



Bishop Fenwick
HIGH SCHOOL

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FRESHMAN
Course of Studies

RELIGION DEPARTMENT

Bishop Fenwick High School follows the
Archdiocesan High School Religion Graded Course of Study.

**FRESHMEN will take Hebrew Scriptures for
one semester and Christian Scriptures for one semester.**

Freshmen are required to participate in four service projects.

HEBREW SCRIPTURES (#1011) / CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES (#1012)

Grade 9

Two semesters = 1 credit

“Hebrew Scriptures”

This course is an introduction to the study of Scripture and an overview of the Hebrew Scriptures. Students will be introduced to the contextual approach to interpreting the Scriptures. They will examine the history of the Hebrew people, the essential stories of faith in Scripture, and the lessons of faith that Jews and Christians continue to learn from living the tradition of the Hebrew Scriptures.

“Christian Scriptures”

This course will focus on the person of Jesus as fully God and fully Man who shows us the Father and redeems us. They will also look at the Christian Scriptures (New Testament) considering its origin and purpose and examining its meaning for Christians today. Students will continue the contextual approach to interpreting Scriptures.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

ENGLISH 9 A&B (#1111 & 1112)

Grade 9

Two semesters = 1 credit

Prerequisite: Students are placed according to standardized test scores (High School Placement Test), eighth grade language arts scores, and teacher recommendation.

This course is designed as a fundamental approach to all phases of first-year English. Areas of concentration include composition, reading comprehension, grammar skills, and literature. Literature is taught in the general genre approach with units on the short story, the novel, drama, and poetry. Reading material is chosen to develop basic reading skills with the appropriate maturity level for freshmen in mind. Reading lists will be provided on course syllabus.

ENGLISH I A&B (#1113 & 1114)

Grade 9

Two semesters = 1 credit

Prerequisite: Students are placed according to standardized test scores (High School Placement Test), eighth grade language arts scores, and teacher recommendation.

This course focuses on the study of communication and literary skills. Basic grammatical structure, sentence and paragraph development, the writing of short essays, vocabulary development, and a variety of literary genres are the basis of the first year course. Poetry, the short story, the novel, and drama are the vehicles through which writing and literary skills are taught. Reading material is chosen to develop basic reading and analytic skills with the appropriate maturity level for freshmen in mind. Reading lists are generally available on the Fenwick website in the mid-summer prior to the beginning of the school year.

HONORS ENGLISH I A&B (#1115 & 1116)

Grade 9

Two semesters = 1 credit

Prerequisite: Students are placed according to standardized test scores (High School Placement Test), eighth grade language arts scores, and teacher recommendation.

The content and objectives of this course are similar in nature to those of English I. Higher standards prevail for writing and reading; there is also a greater focus on literary analysis rather than simple comprehension and basic analysis. Reading material is chosen to develop basic analytic skills with the appropriate maturity level for freshmen in mind. Reading lists will be provided on course syllabus.

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

ALGEBRA 9 A&B (#1201 & 1202)

Grade 9

Two semesters = 1 credit

Students will study the basics of Algebra, order of operations, linear equations, exponents, factoring, rational expressions, graphing linear equations and inequalities, systems of linear equations, and irrational numbers. Less emphasis will be placed on statistics and other applications than the Algebra I course.

ALGEBRA 1 A&B (#1203 & 1204)

Grade 9

Two semesters = 1 credit

Prerequisite: Average performance on High School Placement exam and other standardized tests and 8th grade math

Students study real number properties applied to algebraic expressions, and solve equations and inequalities. Other topics include polynomials, factoring, rational expressions, graphing, systems of equations, functions, inequalities in two variables, irrational numbers, quadratic formula, and statistics.

ACCELERATED ALGEBRA 1 A&B (#1205 & 1206)

Grade 9

Two semesters = 1 credit

Prerequisite: Superior to above average performance on High School Placement exam and other standardized tests and 8th grade math. Student is encouraged to have a TI-nspire CX CAS Calculator.

Incoming Freshmen must take a MATH placement test on Saturday, April 6, 2019.

Students study real number properties applied to algebraic expressions, solving equation and inequalities. Other topics include polynomials, factoring, rational expression, graphing, systems of equations, functions, two-variable inequalities, irrational numbers, quadratic formula, statistics and trigonometry. Students will focus on word problems and the application of the topics.

