

**DAKOTA
HIGH SCHOOL**



**GRADE 9
2026-2027
COURSE OFFERINGS
AND SCHEDULING
INFORMATION**

WELCOME TO DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2030

LETTER TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS FROM THE PRINCIPAL, MR. JONES

Students who enter high school as members of the Class of 2030 and beyond are required to meet the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements. For graduation, these requirements are designed to prepare all students for educational experiences beyond high school. These requirements include four years of English, four years of math including a math or math-related course in the senior year, three years of science, three years of social studies, two years of a world language plus other requirements.

The impact of these increased core academic requirements is a reduction in the elective class opportunities a student will be able to take during high school. Once you have identified a career goal, we then recommend that you build a four-year plan using the career pathway of your goal as a guide. By doing this activity now, you will be able to maximize your opportunities at Dakota. In establishing this plan for graduation, your counselor will be better suited to help you select the appropriate classes to prepare for your future career goals.

Once again, welcome to Dakota High School. Your journey as a high school student is just beginning. A quick reminder to all ninth graders, ***the strength of your education will be based on enjoying the journey and not turning it into a race to the finish.***

This booklet is based on current information of the Michigan Merit Curriculum and the Chippewa Valley Schools graduation requirements.

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MICHIGAN'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Holding students to consistent, higher standards that will prepare them for life and the global economy they will face is the focus behind Michigan's high school graduation requirements. Successfully completing these requirements will give your high school graduate a strong foundation in preparation for higher education and to be competitive in securing the jobs of the 21st century.

In satisfying these requirements, graduates will meet and often surpass the most stringent entry requirements for all colleges and universities in the state and will have the opportunity to develop the academic and applied learning skills business and industry leaders say they need in their workforce.

Parental involvement remains critical to a student's success. The failure of even one semester of a required course could result in your son/daughter being in danger of not graduating with his/her class. While local districts will continue to determine the total number of credits needed to graduate, the state has set the number of credits in each subject area, and in many cases, specified the specific courses that must be taken in English, mathematics, science, social studies, health/physical education, the arts (visual, performing or applied), and world languages. An online learning experience is also required.

It is essential that you fully understand the requirements so you can guide your child in making sound academic decisions as he/she moves toward high school graduation. We believe the information contained in this booklet will help greatly in terms of providing guidance for students and parents during the scheduling process for the ninth-grade year and beyond.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

SUBJECT AREA	DESCRIPTION
ENGLISH 4 credits	1.0 credit English 9 or Advanced English 9 1.0 credit English 10 or Advanced English 10 1.0 credit English 11 Literature & Composition A/B or Medical English 11 or AP English Language 1.0 credit English 12 Communication and Literature or Medical English 12 or AP English Literature
MATHEMATICS 4 credits	1.0 credit Algebra 1 or Accelerated Algebra 1 1.0 credit Geometry or Accelerated Geometry 1.0 credit Algebra 2 or Accelerated Algebra 2 1.0 credit additional math or math-related credit in senior year
SCIENCE 3 credits	1.0 credit Biology or Honors Biology 1.0 credit Chemistry I or Honors Chemistry I and Physics I or Honors Physics I 0.5 credit Earth I or Honors Earth I or AP Environmental Science I 0.5 credit Earth II or Chemistry II or Physics II or AP Environmental Science II or AP Chemistry I/II or AP Physics I/II or AP Biology I/II
SOCIAL STUDIES 3.5 credits	1.0 credit Global History or AP World History 1.0 credit U.S. History or AP U.S. History 0.5/1.0 credit Economics or AP Economics 0.5/1.0 credit Government or AP Government
WORLD LANGUAGE 2 credits	1.0 credit French 1A/1B - 1.0 credit French 2A/2B 1.0 credit German 1A/1B - 1.0 credit German 2A/2B 1.0 credit Spanish 1A/1B - 1.0 credit Spanish 2A/2B
HEALTH .5 credit	0.5 credit Health
PHYS ED .5 credit	0.5 credit PE 1
VISUAL, PERFORMING OR APPLIED ARTS (VPAA) 1 credit	1.0 credit art courses, music courses, Debate, Theater Arts OR Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses
ONLINE LEARNING EXPERIENCE	Online course OR learning experience. <i>No credit is awarded but it is a graduation requirement.</i> <i>Online experience is incorporated into each of the required credits.</i>

FOUR-YEAR PLAN OF STUDY

Below is a four-year plan of study based on the Michigan Merit Curriculum. There may be variations to this plan to accommodate special needs and programs; however, all plans should be reviewed by a counselor to ensure that all graduation requirements established by the Chippewa Valley Board of Education are being met.

