

TONAWANDA MIDDLE / HIGH SCHOOL

COURSE SELECTION GUIDE **2023-2024** *FOR GRADES 9-12*



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A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Dear Parents and Students:

This guide will be helpful in planning and selecting the appropriate courses for the 2023-2024 school year. As a school, our goal is to provide a wide variety of learning experiences to meet the needs of all of our students. Please be advised that the New York State Education Department requires that all students earn 22 credits and pass five Regents Exams to graduate from high school. I am challenging all students to pursue an Advanced Regents Diploma, which requires students to pass 8 Regents Exams without LOTE or 9 Regents Exams with LOTE. The Advanced Regents Diploma will afford students many more opportunities in future endeavors. In addition, the passing score for the Regents Exams is 65. The Tonawanda City School District believes that all students can achieve this level of success with the proper support and interventions. The high school provides a number of support systems and interventions to help our students be successful. All diploma requirements are outlined on page 1 of this guide.

The following items should be considered when making decisions about course selections:

Your future goals.

1. All students are required to take a minimum of six classes plus physical education each school year.
2. **Some courses have pre-requisites; but if you wish to take a higher level course and you do not meet all the pre-requisites, contact the principal for special consideration.**
3. **The scheduling process is extremely important. School counselors will visit classes to answer questions regarding scheduling. They will then arrange individual appointments with students to develop next year's schedule.**
4. **Parents are encouraged to contact their child's guidance counselor to discuss any part of this scheduling process.**
5. **Your course selections cannot be changed after June 30, 2023.**

As a school, it is our goal to provide every resource available to assist our students in meeting New York State's rigorous graduation requirements. This handbook contains course descriptions, academic groupings and academic support services, and programs that will help our students in graduating from high school and preparing for the future. Counselors, teachers, and administrators are willing and available to guide you through the course selection process. Whether you are preparing for college entrance, the world of work, or the military, there are courses within this handbook that will help you achieve your educational goals.

We look forward to working together with you in meeting these highly attainable academic requirements.

Best regards,

Lyndsey Todaro
Assistant Principal

Tonawanda Middle/High School Add/Drop Procedure

Students must make any changes to their schedule prior to June 30th. For extenuating circumstances, students might be allowed to add or drop a course.

Students should maintain a minimum of 6.5 credits throughout the school year. If the student is a senior and has enough credits to graduate, then he/she is allowed to have 5.5 credits. Students who enroll in Advanced Placement courses will be allowed to carry 5.5 credits.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED COURSES

(Subject to change based on New York State Board of Regents approval)

Regents Diploma	Advanced Regents Diploma
English 4	English 4
Social Studies..... 4	Social Studies..... 4
Math** 3	Math 3
Science** 3	Science 3
Foreign Language* 1	Foreign Language*** 3
Art/Music 1	Art/Music 1
Health..... 5	Health..... 5
Physical Education..... 2	Physical Education..... 2
Sequence/Electives 3.5	Sequence/Electives 1.5
Total 22	Total 22
<p><u>Five Required Exams</u> (Passing score of 65 and above or one appeal of a score 60-64))</p> <p>English Language Arts Algebra I or Geometry Global History & Geography II U.S. History & Government Regents Science</p>	<p><u>Nine Required Exams</u> (Passing score of 65 and above)</p> <p>English Language Arts Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II Global History & Geography II U.S. History & Government Two Regents Science Exams Regents Foreign Language***</p>

Students who appeal a score between 60-64 on two Regents exams, can earn a Local Diploma as long as they earn a 65% or higher on the other three Regents Exams. In addition, students classified by the Committee on Special Education (CSE) may earn a local high school diploma by:

- a. the student attains a 55-64 on five Regents exams (and/or passes and alternative examination); or
- b. scores between 45-54 on one or more of the five required Regents exams, other than the English or mathematics exam, but scores higher than 65 on one or more of the required Regents exams, in which case the lower score(s) can be compensated by the higher score(s); and
- c. obtains a 65% or higher in the course in the subject area of the Regents examination in which he or she received a score of 45-54; or
- d. uses a Superintendent Determination (see chart on Page 2)

*Students are required to have completed one unit of credit in a foreign language by the end of their freshman year, unless LOTE exempt.

**An integrated course in mathematics/science/technology may be used as the third required unit of credit in mathematics or science.

*** Students acquiring 5 units of credit in Art, Music, Business, Technology or Career Education may be exempt from the Foreign Language requirement or a student with a disability may be LOTE exempt.

STUDENT EXIT INFORMATION

High School DIPLOMA

Regents diploma:

22 Credits and

- **65 Pass** on 4 Regents exams (1 ELA, 1 Math, 1 Science, 1 Social Studies) & either additional Course(s) with approved exam in Math, Science, Social Studies, CTE, LOTE, or Arts, OR attainment of CDOS Credential
- **Appeals** of scores of 60-64 for all students (1 Appeal = Regents Diploma; 2 appeals = Local)

Local Diploma (for SWDs):

Requires designated 22 credits & one or more of the following conditions:

- **Low pass safety net** 55-64 on Regents exams
- **Appeals** of scores of 52-54 for SWDs
- **Compensatory Option Safety Net:** student may score 45-54 on one or more of the required exams (excluding ELA and Math) if they
- Compensate with scores ≥ 65 on other exams AND meet district attendance & course requirements (get course credit). English and Math scores must be ≥ 55
- **Superintendent Determination** upon written request by parent, student with IEP may score below 55 on Regents exam(s), and be awarded a Local diploma, if the school's superintendent determines the student has otherwise demonstrated proficiency in the subject area by completing designated process & documentation.

If the score is below a 55 in ELA or Math, the student must have earned a CDOS credential.

CREENTIALS

(NOT High School Diplomas)

Career Development & Occupational Studies Commencement Credential For ALL STUDENTS (effective March 2016)

- Provided in conjunction with diploma
- Sole exiting credential for some students with disabilities – students must be provided appropriate opportunities to earn a diploma
- **Option 1:**
 - Career Plan completed annually
 - Minimum 2 units (216 hrs) of study in CTE coursework including at least 54 hours of Work-Based Learning (WBL)
 - Completion of Employability Profile
- **Option 2:**
 - attainment of a nationally recognized work readiness credential

Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential

- NYSAA eligible & assessed students
- Attended 12 years excluding K, or end of year attains age 21
- CDOS learning standards instruction including community learning
- Accompanied by designated comprehensive Student Exit Summary document



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High School **Equivalency** **Diploma**

- Pass TASC or NEDP exam OR
- Complete 24 college credits

GRADUATION OPPORTUNITIES

TYPE EARNED	OPPORTUNITIES
<p>Regents Diploma via</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4+1 Pathway <p>Local Diploma via</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appeal • Safety Net • Superintendent Determination <p>High School Equivalency (formerly referred to as “GED”) via</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) • National External Diploma Program (NEDP) • 24 College Credits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply to 2 or 4 year college • Join the military (must meet ASVAB testing requirements as determined by each branch of the military) • Vocational training programs • Certificate programs • Civil Service • Obtain employment
<p>Career Development & Occupational Studies Commencement Credential (CDOS Credential)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available to all students 	<p>Benefits of CDOS Credential:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develops entry level employment skills through Work-Based Learning & CDOS Learning Standards • Can include community experiences • Requires ongoing career planning • Provides Employability Profile which can be shared with employers and adult agencies • Can be earned along with a diploma <p>Barriers of CDOS Credential (if earned without diploma)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CDOS Credential is not a diploma & does not meet college or military entrance requirements • May not meet requirements for vocational training or certificate programs • May not meet hiring requirements for employers
<p>Skills & Achievement Commencement Credential (Skills Credential)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available to students who participate in NYSAA 	<p>Benefits of Skills Credential:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community based instruction and experiences • Work skill development based on CDOS Learning Standards • Individualized instruction • Linkage to adult agencies <p>Barriers of Skills Credential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is not a diploma and cannot be earned with a diploma • Majority of students will be entering into adult support programs (pre-vocational programs, supported employment, day habilitation, community habilitation, residential habilitation, etc...)

Adapted & updated from NYS Transition Partners document

THE SEAL OF CIVIC READINESS

The Seal of Civic Readiness may be a 4+1 pathway.

The Seal of Civic Readiness may also be a stand-alone diploma seal for students who choose a different 4+1 pathway.

Students who receive the NYSED Seal of Civic Readiness must earn a total of 6 points, with at least 2 points from column #1 (Criteria for Demonstrating Proficiency in Civic Knowledge) and at least 2 points from column #2 (Criteria for Demonstrating Civic Participation).

Criteria for Demonstrating Proficiency in Civic Knowledge		Criteria for Demonstrating Civic Participation	
Category	Pts	Category	Pts
1a. Social Studies required for graduation: Obtain course credit in Global History & Geography I Obtain course credit in Global History & Geography II Obtain course credit in United States History & Government Obtain course credit in Participation in Government & Economics Or the equivalent of these courses, as approved by the local public school superintendent or his or her designee or by the chief administrative officer of a registered nonpublic high school	1	2a. Civic Skills, Actions, and Mindsets Complete a culminating high school civic project that demonstrates civic knowledge, skills, actions and mindsets, as established by the local Seal of Civic Readiness Committee (SCRC). (The culminating project is different from the Capstone and further explained in the Introduction to the Seal of Civic Readiness.)	1.5*
1b. Social Studies Regents Exams - Mastery level Demonstrate mastery level on the Global History & Geography Regents and/or United States History Regents	1.5*	2b. Civic Experiences Area I Complete a service learning project that includes a minimum of 25 hours of demonstrated service to community and submit a reflective civic learning essay.	1*
1c. Social Studies Regents Exams - Proficiency Level Receive a passing score on the Global History & Geography Regents and/or United States History Regents (apply safety net if eligible)	1*	2c. Civic Experiences Area II Demonstrate mastery in an elective course that promotes civic engagement (as defined by SCR committee) and submit a written application of knowledge essay.	.50*
1d. Advanced Social Studies Courses Demonstrate proficiency in an advanced social studies course (e.g. Honors, Pre-AP, AP, IB or College/University level approved by the school district; including dual enrollment courses or others approved by the SCR Committee.	.50*	2d. Civic Experiences Area III Participate in an extra-curricular program, or work-based learning experience that promotes civic engagement or civic action for a minimum of 40 hours. Write an application of knowledge essay. This may be accomplished over four years of high school.	.50*
1e. Research Project Demonstrate civic knowledge through a social studies research project. This project must be approved by the District's Seal of Civic Readiness Committee.	1	2e. Middle School Capstone Project Complete the middle school capstone project that includes the essential elements listed below: Identify an issue (local, state, national or global) Apply civic knowledge, skills, actions, and mindsets to the issue Present the overall project to the Middle School Capstone Committee.	1*
		CAPSTONE PROJECT The Capstone Project that includes these Essential Elements: Identify an issue (local, state, national, or global) Apply civic knowledge, skills, actions, and mindsets to the issue Engage in a civic experience based on the issue to influence positive change to the community (local, state, national, or global) Present overall project to the school's School Of Civic Readiness Committee	4

*Students may receive these points more than once.

Testing accommodations recommended in an individualized education program or section 504 Accommodations Plan must be provided for all State and districtwide assessments administered to students with disabilities, as consistent with State policy. * Students in schools with an alternate pathway for graduation approved by the Commissioner will be held to those schools' criteria.

This information was obtained from the [NYSED.gov/curriculum-instructions/civic-readiness-initiative](http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instructions/civic-readiness-initiative) website

GENERAL INFORMATION

Early Work Release - Only seniors may request early release for work. Early release is a privilege and contingent on passing grades in all courses.

Graduation - Students who have not satisfactorily met all requirements for graduation by the last day of June classes will not be allowed to participate in the commencement exercises.

Volunteer Requirement - 5 hours per year, for a total of 20 hours to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Early Graduation - Early graduation may be permitted when the student has completed all academic requirements for graduation and has successfully participated in physical education for each quarter enrolled at THS. It is only recommended for special situations. Counselors develop programs leading to early graduation with individual students. In such cases, the parent(s) and the principal are advised of the request and the plans. Students who select to graduate early lose the privilege of attending second semester senior activities (i.e. prom, senior picnic). A "Request to Graduate early" form must be filled out.

Grading - The students are graded numerically four times during the school year. All Advanced Placement and college level courses are weighted at 1.10 (ex. $80\% \times 1.10 = 88\%$).

Honor Roll - Honor roll will be based on quarterly averages.

High Honors	95 - 100
Honor	90 - 94.99
Merit	85 - 89.99

CHALLENGING AN EXAM

Students will be permitted to challenge an exam in January and June providing that a remediation plan is in place that will prepare the student for the exam he/she is challenging.

If the student failed to gain credit for a required course:

1. The student must re-enroll in the course.
2. If it is a Regents science course and the student satisfactorily completed labs from the previous year they do not have to be enrolled in a science lab.
3. A remediation plan must be in place to assist the student in reviewing course topics that are not covered due to the time frame of the course and the final exam.
4. If the student passes the final exam, the 1st and 2nd quarter class averages will be utilized in a 2/3 quarterly average. 1/3 final exam calculation to determine the final grade.
 - * If it is a passing grade, the student will pass the course.
 - * If it is a failing grade, the student will remain in the class to complete the course.

If the student failed the final exam but gained credit for a course:

1. A remediation plan must be in place (teacher remediation, Learning Center, private tutor, etc.)
2. If the student fails the exam, the student may challenge the exam again at a later date with another remediation plan in place.
 - * Please note that the transcript will show the highest results of the exam.

BOCES - Students will be awarded Occupational Education Certificates of completion. Certificates require:

1. Completion of all program requirements.
2. Average of at least 75% for two years.
3. Good attendance (maximum of 15 days absent per year).
4. Resume and job interview.
5. Career Technical Education (CTE) endorsements will be applied to high school diplomas for students who qualify by meeting specified requirements.

