

Hammond High School

“Where People Are Important”





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OUR MOTTO

Where People are Important!



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OUR GOAL

Hammond 100

The vision that **100%** of our seniors will graduate and be ready to proceed with accessing their post-secondary plan.



School Day Bell Schedule

1st Period	7:50-8:45
2nd Period	8:50-9:40
3rd Period	9:45-10:40
*4th Period (A/B Day)	10:45-12:45
A-Lunch	10:45-11:15
B-Lunch	11:15-11:45
C-Lunch	11:45-12:15
D-Lunch	12:15-12:45
5th Period	12:50-1:40
6th Period	1:45-2:35

Typical 9th Grade Schedule

English 9 (or) English 9H (or) English 9 GT (1 credit)

US History (or) US History H (or) US History GT (1 credit)

Algebra 1 (or) Geometry (or) Geometry GT (or) Algebra II GT (1 credit)

Earth and Space Science (or GT) (or) Biology (or GT) (1 credit)

Health & Lifetime Fitness ($\frac{1}{2}$ credit each)

Program Choice: World Language (or) Advanced Technology (or)
Career Academy Track

Elective-Tech Credit? Fine Arts Credit? World Language Credits? Other
areas of Interest....

Graduation Requirements

**A minimum of 22
Credits**

+

**75 Service
Learning Hours**

+

**Career
Preparation**

+

**High School
Assessments**



Graduation Requirements

22 Credits Total

Subject	# of Credits	Subject	# of Credits
English	4	Health (1 & 2)	1
Social Studies	3	Lifetime Fitness	0.5
Mathematics*	4	Comp. Science, Engineering, Tech. Ed.	1
Science	3	Program Choice	2 +
Fine Arts	1	Electives	1 +

High School Assessments

Algebra

MCAP Assessment

English

MCAP Assessment

Government

**High School
Assessment**

Science

**Maryland Integrated
Science Assessment**

Planning for Success!

Course registration is one important step in the ongoing process

Dec. 16, 2025 - Jan. 12, 2026

During the course selection process, we encourage students & families to:

- Reflect on students' current courses and request courses that support student's high school plans and post-secondary goals
- Review graduation requirements & students' progress on 4-year plan, making sure you are meeting prerequisite requirements
- Explore the different courses and opportunities available
 - Career Academies (ARL), Dual Enrollment, Mentorships, Apprenticeships

Step It Up!



- Review all teacher recommendations pre-loaded.
- Is there a particular content area in which your student is very interested and is meeting success?
- Consider stepping up to a more advanced level in that area (Honors/GT/AP)

Course Request Process

**DUE BY
JANUARY 12**

- **Students** must complete online through Synergy
- Select **SEVEN** courses AND **THREE** Alternates
- To submit final list, you must click “Lock Course Requests”



Student Services Counselors



9th Grade	Mr. Kosisky
A-C (10-12)	Ms. Fuentes
D-J (10-12)	Mrs. Shomali
K-Q (10-12)	Mr. Moss
R-Z (10-12)	Mr. Smith

Scheduling Meetings Coming Up!

- January 27th-February 11th
 - Student Course Request Meetings with Counselors
- Advice:
 - Review graduation requirements
 - Step it up
 - Review course catalog
 - Take advantage of college and career information!

Monica Stevens-Career Readiness Advisor



- **Provide College and Career Awareness & Exploration**
 - Career Speakers
 - College and Career Fairs, College Visits
 - Field Trips
- **Provide Awareness & Supports to Post High School Pathways**
 - Jumpstart/Dual Enrollment
 - Career Academies
 - Military Branches, ASVAB testing
 - Maryland Service Year
 - Apprenticeships/Trade School/Certification programs
 - **Supports:** Applications, Resume/Cover letter, Learners Permit, Drivers Ed
- **Provide Resources to Students and Families**
 - March 2 Future, CCR Weekly, FAFSA/One app, Scholarships