GRADE 9		
1 ST SEMESTER SUBJECT		2 ND SEMESTER SUBJECT
English 9A, Advanced English 9A	1	English 9B, Advanced English 9B
Algebra 1A, Acc Alg 1A, Acc Geometry I	2	Algebra 1B, Acc Alg 1B, Acc Geometry II
Biology I or Honors Biology I	3	Biology II or Honors Biology II
Global History I or AP World History I *	4	Global History II or AP World History II *
Physical Education 1 or Health (.5 credit) *	5	Physical Education 1 or Health (.5 credit) *
World Language Year 1A or Elective	6	World Language Year 1B or Elective

GRADE 10		
1 ST SEMESTER SUBJECT		2 ND SEMESTER SUBJECT
English 10A, Advanced English 10A	1	English 10B, Advanced English 10B
Geometry I, Acc Geometry I, Algebra 2A, Acc Alg 2A	2	Geometry II, Acc Geometry II, Algebra 2B, Acc Alg 2B
Chemistry I or Hon Chemistry I #	3	Physics I or Hon Physics I #
US History I or AP US History I	4	US History II or AP US History II
World Language Year 2A or see below** or Elective	5	World Language Year 2B or see below** or Elective
Elective	6	Elective

GRADE 11		
1 ST SEMESTER SUBJECT		2 ND SEMESTER SUBJECT
Eng 11A Literature & Composition A, Med Eng 11A, AP Eng Lang & Comp I	1	English 11B Literature & Composition B, Med Eng 11B, AP Eng Lang & Comp II
Alg 2A, Acc Alg 2A, Precalculus I, AP Precalculus I, AP Calc AB I, or AP Statistics I	2	Alg 2B, Acc Alg 2B, Precalculus II, AP Precalculus II, AP Calc AB II, or AP Statistics II
Earth I or Honors Earth I # or AP Environmental Science I	3	Earth II or Chemistry II or Physics II # or AP Environmental Science II or any of the full fear AP Science classes as noted below #
Economics or AP Economics I or Government or AP Government I	4	Economics or AP Economics II or Government or AP Government II
Visual, Performing or Applied Arts (CTE) * or Elective	5	Visual, Performing or Applied Arts (CTE) * or Elective
Elective	6	Elective

GRADE 12		
1 ST SEMESTER SUBJECT		2 ND SEMESTER SUBJECT
English 12A Communication, Med Eng 12A, AP Eng Lit & Comp I	1	English 12B Literature, Med Eng 12B, AP Eng Lit & Comp II
Math credit or a Math-related credit	2	Math credit or a Math-related credit
Econ or AP Econ I or Govt or AP Govt I	3	Econ or AP Econ II or Govt or AP Govt II
Elective	4	Elective
Elective	5	Elective
Elective	6	Elective

- Courses with an asterisk may be moved and taken out of sequence to accommodate a student's Educational Development Plan (EDP); for example, to build a CTE program, or dual enrollment into your plans.
- **World Language Credit: Students may replace one credit of World Language with one credit of CTE when CTE is taken as a second semester (or additional) VPAA credit.
- + Application and/or essay required. See course description for further information.

FOUR YEAR PLAN OF STUDY

GRADE 9

FIRST SEMESTER	SECOND SEMESTER

GRADE 10

FIRST SEMESTER	SECOND SEMESTER

GRADE 11

FIRST SEMESTER	SECOND SEMESTER

GRADE 12

FIRST SEMESTER	SECOND SEMESTER

Go to the Career Development webpage to download a Chippewa Valley Schools customized four-year plan at: <http://www.chippewavalleyschools.org/academics/careers>

GENERAL INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE POLICY

In order for a student to earn the credit for successfully completing a course, students must adhere to the attendance guidelines established by the Chippewa Valley School District. The belief is that good daily attendance habits are an important employability skill. In fact, the state suggested guideline is for a student to attend 90% of class meeting time to be eligible for credit.

ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

ATHLETICS: We currently offer a variety of athletic opportunities at the 9th grade level. All 9th grade students will be allowed to participate in our athletic programs, including varsity and junior varsity levels if the coaching staff determines this is appropriate.

ACTIVITIES: All 9th grade students will be allowed to participate in clubs and activities. Through participation in these programs, students will have the opportunity to develop leadership skills that will create a cohesive freshman class.