FINAL EXAM EXEMPTION

Students may be exempt from local exams if the following criteria is met:

- 93% or above average (no rounding)
- 8 or fewer absences (full year course)
- 4 or fewer absences (half year course)
- final projects/portfolios are not subject to exemption

Students will be required to take exams in Global 9, English 9, English 10, Spanish/French Level 2 and 4. The reason for this is to have all students experience a Regents level exam prior to actually taking it. Upper level foreign language exams may also not allow exemption.

PUBLIC NOTICE

In compliance with Title IX, Educational Amendments of 1972 and its implementing Federal Rules and Regulations, Subpart A, Part 86, Paragraph 86.9, the following Notice is herewith submitted:

The Tonawanda School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex in the educational programs or activities which it operates and it is required by Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 not to discriminate in such a manner. This policy of nondiscrimination includes the following area; recruitment and appointment of employees; employment pay and benefits; counseling services for students; access by students to educational programs, course offerings and student activities.

The district official responsible for the coordination of activities relating to compliance with Title IX is the Director of Business and Finance and the School Attorney whose office is located in the Tonawanda Board of Education, 100 Hinds Street, Tonawanda, NY 14150, telephone 694-7690. The official will provide information, including complaint procedures to any student or employee who feels that his or her rights under Title IX may have been violated by the district or its officials.

COURSE SELECTION

COURSE SELECTION PROCESS

Counselors are continuously working with students on planning programs. At the beginning of the second semester, parents and students will be formally involved in the course selection process.

MINIMUM SCHEDULE

All students in grades nine (9), ten (10) and eleven (11) must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 ½ Units of study including physical education.

Students in grade twelve (12) must be enrolled in a minimum of 5 1/2 Units of study including physical education.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Students who transfer into THS during the school year will have their academic transcripts reviewed and evaluated by the counselor and building principal to determine requirements needed for graduation. Correct placement is contingent upon records from previous years. Failure to produce records will result in student being placed in 9th grade.

REPEATING A COURSE

The procedures at THS are relatively simple for students who must repeat or wish to repeat a course. The situation breaks down into two categories - those that have failed to gain credit for a course and those who wish to enroll in a class again to raise a grade.

In general, students who fail a required course, e.g. English, must take the entire course over - in summer school or regular session for a numeric grade. With the approval of the principal, students who need to repeat a course may take the course in our "VIRTUAL THS" - computer - based - learning program instead of a traditional classroom. This will be calculated into the student's GPA. A student will not be allowed to audit the course. In the event that a student drops a course, he/she will not be eligible to repeat the course in summer school.

When students have passed the course, but wish to raise the grade, the students would simply re-enroll in the course. All students must be enrolled in a course to take the final exam unless they are in a more advanced class dealing with the same subject matter.

Please note that the permanent school records will show the results of the highest test and course grade.

CANCELLATION OF COURSES

Any elective program or course may be dropped from our offerings if enrollment figures are insufficient to warrant presenting the course or if fiscal considerations necessitate our withdrawing the course offering.

ACADEMIC ISSUES

CLASS ATTENDANCE

Punctuality and regular attendance in classes are extremely important. They are important in the instructional process as well as in the formation of good individual habits.

Poor attendance usually results in poor grades. Moreover, a teacher establishes participation requirements to be averaged into marking period grades.

EXAMINATIONS

REGENTS EXAMINATIONS

All students enrolled in Regents classes take these tests, which are prepared by the New York State Department of Education. The dates of these exams are set annually by New York State and cannot be changed.

LOCAL EXAMINATIONS

These tests are locally prepared examinations, by staff in the respective departments. They are used whenever Regents examinations are not offered and reflect the content of the course.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMINATIONS

These college-level tests are usually administered in early May. We have special classes for most students who take these tests. However, other competent students may wish to take AP tests. The school supplies complete information to all students who wish to take these tests and administers the taking of the tests. Test results generally come back to the school in late July. Therefore, these tests don't enter into a student's final class placement average. Depending on the respective college policy, students may receive college credit for successful completion of an AP course. The Tonawanda City School District requires students enrolling in AP classes to submit a signed parent permission and pay a non-refundable course fee, to be paid in full by December 15, 2023.

FINAL GRADE

The final grade for each course, as listed on the report card and transcript, is derived by adding four marking period grades and the exam grade together and then dividing by five (for a full year course) or three (for a semester course). In full year courses each marking period (4) and final exam (1) count as 1/5th. In half year courses each marking period (2) and final exam count 1/3.

The final grade determines whether a student passes or fails a course and therefore also determines whether a student is eligible for course credit. The minimum passing final grade is 65.

PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism is the act of using the ideas or writings of another as one's own. It is a form of cheating and lying. Plagiarism is defined as the "false assumption of authorship; the wrongful act of taking the product of another person's mind, and presenting it as one's own."

To plagiarize is to pretend that you are the source of someone else's work without giving credit to that source. Plagiarism could result in any or all of the following: a grade of zero, withdrawal of student privileges and a parent/teacher conference.

OTHER PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

ACADEMIC INTERVENTION SERVICE (RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION RTI)

Academic intervention services are intended to assist students who are at risk of not achieving the State learning standards in English language arts, mathematics, social studies and/or science, or who are at risk of not gaining the knowledge and skills needed to meet or exceed designated performance levels on State assessments.

Students who fail any of the required Regents exams in high school or who are in jeopardy of not having the skills necessary to pass the exams will be provided with additional instruction that will prepare them to pass these exams. Incoming ninth grade students who score below the designated level of achievement on the 8th grade assessments in mathematics, English language arts, social studies, or science will also be provided with these services.

These students who are deemed to be in need of academic intervention services will be assigned to an academic teacher where additional instruction will take place. Remedial opportunities and review classes will be provided before and after school.

Parents will be notified in writing that academic intervention services are being provided. The notice will include a summary of the services, the reason the student needs such services and the consequences of not achieving expected performance levels. Parents will also be notified in writing when academic intervention services are no longer needed.

CAREER/VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

The Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES) offers many opportunities to students of our school. There is a complete listing of these offerings in this handbook.

There are strict attendance requirements for students enrolled in a BOCES program. In addition, some courses have state-mandated hours of attendance required for licensing or certification.

LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER

The fully automated media center at Tonawanda High School serves both students and faculty by providing materials related to courses of study as well as for pleasure reading. The library media center owns many CD-ROMS, which are used for research, and students also have access to the Internet. The media center is open daily from 7:45 AM to 3:05 PM. Students may check out books for a two-week period; these books, in most cases, may be renewed.

Students learn library study skills throughout the year. The library media specialist helps students and teachers locate resources that can be used for specific classroom assignments.

ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

All students and parents must sign the Agreement for Computer Network and Internet Acceptable Use Policy before access to the Internet is allowed. Students who engage in unacceptable use will lose access to the District's computer system and may be subject to further discipline under the school conduct and discipline policy.

CAREER CENTER

School Counselors are available to assist students in making effective career decisions through (1) self evaluation, (2) exploration of occupations and (3) college/vocational training. This information is made available through computers, catalogs, occupational files and other resource materials. The Career Center is also utilized by classes developing occupation projects.

The Center takes every opportunity to involve the community through speakers, shadowing, and the posting of job openings.

Students are encouraged to use the Center during their study halls and after school.

WORKING PAPERS

ISSUING OFFICIAL

The Superintendent and Principal shall have authority to issue employment certificates upon application in compliance with applicable law, and the Superintendent shall have the power to revoke employment certificates as defined as necessary.

PROCEDURE FOR ISSUANCE OF EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATES

Students in need of employment certificates must obtain an application from the main office or an application form prescribed by the Commissioner of Education. Nothing herein shall mandate the issuance of a certificate if in the view of the issuing official the student fails to maintain adequate academic and attendance standards. Before issuing an employment certificate the minor will be required to submit the following:

1. Evidence of age;
2. Written consent of the parent of guardian;
3. A certificate of physical fitness from school nurse/physician; and
4. If the application is for a full-time employment certificate, a schooling record.

PERMISSION TO WORK PAST 10:00 PM

The New York State Child Labor Law states that minors age 16-17 cannot work past 10:00 PM on a school night unless the student obtains parental consent, and consent from the school at the end of each marking period. The student must meet the following criteria in order to be considered:

1. Academics
 - a. The student must not fail any more than three academic subjects at the end of any grading period.
 - b. If the student's quarterly average drops 10 points or more, the student will be placed on probation for the succeeding semester.
 - c. If there is any further drop in quarterly average, consent will be denied or revoked.
2. Attendance
 - a. If a student has any instances of illegal absence, including tardiness, truancy, and/or leaving school without permission during the school day, the student will be placed on probation for the succeeding quarter.
 - b. If there are any further instances of illegal absence as defined above, consent will be denied or revoked.
3. Conduct/Behavior
 - a. Consent will be denied or revoked if a student has a record of persistent violations of school rules as determined by the issuing official.

NCAA FRESHMAN - ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

CORE COURSES

- **Starting August 1, 2008, 16 core courses** will be required for **NCAA Division I only**. This rule applies to any student first entering any Division I college or university on or after August 1, 2008. See the chart below for the breakdown of this 16 core-course requirement.
- **16 core courses are required in NCAA Division II**. See the breakdown of core-course requirements below.

TEST SCORES

- **Division I** has a sliding scale for test score and grade-point average. The sliding scale for those requirements is shown on page two of this sheet.
- **Division II** has a minimum SAT score requirement of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68.
- The SAT score used for NCAA purposes includes **only** the critical reading and math sections. The writing section of the SAT is not used.
- The ACT score used for NCAA purposes is a sum of the four sections on the ACT: English, math, reading and science.
- **All SAT and ACT scores must be reported directly to the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse by the testing agency. Test scores that appear on transcripts will no longer be used. When registering for the SAT or ACT, use the clearinghouse code of 9999 to make sure the score is reported to the clearinghouse.**

GRADE-POINT AVERAGE

- Only core courses are used in the calculation of **Grade-Point Average**.
- **Be sure** to look at your high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses on the clearinghouse Web site to make certain that the courses being taken have been approved as core courses. The Web site is www.ncaaclearinghouse.net.
- **Division I** students should check NCAA Freshman Eligibility Standards Quick Reference Sheet for details.
- **The Division II** grade-point-average requirement is a minimum 2.00.

PLEASE NOTE: For students first entering any NCAA college or university on or after August 1, 2005, **computer science** courses may only be used for initial-eligibility purposes if the course receives graduation credit in mathematics or natural/physical science and is listed as such on the high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses.

*** Check NCAA.org for the most up to date information ***

DIVISION I

16 Core-Course Rule

16 Core Courses:

- 4 years of English.
- 3 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).
- 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).
- 1 year of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.
- 2 years of social science.
- 4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy).

DIVISION II

16 Core-Course Rule

16 Core Courses:

- 3 years of English.
- 2 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).
- 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).
- 3 years of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.
- 2 years of social science.
- 4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy).

ART DEPARTMENT

TITLE: STUDIO IN ART

Grade Recommended 9, 10, 11, 12

PRE-REQUISITE: None

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40

CREDIT: 1 Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

Students of all levels and abilities will benefit from taking this introductory art course. Projects range from painting and clay, to architecture and Steam Punk. Studio Art is the Pre-Requisite for ALL other art courses, and a 5 unit sequence in fine art.

TITLE: DRAWING AND PAINTING

Grade Recommended 10, 11, 12

PRE-REQUISITE: Studio Art

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40

CREDIT: 1 Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

This course is for the students who want to learn how to draw and paint as well as for those who consider themselves proficient. You will learn a variety of techniques to help you improve your art skills and teach you how to “see” like an artist. A variety of mediums and projects are addressed in this course, including (but not limited to) block printing, conte crayon, acrylic paint, watercolor, and pen and ink.

College Credit Is Available

Tuition payment, for college credit, to ECC at a reduced rate.



TITLE: ADVERTISING DESIGN

Grade Recommended 10, 11, 12

PRE-REQUISITE: Studio in Art

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40

CREDIT: 1 Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

Learning how to navigate around our increasingly visual world is an important 21st Century skill. Advertising Design provides students with the language and technical experience to navigate that world intelligently. You will learn logo design, package design, graphic design, advertising design, and computer design. Students are also introduced to Adobe Illustrator and Adobe In Design. This is an excellent foundation course for Desktop Publishing or AP Studio Art 2D.

TITLE: INTRO TO DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Grade Recommended 10,11,12

PRE-REQUISITE: One year of Art or Music

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 20

CREDIT: ½ Unit

COURSE CONTENT

In this half-year course, you will learn about the history and vocabulary of photography. You will learn to use a digital camera and edit your images in PhotoShop, and you will learn to manage digital files. The goal of this class is for you to learn how to make artistically interesting digital photographs and to be comfortable using a digital camera.



TITLE: ADVANCED DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Grade Recommended 10,11,12

PRE-REQUISITE: Intro to Digital Photography

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 20

CREDIT: ½ Unit

COURSE CONTENT

In this class we'll be concerned with fine art photography and the focus will be on learning how to use what you learned in the

first semester along with the elements and principles of design, to make creative, artistically interesting photos.

TITLE: DIGITAL IMAGING

PRE-REQUISITE: Intro to Digital Photography & Advanced Digital Photography or Advertising Design

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40

CREDIT: 1 Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

This course is for students who have successfully completed Intro to Digital Photography and Advanced Digital Photography or Advertising Design and are interested in exploring the world of digital media. During the first part of the year, students will learn advanced PhotoShop, and produce videos using Adobe Premier. Like the world of technology, this course is evolving, and will change as our facilities and equipment change. During the second half of the year, students will develop and work on a long-term independent project in an area that interests them. We will also look at careers in photography, and students are required to complete a portfolio and exhibit their work.