HONORS GEOMETRY A&B (#1207 & 1208)

Grade 9

Two semesters = 1 credit

Prerequisite: Superior performance on the High School Placement exam and other standardized test with Algebra I course in 8th grade. Students are required to have TI-nspire CX CAS Calculator.

Incoming Freshmen must take a MATH placement test on Saturday, April 6, 2019.

Students will cover the entire Geometry curriculum during the three quarters of the year. Topics will include postulates, definitions and theorems of two-dimensional figures, angle relationships, parallel and perpendicular lines, polygons, reflections and composites of reflections, congruent and similar figures, perimeter, area, the Pythagorean Theorem, relationships with triangles, right triangle trigonometry, surface area and volume, circles. The Fourth Quarter of the class will switch to algebra topics and cover properties of real numbers, solving equations and inequalities, graphing, systems of equations, and quadratics.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

BIOLOGY 9 A&B (#1311 & 1312)

Grade 9

Two semesters = 1 credit

Criteria: Placement based upon standardized placement test scores and teacher recommendation.

This class covers the same curriculum as Biology I (#1313/#1314). Biology 9 is designed for the student who can benefit from alternative teaching methodologies and whose basic scientific skills need strengthening. The curriculum includes: scientific method and measuring, cell structure, function and processes, evolution, genetics, and ecology. Laboratory, inquiry and critical thinking skills will be developed.

BIOLOGY I A&B (#1313 & 1314)

Grade 9

Two semesters = 1 credit

Criteria: Enrollment is based upon average and above average placement test scores in mathematics and reading.

Biology is a life science course designed to develop the student's organization and thinking skills. Emphasis in this class will be on lab skills, mathematical skills, critical thinking skills and inquiry skills. The course curriculum includes: scientific method and measuring, cell structure, function and processes, evolution, genetics and ecology. This class requires a solid foundation in mathematics with above average reading and writing ability. Biology students will normally move on to Physical Science.

HONORS BIOLOGY A&B (#1315 & 1316)

Grade 9

Two semesters = 1 credit

Prerequisites: 1) Selection by a committee of teachers based upon high achievement on High School Placement test in Math and Reading; 2) Completion of required summer work.

*Students entering the honors science program should have a serious interest in the sciences. This class is designed to be a pre-AP Biology course. Students entering this program must be self-motivated to complete self-directed, independent work and have excellent study and analytical skills. Honors Biology has a laboratory based curriculum that includes topics in The Science of Biology, Organic Chemistry, Ecology, Genetics, Evolution, and Structure vs. Function with a focus on plant and animal structure. Students will be expected to bring together ideas and information from several different areas. An integral part of the curriculum will be quarterly projects that will include laboratory and research work. **A research project will be part of the grade.***

Summer work is required for this class.

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

WORLD GEOGRAPHY 9 (#1406)

Grade 9

One semester = 1/2 credit

This class covers the same curriculum as World Geography. World Geography 9 is designed as a fundamental approach to geography. The course is structured for the student who can benefit from alternative teaching methodologies.

WORLD GEOGRAPHY (#1407)

Grade 9

One semester = 1/2 credit

In this course, students will examine the world's regions, countries, and important global issues. They will study the various cultures around the world. Students will also explore how places change over time and how people around the world have caused changes to occur.

WORLD LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

Recognizing the need for students of the 21st century to be prepared for a global society the world languages department offers an opportunity to not only learn the language but to engage in the cultures from which they come. In each of the world languages we offer, students will actively collaborate with fellow students, teachers and technology to maximize the foreign language learning experience. Although a student is only required to complete two years of a foreign language we strongly encourage students to take 3-4 years to ensure they are adequately prepared to take language at the college level.

FRENCH

FRENCH I A&B (#1533 & 1534)

Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Two semesters = 1 credit

Basic vocabulary and grammar are the focus at this beginning level. Lessons are taught using French and English. Topics covered: include school, food, family, clothing, weather, calendar, activities, preferences, house and shopping. Students use the present tense of -er verbs and some common irregular verbs.

By the end of the year students are able to express opinions and ask for and provide information. Students also have general knowledge of French culture and specific points of interest in Paris.

FRENCH II A&B (#1543 & 1544)

Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Two semesters = 1 credit

Prerequisites:

Incoming Freshmen must take a LANGUAGE placement test on Saturday, April 6, 2019.