CREDIT FORWARD

Students may find it difficult creating room in their schedules for elective classes due to the constraints placed on them through the Michigan Merit Curriculum. Credit Forward provides an opportunity for students to take classes outside of the regular school day from accredited, pre-approved institutions for the purpose of earning required graduation credits. Credits earned in this manner do not preclude attendance and/or graduation requirements established by the Chippewa Valley Board of Education (Policy #5200 and #5460, respectively) or guidelines set forth in the District's Student Code of Conduct. Credits can only be earned from courses pre-approved by the principal/designee. Students may obtain the credit forward form in the guidance office.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

Dual enrollment is an opportunity for qualified students to take classes (and earn credit) at a local college or university while still in high school. A student cannot dual enroll for a course that our district offers as an Advanced Placement class. Please refer to the Counseling tab on the school website for the cut scores requirement on the state standardized tests for dual enrollment qualification criteria. Interested students should refer to the Dual Enrollment page under the Counseling tab on the School website. DUE DATE: April 1, 2026

FRESHMEN ELECTIVE OFFERINGS

Please review the selection of 9th Grade elective courses that will be offered to 9th grade students. There are other 9th grade elective offerings that will not be taught at each high school building due to facilities. Please be advised that some elective offerings will only be available to 9th grade students by a shuttle service to where the particular program is offered. **We urge you to give careful consideration prior to enrolling in these classes as there will be some instructional time lost due to travel between buildings.** Classes will NOT be changed if the student decides he/she does not want to travel.

TESTING OUT

Contact your high school's main office for information on testing out of a course. Refer to the main high school course book, which is available online, for testing out due date and additional information.

SCHEDULE CHANGE POLICY

Selecting classes is a very important process. The classes selected should help prepare the student for life beyond high school, as well as help reach requirements for graduation. Please choose classes wisely. Take advantage of the opportunity to talk with parents and teachers about specific class choices. The classes requested will be the classes that will be scheduled into the next year. Like all schools in the State of Michigan, Chippewa Valley Schools are facing difficult financial times because of a statewide reduction in school funding. At Chippewa Valley and Dakota High Schools, this reduction will result in more classes at capacity and less flexibility to make schedule changes. To stay within our budget allocation, schedule changes will be rare and based only on extenuating circumstances. ***Please choose classes wisely!***

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Current research indicates that all students need varying levels of support in order for them to experience academic success in high school. In fact, students who experience academic failure in the 9th grade are far greater to drop out than in any other grade level in high school. Chippewa Valley Schools have formulated several special programs to provide this support to students. **Due to the high demands of the new Michigan Merit Curriculum, students who are identified for FR English 9A/9B Block or Math Focus, must take these courses as an elective.**

FR ENGLISH FOCUS

An intensive reading class designed to meet the reading needs of students. This class uses technology, modeled independent reading, small-group direct instruction and whole-group direct instruction. Students will take this class in addition to English 9.

FR MATH FOCUS

This is a supplemental math class that students will be assigned in addition to their current math course offering. This class is prescriptive by nature and will use technology to help students work at a pace that is suited to their skill level

COURSE OFFERINGS FOR GRADE 9

2026-2027

REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION			
CRS #	DESCRIPTION	SEM	CREDIT
ENGLISH			
2033/2034	FR English 9A/9B	SEM/SEM	.5/.5
2035/2036	FR Advanced English 9A/9B	SEM/SEM	.5/.5
MATH			
5043/5044	FR Algebra 1A/1B	SEM/SEM	.5/.5
5056/5057	FR Algebra Accelerated 1A/1B	SEM/SEM	.5/.5
5083/5084	FR Geometry Accelerated I/II	SEM/SEM	.5/.5
SCIENCE			
7063/7064	FR Biology I/II	SEM/SEM	.5/.5
7083/7084	FR Honors Biology I/II	SEM/SEM	.5/.5
SOCIAL STUDIES			
8023/8024	FR Global History I/II	SEM/SEM	.5/.5
8035/8036	AP World History I/II	SEM/SEM	.5/.5
HEALTH			
3283	FR Health	SEM	.5
PHYICAL EDUCATION			
6033	FR PE 1 Boys	SEM	.5
6034	FR PE 1 Girls	SEM	.5
WORLD LANGUAGE			
4003/4004	FR French 1A/1B	SEM/SEM	.5/.5
4103/4104	FR Spanish 1A/1B	SEM/SEM	.5/.5
4203/4204	FR German 1A/1B	SEM/SEM	.5/.5
4021/4022	French 2A/2B	SEM/SEM	.5/.5
4121/4122	Spanish 2A/2B	SEM/SEM	.5/.5
4221/4222	German 2A/2B	SEM/SEM	.5/.5