TITLE: INDEPENDENT STUDY IN ART

Grade Recommended 12

PRE-REQUISITE: Art Major - with advance permission of the instructor

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 20

CREDIT: ½ Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

Independent study affords students the opportunity for in-depth explorations in educationally valid areas of art not currently offered within the regular curriculum. This may take the form of art production, written projects, or a combination of both.

Students submit a proposed course of study to a cooperating art instructor who may approve it as is or suggest revisions.

The proposal will include plans to research subject by consulting sources outside of the art room.

TITLE: CERAMICS

Grade Recommended 10, 11, 12

PRE-REQUISITE: Studio Art

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 20

CREDIT: ½ Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

In this course, students learn the methods and techniques of handbuilding with clay. Students produce a variety of products, including bowls, gargoyles, and tiles. In addition, students learn about other cultures through their crafts, develop skills in the methods and techniques of ceramic design, and develop a sense of appreciation for craftsmanship and design.



TITLE: ADVANCED PLACEMENT STUDIO ART 2-D (W)

PRE-REQUISITE FOR 2-D PORTFOLIO: Studio in Art, Drawing and Painting and either Advertising Design or Intro to Digital Photography and Advanced Digital Photography. Teacher recommendation is also required.

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40

CREDIT: 1 Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

This program makes it possible for highly motivated students to do college-level work. Students will develop a portfolio of quality work, which will be submitted for evaluation by the AP board in May. Students may develop either a Drawing Portfolio

or a 2-D Portfolio but not both in the same year. It is expected that students will be purchasing some art supplies throughout the year. This course is recognized by the College Board as an Advanced Placement course, and has an AP exam in May. There is a fee for the exam, set by the College Board.

TITLE: ADVANCED PLACEMENT DRAWING & PAINTING (W)

PRE-REQUISITE FOR DRAWING PORTFOLIO: Studio in Art, Drawing and Painting and teacher recommendation.

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40

CREDIT: 1 Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

This program makes it possible for highly motivated students to do college-level work. Students will develop a portfolio of quality work which will be submitted for evaluation by the AP board in May. Students may develop either a Drawing Portfolio or a 2-D Portfolio but not both in the same year. It is expected that students will be purchasing some art supplies throughout the year. This course is recognized by the College Board as an Advanced Placement course, and has an AP exam in May. There is a fee for the exam, set by the College Board.

TITLE: DESKTOP PUBLISHING I & II

Grade Recommended: 11, 12

PRE-REQUISITE: Completed application, Studio Art, Photography or Drawing and Painting or Advertising Design

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40

CREDIT: 1 Unit

Course Content:

In this dynamic, challenging course, you will layout and produce one of the most important documents of our school - the yearbook. As the yearbook is designed completely on the computer, students will learn valuable computer skills including publishing, page layout and design on Adobe InDesign. Students will also learn journalism skills, how to take and manage digital photographs and how to budget and administer finances. Each staff member will have a role to play and responsibilities to fulfill, so if you are dedicated, responsible and conscientious, this is the course for you! Can be taken both junior and senior year. Desktop Publishing I students will focus on learning basic foundation skills for yearbook production with later application in the yearbook. Desktop Publishing II students will apply their experience and knowledge to initial planning and design of the yearbook and take a leadership role to support new staff members.



TITLE: STUDIO IN CRAFTS

Grade Recommended: 10, 11, 12

PRE-REQUISITE: Studio In Art

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 20

CREDIT: ½ Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

This course will develop new skills with two-dimensional craft materials such as papermaking, fibers (batik, weaving), and mosaics while still maintaining fine arts standards of design. Four to five weeks will be spent on each media, starting with history and demonstrations leading to student exploration and experimentation.

TITLE: STUDIO IN SCULPTURE

Grade Recommended: 10, 11, 12

PRE-REQUISITE: Studio In Art

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 20

CREDIT: ½ Unit



COURSE CONTENT:

This course will develop new skills and techniques with three-dimensional materials such as plaster, cardboard, paper, metal and wood, while still maintaining fine arts standards of design. Four to five weeks will be spent on each media, starting with history and demonstrations leading to student exploration and experimentation.

TITLE: ADVANCED STUDIO IN DRAWING

Grade Recommended: 12

PRE-REQUISITE: Students will need to have completed Studio Art and have completed or are currently enrolled in Drawing and Painting, and/or Advanced Studio In Painting.

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 20

CREDIT: ½ Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

Course context: Students will create college/career ready portfolios using various studio skills learned in previous art courses. This course will provide students with a wide range of experiences so that they will graduate with 21st century skills, the ability to think creatively, and a portfolio suitable for college and/or the workforce. This course will also better prepare students for Advanced Placement Drawing & Painting. Students will be researching the portfolio requirements for various colleges and will be creating 2D and 3D artwork to meet those guidelines. Students will learn how to document and present their artwork.

TITLE: ADVANCED STUDIO IN PAINTING

Grade Recommended: 11, 12

PRE-REQUISITE: Students will need to have completed Studio Art and have completed or are currently enrolled in Drawing and Painting, and/or Advanced Studio In Drawing.

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 20

CREDIT: ½ Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

Course context: Students will create college/career ready portfolios using painting learned in previous art courses. This course will provide students with a wide range of experiences so that they will graduate with 21st century skills, the ability to think creatively, and a portfolio suitable for college and/or the workforce. This course will also better prepare students for Advanced Placement. Students will be researching the portfolio requirements for various colleges and will be creating graphic artwork to meet those guidelines. Students will learn how to document and present their artwork.

The following art courses are only offered in the school year shown:

2023-2024	Studio in Crafts (.5)	Studio in Sculpture (.5)	Advertising Design (1.0)	Advanced Studio in Drawing (.5)	Advanced Studio in Painting (.5)
2024-2025	AP 2D (1.0)	AP Drawing & Painting (1.0)	Ceramics (.5)	Digital Imaging (1.0)	
2025-2026	Studio in Crafts (.5)	Studio in Sculpture (.5)	Advertising Design (1.0)	Advanced Studio in Drawing (.5)	
2026-2027	AP 2D (1.0)	AP Drawing & Painting (1.0)	Ceramics (.5)	Digital Imaging (1.0)	Advanced Studio in Painting (.5)

BUSINESS / TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

BUSINESS TRACK	COMPUTER TECH TRACK	CDOS TRACK
Introduction to Business	Word Processing I & II *	Essential Life Skills
Career & Financial Management	Career & Financial Management	Career & Financial Management
Computer Info. Systems* (CIS) & Word Processing I*	CIS* & Advanced Computer Apps* (ACA)	Word Processing I* & II*
Accounting	Web-Page Design* & Video Game Design*	CEIP*
College Success Skills/CCP	College Success Skills/CCP	

* - 1/2 year course Advanced Regents Diploma - 5 unit sequence

College Credit Articulation Agreement

The State University of New York (SUNY) has partnered with Tonawanda High School Career Pathways to offer Advanced Studies credit for four designated business/technology courses. The classes are: Web Page Design, Advanced Computer Apps, Accounting, and College Success Skills.

If a student attends colleges such as ECC, NCCC, Buffalo State, UB, Fredonia, or Brockport, among others, the requirement of an introductory course would be waived.

TITLE: ESSENTIAL LIFE SKILLS (ELS)

Grade Recommended 9, 10, 11, 12

PRE-REQUISITE: None

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40

CREDIT: 1 Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

This hands-on, interactive course will provide real-life information to students that they can use immediately to assist around the house and to promote independent living upon graduation. Students will learn social skills, food prep, vehicle info, computer technology, self-management, and other skills to be contributing members of society. Banking, credit cards, finances, tax forms, and identity theft will also be investigated.

TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS

Grade Recommended: 9, 10, 11, 12

PRE-REQUISITE: None

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40

CREDIT: 1 Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

Introduction to Business is designed to expose students to many facets of modern business. According to research, Business is the #1 college major. There are many areas of business for students to choose from. This course will offer a sampling of several areas, teach them to be better consumers, and understand the processes in which every business functions. This course will also help guide students to take other business courses that are offered based on their interests from this base course. Topics such as business ownership, management, marketing, finance, accounting, and technology, will be taught in an introductory manner. This course will consist of hands-on projects, simulations and a food truck simulation.

TITLE: CAREER AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Grade Recommended 9, 10, 11, 12

PRE-REQUISITE: None

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40

CREDIT: 1 Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

This class is required for every student seeking a Technology or Business five-unit sequence for an Advanced Regents Diploma. Students will explore career options and examine ways to reach one's career goals. This course will provide students with effective skills and strategies to filling out job applications, formatting a resume and cover letter, and top-notch interviewing skills. Along with career preparation activities, students will also practice budgeting, balancing a checkbook, applying for credit, and filling out tax forms. Online banking, pros and cons of credit, and identity theft will also be investigated.

TITLE: WORD PROCESSING I

Grade Recommended 9, 10, 11, 12

PRE-REQUISITE: None

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 20

CREDIT: ½ Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

It is strongly recommended that this course be taken by all incoming freshmen since nearly all jobs require workers to process data electronically and use information systems. This one-semester course places emphasis on the 'touch-typing' keyboarding technique. Standard memorandums, business letters, reports, and reference page formats will be taught. Increased keyboarding speed and accuracy are an advantage in today's competitive workplace. The course will be taught using Microsoft Word and various online software programs.

TITLE: WORD PROCESSING II

Grade Recommended 9, 10, 11, 12

PRE-REQUISITE: WORD PROCESSING I**NUMBER OF WEEKS: 20****CREDIT: ½ Unit****COURSE CONTENT:**

It is recommended that this course be taken by all students taking Word Processing I to continue working on keyboarding speed and accuracy. A review of English grammar rules including punctuation and spelling will enhance student proficiency for personal success as well as that for the future job market. Main areas covered in communications include word processing applications using Microsoft Word. Students will also be introduced to computer activities featuring an office simulation project.

TITLE: COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEM (CIS)

Grade Recommended 9, 10, 11, 12

PRE-REQUISITE: None (Word Processing I is recommended)**NUMBER OF WEEKS: 20****CREDIT: ½ Unit****COURSE CONTENT:**

New technologies are constantly changing our education and work-place environment. This course introduces personal device applications and computer skills necessary for success after graduation. Microsoft Office 2016 software will be utilized to cover word processing, Excel spreadsheets desktop publishing, and PowerPoint presentations. Students will explore search engines, become aware of and sensitive to on-line bullying, and safety procedures using the Internet. Students will get a chance to utilize the latest technological devices including iPods and iPads. Windows Live Movie Maker will also be utilized for professional graphics presentation.

TITLE: INTRO TO VIDEO GAME DESIGN

Grade Recommended 9, 10, 11, 12

PRE-REQUISITE: None**NUMBER OF WEEKS: 20****CREDIT: ½ Unit****COURSE CONTENT:**

Do you love video games? Want to create your own? This course will provide you with an overview of the video game production process. You will gain hands-on experience by developing video games and utilizing a software application called Kodu. Upon completion of the course, you will be able to conceptualize, design, develop, implement and integrate current and emerging video game features and technologies.

TITLE: VIDEO GAME DESIGN 2

Grade Recommended 9, 10, 11, 12

PRE-REQUISITE: Introduction to Video Game Design**NUMBER OF WEEKS: 20****CREDIT: ½ Unit****COURSE CONTENT:**

Create and program your own games using the most popular software available ... Minecraft. This course will provide you with in-depth knowledge of video game programming. You will gain hands-on experience by developing video games and utilizing this software. Students will enjoy creating worlds, characters, and quests of their own in the Minecraft Education Edition. Code to Learn STEM. The core programming for Minecraft is just as straightforward, as it initially involves one construct: When/Do.

TITLE: ADVANCED COMPUTER APPLICATIONS

Grade Recommended 10, 11, 12

PRE-REQUISITE: Computer Information Systems (CIS)**NUMBER OF WEEKS: 20****CREDIT: ½ Unit****COURSE CONTENT:**

Students will learn advanced computer application skills that will enhance their productivity in the workplace. Students will utilize Microsoft Office 2010 and gain proficiency in modern business software such as Power Point (graphic presentations), Access (databases), Excel (spreadsheets), Desktop Publisher (desktop publishing) and Windows Movie Maker (audio/visual productions). Students will use the Internet to gather information, communicate it effectively, and develop problem solving strategies for decision-making.

*** College credit is available ***

TITLE: ACCOUNTING

Grade Recommended 10, 11, 12

PRE-REQUISITE: None**NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40****CREDIT: 1 Unit****COURSE CONTENT:**

This course is designed to take students through the fundamentals of the basic accounting cycle. Students will understand the flow of money through a company and learn to determine and interpret profit and losses. There is a unit on personal banking which is good for all students to help them understand the importance of budgeting, keeping good records, and how to manage a savings and checking account of their own. Activities include on-line Internet case studies, business simulations where students manage their own business's finances, stock market applications, and career development.

*** College credit is available ***

**TITLE: COLLEGE SUCCESS SKILLS/CCP
(COLLEGE & CAREER PORTFOLIO)**

Grade Required 11, 12

PRE-REQUISITE: None**NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40****CREDIT: 1 Unit****COURSE CONTENT:**

This course is a college level course designed to prepare students for entry into college and the work world. Students will learn basic college procedures, terminology, and study skills. They will explore financial aid and fill out scholarship applications and complete the Common Application. Students will investigate college and career options. Students will create their own presentation portfolio to use for college and job interviews. The portfolio will be done both electronically on a web site and as a hard copy. Exemplary work will display student's basic skills needed for success in life after high school. Upon successful completion of the portfolio, students go through a review process from various members of the business community and college officials to earn a certificate of employability and the opportunity for scholarships.