Reading, writing, speaking and listening using basic vocabulary and grammar are the starting points for this level. Lessons are taught partially in French. New topics include daily routine, chores, health and fitness, and travel. Students continue learning regular and irregular verbs. The (passé compose) past tense is introduced second semester.

By the end of the second year students are able to discuss events in the present, the past and the “futur proche” (aller). Students also compare differences in the daily life of Francophone people.

LATIN

LATIN I A&B (#1513 & 1514)

Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Two semesters = 1 credit

Latin I focuses on a clear and structured understanding of grammar, and growing accumulation of Latin vocabulary. Students will read, compose, and correctly pronounce Latin sentences and short paragraphs. The course also includes some study of Roman history and culture. Students should expect, by the end of the year, to be familiar with three of Latin's five declensions, the present and perfect systems in all four conjugations, and the indicative and imperative mood.

LATIN II A&B (#1523 & 1524)**Grades 9, 10, 11, 12****Two semesters = 1 credit****Prerequisites:****Incoming Freshmen must take a LANGUAGE placement test on Saturday, April 6, 2019.**

Latin II consists of a more advanced study of Latin grammar and vocabulary. Students will master all Latin verb forms, the remaining two declensions, the passive voice, and will begin to acquire a facility for translating and composing more complex Latin passages. By the end of the year, they should expect to have acquired an extensive vocabulary, to begin to understand Latin literary constructions such as the ablative absolute, and to be familiar with most of Latin's varied case uses. Latin II includes an introduction to Roman literature.

SPANISH

SPANISH A/B (#1550 & 1551)**Grades 9, 10, 11****Two semesters = 1 credit per year****Prerequisite: Language aptitude as indicated by placement test or department test.**

This level provides an introduction to the fundamentals of grammar structures, reading, writing, listening, and speaking in the Spanish language at a slow pace. Students in Spanish A/B cover half the material that is covered in regular Spanish I. This class is designed for highly motivated students who struggle with grammatical structure and need extra assistance. The first year focuses on conjugations of regular verbs and basic sentence structure along with everyday vocabulary. Hispanic culture is embedded into the curriculum weekly through videos, Powerpoints, and personal accounts. At the end of the year, students are able to communicate at a basic level. Students who successfully complete Spanish A/B continue on to Spanish C/D the next year.

SPANISH C/D (#1552 & 1553)**Grades 10, 11, 12****Two semesters = 1 credit per year****Prerequisite: Teacher recommendation**

This class is a continuation of Spanish A/B. Students will continue to develop their reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills in the Spanish language. Students in Spanish C/D are responsible for all material learned in the Spanish A/B class. The second half of Spanish I focuses on irregular verbs in the present tense and more advanced sentence structure. At the end of the year, students should be able to read, write, listen, and speak at a low novice level. After the completion of Spanish C/D, students will earn their language credit needed to graduate. Those students who wish to go on to Spanish II must pass a language test in order to continue.

****PLEASE NOTE**: All students with previous exposure to the Spanish language who wish to place beyond Spanish I are required to take a placement test before beginning their language study to ensure that they are placed in the appropriate course level.**

SPANISH I (A&B) (#1563 & 1564)**Grades 9, 10, 11, 12****Two semesters = 1 credit**

This level provides an introduction to the fundamentals of grammar structures, reading, writing, listening, and speaking in the Spanish language. The first year focuses on the present tense along with vocabulary that is used in everyday life. Students also spend ample time learning how sentences are formed.

Hispanic culture is embedded into the curriculum weekly through videos, PowerPoints, and personal accounts. At the end of the year, students should be able to read, write, listen, and speak at a low novice level.

ACCELERATED SPANISH I (A&B) (#1565 & 1566)**Grades 9, 10, 11, 12****Two semesters = 1 credit****Prerequisite: Previous exposure to Spanish as indicated by placement test results.****Incoming Freshmen must take a LANGUAGE placement test on Saturday, April 6, 2019.**

Students entering Accelerated Spanish 1 have already been introduced to the basics of Spanish. Present tense structures and vocabulary are reviewed before expanded upon. The accelerated class goes more in depth into the present tense, sentence structure, and everyday vocabulary while maintaining a challenging pace. Students become more comfortable expressing themselves in the target language. The grammatical skills at this level include present tense of regular and irregular verbs, present progressive and reflexive verbs. Hispanic culture is embedded weekly through videos, PowerPoints, and personal accounts. At the end of the year, students will be at a low novice level.