COURSE OFFERINGS FOR GRADE 9

2026-2027

<i>ELECTIVES</i>			
<i>CRS #</i>	<i>DESCRIPTION</i>	<i>SEM</i>	<i>CREDIT</i>
<i>ART</i>			
1013	FR Art Foundations *	SEM	.5
1213	FR Ceramics I *	SEM	.5
1233	FR Ceramics II *	SEM	.5
1050	Drawing I *	SEM	.5
1091	Painting I *	SEM	.5
1270	Photography I *	SEM	.5
1290	Photography II *	SEM	.5
<i>CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)</i>			
9503/9504	FR Technical Design 1A/1B *	SEM/SEM	.5/.5
1413	FR Keyboarding *	SEM	.5
4745	Transportation Technology *	SEM	.5
9271/9272	Graphics Design 1A/1B+	SEM/SEM	.5/.5
1584/1585	Information Technology: Software Development 1A/1B+	SEM/SEM	.5/.5
<i>MUSIC</i>			
5533/5534	FR Concert Band 9A/9B *	SEM/SEM	.5/.5
5653/5654	Men's Chorus I/II *	SEM/SEM	.5/.5
5655/5656	Treble Chorus I/II *	SEM/SEM	.5/.5

* Taught at DHS Main Building

+ Taught at CVHS Main Building

ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES ON PAGE 10.

ADDITIONAL ELECTIVE COURSES FOR GRADE 9

2026-2027

For full descriptions of these elective courses, visit the
Dakota High School website in the course book under

Course Scheduling

CRS #	DESCRIPTION	SEM	CREDIT
<i>CTE COURSES TAUGHT AT DHS MAIN</i>			
4770	Woodworking 1	SEM	.5
4790	Woodworking 2	SEM	.5
<i>ENGLISH CLASSES TAUGHT AT DHS MAIN</i>			
2130	Debate	SEM	.5
2090	Theater Arts I	SEM	.5
2110	Theater Art II	SEM	.5
2227/2228	Writing for Publication I/II	SEM/SEM	.5/.5
<i>FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE COURSES MAY BE TAUGHT AT DHS MAIN</i>			
3064	Beginner Sewing and Design	SEM	.5
3065	Advanced Sewing and Design	SEM	.5
3170	Housing & Interior Design I	SEM	.5
3190	Housing & Interior Design II	SEM	.5
3115	Nutrition I	SEM	.5
3120	Nutrition II	SEM	.5
<i>MUSIC COURSES TAUGHT AT DHS MAIN</i>			
5511/5512	Music Seminar I/II	SEM	.5/.5
<i>YEARBOOK TAUGHT AT DHS MAIN</i>			
2241/2242	Yearbook Production I/II	SEM	.5/.5

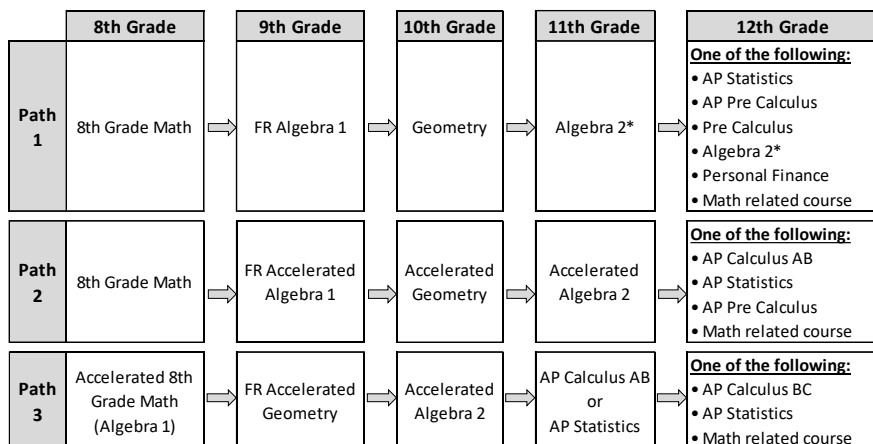
PLEASE NOTE:

The above CVHS/DHS elective courses will be held in their main building. 9th grade students will have to travel to the appropriate building for some electives; some electives will require the high school shuttle service.