ARL is Howard County in Miniature

1400+

Students from
every high
school in
Howard
County

13 Academies

And multiple
pathways to
your future

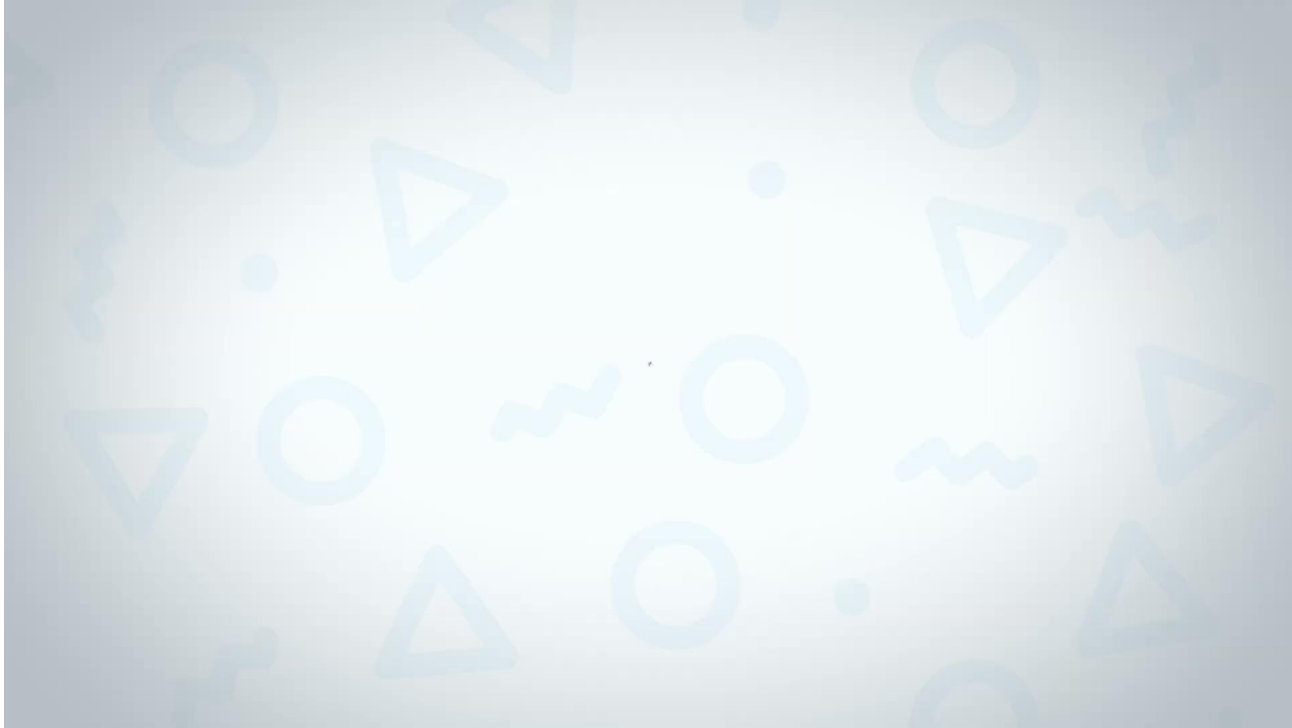
25%

Of ARL
students also
attend HCC
classes as part
of Jumpstart

500+

Students
earned an
Industry
Recognized
Credential
Last year

Academies at ARL



The process:

9th Grade

Plan your
schedule with
your
counselor.

10th Grade

Apply by
registering for
classes during
course
registration.

11th Grade

Attend AM
Academy 1
class Period 1
and 2 at ARL.

12th Grade

Attend PM
Academy 2
class Period
4B, 5 and 6.

JumpStart

What is JumpStart?

JumpStart is the partnership between the HCPSS and HCC that provides opportunities for HCPSS students to earn college credits from HCC at a reduced tuition cost by taking courses at their high school or directly through HCC.

Courses in the HCC course catalog may be taken at Howard Community College for HCC Campus-based college credit. Many of these courses count towards high school graduation and will appear on both transcripts.