SPANISH II (A&B) (#1573 & 1574)**Grades 9, 10, 11, 12****Two semesters = 1 credit****Prerequisites:****Incoming Freshmen must take a LANGUAGE placement test on Saturday, April 6, 2019.**

This course builds upon Spanish I by providing the students with more complex grammar structures and advancing their study of vocabulary. Oral presentations as well as written assignments involving original compositions encourage the students to express individual thoughts and ideas as they develop their communication skills. Spanish II focuses on using the present, imperfect and preterit tenses for communication. Vocabulary topics include daily routine, childhood experiences and community involvement. Students entering into Spanish II from other schools are required to take the placement test.

ART DEPARTMENT

ART I (#1851)

Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

One semester = 1/2 credit

Fine Art Credit

Art I is the foundational and introductory level course for art study throughout high school. The course is primarily devoted to deliberate and systematic presentations in a highly structured class environment. The pivotal goal of the course is to encourage and promote student awareness of their creative capacities and to overcome internal and external fears in making. This course emphasizes visual literacy, visual awareness, the elements and principles of design, visual problem solving and decision making (creative process), and proper studio habits. Course content addresses a variety of media and processes rooted in 2D drawing. Furthermore, art history, art vocabulary, art criticism, and aesthetic studies are explored in both writing and speaking exercises.

BUSINESS, CAREERS & TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

MOBILE COMPUTING and COLLABORATION A & B (#1708 & 1709) Technology Credit

Grade 9 required

Two semesters = 1/2 credit, required

This two-part course is designed to prepare students for use of their mobile computing device through high school and beyond as well as work with students on the utilization of the technology/tools at their disposal.

*This course is designed to ensure that the students begin high school with the necessary digital literacy skills to effectively use their tablet PC. With the incorporation of 1:1 device program, this class will cover the use of Office 365 in the classroom. This first course is an introduction to the IT career field and is designed to provide students with a working knowledge of computer concepts and essential skills necessary for work and communication in today's society. Students will learn safety, security, and ethical issues in computing and social networking. Students will also learn about input/output systems, computer hardware and operating systems, and office applications. As part of this course, students will also enroll as a Tech Prep student with Sinclair Community College and have the **opportunity** to earn college credit in the BIS 1120 – Computer Applications Course (3 credit hours).*

Opportunity to test for Microsoft Certification will also be an option for students completing rigorous modules in the Microsoft Applications Suite.

Approximately half of the time spent in this class will be utilized for student study time, collaboration time, work with school counseling programs in the area of study and career/college planning, as well as working with students on utilization of their technology in all other courses they take.

MOBILE COMPUTING and COLLABORATION 9 A & B (#1706 & 1707) Technology Credit

Grade 9 *Students recommended by intervention specialist

Two semesters = 1/2 credit, required

This two-part course is designed to prepare students for use of their mobile computing device through high school and beyond as well as work with students on the utilization of the technology/tools at their disposal.

This course is designed to ensure that the students begin high school with the necessary digital literacy skills to effectively use their tablet PC. With the incorporation of 1:1 device program, this class will cover the use of Office 365 in the classroom. This course is designed to provide students with a working knowledge of computer concepts and essential skills necessary for work and communication in today's society. Students will learn safety, security, and ethical issues in computing and social networking. Students will also learn about input/output systems, computer hardware and operating systems, and office applications.

Approximately half of the time spent in this class will be utilized for student study time, collaboration time, work with school counseling programs in the area of study and career/college planning, as well as working with students on utilization of their technology in all other courses they take.

EARLY COLLEGE IT PROGRAM

Early College IT Program is a partnership with the Warren County Career Center. The program consists of college credit opportunity, hands on problem solving of real-world problems, and networking opportunities. Through partnerships with WCCC, the University of Cincinnati, and Sinclair Community College students have *opportunity* to earn transferable college credit hours. Completing requirements of the University of Cincinnati pathway may lead to preferred or automatic acceptance into the University of Cincinnati IT degree program. This opportunity does have additional requirements. Following graduation from high school, students may have the opportunity to enter a UC sponsored co-op and begin their sophomore year of college. Please review this link for more information regarding the UC IT Pathway <http://bit.ly/UCPathSlides>

A presentation for parents will be given at Meet the Teacher night in September.

Below are the courses currently offered at Bishop Fenwick High School at this stage of implementation. New offerings will be added each year.