Please give careful consideration prior to selecting these electives as there will be some instructional time lost due to travel.

Course selections WILL NOT be changed
if the student decides they do not want to travel.

MATHEMATICS



The above chart lists the most common course sequences taken by students. Variations in course sequences (from accelerated to non-accelerated or non-accelerated to accelerated) may be based on assessment and classroom performance. If you have any questions, please contact your guidance counselor to review additional course sequence options. All students **MUST** take a math or math-related course in their senior year. Personal Finance may be taken concurrently with another math class after completing Geometry.

The completion of the three-course accelerated sequence of Accelerated Algebra 1, Accelerated Geometry and Accelerated Algebra 2 will allow the student to move directly into AP Calculus courses.

*Some students may be placed into an extended Algebra 2 over a two-year period.

5043/5044 FR ALGEBRA 1A/1B SEM/SEM = 0.5/0.5 credit

Algebra 1 is the study of functions and representation. Key areas of study include linear and quadratic functions as a means to model real-world situations and solve problems. Students extend their study of linear functions through systems of equations and inequalities. Use of a graphing calculator is embedded in the course.

5056/5057 FR ALGEBRA ACCELERATED 1A/1B SEM/SEM = 0.5/0.5 credit

Prerequisite: Data Team Placement.

The accelerated courses are designed to cover four years of mathematics in three years. This course is for the serious math student who plans to take AP Calculus (AB/BC) to earn college math credit. This course will cover Algebra 1 material along with selected additional topics.

MATHEMATICS – Continued

5083/5084 **FR GEOMETRY ACCELERATED I/II** **SEM/SEM = 0.5/0.5 credit**

Prerequisite: **Data Team Placement.**

The accelerated courses are designed to cover four years of mathematics in three years. Accelerated Geometry will address geometry content along with selected additional topics. This course is for the serious math student who plans to take AP Calculus (AB/BC) to earn college math credit. Geometry is the study of the components of shapes and their relationships. Students study logic through reasoning and argument as it applies to properties of two and three-dimensional shapes. Other topics of study include transformations, coordinate geometry, measurement formulas and trigonometry and their applications to real-world situations. Algebraic skills are reinforced throughout the course. The Accelerated Geometry course moves at a faster pace, studies topics with more depth and complexity and will include extra content.

MATH FOCUS I/II (SEE NOTE ON PAGE 7) **SEM/SEM = 0.5/0.5 credit**

Prerequisite: **Data Team Placement.**

This is a prescriptive class outlining students' areas of deficiency. The class will rely on technology. Teacher will direct instruction in the prescribed areas, and the students will have the opportunity for self-directed instruction through computer software. Students will take this class along with their current math selection. **Students will forego one elective option if they are placed in this class** and receive elective credit upon successful completion.

ENGLISH

2033/2034 **FR ENGLISH 9A/9B** **SEM/SEM = 0.5/0.5 credit**

Prerequisite: **None.**

Students will work on reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. Students will read and write in a variety of styles and for a variety of audiences through individual, small group, and whole-class activities and assignments.

2035/2036 **FR ADVANCED ENGLISH 9A/9B** **SEM/SEM = 0.5/0.5 credit**

Prerequisite: **Data Team Placement.**

The Advanced English 9 course challenges students in reading, writing, speaking, and listening activities through a variety of texts and media. Advanced students are highly motivated and will become increasingly independent learners throughout the school year. Students will learn and practice the skills and strategies necessary for an advanced academic path.

FR ENGLISH FOCUS (SEE NOTE ON PAGE 7) **SEM/SEM = 0.5/0.5 credit**

Prerequisite: **Data Team Placement.**

An intensive reading intervention class designed to meet the reading needs of students. This class uses technology, modeled independent reading, small-group direct instruction and whole-group direct instruction. Students will take this class in addition to English 9. **Students will forego one elective option if they are placed in this class and receive elective credit upon successful completion.**

SCIENCE

7063/7064 FR BIOLOGY I/II

SEM/SEM = 0.5/0.5 credit

Prerequisite: None.

Biology is a State of Michigan graduation requirement, which exposes students to the complexities of the living natural world. Topics include structure and function of organisms, matter and energy in organisms and ecosystems, interdependent relationships in ecosystems, inheritance and variation of traits, natural selection, and evolution. Students will apply their learning to real-world situations. Laboratory work is required.

7083/7084 FR HONORS BIOLOGY I/II

SEM/SEM = 0.5/0.5 credit

Prerequisite: Data Team Placement.