*** College credit is available ***

TITLE: WEB PAGE DESIGN

Grade Recommended: 10, 11, 12

PRE-REQUISITE: None (CIS is recommended)**NUMBER OF WEEKS:** 20**CREDIT:** ½ Unit**COURSE CONTENT:**

This half-year course will show students how to design and create comprehensive Web pages using HTML coding and the new version of Adobe Dreamweaver. This software program provides students with a solid foundation that will help them build upon the concepts of web page design. Students will utilize a variety of graphics, sounds, photographs and video that will be obtained through the Internet, digital camera and scanner, to create a Web Site.

*** College credit is available ***

TITLE: FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA (FBLA)

Grade Required: 9-12

PRE-REQUISITE: Any business class**CREDIT:** None**COURSE CONTENT:**

FBLA is a national organization designed to help students bridge the gap between what they learn in school and the business world. Members participate in community and school service activities, social activities, and help to develop leadership qualities through attendance at District, State and National conferences and competitions. Students must be enrolled in a business course at the time they join FBLA. It is considered a co-curricular organization since it builds on what students learn in their business classes. Some of the projects that the Tonawanda Chapter supports are The Ronald McDonald House of Buffalo, Make-A-Wish Foundation, American Cancer Society, March of Dimes, and the Haven House.

TITLE: CAREER EXPLORATION INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (CEIP)

Grade Required: 11, 12

PRE-REQUISITE: None**NUMBER OF WEEKS:** 20**CREDIT:** ½ Unit**COURSE CONTENT:**

The Career Exploration Internship Program (CEIP) is designed for responsible students ready to discover and experience the career of their choice. The internship provides hands-on experience in a variety of career choices in the world-of-work. During the semester, interns are required to be at their credit-bearing, non-paid internship site a minimum of 54 hours and must attend CEIP classes twice a week and have an early release during the last period of the other days. Upon completion of this program students will be able to make more informed college and career choices. Internships will be obtained in an area the student is interested in. Below are some careers that students were placed at previously:

Elementary Teacher	Photographer	Social Worker
Marketing / Events Planner	Veterinarian	Attorney / Law
Nursing / Medical field	Chef / Cook	Physical Therapist
Engineering / Drafting	Pharmacist	Police Officer

*** Each class can accommodate a maximum of 10 students per semester. If more than 10 students sign-up there will be an application process to ensure equity. ***

LEADERSHIP

TITLE: LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Grade Required: 10-12

PRE-REQUISITE: None**NUMBER OF WEEKS:** 40**CREDIT:** 1 Unit**COURSE CONTENT:**

This course is offered for students who want to develop their leadership and communication skills. It affords the student the opportunity to develop speaking as well as writing skills; to improve in courtesy, confidence, poise, and appearance; to share responsibilities with adults and to develop an appreciation for leadership and order. Classroom experiences will include but not be limited to oral presentations, individual mini projects, written tasks, and the introduction to bigger group projects. This course will introduce students to the project planning model with steps such as goal setting, proposals, objective charts, and evaluations. Students will explore topics such as motivating others, group process, problem solving, conflict resolution, marketing strategies, meeting structures, phone calls, public speaking, thank you notes, and school and community service hours. Students will get their first experience in planning our schools major projects while working

with Level 2 Student Leaders. Examples of past Level 2 projects include but are not limited to: TNT Week/Pep Assembly, Spirit Week Activities, School Activities (Dances, Lock-Ins, Open Mic events, Homecoming, etc), Holiday Projects (Santa Grams, Advent Acts of Kindness, Decorations, etc) Senior Citizens Prom, Bald for Bucks, Teacher/Student Recognition, and Community Service Projects.

Students must complete assignments outside of class time as a component of their quarterly grade. During this course students must complete 12 school and 12 community service hours. (Each quarter, students must complete 3 school and 3 community service hours)

Class can accommodate a maximum of 10 students per semester. If more than 10 students sign-up there will be an application process to ensure equity

TITLE: STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Grade Required: 11, 12

PRE-REQUISITE: Leadership Development**NUMBER OF WEEKS:** 40**CREDIT:** 1 Unit**COURSE CONTENT:**

This course is project-based, with students utilizing a project-planning model to make a positive difference in the school and community. Students will exhibit responsibility, perseverance, respect and integrity while working as teams to set goals, design timelines, write proposals, create publicity, evaluate outcomes and write final reports. This course coordinates many school and community activities. Students work in teams and complete around one major project per quarter. Examples of past projects include but are not limited to: TNT Week/Pep Assembly, Spirit Week Activities, School Activities (Dances, Lock-Ins, Open Mic events, Homecoming, etc), Holiday Projects (Santa Grams, Advent Acts of Kindness, Decorations, etc) Senior Citizens Prom, Bald for Bucks, Teacher/Student Recognition, and Community Service Projects.

Students must complete assignments outside of class time as a component of their quarterly grade. During this course students must complete 20 school and 20 community service hours. (Each quarter, students must complete 5 school and 5 community service hours)

Goals of the Course

- To further develop and enhance your leadership skills
- To learn and grow through experience
- To foster the development of life-long community servants
- To help you discover your passion
- To make a positive impact on your school and community
- To successfully develop projects in a small group setting
- To understand and utilize a Project Planning Model
- To help you practice creative problem solving methods
- To give you the opportunity to work with different individuals in a small group
- To cultivate your communication and listening skills
- To carry on traditional THS events/programs
- To develop and institute new programs which meet the needs of THS students, our school, and or community.

Over the years the Leadership 2 class has become a very active and high profile class, but it should be noted that it also places students in **high-stress** situations that demand much time and effort as well as constant commitment. This course will be rewarding to those who enjoy a mental, emotional and physical challenge.

Class can accommodate a maximum of 15 students per semester. If more than 15 students sign-up there will be an application process to ensure equity

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

TITLE: ENGLISH 9

Grade Recommended 9

PRE-REQUISITE: English 8**NUMBER OF WEEKS:** 40**CREDIT:** 1 Unit**COURSE CONTENT:**

This course gives an introduction to high school level reading, writing, and organizational skills. Various literary forms - novel, short story, essay, drama, biography - are investigated. Students receive continued instruction in library usage and research skills. Attention is given to orderly, logical arrangements of thoughts. Speaking and listening skills are developed through groupwork and class discussion, oral reading, and reporting. Individual communication skills, as well as group interaction skills, are emphasized. A final exam is given at the end of the year which aligns to the NYS Common Core Standards.

TITLE: ENGLISH 10

Grade Recommended 10

PRE-REQUISITE: English 9**NUMBER OF WEEKS:** 40**CREDIT:** 1 Unit**COURSE CONTENT:**

This course provides students with the opportunity to continue developing and refining their language skills. Reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills are integrated through the study of world literature from the classical to the modern. Genres studied include the novel, short story, drama, and poetry. The writing strand emphasizes expository as well as formal essay writing. A research paper is required. A writing and comprehension based final exam is given at the end of the year.

TITLE: ENGLISH 11

Grade Recommended 11

PRE-REQUISITE: English 10**NUMBER OF WEEKS:** 40**CREDIT:** 1 Unit**COURSE CONTENT:**

This course refines skills necessary to attain the New York State English Language Arts Comprehensive Learning Standards. Tasks include reading, writing, listening and speaking for information and understanding, literary response and expression, critical analysis and evaluation, and social interaction.

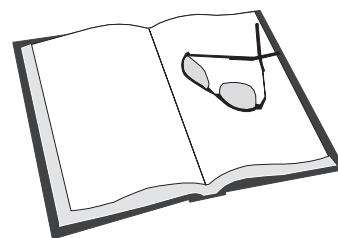
The literature strand includes a chronological study of American literature with emphasis on literary elements and techniques.

The writing strand emphasizes sentence structure, expository essays, literary essays, and research papers. One paper, based on an American author, combining research and student analysis of the author's works, will be required.

Usage will be covered, as needed, in conjunction with writing.

The course also includes an extensive study of vocabulary in preparation for SAT's, ACT's, and Regents exam.

Students will be prepared for the NYS Common Core Exam in June.



TITLE: ENGLISH 12

Grade Recommended: 12

PRE-REQUISITE: English 11**NUMBER OF WEEKS:** 40**CREDIT:** 1 Unit**COURSE CONTENT:**

This required English 12 course is designed to prepare the students for the rigors of collegiate English. Students will understand that effective writers use a variety of strategies, effective communicators use a variety of rhetorical and syntactical devices and effective use of research and technology will increase one's knowledge base.

TITLE: ADVANCED PLACEMENT ENGLISH (W)

Grade Recommended 12

PRE-REQUISITE: 85% or above average of first three quarters in English 11 AND English 11 teacher recommendation.**NUMBER OF WEEKS:** 40**CREDIT:** 1 Unit**COURSE CONTENT:**

AP Literature and Composition is a rigorous college-level course that engages students in the careful reading and critical analysis of literature. Through close reading of a wide range of literary works, students will deepen their understanding and appreciation of literature. To achieve these goals, students will study how characters, action, structure, and language enhance a literary work. Students will take the AP English exam in May, which could result in college credit. Summer reading assignments, frequent AP practice questions, essay and literary analysis papers, serious classroom discussions and a final research paper compose much of the course work. This course is recognized by the College Board as an Advanced Placement course, and has an AP exam in May. There is a fee for the exam, set by the College Board.

WORLD LANGUAGES

A 4 year sequence in French/Spanish is strongly recommended for college bound students, in order to meet college requirements

TITLE: SPANISH I

Grade Recommended 9

PRE-REQUISITE: None**NUMBER OF WEEKS:** 40**CREDIT:** 1 Unit**COURSE CONTENT:**

Students develop proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Basic vocabulary and grammar are introduced. Students engage in simple conversations, comprehend simple listening passages, read simple written material, and compose short written sentences in Spanish. Aspects of Hispanic culture are presented.

This course is required for graduation. Therefore students must pass the New York State Second Language Proficiency Examination in Spanish with a minimum grade of 65%.

**TITLE: SPANISH II**

Grade Recommended 9, 10

PRE-REQUISITE: Spanish I and passing grade on

NYS Proficiency Exam

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40**CREDIT:** 1 Unit**COURSE CONTENT:**

Spanish II further builds proficiencies in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Vocabulary and grammar are expanded.

Students initiate and sustain short conversations in Spanish, comprehend short written and listening passages on simple topics, and write short notes and paragraphs in Spanish. Further aspects of Hispanic culture are presented.

TITLE: SPANISH III

Grade Recommended 10, 11

PRE-REQUISITE: Passing final grade in Spanish II**NUMBER OF WEEKS:** 40**CREDIT:** 1 Unit**COURSE CONTENT:**

Spanish III further develops communication skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Vocabulary and grammar are emphasized. Students initiate and sustain simple conversations in Spanish, comprehend listening passages on simple topics in everyday situations, comprehend simple narrative and descriptive authentic materials and edited texts, and write notes, letters, and reports in Spanish. Aspects of Hispanic culture are expanded.

The New York State Regents Exam in Spanish is administered at the end of this course, and a minimum exam grade of 65% is required to receive Regents credit.

TITLE: SPANISH IV

Grade Recommended 11, 12

PRE-REQUISITE: Passing grade on NYS Regents Exam in Spanish and minimum final grade of 85% in Spanish III or passing grade on NYS Regents Exam in Spanish and teacher recommendation**NUMBER OF WEEKS:** 40**CREDIT:** 1 Unit**COURSE CONTENT:**

Students refine their communication skills in the areas of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Grammar, pronunciation, and intonation are stressed. Students initiate and sustain extended conversations in Spanish, engage in class discussions, present oral reports, read authentic Spanish literature, complete projects, and write detailed compositions and reports in Spanish. Hispanic culture is an integral part of the course.

This course is taught in conjunction with Hilbert College and will follow the criteria set forth for Spanish 102. Qualified THS students are afforded the opportunity to earn three college credits while in high school by registering for Spanish 102 and paying tuition to Hilbert College.

TITLE: SPANISH V (W)

Grade Recommended 12

PRE-REQUISITE: Minimum final grade of 85% in Spanish IV or teacher recommendation**NUMBER OF WEEKS:** 40**CREDIT:** 1 Unit**COURSE CONTENT:**

Students develop fluency in spoken and written Spanish. They communicate on an advanced level. Students write complex original compositions in Spanish, read complex authentic Spanish literature, initiate and sustain extended conversations in Spanish, prepare and present reports in Spanish, and actively participate in class discussions. Advanced grammar is emphasized. Various aspects of Hispanic culture are studied.

This course is taught in conjunction with Hilbert College and will follow the criteria set forth for Spanish 103.

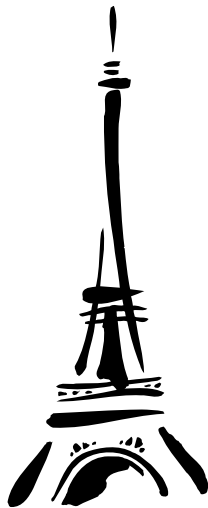
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TITLE: FRENCH II

Grade Recommended 9, 10

PRE-REQUISITE: French I and passing grade on NYS Proficiency Exam**NUMBER OF WEEKS:** 40**CREDIT:** 1 Unit**COURSE CONTENT:**

In French II, students continue to develop their communicative skills in various topics through vocabulary and grammar skill building. In this course, students can comprehend short passages in everyday situations, initiate and sustain short conversations, and write short notes, letters and reports in French. French and Francophone culture are also a focus in this course.

**TITLE: FRENCH III**

Grade Recommended 10, 11

PRE-REQUISITE: Passing final grade in French II**NUMBER OF WEEKS:** 40**CREDIT:** 1 Unit**COURSE CONTENT:**

In French III, students continue to develop their communication skills in the language as well as their understanding of French and Francophone culture. Students can initiate and sustain lengthier conversations, understand longer passages on various topics, compose longer notes, letters, and stories, as well as read short stories and excerpts from literature in the target language. The New York State Regents Examination in French is administered at the end of this course, and a minimum grade of 65% is required to receive Regents credit.