Courses with a “CC” in the course title can be taken at your high school for High School-Based college credit. These courses will appear on both transcripts as long as the student goes through the registration process to receive the college credit.

How To Track My Progress?

- Review Course History in Synergy
- Complete 4-year Plan
- Graduation Requirement Checklist



The **Student Services** Team EMPOWERS YOU to Reach Your Goals

- Scheduling of classes
- Monitoring attendance
- Advising and counseling (academic, personal/social, career)
- Monitoring graduation requirements
- Information sharing about future life opportunities
- Assisting students to explore and develop postsecondary and career plans
- Supporting student well being and connecting to community resources as needed

Science

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Science Graduation Requirements:

- ❖ 1 credit of NGSS Earth & Space Science
- ❖ 1 credit of NGSS Life Science (Biology or Bio GT)
- ❖ 1 credit of NGSS Physical Science
- ❖ Must take LS-MISA

Non- NGSS Courses offered (count as electives, but do not count towards graduation:

- ❖ Anatomy & Physiology
- ❖ Marine Science
- ❖ Forensic Science
- ❖ Astronomy
- ❖ AP Biology

NGSS Courses offered:

- ❖ Earth & Space Science / GT Earth & Space (Earth)
- ❖ Biology /GT Biology (Life)
- ❖ Advanced Physical Science (Physical)
- ❖ Chemistry Honors (0.5 credit) (Physical)
- ❖ Physics Honors (0.5 credit) (Physical)
- ❖ GT Chemistry (Physical OR Earth)
- ❖ AP Physics I (Physical)
- ❖ AP Physics C: Mechanics and/or EM (Physical)
- ❖ AP Chemistry (Physical)
- ❖ AP Env. Science (Physical OR Earth)



Science

- Students will take the LS - MISA at the end of their Biology course
- Counts as 20% of their grade and will be administered at the end of the year.
- Students do NOT take a midterm or final that year.
- Bio/Bio GT is a REQUIRED course for students who entered high school in SY 21/22 or later.

Student	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grades 11-12
I	Earth and Space Systems Science (regular or G/T) (EARTH)	**Biology (on-grade or G/T) (LIFE)	Advanced Physical Science (PHYSICAL)	NGSS Aligned Elective Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP Biology (LIFE) ^ • AP Chemistry (PHYSICAL) • AP Environmental Science (EARTH or PHYSICAL) • AP Physics 1 and/or 2 (PHYSICAL) • AP Physics C Mechanics and/or EM (PHYSICAL) • Environmental Science (EARTH or PHYSICAL)
II	Earth and Space Systems Science (regular or G/T) (EARTH)	**Biology (on-grade or G/T) (LIFE)	Chemistry Honors & Physics Honors (PHYSICAL)	
III	**Biology - G/T (LIFE)	*Chemistry - G/T (EARTH)	AP Physics 1 (PHYSICAL)	
IV	Earth and Space Systems Science (regular or G/T) (EARTH)	**Biology (on-grade or G/T) (LIFE)	*Chemistry - G/T (PHYSICAL)	
V	**Biology - G/T (LIFE)	Earth and Space Systems Science (regular or G/T) (EARTH)	Advanced Physical Science (PHYSICAL)	Non-NGSS Aligned Elective Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anatomy and Physiology • Astronomy • Forensic Science • Marine Science
VI	**Biology - G/T (LIFE)	*Chemistry - G/T (EARTH)	AP Physics C Mechanics (PHYSICAL)	

*Chemistry - G/T can fulfill the Earth or Physical Science credit.

**The Life Science Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (LS MISA) will be administered at the end of the Biology or Biology - G/T course. HCPSS made Biology and Biology - G/T required science courses for students who entered high school in the 2021-2022 school year or later.



English Courses

English 9

Regular
Honors
G/T

English 10

Regular
Honors
G/T

English 11



Regular
Honors
Advanced Placement

English 12

Regular
Honors
Advanced Placement

All grade-level English courses are graduation requirements,





English Elective Courses

Advanced Composition

Creative writing: Write for fun! Practice short stories, screen plays, poetry, etc.