Biology is taught on an enriched basis for the self-directed student. The course will include additional material and assignments. Students are expected to actively engage with course material and faculty. Laboratory work required.

SOCIAL STUDIES

8023/8024 FR GLOBAL HISTORY I/II

SEM/SEM = 0.5/0.5 credit

Prerequisite: None.

This full-year course introduces students to the study of world history in order to construct a common memory of where humankind has been and what accounts for present circumstances. Building upon foundations from middle school, the course begins with a period of expanding and intensified hemispheric interactions (circa 1400 C.E.) and continues to the present. Within each historical era, students work at three interconnected spatial scales to study world history through several lenses: global, interregional, and regional. Through a global and comparative approach, students examine worldwide events, processes, and interactions among the world's people, cultures, societies, and environment. Interregional and regional scales provide students the opportunity for deep investigation of examples of global trends. Emphasis is placed on skills that enable students to evaluate evidence, develop comparative and casual analyses, interpret the historical record, construct sound historical arguments, and recognize perspectives on which informed decisions in contemporary life can be based. In addition, this course enables students to focus on large historical and geographic patterns, as well as their causes and consequences. Students study human governance systems, patterns of interactions among societies and regions, and patterns of cultural, intellectual, religious, and social changes. They analyze the impact of demographic, technological, environmental, political, and economic changes on people, their culture, and their environment. The integration of historical thinking skills and historical understandings throughout this course equips students to analyze issues and problems confronting citizens today.

SOCIAL STUDIES – Continued

8035/8036 AP WORLD HISTORY I/II

SEM/SEM = 0.5/0.5 credit

Prerequisite: None. Completed application, recommendation and essay required, for incoming Freshman Only.

The purpose of the AP World History course is to develop greater understanding of the evolution of global processes and contacts in interaction with different types of human societies. This understanding is advanced through a combination of selective factual knowledge and appropriate analytical skills. The course highlights the nature of changes in international frameworks and their causes and consequences, as well as comparisons among major societies. It emphasizes relevant factual knowledge used in conjunction with leading interpretive issues and types of historical evidence. The course builds on an understanding of cultural, institutional, and technological precedents that, along with geography, set the human stage. Periodization, explicitly discussed, forms an organizing principle for dealing with change and continuity throughout the course. Specific themes provide further organization to the course, along with consistent attention to contacts among societies that form the core of world history as a field of study. The course will prepare students for the Advanced Placement World History examination offered by the College Board which, if passed, results in the student earning college credit while in high school.

HEALTH AND PE

3283 FR HEALTH

SEM = 0.5 credit

This course is required for graduation. It emphasizes critical knowledge and skills that students need in order to obtain, understand, and use basic health information and services in ways that enhance lifelong health. The primary focus is on behaviors that have the greatest effect especially those related to decision making & goal setting; nutrition; physical activity; safety; substance abuse & refusal; and sexual behaviors that lead to HIV, STDs, and unintended pregnancy, as developmentally appropriate.

6033 FR BOYS PE I

SEM = 0.5 credit

6034 FR GIRLS PE I

SEM – 0.5 credit

Physical Education I is designed for participation in a variety of sports that will enhance life-long activity through emphasis on personal well-being, sport-specific knowledge and skills, sportsmanship and cooperative learning. Students will be exposed to skills and concepts with the purpose of promoting and generating an interest in life-long activity. The course includes a unit dedicated to fitness and health. The essential ideas of the fitness unit may be embedded within the other activity specific units. Specific activities will include, but are not limited to, badminton, bowling, golf, floor hockey, soccer, volleyball, basketball, football, softball, tennis, fitness, handball, and pickleball. Please note: A gym uniform is “recommended” to participate in any Physical Education course. Students may “elect” to purchase a uniform from the school OR they must provide their own, a plain gray t-shirt and navy-blue shorts.

WORLD LANGUAGE

Students are required to complete two credits of World Language (See Graduation Requirements for further details). **Students must take two consecutive years of the same language.**

4003/4004 **FR FRENCH 1A/1B** **SEM/SEM = 0.5/0.5 credit**

4103/4104 **FR SPANISH 1A/1B** **SEM/SEM = 0.5/0.5 credit**

4203/4204 **FR GERMAN 1A/1B** **SEM/SEM = 0.5/0.5 credit**

Prerequisite: **8th grade Language Arts teacher recommendation.**

The first-year course includes an overview of the culture and language integrating: listening, conversing, reading, and writing. Students will use the language to gain a global perspective. College-bound students should take the same language **for at least two years.**

4021/4022 **FRENCH 2A/2B** **SEM/SEM = 0.5/0.5 credit**

4121/4122 **SPANISH 2A/2B** **SEM/SEM = 0.5/0.5 credit**

4221/4222 **GERMAN 2A/2B** **SEM/SEM = 0.5/0.5 credit**

Prerequisite: **Pass level 1A/1B**

The second-year course builds upon listening, conversation, reading and writing skills acquired in the first-year course with increasing accuracy and complexity.

