

How to choose 9th Grade Classes

Core Classes (Pick 4 each year):

English:

- English I - Advanced or Regular (has a STAAR test)

Social Studies:

- World Geography - Advanced or Regular

Science:

You have 3 choices:

- Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC)- Regular - (easiest)
- Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC) - Honors - (no STAAR test)
- Advanced Biology (Rigorous and has a STAAR test)

Math:

- If you are currently in 8th grade math, choose:
 - Algebra I AND Strategic Learning - Advanced or Regular (STAAR test)
- If you are currently in Algebra I, choose:
 - Geometry - Advanced or Regular
- If you are currently in Geometry, choose:
 - Algebra II - Advanced or Regular

Elective Classes:

Language Other Than English:

Students are required to take 2 year of a Language Other Than English though we recommend more. It is good for your brain, GPA/rank and colleges love it!

Guidelines:

1. If you have already started a language, we suggest that you continue.
2. If you have not yet started your language, you can start your 9th grade year or wait until 10th grade year. Consider the difficulty of your course load when making your decision.

We offer:

- French, Japanese, Latin, Spanish

P.E.:

Students are required to take 1 year of P.E. sometime during their High School years. You do not have to take a P.E. as a freshman, but it is a good idea.

You may choose a sport, a P.E. class or an alternate P.E.

- Sports - choose both a fall and spring semesters
- P.E. classes
 - Aerobic Conditioning - regular gym
 - Individual Sports - bowling, badminton etc.
 - Aerobic Dance - Dance 1
 - Outdoor P.E.
- Alternate P.E. (Marching Band, Drill Team, Color Guard, Cheerleading)

Band, Choir, Orchestra and Dance Classes (including majors):

Just choose any of these classes. Your teachers will tell us where to put you in the fall.

First class in a Sequence:

These classes are very important because they are the FIRST class in a sequence of classes and must be taken BEFORE taking any of the upper level sequence classes. They can also lead to Career and Technology pathways and endorsements.

Art 1

- First class in all visual art classes such as drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, printmaking.
- Can take in middle school for High School Credit. If so, eligible for all upper level art classes.

Principles of Art/AV

- First class for Graphic Design, Animation and Commercial Photography.
- Can take in middle school for High School Credit. If so, eligible for upper level classes.

AV Production

- First class for the AV Production (film) pathway

Principals of Applied Engineering

- First class in the Engineering Architecture pathway

Business Information Management (BIM)

- First class in the Accounting or Financial pathway

Digital Media

- First class in the Newspaper or Yearbook pathway

Lifetime Nutrition and Wellness

- First class for the Exercise Science pathway

Other Electives:

- Avid
- 504 Study Hall

Fine Arts Academy Information

- Come to Academy Choice night.
- Contact the Fine Arts Academy
- <https://www.mccallumfineartsacademy.com/>