TITLE: FRENCH IV

Grade Recommended 11, 12

PRE-REQUISITE: Passing grade on NYS Regents Exam in French and minimum final grade of 85% in French III or passing grade on NYS Regents Exam in French and teacher recommendation**NUMBER OF WEEKS:** 40**CREDIT:** 1 Unit**COURSE CONTENT:**

This course is designed to help students refine their communication skills in the areas of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Students are able to handle most communicative situations while working to refine intonation, pronunciation, and grammatical accuracy. At this level, students read authentic French texts of greater complexity. Readings that will evoke strong reactions are selected in order to facilitate in class discussions and present oral reports. Writing activities will vary in length and complexity, based on students' actual writing ability. Culture will be an integral part of this course and the student will be involved in various projects related to French and Francophone culture.

This course is taught in conjunction with Hilbert College and will follow the criteria set forth for French 102. Qualified THS students are afforded the opportunity to earn three college credits while in high school by registering for French 102 and paying tuition to Hilbert College.

TITLE: FRENCH V (W)

Grade Recommended 12

PRE-REQUISITE: Minimum final grade of 85% in French IV or teacher recommendation**NUMBER OF WEEKS:** 40**CREDIT:** 1 Unit**COURSE CONTENT:**

This course is designed to develop fluency in French as well as the ability to read authentic French and Francophone literature and write original compositions. Critical thinking skills will be developed through analysis and discussion of literature from the various centuries. Grammatical and syntactical correctness will be emphasized throughout the course.

This course is taught in conjunction with Hilbert College and will follow the criteria set forth for French 103.

Qualified THS students are afforded the opportunity to earn three college credits while in high school by registering for French 103 and paying a tuition to Hilbert College.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & HEALTH

TITLE: PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Grade Recommended 9-12

PRE-REQUISITE: None

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40

CREDIT: ½ Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

Physical education is a required course for all students in grades 9, 10, 11, 12. Students participate every other day in Physical Education. Our program deals with individual fitness, participation in team sports and exposure to lifetime activities.

NOTE: Physical Education must be taken and passed each year while in school, in order to graduate.

TITLE: PHYSICAL EDUCATION – LIFELONG FITNESS

Grade Recommended: 9-12

PRE-REQUISITE: None

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40

CREDIT: 1/2 Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

Physical education is a required course for all students in grades 9-12. Physical Education – Lifelong Fitness will place an emphasis on fitness and individual sports like badminton, tennis,

pickle ball, golf, recreational games, etc.. Students participate every other day in Physical Education – Lifelong Fitness. Our program goal is finding activities for students to pursue for lifelong fitness.

NOTE: Physical Education must be taken and passed each year while in school, in order to graduate.



TITLE: HEALTH

Grade Recommended 9-12

PRE-REQUISITE: None

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 20

CREDIT: ½ Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

This course is required for graduation.

Health education provides students with an opportunity to reflect upon themselves, their development, needs and capabilities.

This course is concerned primarily with behavior that contributes directly to good health.

Major topics of study include: Mental Health, Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs, Nutrition, Non-infectious Diseases, Stress, Sexuality, Family and Relationships.

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

TITLE: DESIGN & DRAWING FOR PRODUCTION (DDP)

Grade Recommended 9, 10, 11, 12

PRE-REQUISITE: None

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40

CREDIT: 1 Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

Design and Drawing for Production provides opportunities in the areas of design and drawing through creative thinking, decision-making and problem-solving experiences. This course blends the disciplines of technical drawing and art design into a single unit. The main thrust of DDP is to give the student a total picture of what is needed to design and produce a quality product that will sell in a world wide market.

This course is essentially a design and drawing course; that is, drawing is distinguished as the activity of expression and the solving of design problems. The major thrust is to get students to begin creative thinking rather than doing copy work from a traditional textbook based method. Design and Drawing for Production is developed to instill creativity into what has formerly been rote learning, placing the most critical decisions into the hands of the student.

TITLE: ENGINEERING DRAWINGS

Grade Recommended: 10, 11, 12

PRE-REQUISITE: Design and Drawing for Production (DDP)

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40

CREDIT: 1 Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

Engineering Drawings builds on the basic drawing/drafting skills and knowledge acquired in Design and Drawing for Production. Students will develop, design and create solutions to meet specific design criteria. Using state-of-the-art 2-Dimensional

and Solidworks 3-Dimensional modeling software, students will produce drawings related to the fields of construction and mechanical engineering. Students will be introduced to the Engineering Design Process in which they can transform the created computer model into a real world product.

TITLE: ROBOTICS ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL DRAWING

Grade Recommended: 11, 12

PRE-REQUISITE: Design & Drawing For Production (DDP) and Engineering Drawings

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40

CREDIT: 1 Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

This course offers a wide scope of technical exposure from the mechanics of Robotics Engineering to the understanding and appreciation of architectural design.

In the robotics half year, students will be exposed to the reality of robots in industrial settings to everyday life. They will apply the mechanical and electrical principles needed to build a robot. Various types of robots will be built using sensors. These will be operated using remote control or computer program coding. Students will work in teams to meet design challenges presented to them that their robot must perform.

The Architectural Drawing half year provides students with an appreciation of architecture design through history and an understanding of how to make an aesthetic judgment. Students will design a residential structure and complete a portfolio of all pertinent drawings and plans. State-of-the-art software will be utilized including programs that are 3D in nature.

TITLE: ENGINEERING DESIGN

Grade Recommended: 12

PRE-REQUISITE: Design and Drawing for Production (DDP),
Engineering Drawings**NUMBER OF WEEKS:** 40**CREDIT:** 1 Unit**COURSE CONTENT:**

Students will experience an authentic Engineering Design Process. This will include idea origination to product development, resulting in a final product. Through the use of technical drawing and 3-D modeling, students will design, draw and produce solutions to challenges and problems. Students will utilize some advanced modeling functions.

TITLE: INTRO TO VIDEO PRODUCTION

Grade Recommended: 10, 11, 12

PRE-REQUISITE: NONE**NUMBER OF WEEKS:** 20**CREDIT:** ½ Unit**COURSE CONTENT:**

Intro to Video Production exposes students to several Broadcast Television career opportunities in the areas of Studio Production, News Production and Sports Production. Career paths include: Technical Director, Audio Operator, Video Tape Operator, Studio Camera Operator, Electronic Field Production Camera Operator, Sports Camera Operator, News Photographer, News Reporter, Graphics Operator, Floor Director, and Tele prompt Operator. This course is designed to give students an introduction to video production by teaching students different techniques, camera shots, editing software, and introducing students to video terminology.

TITLE: VIDEO PRODUCTION WORKSHOP

Grade Recommended: 10, 11, 12

PRE-REQUISITE: Intro To Video Production**NUMBER OF WEEKS:** 20**CREDIT:** ½ Unit**COURSE CONTENT:**

This course builds on the skills learned in Intro To Video Production. The students will spend 20 weeks writing scripts, creating storyboards, and directing a series of video projects. The students will create video projects that begin with a 15 second commercial and end with a student made independent film. Students will be required to produce, direct and edit their videos.

TITLE: TV PRODUCTION

Grade Recommended: 10, 11, 12

PRE-REQUISITE: Intro To Video Production & Video Workshop**NUMBER OF WEEKS:** 40**CREDIT:** 1 Unit**COURSE CONTENT:**

Students will work on the school news site tribetribune.org to write stories and create videos based on events that occur in the City of Tonawanda School District. Students will prepare, edit, and produce the morning announcements, learn to design and edit the website, learn how to write stories, and create videos related to the stories they create. Students will attend a field trip to a television station and go outside of class to record events at other schools.

College Credit Articulation Agreement - Niagara

County Community College (NCCC) has agreed to provide advanced placement for successful completion of both Design and Drawing for Production and Engineering Drawing courses. The requirement of the introductory computer aided drawing/engineering course would be waived at the college. Students must maintain a 90 average and receive the recommendation of the high school instructor(s).

TITLE: TV PRODUCTION SENIOR PROJECT

Grade Recommended: 12

PRE-REQUISITE: Intro to Video Production, Video Workshop,
TV Production**NUMBER OF WEEKS:** 40**CREDIT:** 1 Unit**COURSE CONTENT:**

Students will create, write, and direct their own 45 minute film. Students will create characters, select actors, write their script, film, edit and produce their video. They will take the scripts and character creation skills they learned in television production class and apply them to their senior video. The videos can be a short movie, documentary, TV mini-series, or any other idea that meets the criteria.

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

REGENTS DIPLOMA: Successfully complete 3 units of Math credits and 1 Regents Exam (Algebra or Geometry)

REGENTS DIPLOMA WITH ADVANCED DESIGNATION:
Successfully complete and pass Algebra, Geometry and Algebra II NYS Exams

REGENTS DIPLOMA WITH HONORS OR A REGENTS DIPLOMA WITH ADVANCED DESIGNATION WITH HONORS:
If the student achieves an average of 90% on all Regents Examinations

ACCELERATED STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE 4 YEARS OF MATH

TITLE: ALGEBRA I

Grade recommended: 9
NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40
CREDIT: 1 Unit
ALGEBRA I REGENTS EXAM
COURSE CONTENT:



Algebra I is the first year of a 3 year program in math. The course will follow the NYS Curriculum for Algebra I. A graphing calculator (TI-Nspire CXii) is recommended for this course.

TITLE: GEOMETRY

Grade Recommended: 9, 10
PRE-REQUISITE: Algebra I
NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40
CREDIT: 1 Unit
GEOMETRY REGENTS EXAM
COURSE CONTENT:

Geometry is the second course of a three year sequence for an advanced regents diploma. The course will follow NYS Curriculum Standards for Geometry. Emphasis will be placed on congruence, similarity, trigonometry, geometry of the circle, coordinate geometry and equations, and measurement and dimension. This course will model geometry in real world situations. A graphing calculator (TI-Nspire CXii) is recommended for this course.

TITLE: ALGEBRA II

Grade Recommended 10, 11
PRE-REQUISITE: Geometry
NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40
CREDIT: 1 Unit
ALGEBRA II COMMON CORE EXAM
COURSE CONTENT:

Algebra II is the third year of a three-year program in Math. (Passing the NYS exam with a 65 is mandatory to meet the math requirements for an advanced regents diploma.) A graphing calculator (TI-Nspire CXii) is recommended for this course.

TITLE: MATH III

Grade Recommended: 11, 12 Teacher Recommended
PRE-REQUISITE: Geometry
NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40
CREDIT: 1 Unit
DISTRICT FINAL EXAM
COURSE CONTENT:
This class is designed to extend the knowledge learned in the Algebra and Geometry curriculum.

TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO COLLEGE MATH (ICM)

Grade Recommended 12
PRE-REQUISITE: At least a 65% on Math III Exam or completion of Algebra II course
NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40
CREDIT: 1 Unit
DISTRICT FINAL EXAM

COURSE CONTENT:

Introduction to College Math (ICM) is a fourth year math credit. The main emphasis of this class is to prepare students for college entrance exams and/or introductory level college math courses. A graphing calculator will be utilized in this course.

TITLE: PRECALCULUS

Grade Recommended 11, 12
PRE-REQUISITE: Algebra II
NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40
CREDIT: 1 Unit
COURSE CONTENT:

This is a one year course that combines trigonometry and advanced algebra. The course finishes with calculus topics such as limits, derivatives, and applications such as curve sketching and extremes. Graphing calculators such as the (TI-Nspire CXii) are emphasized in instruction.

TITLE: MATH APPLICATIONS

Grade Recommended: 11, 12 (as a 3rd Math Course)
PRE-REQUISITE: Algebra and Teacher Recommendation
NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40
CREDIT: 1 Unit
DISTRICT FINAL EXAM
COURSE CONTENT:

Math Applications is designed to further students' algebraic skills to prepare them for the skills needed to excel at their first jobs in everyday life. Students are presented with real-world problems and circumstances in which they must use research, communication skills, modeling and math to make decisions and develop solutions.

TITLE: COMPUTER PROGRAMMING - BEGINNING JAVA

Grade Recommended: 9, 10, 11, 12
PRE-REQUISITE: None
NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40
CREDIT: 1 Unit
COURSE CONTENT:

Java is one of the most popular programming languages. This course is designed for beginning programmers who are studying the Java programming language. Students will learn how to program a computer to accept commands.

TITLE: SAT PREP MATH

Grade Recommended: 10, 11, 12
NUMBER OF WEEKS: 20
CREDIT: 1/2 Unit
COURSE CONTENT:

This course is designed for students to prepare for the mathematics section of the SAT exam. Topics covered include arithmetic operations, algebra and functions, geometry, and statistics and probability. This class is strongly recommended to be taken just before sitting for the SAT exam.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT OR COLLEGE-LEVEL MATH COURSES

(W) = weighted course average

These courses are recognized by the College Board as Advanced Placement courses, and have an AP exam in May. There is a fee for these exams, set by the College Board.

TITLE: ADVANCED PLACEMENT CALCULUS (AB) (W)

Grade Recommended 12

PRE-REQUISITE: Precalculus/AP Stats/Teacher Recommended

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40

CREDIT: 1 Unit

ADVANCED PLACEMENT IN CALCULUS AP EXAM

COURSE CONTENT:

The AP Math course follows the syllabus as directed by the College Board for Calculus AB. It is a college level course equivalent to 1.5 semesters of College Calculus. Students will take the AP Calculus Exam in May, which could result in college credit. The course will conclude with topics taught in 2nd semester of College Calculus. This course is recognized by the College Board as an Advanced Placement course, and has an AP exam in May. There is a fee for the exam, set by the College Board.