Admission to many colleges/universities in Michigan require two years of study of the same language, three or four years are strongly advised. Taking four years of a language in high school increases students' chances of fulfilling some college language requirements.

ELECTIVES

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ART (Taught at DHS Main)

1013 **FR ART FOUNDATIONS** **SEM = 0.5 credit**

Prerequisite: **None**

A class that will introduce the student to a variety of ideas and materials. The student will write, think and discuss art, as well as draw, paint and sculpt. An understanding of visual art and design is included.

1213 **FR CERAMICS I** **SEM = 0.5 credit**

Prerequisite: **None**

This is a class for those with interest in clay modeling and hand building construction techniques of pinch, coil and slab. Glazing techniques will be demonstrated.

1233 **FR CERAMICS II** **SEM = 0.5 credit**

Prerequisite: **Ceramics I**

Continued development of hand-built construction with advanced ceramic techniques and advanced methods of glazing and surface decoration will be demonstrated.

1050 **DRAWING I** **SEM = 0.5 credit**

Prerequisite: **None**

Students will practice a variety of techniques to learn to draw accurately from observation. They will also learn how to utilize a sketchbook to continuously improve their skills.

1091 **PAINTING I** **SEM = 0.5 credit**

Prerequisite: **None**

A class that will focus on wet and dry color media. Students will study color theory, composition, art appreciation and self-assessment, as well as the techniques of painting. They will also learn how to utilize a sketchbook to continuously improve their skills.

1270 **PHOTOGRAPHY I** **SEM = 0.5 credit**

Prerequisite: **None**

This class instructs students how to create photographs in an artistic form. Beginning with the understanding and use of the creative controls on your Cell Phone and a traditional 35mm Camera (35mm camera may be borrowed from the Art Department). Students will experience the darkroom photography process. Students will learn basic techniques for developing black and white film and making prints in the darkroom. Students will also become acquainted with cell phone photography techniques. Simple PhotoShop techniques will be introduced. Students will learn about creating eye catching edits for social media content on various cell phone apps used in class.

ART - Continued

1290 PHOTOGRAPHY II

SEM = 0.5 credit

Prerequisite: Photography I

In this class students will improve their compositional and design skills, while they strengthen their aesthetic vision. This class includes further work with the 35mm camera and experimental printing processes. Innovative practices such as toning and hand coloring are introduced. Students will become familiar with digital photography and further their image manipulation skills using Photoshop.

PLEASE NOTE: MATERIAL FEES ARE ASSESSED FOR ALL ART CLASSES TO SUPPORT A QUALITY CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE

MUSIC - INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL

5533/5534 FR CONCERT BAND 9A/9B

SEM/SEM = 0.5/0.5 credit

Recommendation: Middle School/Junior High experience or *Director approval*.

This course is for freshmen with basic skills. Techniques, scales, basic music theory and music history will be discussed. Many styles of band literature will be studied and performed. **Requirements:** concerts and festivals, occasional sectionals before or after school; Uniforms are provided by the school. However, students are responsible for purchasing their own black dress shoes. Members of this class may join the marching band, which is held after school. Students must be enrolled in a band class to be eligible for marching band. **This class is taught at the main building.**

5653/5654 MEN'S CHORUS I/II

SEM/SEM = 0.5/0.5 credit

Prerequisite: None

This is a **non-auditioned** choir. It is designed for students in grades 9 through 12 with tenor or bass voices. Students will explore vocal technique, choral singing tone, sight-reading, and performance techniques. Students are required to participate in all concerts, rehearsals and festivals. Choir attire expenses may be required. **This class is taught at the main building.**

Requirements: Concerts and festivals.