Grades 11-12

Semester: LA-800-8

Full Year: LA-800-1

Speech I-II

Practice your public speaking and debating skills.

Grades 10-12

Speech I Sem: LA-860-8 / Year: LA-860-1

Speech II Sem: LA-865-8 / Year: LA-865-1

African American Literature

Semester long literature courses that focus on specific voices in literature.

Grades 11-12

Semester: LA-810-8

Yearbook I-IV

Design and develop the yearbook for the school. Participate in school events.

All Grades

Full Year I-IV: LA-870-1 - LA-873-1

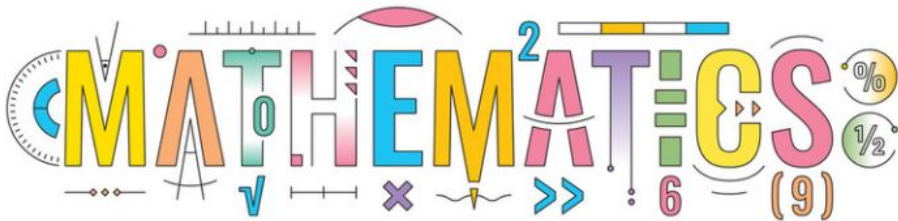
Journalism I-IV

Report on current and school events. Be a part of producing a print and online newspaper.

All Grades

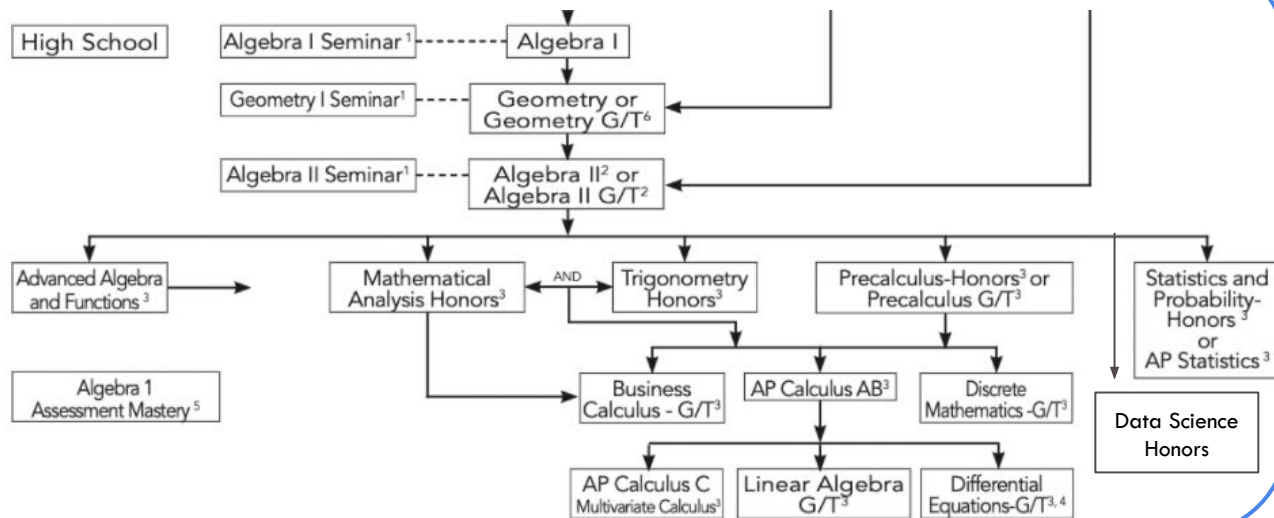
Full Year I-IV: LA-840-1 - LA-843-1





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Difference between Regular and GT?

GT courses tend to cover more concepts and prepares you for an AP math course (Stats/Calc)

Interested in taking two math courses?