TITLE: ADVANCED PLACEMENT STATISTICS (W)

Grade Recommended: 10, 11, 12

PRE-REQUISITE: Teacher Recommendation.

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40

CREDIT: 1 Unit

ADVANCED PLACEMENT IN STATISTICS AP EXAM

COURSE CONTENT:

This course is designed to be comparable to a college statistics course. This course will follow the syllabus as directed by the College Board for AP Statistics. The course will conclude with the AP exam in May, and a final project in June. Successful completion of the AP exam can result in college credit. This course is recognized by the College Board as an Advanced Placement course, and has an AP exam in May. There is a fee for the exam, set by the College Board.

TITLE: ADVANCED PLACEMENT COMPUTER SCIENCE PRINCIPLES (W)

GRADE RECOMMENDED: 11, 12

PRE-REQUISITE: Algebra I

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40

CREDIT: 1 Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

This course is designed to be comparable to a college computer science course. This course will follow the syllabus as directed by the College Board for AP Computer Science Principles. We will study major units about the internet, digital information, programming, big data, and building apps. The course will consist of a digital portfolio which includes a create task. There is an AP exam in May. Successful completion of the AP exam and digital portfolio can result in college credit. There is a fee for the exam, set by the College Board.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

TITLE: MIXED CHORUS

Grade Recommended 9-12

PRE-REQUISITE: None

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 20

CREDIT: 1 Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

This course is designed for any and all interested singers. A wide variety of music styles are performed. Emphasis will be placed on vocal technique, sight reading, and musical language and terms, as well as concert and performance etiquette. Students will be graded on rehearsal attendance and participation, lesson attendance, and sight-reading skills. Students must also perform public concerts.

TITLE: CONCERT CHORALE

Grade Recommended 10-12

PRE-REQUISITE: Vocal Audition Only

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40

CREDIT: 1 Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

This course is available by audition only. Students must display a better than average voice, have an understanding of general music and terms, and possess a higher than average music reading ability. Students chosen for this ensemble will learn more challenging repertoire to further their musical development. Emphasis will be placed on vocal technique, sight reading, and musical language and terms as well as concert and performance etiquette. Students will be graded on rehearsal attendance and participation, lesson attendance and sight-reading skills. Students must also perform public concerts.

TITLE: CONCERT BAND

Grade Recommended 9-12

PRE-REQUISITE: Basic ability on a musical instrument

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40

CREDIT: 1 Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

The concert band is made up of students who desire to develop individual performing skills on a band instrument and who wish to perform various styles of music related to the concert band idiom. Students will be assessed in the areas of individual performance skills, rehearsal participation, lesson attendance and exams. Students are expected to participate in all scheduled performances.

TITLE: MUSIC IN OUR LIVES

PRE-REQUISITE: None

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 20

CREDIT: 1/2 Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

This course is designed to meet the New York State Regents Requirement for .5 unit of art/music credit for those students who do not participate in a major performing ensemble. Students will develop skills in critical listening and elements of music theory via electronic keyboards and guitar. A rich history of rock music is a primary focus, along with discussion and analysis of current pop music and industry trends. No prior experience in music is necessary for enrollment in this course.

TITLE: MUSIC THEORY

PRE-REQUISITE: Must be enrolled in an applied music course - any vocal or instrumental ensemble.

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 20

CREDIT: 1/2 unit

COURSE CONTENT:

The Music Theory course is designed to enhance music skills and basic music fundamentals. The essential aspects of melody, harmony, rhythm, and form are studied. During this half year course students will study basic music notation, scales, key signatures, intervals, triads, cadences, form, and analysis of a score. Aural dictation and ear training are also an integral part of the course and will be taught throughout the year. Individual creativity is nurtured through both rhythmic and melodic composition. This course is highly recommended for students in a musical ensemble.

TITLE: JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Grade Recommended 9-12

PRE-REQUISITE: Students must audition for this performing ensemble

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40

CREDIT: 1 Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

The high school jazz ensemble, in big band instrumentation studies and performs the music of the foremost big band composers, past and present.



SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

REGENTS SCIENCE CLASSES

TITLE: LIVING ENVIRONMENT

Grade Recommended: 9

PRE-REQUISITE: None

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40

CREDIT: 1 unit

COURSE CONTENT:

The Living Environment is the Regents life science (biology) course. This class includes the study of cells, biochemistry, human physiology (focusing on the immune system and maintaining homeostasis), reproduction and development, genetics and ecology. These topics will be investigated through hands-on activities and experiments in the *required laboratory section* of this course. *Successful completion of the laboratory work is required to take the Regents Living Environment Exam.* The laboratory experiences will provide the opportunity for students to use the scientific inquiry techniques developed and utilized by biologists to explore the living environment. These techniques include the scientific method, making and interpreting graphs and the analysis and interpretation of data in the making of valid conclusions. In addition, students will use biological tools, such as microscopes, indicators, chromatography and gel electrophoresis.

TITLE: EARTH SCIENCE

Grade Recommended: 10 (11 or 12)

PRE-REQUISITE: Living Environment and Algebra

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40

CREDIT: 1 unit

COURSE CONTENT:

Earth Science is a Regents physical science course with a *required laboratory section*. *Successful completion of the laboratory work is required to take the Regents Earth Science Exam.* This class includes modeling and mapping the Earth, weather and climate, astronomy, rocks and minerals, Earth structure and plate tectonics, geologic history and landscape development. This course is designed to improve problem-solving skills and increase the student's understanding of nature to encourage informed decision-making. Students will also continue to develop graphing, analysis and laboratory skills as they pertain to the physical environment. *The final exam includes a lab practical performance test.*

SCIENCE ELECTIVES

TITLE: HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY (OFFERED 2023-2024)

Grade Recommended: 11 or 12 (Class capped at 24 students)

(Seniors will be given first preference)

PRE-REQUISITE: Satisfactory completion of 2 Regents level science classes) and teacher recommendation

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40

CREDIT: 1 unit

COURSE CONTENT:

Human Anatomy and Physiology is a *college preparatory elective* designed for students who may wish to pursue a career in the biological or medical sciences. The course explores the systems of the human body with an emphasis on identifying organs, tissues and cells of the body in the laboratory using models, slides and preserved specimens. Topics include: Levels of Organization in the Human Body, Identification of Muscles and Bones, the structures and functions of the 7 major body systems, with an emphasis on how these systems are integrated to maintain homeostasis.

TITLE: CHEMISTRY

Grade Recommended: 11 or 12

(grade 10 upon teacher recommendation)

PRE-REQUISITE: Living Environment, Algebra (80% Course Grade or higher) Concurrent enrollment in Algebra II, Geometry (If enrolled in Math III, Math teacher recommendation is required for approval)

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40

CREDIT: 1 unit

COURSE CONTENT:

Chemistry is a Regents physical science course with a *required laboratory section*. *Successful completion of the laboratory work is required to take the Regents Chemistry Exam.* The course content is determined by the NYS Education Department and includes the study of the Periodic Table, atomic structure, energy changes in matter, acids & bases, organic chemistry, oxidation/reduction reactions and nuclear chemistry. Students who excel in science and math and/or have strong problem-solving skills and work ethic are recommended for this course.

TITLE: PHYSICS

Grade Recommended: 11 or 12 (Grade 10 upon teacher recommendation)

PRE-REQUISITE: Living Environment, Algebra I (80% Course Grade or higher)

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40

CREDIT: 1 unit

COURSE CONTENT:

Physics is a Regents physical science course with a *required laboratory section*. *Successful completion of the laboratory work is required to take the Regents Physics Exam.* The required content includes the following units: Mechanics, Energy, Waves, Electricity and Magnetism and Modern Physics. Through the use of laboratory activities and experiments, students will hone their problem-solving skills and techniques and develop an understanding and appreciation for the process of scientific inquiry.

TITLE: CHEMISTRY IN THE COMMUNITY

Grade Recommended: 11 or 12

PRE-REQUISITE: Satisfactory completion of Living Environment**NUMBER OF WEEKS:** 40**CREDIT:** 1 unit**COURSE CONTENT:**

The topics in this class are presented in a way that emphasizes how chemistry impacts our daily lives. This course will focus on the practical application of household, kitchen, environmental, and industrial and nuclear chemistry. Basic chemical principles are also covered. A hands-on approach is provided in class with multiple laboratory activities.

TITLE: ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Grade Recommended: 11 or 12

(Seniors will be given first preference)**PRE-REQUISITE:** Living Environment AND at least ONE 40-week physical science class**NUMBER OF WEEKS:** 20**CREDIT:** ½ Unit**COURSE CONTENT:**

Environmental science is the study of how humans interact with the environment and the living things that share the Earth with us. The goal of environmental science is a sustainable world in which the human population can continue to exist indefinitely with a high standard of living and health. Topics of study include natural and human populations, types of air and water pollution and their impact on the environment, global warming, freshwater ecology, species extinction, wildlife management and renewable/non-renewable energy sources.

TITLE: RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES

Grade Recommended: 11 or 12

(Seniors will be given first preference)**PRE-REQUISITE:** Living Environment AND at least ONE 40-week physical science class**NUMBER OF WEEKS:** 20**CREDIT:** ½ unit**COURSE CONTENT:**

This science elective is based on the American Red Cross courses for Community CPR, Basic Life Support CPR and Standard First Aid. Basic care is addressed for adults, children and infants. It is possible to obtain American Red Cross certification in each of the course areas as ARC requirements are covered as part of the curriculum.

TITLE: FORENSICS

Grade Recommended: 11 or 12

(Seniors will be given first preference)**PRE-REQUISITE:** Living Environment AND at least ONE 40-week physical science class**NUMBER OF WEEKS:** 20**CREDIT:** ½ Unit**COURSE CONTENT:**

Forensics is a real world exploration of key forensic science concepts including links to biology, chemistry and physics. Students engage in intensive problem-solving and evidence gathering activities that emphasize the connections among these academic disciplines in the real world. Activities include virtual crime scene investigations, blood spatter analysis, fingerprinting and DNA analysis using gel electrophoresis, DNA analysis, hair and fiber analysis, and learning about the psychology behind crime.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT OR COLLEGE-LEVEL SCIENCE COURSES

(W) = weighted course average

These courses are recognized by the College Board as Advanced Placement courses, and have an AP exam in May. There is a fee for these exams, set by the College Board.

TITLE: ADVANCED PLACEMENT PHYSICS - C {MECHANICS} (W)

Grade Recommended: 11 or 12

PRE-REQUISITE: Physics OR teacher recommendation**NUMBER OF WEEKS:** 40**CREDIT:** 1 unit**COURSE CONTENT:**

In preparation for the AP Exam in Physics-C, students should be able to:

- 1) Read, understand and interpret physical information - verbal, mathematical and graphical
- 2) Describe and explain the sequence of steps in the analysis of particular physical phenomenon or problem; that is,
 - a) Describe the idealized model to be used in analysis, including simplifying assumptions when necessary
 - b) State the principles or definitions that are applicable
 - c) Specify relevant limitations on applications of these principles
 - d) Carry out and describe the steps of analysis verbally or mathematically
 - e) Interpret the results or conclusions, including discussion of particular cases of special interest

- 3) Use basic mathematical reasoning- arithmetic, algebraic, geometric, trigonometric or calculus where appropriate - in a physical situation or problem
- 4) Perform experiments and interpret the results of observations, including making an assessment of experimental uncertainties

AP Physics-C {Mechanics} is a calculus-based physics class that will cover the area of mechanics. The AP Exam, given in May, will only cover Part I: Mechanics.

TITLE: ADVANCED PLACEMENT PHYSICS - C {ELECTRICITY & MAGNETISM} (W)

Grade Recommended: 12

PRE-REQUISITE: AP Physics-C {Mechanics}**NUMBER OF WEEKS:** 40**CREDIT:** 1 unit**COURSE CONTENT:**

AP Physics-C {Electricity & Magnetism} provides advanced studies of the following principles involving electricity, magnetism and their inter-relationships.

**TITLE: ADVANCED PLACEMENT BIOLOGY (W) -
(OFFERED 2024-2025)**

Grade Recommended: 11, 12

PRE-REQUISITE: Living Environment and Chemistry (85% or higher), Algebra (80% or higher)

OTHER REQUIREMENTS: *Science teacher recommendation*

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40

CREDIT: 1 unit

COURSE CONTENT:

This class is designed for highly motivated students who have demonstrated ability in science and have an interest in studying a college-level introductory biology course in high school. Students will study the following topics: biochemistry, cytology, genetics, evolution, plant & animal physiology and ecology. Topics are presented through lecture, laboratories and guided independent practice. ***In addition to the coursework, a separate laboratory experience is also required.*** Mastery of the material presented in the Living Environment and a strong work ethic are essential for successful completion of this course. Students may receive college credits for this class, depending on their choice of school, major and their AP Biology Exam grade. Students will complete a research project following the AP exam in May. The project will count as the final exam in this course.

**TITLE: COLLEGE CHEMISTRY (W) -
(OFFERED 2023-2024)**

PRE-REQUISITE: Living Environment, Earth Science and Chemistry (85% course grade or higher and 75% grade or higher on the Regents Chemistry Exam), Algebra and Geometry (80% course grade or higher).

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40

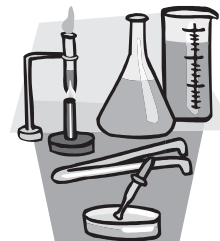
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COURSE CONTENT:

This class is for highly motivated students who are looking to learn more about the world of Chemistry and earn college credit during high school.

This course includes a detailed introduction to chemistry science, engineering, or health-related college majors. Example topics include: dimensional analysis, chemical nomenclature, states and classes of matter, atomic theory, quantum theory, gas laws, chemical equations and stoichiometry, periodicity, chemical bonding, thermochemistry.

Topics are presented through lecture, laboratories, and guided independent practice.