5655/5656 TREBLE CHORUS I/II

SEM/SEM = 0.5/0.5 credit

Prerequisite: None

This is a **non-auditioned** choir. It is designed for students in grades 9 through 12 with treble voices. Students will explore vocal technique, choral singing tone, sight-reading, and performance techniques. Students are required to participate in all concerts, rehearsals and festivals. Choir attire expenses may be required. **This class is taught at the main building.**

Requirements: Concerts and festivals.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)

(Taught at DHS Main)

9503/9504 FR TECHNICAL DESIGN 1A/1B SEM/SEM = 0.5/0.5 credit

Prerequisite: None.

This is the first course of a possible four-year design program. Students will be introduced to methods of Computer Aided Design (CAD), drafting, free-hand design and digital media to develop professional drawing, design and visualization skills. Students will learn engineering based innovative techniques of free-hand sketching, lettering, measuring, geometric construction, pictorial techniques, orthographic projection and 3D modeling basics. Projects will include a focus on “green” technologies, alternative/ renewable energy and related innovations used by today’s designers, engineers and service technicians. **This course has been approved to meet the MMC senior year math related credit requirement.**

1413 FR KEYBOARDING & BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY SEM = 0.5 credit

Prerequisite: None.

This course is designed to provide all business-oriented and college-bound students with the beginning computer skills needed to succeed in high school, college and the business world. Skills covered will include keyboarding (alphabetic and numeric keypad) and reinforcement of proper keyboarding techniques. Additional topics will include computer literacy and computer applications such as document formatting and word processing activities (using Microsoft Word) and computer presentation applications (using Microsoft PowerPoint). We will also explore the world of business etiquette and communication to help further employability skills. This course is recommended to be taken before other business courses for students who have not mastered proper keyboarding techniques. **This course does not qualify as a related class for Business Internship in the senior year.**

4745 TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY SEM = 0.5 credit

Prerequisite: None.

Explore the dynamic world of transportation technology and uncover the principles that power machines in motion! In this hands-on, project-based course, students will build and test their own creations both physically and in virtual environments using Blender software. Project themes change each semester and may include constructing model airplanes, hot air balloons, boats, and other innovative transportation systems.

Whether you love working with your hands, solving design challenges, or bringing imaginative ideas to life, this course offers an exciting opportunity to learn by doing. **No prior building experience is needed** – just bring your curiosity, creativity, and enthusiasm for experimentation and discovery.

9271/9272 GRAPHICS DESIGN 1A/1B**SEM/SEM = 0.5/0.5 credit****Prerequisite:** **None.**

The first semester of this course introduces students to the publishing skills needed for graphic design for industry and/or higher education through various lessons, assignments, and projects. This course covers the following areas of study: digital layout, design, electronic pre-press, scanning, desktop and electronic publishing, formatting and manipulating text and graphics for print and the web. The second semester of this course prepares students with the drawing and photo editing skills needed for graphic design in industry and/or higher education through various lessons, assignments, and projects. This course covers the following areas of study: computer drawing, vector artwork design, formatting, enhancing, correcting and manipulating text, images, photos, and graphics for print and the web. Program software utilized: Adobe Creative Suite (InDesign, Illustrator, & Photoshop). A cumulative electronic portfolio produced upon completion of this course.

1584/1585 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT 1A/1B**SEM/SEM = 0.5/0.5 credit****Prerequisite:** **None.**

In today's world web pages are the most common medium for sharing ideas and information. Learning to design websites is an incredibly useful skill for any career path. The Information Technology Web Design course is a project-based course that teaches students how to build their own web pages using HTML and CSS. By the end of this course, students will be able to explain how web pages are developed and viewed on the Internet, analyze and fix errors in existing websites, and create their very own multi page website. Students will learn the foundations of user interface design, rapid prototyping and user testing, and will work together to create professional, mobile responsive websites.

ADDITIONAL CTE ELECTIVE COURSES CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 10.

YEARBOOK

2241/2242 YEARBOOK PRODUCTION I/II**SEM/SEM = 0.5/0.5 credit****Prerequisite:** **Yearbook teacher approval; application needed.**

Students in this class are responsible for the design and production of the school yearbook. Utilizing a web-based application, students will learn publishing skills needed for graphic design, including digital page layout and formatting, as well as manipulating text and graphics for print. Students will learn how to manage project deadlines. Photography is a key element of this course as students will learn how to take high quality photographs. Design elements, composition, and an appreciation of photography as an art form are presented. In order to meet the photography requirement of this class, students are required to attend after school functions to take pictures. **(This course has been approved to meet the Visual, Performing, Applied Arts or Career & Technical Education course credit requirement. This course may be taken more than once.)** **This course does not qualify for NCAA eligibility.**

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