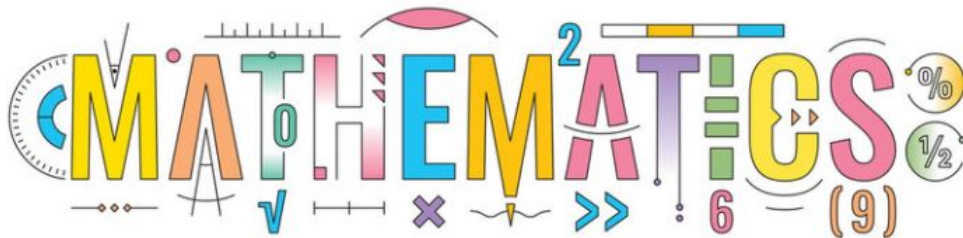
- Sign up for **Seminar** if you are enrolling in Geometry or Algebra 2
- Sign up for **AP Stats** if you have completed Algebra 2
- Sign up for **Discrete Math GT** if you have completed PreCalculus GT/Honors

HCPSS Math Graduation Requirements

- Enroll in a math course every year in high school
- Students need to earn 4 credits of math
- Algebra 1/2 MCAP Assessment

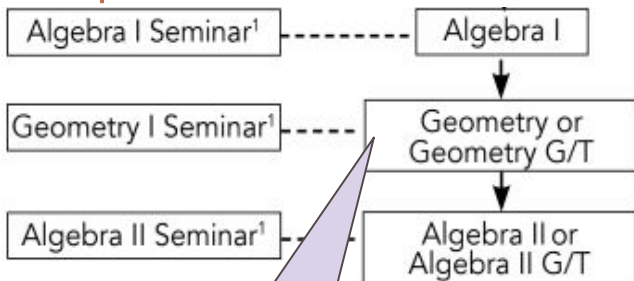
Looking for an semester elective?

Try **Financial Literacy**, It is not a math credit, but a great life skill!



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Options After Algebra 2:



Recommended for
 Chem GT? Should
 co-enroll in Alg 2

AP Statistics:

- Great for all majors
- Can take concurrently after Algebra 2/2 GT

GT/AP Options

PreCalculus GT

AP Calculus AB

AP Calculus BC

AP Statistics

Business Calculus GT

Discrete Math GT

Differential
 Equation/Linear Alg

Honors/Reg Options:

Precalc Honors

Math Analysis Honors

Trigonometry Honors

Data Science Honors

Advanced Algebra

Prob and Stats Honors

Social Studies

STANDARD SOCIAL STUDIES PROGRESSION

9th Grade - US History*

10th Grade - American
Government*

11th Grade - World History*

12th Grade - Electives

AP PATHWAY SOCIAL STUDIES PROGRESSION

9th Grade - AP Human
Geography

10th Grade - AP Government &
Politics*

11th Grade - AP World History*

12th Grade - AP US History*

** Meets Graduation Requirement**

Social Studies

Social Studies Full Year Electives

Social Studies Semester Electives

AP African American
Studies
SO-623-1

AP Comparative
Government and Politics
SO-604-1

AP Human Geography
SO-607-1

AP Psychology
SO-612-1

AP US History
SO-615-1

SO-506-8
African American Studies

SO-509-8
Law and the Citizen

SO-619-8
Women's Studies

SO-507-8
Ancient and Medieval
History

SO-611-8
Psychology

SO-614-8
World Religions

SO-603-8
Anthropology

SO-613-8
Sociology

These pair great together or
with your Health credit!

Note: HCPSS also offers AP Economics, AP European History, Asian Studies, Latin American Studies, LGBTQ Studies, Native American Studies, Economics, Ethics, & Political Science. Any class offered will be based on student enrollment.

Program Choice Options

World Language
(same language)

**Career & Technical
Education
Completer**

2 credits

3 credits +



WORLD LANGUAGE

Progression of Courses Offered

- Level 1
- Level 2 or 2 Honors
- Level 3 or 3 Honors
- IST (Intermediate Special Topics) (This course is optional and may be taken full year or semester.)
- Level 4 Honors
- AST (Advanced Special Topics) (This course is optional and may be taken full year or semester.)
- Level 5 AP (Advanced Placement)
- Level 6 GT



Frequently Asked Questions

Does taking a World Language (even at the middle school level) meet the graduation requirement?