RECOMMENDED SCIENCE SEQUENCES

	Regents ♦	Regents ♦	Advanced Regents ●	Accelerated ★
Grade 9	Living Environment I	Living Environment (L)	Living Environment (L)	Earth Science (P)
Grade 10	Living Environment II	Earth Science (P)	Earth Science (P)	Chemistry (P) OR Physics (P)
Grade 11	Chemistry in the Community OR a credit at BOCES	Chemistry in the Community OR 2- 20 week courses (optional)	Chemistry (P) OR Physics (P)	Regents OR (AP or a college-level course)
Grade 12		A 40-week course OR 2- 20 week courses	A 40-week course OR 2-20 week courses (Regents, AP or an elective)	A 40-week course (AP or a college-level course)

(L) = life science

(P) = physical science

- ♦ To earn a **Regents** diploma, students must take and pass the equivalent of **THREE** science classes. One must be a life science and one must be a physical science. One of the three classes must be a Regents class with a laboratory component.
- To earn an **Advanced Regents** diploma, students must take and pass **THREE** science classes, **TWO** must be Regents classes with a lab component. One must be a life science and one must be a physical science. ***Advanced students are required to take 4 years of science.***
- ★ ***Accelerated students are required to take 4 years of science.*** In grades 11 and/or 12, these students should be enrolled in Regents, AP or college-level courses.

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

TITLE: GLOBAL HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY I

Grade Recommended 9

PRE-REQUISITE: Social Studies 8

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40

CREDIT: 1 Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

This course will follow the New York State curriculum for the first year of the two year Global Studies course requirement. The course will place major emphasis on major themes such as geography, economic and political systems, interdependence, cross-cultural awareness and awareness of global dynamics.

The year begins with the creation of early civilizations along river valleys and continues through absolutism. Some topics that will be covered include: early civilizations in Africa, China, and Latin America, Ancient Greece and Rome, the development of religions, The Middle Ages, the Renaissance and Reformation, and the Age of Absolutism.

In addition, there will be a major emphasis on writing. Each student will be expected to be competent in completing CRQ (Constructed Response Questions) and Enduring Issues essays.

TITLE: GLOBAL HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY II

Grade Recommended 10

PRE-REQUISITE: Global History & Geography I

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40

CREDIT: 1 Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

This course will follow the New York State curriculum for the second year of the two-year Global Studies course requirement. The course will place major emphasis on major themes such as geography, economic and political systems, interdependence, cross cultural awareness and awareness of global dynamics.

Global History & Geography II continues on the journey of world history beginning with the revolutions in Europe and ending with modern times. Some topics to be covered include Imperialism, World War I, World War II, Nationalism in India, Africa, and Latin America, and the establishment (then decline) of communism in the world.

In addition, there will be a major emphasis on writing. Each student will be expected to be competent in completing CRQ (Constructed Response Questions) and Enduring Issues essays.

All students will take the Regents Examination based on information from Global History & Geography II.



TITLE: U.S. HISTORY & GOVERNMENT

Grade Recommended 11

PRE-REQUISITE: Global Studies 10

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40

CREDIT: 1 Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

The 11th grade Regents curriculum in American History follows the N.Y. State Syllabus. The course is generally chronological, beginning with the American Revolution. There is heavy concentration on understanding the government of the United States. The Constitution is covered in depth and is the single most important unit of study. The six main units of study are:

1. Constitutional Foundations of U.S. Democracy
2. Industrialization
3. Progressive Movement
4. World War I and the Depression
5. U.S. in World War II
6. World Since 1950

The course emphasizes understanding concepts instead of straight memorization of facts. The main focus of the course is on the period since the Civil War. Particular attention is given to the role of government throughout this period.

All students will take the Regents Examination.

TITLE: ADVANCED PLACEMENT U.S. HISTORY (W)

Grade Recommended 11, 12

PRE-REQUISITE: Teacher Recommendation and a 85% average in either Global 10 or U.S. History & Gov't.

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40

CREDIT: 1 Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

The Advanced Placement Program in United States History is designed to provide students with the analytic skills and factual knowledge necessary to deal critically with the problems and materials in United States history. The program prepares students for intermediate and advanced college courses by making demands upon them equivalent to those made by full-year introductory college courses. Students should learn to assess historical materials - their relevance to a given interpretive problem, their reliability, and their importance - and to weigh the evidence and interpretations presented in historical scholarship. An Advanced Placement United States History course should thus develop the skills necessary to arrive at conclusions on the basis of an informed judgement and to present reasons and evidence clearly and persuasively in essay format.

Students may receive college credit by sitting for the AP examination in May. This course is recognized by the College Board as an Advanced Placement course, and has an AP exam in May. There is a fee for the exam, set by the College Board.

TITLE: PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT

Grade Recommended 12

PRE-REQUISITE: U.S. History & Government

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 20

CREDIT: ½ Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

Required for Graduation

Participatory Government emphasizes the interaction between citizens and government at all levels: local, state, and federal. The development of student participation in the processes of government is encouraged.

The enhancement of self-government, through the development of knowledgeable, committed, capable and active citizens is a continuing goal of education. As society becomes more and more complex, as the world becomes more and more interdependent, and as technology allows events to take place more and more rapidly, the future of democracy will increasingly depend on the ability of citizens to make intelligent and effective decisions. The primary goal of the “participation in government” mandate is to facilitate and encourage the development of civic minded individuals capable of effectively fulfilling the “office of citizen” that is a fundamental precept of the democracy and a right and obligation guaranteed by the 14th Amendment to the Constitution. The end product should be individuals who have the characteristics that define a citizen - civic mindedness, civic intelligence, civic literacy, civic enterprise.

To encourage active participation, the course will conclude the semester with a final research paper. Within this paper, each student will be given the chance to develop his or her own public policy, and put his or her citizenship tools to work. This culminating activity will allow every student to truly “participate” in government.

TITLE: AP GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS (W)

PRE-REQUISITE: Teacher Recommendation and a 85% average in U.S. History and Government

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 40 (every other day)

CREDIT: 1/2 Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

The AP Government & Politics: United States course provides an analytical perspective on government and politics in the United States. This course involves both the study of general concepts used to interpret U.S. politics and the analysis of specific case studies. It also requires familiarity with the various institutions, groups, beliefs, and ideas that constitute U.S. political reality. Certain topics include: (1) Constitutional Underpinnings of United States Government, (2) Political Beliefs and Behaviors, (3) Political Parties, Interest Groups, and Mass Media, (4) Institutions of National Government: The Congress, the Presidency, the Bureaucracy, and the Federal Courts (4) Public Policy, and (5) Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

Students may receive college credit by sitting for the AP examination in May. This course is recognized by the College Board as an Advanced Placement course, and has an AP exam in May. There is a fee for the exam, set by the College Board.

TITLE: ECONOMICS

Grade Recommended 12

PRE-REQUISITE: U.S. History & Government

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 20

CREDIT: ½ Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION

KNOWLEDGE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the semester course, the student should be able to demonstrate an understanding of:

1. Basic economic concepts such as scarcity, supply and demand, markets, productivity, opportunity costs, specialization, productive resources.
2. Interdependence, growth and economic system; the economic system of the United States and how it operates.
3. The roles of various components of the American economic systems.
4. His/her role in the economic system as consumer, worker, investor, and/or voting citizen.

5. The interdependence of the world’s economies today.
6. The political and social impact of economic decisions and the economic impact of political and social decisions.
7. Basic differences between different types of economic systems and their operation.

SKILLS OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of the semester course, the student should be able to demonstrate the ability to:

1. Analyze, evaluate and make generalizations about economic information based on relevant data;
2. Use the problem-solving process to identify and define problems, hypothesize, investigate and analyze selected data, recognize alternative solutions and make decisions both as an individual and as a citizen;
3. Use all other skills included in previous grade skill objectives, 7-11.

ATTITUDE OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of the semester course, the student should be able to demonstrate: A rational attitude toward economic issues and problems with which they are concerned, both as individuals and as citizens.

TITLE: PSYCHOLOGY

Grade Recommended 12

PRE-REQUISITE: NONE

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 20

CREDIT: ½ Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

Psychology is a semester course that focuses on the basic principals of psychology and their applications to human behavior and social problems. Throughout the semester we will focus on the different types of research methods, sensory and perception, consciousness, learning and cognition, memory, intelligence, personality, abnormal behavior, methods of treatment, and the impact of social situations and culture on behavior. The class includes hands on activities such as blindfold activity, dream analysis, meditation, and a conditioned response experiment.

TITLE: SOCIOLOGY

Grade Recommended 12

PRE-REQUISITE: NONE

NUMBER OF WEEKS: 20

CREDIT: ½ Unit

COURSE CONTENT:

Sociology is the scientific study of human social and group behavior. It focuses on the general principle that the group you belong to influences how you think, feel, and act. Throughout the semester we will uncover topics such as culture, socialization, social structure and roles, social deviance, social inequality, and family. In doing so, we will try to answer questions such as:

- How has American culture influenced you and your behavior/beliefs?
- How do we learn to be part of American culture
- What is your status in America? In this school?
- Why do some people not follow the rules of society? What makes people criminals?
- What social classes exist in America? Who holds power in America?
- What problems exist in American families that might be troublesome in the future?

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND SPECIAL SERVICES

Special Education services are available to students who have been identified as a student with a disability (SWD) by the Committee on Special Education (CSE). There are 13 classifying conditions defined by the NYS Part 200 Regulations.

Through specially designed instruction using a variety of instructional strategies, students are taught both academic skills and communication skills necessary to become independent and contributing members of today's society. An Individualized Education Program (IEP) is developed for each special education student with individualized goals.



The CSE has the responsibility to collect all diagnostic and standardized data to determine whether a student is eligible for special education services.



As defined in the Part 200 Regulations, a continuum of services must be offered: consultant teacher (indirect), consultant teacher (direct), resource room, integrated co-teaching, special class (6:1:1, 8:1:1, 12:1:1, 15:1) or home/hospital bound instruction. Consideration is always given to integration into general education classes whenever individual abilities allow for a successful learning experience (Least Restrictive Environment - LRE).

Parent participation is important for the success of students in these programs. Please contact the Office of Special Education at 694-7684 if you feel that your child should be evaluated by the district's Committee on Special Education (CSE) for special education services.

SKILLS AND ACHIEVEMENT COMMENCEMENT CREDENTIAL FOR STUDENTS WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES

Students with disabilities are eligible to attend the public school district of residence until the student earns a high school diploma or until the end of the school year of the student's 21st birthday, whichever occurs first.

The Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential is for students with severe disabilities who are eligible to take the New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA). The Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential will provide this group of students who are exiting school after attending at least 12 years, excluding kindergarten, with a commencement certificate similar in form to the diploma issued by the school district, however, it is NOT a diploma. The Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential must be accompanied by documentation of the student's skills, strengths, and levels of independence in academic, career development, and foundation skills needed for post-school living and working.

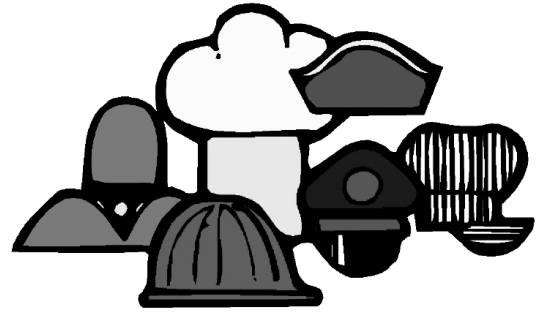


NYS CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND OCCUPATIONAL STUDIES (CDOS)

Any student who works toward earning a local or Regents diploma, is eligible to also earn a CDOS commencement credential. This can be a stand-alone portfolio for students with disabilities who are unable to pass the necessary Regents exams with a score high enough to earn credit. A stand-alone credential is NOT a diploma. To earn this credential, a student must have a minimum of 54 hours in work-based learning and 216 hours of career and technical education coursework.

OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION (OE) - CTE Erie 1 BOCES

Occupational Education is a program for students with disabilities who will benefit from a smaller class size and modified curriculum. OE students should have the skill potential for competitive employment after high school. OE is designed to give students with particular learning or management needs an opportunity to explore four occupational areas. Students select one area in which to develop employability skills. Class sizes are limited to twelve students to allow increased individual attention. OE courses are considered “general education” and are taught by a NYS certified career & technical education instructor. A special education liaison teacher is available to assist the OE instructor with course adaptations, modifications and to answer specific questions related to student’s IEP.



An important component of the Occupational Education program is the community based internship during the student’s last year in the program. This three week internship gives most students a chance to practice their skills in a competitive situation while still enrolled in school. Prior to completing the program, students are provided an opportunity to meet with an ACCES-VR counselor (formerly VESID) to discuss application procedures.

Course Content:

Occupational Education 1: (OE1)

OE 1 is a one-year introductory and exploratory course in which students are exposed to career modules in food service, automotive services, building maintenance, and human services. An introduction to occupations in these areas is presented via hands-on participation. Teachers conduct a performance assessment at the completion of each module. These assessments are used to guide the choice of a course for the following year.

Occupational Education 2: (OE2)

OE 2 is usually two or more years in length and is considered the skill development stage of the program. Curriculum activities relate to entry level employment skills necessary for successful performance in competitive jobs. Work attitudes and behaviors as well as hands-on skills are emphasized. Students also learn work place safety and career opportunities in the their chosen area.

Special Note:

Students are responsible for purchasing safety equipment and protective clothing as required by specific OE programs. Students are also responsible for transportation to and from their internship.

Career Connections:

Employment related to a student’s area of skill development is available to the occupational education student who completes the program with a proper attitude and good work ethic.

