
Level: _____

SCIENCE

- Hon Biology (required if not yet taken)

REQUIRED BEFORE GRADUATION

- Physical Education
- Laboratory Techniques* (S)
- Public Speaking* (S)

*These semester classes will not fit into a standard ninth grade schedule. They are only available if History was taken in the summer or if PE is delayed until 10th grade.

NOTE: School policy requires a total of at least 20 core credit hours to graduate, meaning that almost all students need five core classes per year.

Please see the reverse for more important registration information.

One Full Credit in Fine & Performing Arts is required for graduation. Please indicate your preferences for these and other 1/2 credit courses below.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

COMPUTER SCIENCE ELECTIVES

- Exploring Computer Science (S)
- Advanced Computer Science: Programming (S)
- Advanced Computer Science: Web Design (S)

FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

- 3-D Art (S)
- Acting (S)
- Choir
- Creative Writing
- Drawing
- Jazz Band
- Music History & Theory
- Music Technology and Composition
- Musical Theatre
- Orchestra
- Painting (w/Printmaking)
- Photography – Documentary
- Photography – Nature
- Photography – Studio
- Technical Theatre (S)

OTHER ELECTIVES

- Annual Staff
- Speech and Debate
- Weight Training and Conditioning (Male)
- Weight Training and Conditioning (Female)
- Yoga
- Common Denominator I
- Study Hall

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PLEASE READ: All of the fine and performing arts and elective courses on the reverse are half-credit, meeting either four times a week for one semester or two times a week for the entire year. Semester classes are marked with an **S**. Please keep in mind when making your selections that it is often impossible to accommodate a mix of semester and year-long half-credit courses (even with study halls; see the study hall policy below).

STUDY HALL

The official study hall policy, as explained in the Curriculum Guide, states that students are limited to four study hall periods per week. This means that, during a semester, a student can have one period that is always study hall, or two periods that alternate study hall with a course. It is against this policy for a student to have one year-long every-other-day study hall along with one semester-long every-day study hall, as this leads to too many study hall periods per week during one semester.

GENERAL NOTES

A standard ninth grade load consists of five core classes (English, History, Language, Math, Science) plus PE and Health. These courses total 6.5 hours, leaving room for only one half-credit course, which must bounce with Health (and so must meet twice a week for the entire year). In particular, Speech and Lab Tech will not fit in such a schedule. Students who are interested in having room for more or different classes have two options: ninth grade History can be taken in the summer before the ninth grade year or PE can be put off until 10th grade.