Yes, two years of the same language does count for graduation requirement.

If I only take a World Language in middle school, will I be a strong candidate for college?

Each college/university is different. Many colleges and universities expect two years of the same language at the high school level. However, to be competitive, they recommend 3-4 total years of a World Language.

How many language courses are needed for workplace proficiency?

Four to six years of World Language study will allow you to meet a level of proficiency that would be beneficial in the workplace.

What is the Seal of Biliteracy?

The Maryland Seal of Biliteracy (SoBL) is an honor that recognizes graduating seniors who have achieved high proficiency levels in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English. This distinction is added to the official transcript of qualifying students at no cost.

Language classes can take you places!



University of Pittsburgh

Required: 2 years
Recommended: 3 years

Pitt wants two years, but three years is even better. Students with fewer may need classes in college.



Penn State University

Required: 2 years

Penn State requires two years of one world language. If you don't have them, you'll catch up later.



Georgetown University

Recommended: ongoing

Georgetown encourages ongoing language study through high school — no strict minimum, but more is better.



Harvard University

Recommended: 4 years

Harvard recommends four years of the same world language.



Towson University

Required: 2 years

Towson asks for two years of a world language. ASL and certain substitutions may count too!



University of Maryland

Required: 2 years

UMD expects at least two years of the same world language in high school.



Howard University

Recommended: 2 years

Howard recommends two years of world language for a strong academic prep.



Louisiana State University

Required: 2 years
(same language)

LSU follows the Louisiana Core Curriculum requiring two years of the same language.

Strengthen your Spanish with animals and sports!

Intermediate Special Topics in

Spanish

- Explore Spanish through animals, sports, and global culture!
- Dive into real-world topics, media, and conversations that make language come alive!

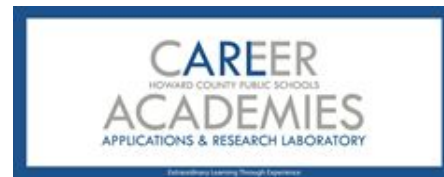
Prerequisite: Spanish III



Career and Technical Education (CTE)

Career Academies and Courses

- ★ Graduation complete pathway
- ★ Career Academy options that are School-based or centralized at the Applications and Research Lab (ARL)
- ★ 24 Career Academy options with over 50 courses that can be taken individually or as part of an Academy Pathway



Visit

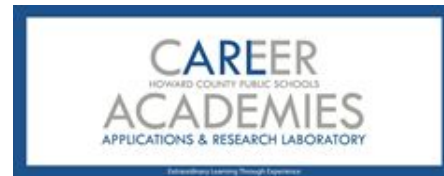
<https://www.hcpss.org/academies/>
for more information.

Career and Technical Education (CTE)

Career Academies at Hammond HS

- ★ Business and Marketing Academy
- ★ Career Research and Development Academy (CRD)
- ★ Computer Programming Academy
- ★ Computer Science Academy
- ★ Culinary Academy
- ★ Engineering: Project Lead The Way (PLTW)
- ★ Teacher Academy of Maryland

For more info on these, the
Career Academies, and other
CTE courses:



Career and Technical Education (CTE)

Computer Science, Engineering, or Technology Education

Course Options:

- Computer Science Principles - AP (can earn college credit)
- PLTW Introduction to Engineering Design - G/T
- Exploring Computer Science - Honors
- Foundations of Technology

For more Career and Technical Education Information:

<https://www.hcpss.org/academics/career-technical-education/>

Physical Education

**Required for Graduation:
Lifetime Fitness: PE-900-8**

Other opportunities:

**Strength and Conditioning
PE-951-8 or PE-951-1**

**Sports for Life
PE-940-8 or PE-940-1**

Health Education

Required for Graduation:

Health 1: HE-900-8

Health 2: HE-920-8

Dance 1: DT-400-1

Dance 2: DT-500-1

Dance 3: DT-600-1

Dance 4: DT-700-1

Junior Dance Company GT: DT-730-1

Senior Dance Company GT: DT-720-1

**Dance Seminar: Education and Production
GT: DT-711-1**

***Previous Dance course or placement audition
required for all classes beyond Dance I**

Contact Kerry McWithey for more information.