Suggest Student Background:

Vocational Assessment
Ability and Desire to Develop Competitive Employment Skills
Ability to Function Safely in a Shop Setting
Moderate level of independence

BOCES - Career Technical Education (CTE)

TITLE: ANIMAL SCIENCE I AND II

CREDIT: 3.75 credits per year - Available at Kenton

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The expanding pet industry offers a variety of career opportunities for animal loving students. This two-year program teaches basic and advanced skills in areas such as nutrition, health and disease, animal handling and restraint, grooming, pet first aid, and medical terminology. This program provides both classroom instruction and hands-on learning with labs and clinic. Upon completion of this program students can go onto entry-level employment or pursue further education in the fields of veterinary science, biology, business management, pet grooming and much more.



TITLE: AUTO TECHNICIAN TRAINING I AND II

CREDIT: 3.75 credits per year - Available at Kenton

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The first 10 weeks of this program consist of a core introduction to the automotive technology industry. Students in Auto Technician Training will develop skills in the function, diagnosis, maintenance and repair of all systems of the automobile. They will use a variety of hand, power, and diagnostic tools and equipment. The opportunity to perform actual repairs on vehicles is provided.



BOCES - Career Technical Education (CTE)

TITLE: BAKING AND PASTRY ARTS I AND II

CREDIT: 3.75 credits per year - Available at Kenton

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Baking and Pastry Arts offers students an opportunity to understand what goes into creating beautiful finished pastries, breads and cakes. Students will not only produce these baked goods in both large and small quantities, but understand the science behind them. Baking students have an opportunity to create beautiful show pieces, plated desserts, chocolates, and individual pastries. Students will also have a chance to gain on-the-job experience during their internship program. Students in this program will gain the experience necessary to enter the baking and pastry industry at the entry level or get a jump start on their college career.



TITLE: BASIC NURSING SKILLS

CREDIT: 3.75 credits per year - available at Kenton

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course prepares students pursuing a career pathway in nursing. Curriculum includes anatomy and physiology, growth and development, nutrition, microbiology, and medical terminology. Students apply their new skills in supervised clinical experiences during the second year.

Course Content:

Body Structure and Function	Microbiology
Transcultural Nursing	Nutrition
Field Trips	Supervised Clinical Experience
Personal, Family, Community Health	Nursing Process
First Aid	Health Care delivery systems
Growth and Development	Pre & Post Operative Care
Fundamentals of Nursing	Career Preparation
Math Skills	& Job seeking skills
Medical Terminology	Therapeutic Communication
Legal and Ethical Issues	

Students are responsible for purchasing the required supplies and materials including uniform. All students must have a complete physical with PPD and up to date immunizations on file before they can enter clinical.

Successful completion of this program will enable students to become eligible for the New York State Nursing Assistant Certification Exam.

TITLE: BUILDING TRADES I AND II

CREDIT: 3.75 credits per year - Available at Kenton

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This program offers instruction in carpentry and associated trade areas. The students will participate in construction modules of introduction to carpentry, foundation and floor framing, wall framing, ceiling and roof framing, interior/exterior finish, cabinet making and remodeling with an introduction to masonry, plumbing and electrical systems. Exposure to basic theory, work skills, tools and equipment, materials and career opportunities in these various fields is provided. Practical experience through a variety of in shop projects plus internships opportunities with regional contractors and businesses are provided to all students.

TITLE: COSMETOLOGY I AND II

CREDIT: 3.75 credits per year - Available at Kenton

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This program is intended for students that are interested in pursuing a career in the fields of cosmetology. In the senior year, a public clinic allows the students the communication skills and hands-on practice necessary for salon work. Students are also required to complete an internship during their senior year. Post-secondary education is necessary for licensing requirements (total of 1000 hours).



TITLE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE I AND II

CREDIT: 3.75 credits per year - Available at Kenton

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The Criminal Justice System is composed of three major parts: law enforcement, the courts, and corrections. This program is designed to provide students with a basic understanding of the responsibilities and duties in the various kinds of occupations related to the field of Criminal Justice. Local professionals from agencies, businesses, and municipal governments participate in the program. The purpose of the program is two fold: first to prepare students for post-secondary education in Criminal Justice or related discipline. Second, to prepare students for entry level work in the Criminal Justice and Security fields.

TITLE: CULINARY SKILLS I AND II

CREDIT: 3.75 credits per year - Available at Kenton

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The major emphasis in this program is on quality of preparation and presentation in both small and large quantity cooking. Both theory and hands-on experience are included in such areas as: menu planning, methods of cookery, table service, food control, sanitation, and food costing. Advanced instruction includes basic managerial and supervisory techniques. Frequent catering for school activities and internships provides on-the-job experience. Thus students develop the necessary preparation, service, managerial and human relations skills for the food service industry.

TITLE: DIGITAL MEDIA I AND II

CREDIT: 3.75 credits per year - Available at Ken-Ton

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Digital Media is a two year course designed to prepare students for entry into the professional world of media production. Students will learn how to use software and hardware to create audio, video, graphics and animation within Erie 1 BOCES studios and a variety of environments around the school campus and in the community. Students will work on real-word productions and projects geared toward their particular areas of interest.

TITLE: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION I AND II**CREDIT:** 3.75 credits per year - Available at Kenton**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This program provides an in-depth study of Early Childhood Care & Education, (birth-9 years), including related managerial skills, curriculum writing, developmental theory and application. Students will observe, participate in, and develop a variety of activities for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and young children. Competence in beginning for job skills will be stressed, and practiced in a variety of hands on situations both on and off site. Students will be ready to enter the job market as teacher aides or may apply for colleges. Students will create a professional portfolio, work in an on-site preschool and research a variety of early childhood topics.

**TITLE: ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS I AND II****CREDIT:** 3.75 credits per year - Available at Ken-Ton**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course deals with the application of electrical technologies in all phases of the Electrical Industry. It prepares students for the planning, installation, maintenance and troubleshooting of wiring systems in residential and light industrial settings according to the standards of the National Electrical Code. Instruction in principles of electricity, reading of blueprints and wiring diagrams, and proper use of tools and equipment is provided. Basic principles of solid-state electronics are included to enable students to install, repair, and replace operational systems.

**TITLE: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES I AND II****CREDIT:** 3.75 credits per year – Available at Kenton**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

In this brand new course, students will learn emergency response methods, dispatch procedures and emergency communications protocol. Students will build a foundation in emergency response methods and learn to function as part of a health care team including patient assessment, treatment and transportation. Units of study include, but are not limited to: Medical Law and Ethics, Anatomy and Physiology, Medical Terminology, Public Health, Basic Pharmacology and Medication Administration.

TITLE: HEALTH CAREERS**CREDIT:** 3.75 credits per year - available at Kenton**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This program is designed to aid students in deepening their awareness of health care careers. Students learn the importance of health and wellness promotion as an integral element of any health related career. Health Careers gives the student an opportunity to examine individual health lifestyle in order to aid in making an informed decision of career choice in health related services. The core curriculum provides basic skills, knowledge, and attitudes common to present and emerging health careers. Units of study in the first year of this program form the basic foundation for more specialized study in Allied Health or Introduction to Nursing in the second year. Students must have a complete physical with current immunization on file before clinical labs begin. Students are responsible for field trip apparel - white collared shirt/blouse (polo/button-down), dark/khaki dress slacks (no jeans), closed heel and toe shoes (flat heels only).

TITLE: SPORTS SCIENCE CAREERS I AND II**CREDIT:** 3.75 Credits per year - Available at Kenton**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Sports Science Careers are becoming the fastest growing occupations in the health and fitness industry. Both theory and hands-on experiences are included in this exciting program. This two-year program will prepare students for an entry level position in the field or in college in programs such as physical education, physical therapy, sports medicine, or athletic training. Subject matter will include nutrition, human anatomy, exercise physiology, kinesiology, and training techniques such as sport performance, weight management and functional training. Upon completion of this two-year course, graduates will be eligible to take the American Council on Exercise Certification Examination (ACE) for Personal Training and get a head start on their career!

TITLE: WELDING I AND II**CREDIT:** 3.75 credits per year - Available at Kenton**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Students will acquire knowledge and skills in metal cutting and joining techniques. Instruction is given in methods of measurement, layout, equipment setup and operation. Students will become familiar with the tools and equipment of the metal fabrication industry including: blue print reading, oxyacetylene and plasma cutting, brazing, shielded metal arc welding, gas metal arc welding, flux core arc welding and gas tungsten arc welding of ferrous and non ferrous materials. Essential shop mathematics and English are taught throughout the course, which align with the NYS learning standards. Instructors are AWS (American Welding Society) certified welding inspectors and educators, and follow the strict guidelines of the AWS. Students completing the course will have a career portfolio and the skills needed to acquire at least an entry-level position in the welding and fabrication field.

NEW VISIONS PROGRAMS

TITLE: NEW VISIONS CONNECTIONS: HEALTH RELATED CAREERS

CREDIT: 4.0 credits per year (Location: Buffalo General, Oshei Children's Hospital and Millard Fillmore Hospitals) must provide own transportation

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The Connections: Health Related Careers Program gives honors-level high school seniors the opportunity to observe careers in many allied health areas through a mentor relationship with a practicing professional. This 4 credit program includes "Anatomy, Physiology and Disease", "Health Core/Internship", "English 12" and "Social Studies: Participation in Government & Economics". Each of these 1 credit courses is integrated into the curriculum. Students spend approximately four hours each day at a designated hospital site taking course work and observing all aspects of health careers.

TITLE: NEW VISIONS LEGAL ACADEMY

CREDIT: 4.0 credits per year (Location: Canisius College and UB) must provide own transportation

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The Legal Academy is an intensive internship program designed to give college-bound seniors interested in the criminal justice system the opportunity to explore law-related career pathways through hands-on supervised internship rotations and nontraditional classroom experiences. This school-business-college partnership allows highly motivated, academically strong high school seniors the opportunity to expand and apply their knowledge of the law, satisfy high school English and Social Studies requirements, and earn up to 6 college credits while engaging in on-site, work-based learning activities.



TITLE: ZOO WILDLIFE AND CONSERVATION CAREERS

CREDIT: 4.0 credits per year - must provide own transportation to the Buffalo Zoo

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The Zoo Wildlife and Conservation Careers program allows highly motivated, college bound seniors the opportunity to explore a career in the many areas related to wildlife conservation and zoo management. Students will have the unique opportunity to study and shadow at the 23 Acre Buffalo Zoo. This exciting program includes study in Conservation, Wildlife Research, Animal Care, Veterinary Care and Exhibit Design. Students will also gain experience in Conservation Education and Zoo Marketing and Development as well as Horticulture and Grounds and Life Systems Maintenance. Each semester will culminate with a project in which the students research and design their own animal exhibit with input from the Buffalo Zoo's animal experts.

TITLE: DIESEL TECHNOLOGY

CREDIT: 4.0 credits per year

(Location: Conway Beam Truck Group, 1500 North America Dr., West Seneca) must provide your own transportation.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Diesel Technology is a one year Tech Prep program that connects qualified, highly motivated high school seniors with professionals in the workplace. This competitive, off-site program provides unique training with nationally recognized partners. This 4 credit course includes instruction for required English 12 and Economics/Government classes. Students must submit an application and will be interviewed for a spot in this selective program.

TITLE: NEW VISIONS PATHWAYS ACADEMY

CREDIT: 4.0 credits per year (Location: Buffalo State College) must provide your own transportation.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The New Visions Education Pathways Academy is a one year, senior level, highly academic program that allows students to explore the field of education while earning high school and college credits. Students accepted into this program must be in good academic standing with an excellent attendance record. This 4.0 credit course includes instruction for required English 12 and Economics/Government classes, as well as a CTE elective. Also, students have the opportunity to earn up to 17 college credits, though tuition is required to earn the college credit there is a significant savings from what a college student would pay for these credits. This is a selective program which requires an application and an interview.

TONAWANDA MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

We the staff at Tonawanda Middle/High School, in collaboration with all its stakeholders, are committed to:

- Fostering a positive, caring school climate
- Ensuring the safety of all students
- Promoting academic excellence
- Encouraging social awareness and emotional well-being, with all students reaching their full potential.

In all we do, we are driven by the belief that students come first!



A school system reflects the values and beliefs of the community it serves. Citizens who place a high priority on learning are generally willing to extend themselves in order to achieve desired educational results.

At Tonawanda Middle/High School we are fortunate to have teachers, parents, staff and administrators who are dedicated to working together to instill in our students the skills necessary to be successful in life. That commitment is clearly articulated in our high school mission statement's last phrase: "In all we do, we are driven by the belief that students come first."

COMMON CORE LEARNING STANDARDS

NYS P-12 Common Core Learning Standards:

- Are aligned with college and work expectations
- Are clear, understandable and consistent
- Include rigorous content and application of knowledge through high-order skills
- Build upon strengths and lessons of current state standards
- Are informed by other top performing countries, so that all students are prepared to succeed in our global economy and society
- Are evidence-based

Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects

Key Features of the Standards

Reading: Text complexity and growth of comprehension

The reading standards place equal emphasis on the sophistication of what students read and the skill with which they read.

Writing: Text types, responding to reading, and research

The writing standards acknowledge the fact that while some writing skills (e.g., the ability to plan, revise, edit, and publish) apply to many types of writing, other skills relate to specific types of writing: arguments, informative/explanatory texts, and narratives.

Speaking and listening: Flexible communication and collaboration

The speaking and listening standards require students to develop a range of broadly useful oral communication and interpersonal skills, not just skills needed for formal presentations.

Language: Conventions (grammar), effective use, and vocabulary

The language standards include the essential “rules” of standard written and spoken English, but they also look at language as a matter of craft and making choices.

Standards for Mathematical Practice

1. **Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.**
2. **Reason abstractly and quantitatively.**
3. **Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.**
4. **Model with mathematics.**
5. **Use appropriate tools strategically.**
6. **Attend to precision.**
7. **Look for and make use of structure.**
8. **Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.**

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