MOBILE COMPUTING and COLLABORATION (#1708 & 1709)

INTRODUCTION TO NETWORKING (#1714)

IT PATHWAY 1 (#1721 &1722)

IT PATHWAY 2 (#1723 & 1724)

Available 2020-21

IT PATHWAY 3 (#1725)

INTRODUCTION TO NETWORKING (#1714)

Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

One semester = 1/2 credit

Students will install, configure, and troubleshoot network hardware and peripherals. Students will learn networking by exploring the OSI model, network topologies, and cabling. Students will design simple networks, know how to select physical devices, and be able to configure the equipment.

Knowledge and skills relating to the operation and usage of network protocols will be developed. Each student who passes the end of course exam can earn transferable CTAG credit to UC as IT1080 Computer Networking or Sinclair as CIS 1130.

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY

INTRODUCTION TO ENGINEERING AND DESIGN (IED) A&B (#1771 &1772)

Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Two semesters = 1 credit (Fulfills a 1/2 credit toward Technology)

Students dig deep into the engineering design process, applying math, science, and engineering standards to hands-on projects. They work both individually and in teams to design solutions to a variety of problems using 3-D modeling software and use an engineering notebook to document their work.

HEALTH & PE DEPARTMENT

HEALTH (#1613)

Grade 9

One semester = 1/2 credit

Health class develops a solid understanding and awareness of the human body and how to properly care for and protect it. This encompasses education on achieving good mental health, good health habits, practicing safety and keeping up with the major health problems in our society. There is an emphasis on drug, tobacco and alcohol education, nutrition, eating disorders, human sexuality, sexually transmitted diseases, bullying and domestic violence.

Bishop Fenwick students who successfully complete two full seasons of interscholastic athletics, marching band/color guard, or cheerleading may be excused from the high school physical education graduation requirement. For more information and the appropriate paperwork, please visit the “Resources” tab via fenwickfalcons.org or see a school counselor.

MUSICAL and PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT

The study of music and performing arts contributes in significant ways to the quality of life for every student who elects to participate in organized music making and dramatic productions in school. Every work is a product of its time and place, although some transcend their original settings and continue to appeal to mankind through their timeless and universal appeal. The Performing Arts have been and always will be a significant factor in man's pursuit of knowledge. It is our primary concern to expose the students in band, chorus, and drama at Bishop Fenwick High School to a wide variety of musical styles, composers, and playwrights by offering performance in a variety of ensembles and settings. Through these experiences we shall enrich and expand the student's aesthetic awareness of all experiences.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PERFORMANCE

INSTRUMENTAL METHODS (#1813)

Fine Art Credit

Grades 9, 10, 11

One semester = 1/2 credit

Prerequisite: **None—Scheduled with Department Chair**

This course is designed to give any student in grades 9-11 a more in-depth and personalized approach to music performance and theory development. Following a six-level curriculum, students will be given lessons over the course of the semester to receive ½ credit in fine arts with their chosen musical instrument (Strings, Woodwind, Brass, Percussion). Level 1-2 is aimed for beginners with little to no experience, but will allow students to enroll in the Concert Band ensemble, or Advanced Instrumental Methods following completion of this course.

ADVANCED INSTRUMENTAL/VOCAL METHODS A&B (#1836 & #1837)

Fine Art Credit

Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Two semester = 1 credit

Prerequisite: **Completion of Instrumental Methods, Department Chair Approval**

*This course is designed to give any student in grades 9-12 a more in-depth and personalized approach to music performance and theory development. Following a six-level curriculum, students will be given lessons over the course of two semesters to receive 1 credit in fine arts. Advanced Methods can be completed as a floating course, for students with scheduling conflicts that would otherwise prevent them from enrolling in Concert Band, Chorus, or Honors Concert Band. Enrollment in Advanced Methods will allow the student to perform alongside ensembles for performances. Students with no scheduling conflicts will otherwise be placed in the respective performing arts course by default. *At the beginning of each semester, students will meet with the department chair to go over a lessons schedule and appropriate course level content and repertoire. Students will also be a performing member of the ensemble for Christmas, Spring, and Graduation Performances.*

**Students may take Advanced Instrumental/ Vocal Methods in addition to the performing ensemble if the student is seeking post-secondary plans for a music degree.*

GUITAR AND KEYBOARD (#1804)