No Experience Necessary

Theatre 1: DT-410-1

Technical Theatre (semester option): DT-910-8

**Unified Theatre & Leadership (semester):
DT-930-8**

Advanced Courses

Theatre Company: DT-741-1

Musical Theatre: DT-761-1

Theatre Apprenticeship: DT-791-1

Contact Lauren Tobiason for more information.

Music

Choir (Malcolm Washington)

- ★ Concert Choir (MU-510-1)
- ★ Vocal Ensemble GT (MU-811-1), Open to Soprano & Alto Voices By Audition
- ★ Chamber Choir GT (MU-812-1) Open to all voices by Audition

Orchestra (William Rose)

- ★ String Orchestra: MU-520-1
- ★ Chamber Orchestra GT by audition only

Contact music directors for more information regarding courses and auditions

Band (Stephen Dunlap)

- ★ Marching Band/Wind Ensemble GT (by audition only): MU-800-1
- ★ Concert Band: MU-400-1
- ★ Percussion Ensemble GT: MU-840-1
- ★ Jazz Band: MU-880-1

Electives

- ★ Piano
- ★ Guitar
- ★ Music Technology
- ★ Music Theory

Semester option is available for all music electives

Visual Art

Art 1: VA-400-1 (NO prerequisites required)

Art 2 / G/T: VA-510-1 / VA-500-1

Art 3 / G/T: VA-640-1 / VA-650-1

Art 4 / AP: VA-700-1 / VA-710-1

Art 5 Honors / AP: VA-855-1 / VA-860-1

Art History - AP: VA-720-1

Art Studio Honors/G/T: VA-810-1 / VA-815-8

Photography 1 / G/T: VA-520-1 / VA-530-1

Photography 2 / G/T: VA-620-1 / VA-630-1

Photography 3 Honors / AP:VA-740-1 / VA-750-1

Prerequisites required for all classes
besides Art 1

**Contact Raissa Rosenbaum & Amanda Beck
for more information**

ADVANCED RESEARCH *Courses*

- **AP Seminar**
- **AP Research**
- **Independent Research G/T**
- **Intern/Mentor G/T**

In the Advanced Research Program, students will:

- Get to explore their interests!
- Conduct college-level research.
- Develop advanced skills in researching, presenting, and writing.
- Consult with professionals for research and feedback.
- Develop advanced skills in networking, problem solving, and collaborating through professional experiences.

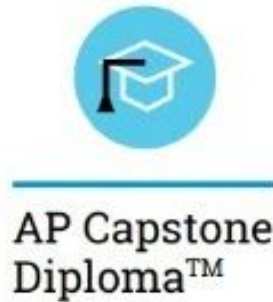


ADVANCED RESEARCH Courses

The AP Capstone Diploma



Research has found that students who take AP Capstone courses are more likely to persist in college and earn higher first-year college GPAs compared to their peers... ***Join me in the AP Capstone Diploma program break-out session in PL room to learn more!***



Academic Eligibility

What do students need to be able to participate in all voluntary extracurricular activities?

- Students must maintain a 2.0 grade point average with no more than two failing grades for the marking period prior to the start of the activity
- All incoming 9th graders are academically eligible for fall extracurricular activities

Break-Out Sessions

- Department break-out sessions in cafeteria
- Student Services also available in cafeteria to answer any questions
- AP Capstone Diploma Program break-out session in PL room
- High School and Post-High School Pathways break-out session in A136 (by cafeteria)