Fine Art Credit

Grades 9, 10, 11, 12**One semesters = Half Credit****Pre-requisite: 1. Successful completion of Pre-Band or Music Appreciation AND 2. Approval from Music Department Chair*****Enrollment number for this course is limited with preference given to fine arts need and seniority.***

This course is designed to give any student in grades 10-12 an opportunity to learn and play guitar and piano. This is in preparation to join the Concert Band and/or the Falcon Force Marching Band courses and activities in following semesters. During this course, students are taught the fundamentals and techniques that will enable them to become fully participating musicians in ensembles. Students will be split in half between piano and guitar, and will switch instruments at the end of the quarter. Students will learn the basics of guitar and keyboarding in a small class setting. This builds upon knowledge acquired from Music Appreciation. The course of study will cover popular music, including but not limited to: British Rock, Blues, Classic Rock, Pop, Country, and Jazz. Students will learn to read sheet music, lead sheet notations, tablature, and other forms of music literacy on acoustic guitar, electric bass, and piano.

CONCERT BAND A&B (#1821 & 1822)

Fine Art Credit

Grades 9, 10, 11, 12**Two semesters = 1 credit****Pre-requisite: Prior experience on the instrument to be played**

In band, students learn about the history, theory, and people of music through the preparation and performance of various styles of musical literature. Band at Bishop Fenwick High School includes both the Falcon Force Marching Band and the Fenwick Concert Winds. All high school members of the Falcon Force Marching Band must enroll in concert band during the school day. This course is the central thrust of musical development and performance, and co-curricular ensembles cannot improve without the core concert band course.

Students enrolled in Concert Band are **not required to participate** in Marching Band, Pep Band, or other ensembles as a co-curricular activity.

This course may be repeated all four years of high school.

VOCAL MUSIC PERFORMANCE

FRESHMAN CHORUS A&B (#1805 & 1806)

Fine Art Credit

Grades 9

Two semesters = 1 credit

This yearly performance-based course is open to all freshman students at Fenwick. Students are exposed to and learn to sing many different genres of vocal music, especially focused on 4 part choral music. Students receive vocal training in the areas of breath control, vocal tone production, proper singing pronunciation, and others. Elements of music history and music theory are included to give students a better perspective on the music they are studying. It is hoped that the individual students take this class in preparation for participation in the Fortissimo Chorus ensemble.

Students who exhibit higher levels of ability may be asked to form small ensembles to enhance their learning experience in the choral area and to expand their performance experience. The chorus class performs annually at the Christmas Concert and Spring Pops concert in addition to other travel performances and for the school community. Evaluations are both written and performance in nature.

Students interested in piano accompaniment are welcomed and encouraged to sign up for this class. Your participation grade would be for playing the piano - not singing. Students interested in this option should set up an audition time with the director PRIOR to registering for the class.

FORTISSIMO CHORUS A&B (#1831 & 1832)

Fine Art Credit

Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Two semesters = 1 credit

Prerequisite: Completion of Freshman Chorus; Transfer Credit in Chorus; Successful audition with Music Department Chair

This yearly performance-based course is open to all students at Fenwick. Students are exposed to and learn to sing many different genres of vocal music, especially focused on 4 part choral music. Students receive vocal training in the areas of breath control, vocal tone production, proper singing pronunciation, and others. Elements of music history and music theory are included to give students a better perspective on the music they are studying. It is hoped that the individual students take this class for more than one year, so as to better their ability over time. Students who exhibit higher levels of ability may be asked to form small ensembles to enhance their learning experience in the choral area and to expand their performance experience. The chorus class performs annually at the Christmas Concert and Spring Pops concert in addition to other travel performances and for the school community. Evaluations are both written and performance in nature.

Students interested in piano accompaniment are welcomed and encouraged to sign up for this class. Your participation grade would be for playing the piano - not singing. Students interested in this option should set up an audition time with the director PRIOR to registering for the class.

NON-PERFORMANCE MUSIC

MUSIC APPRECIATION (#1811)

Fine Art Credit

Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

One semester = 1/2 credit

Music appreciation is a semester course offered to students wishing to further their knowledge of modern day music through the study and research of music theories and performances throughout history. This course will give a broad outlook on how we have come to create and listen to the music around us today. Students will also be exposed to the many challenges facing musicians in today's world.

THEATRE APPRECIATION (#1843)

Fine Art Credit

Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

One semester = 1/2 credit

This course will take you on a theatrical journey of the world of theater. You will learn the basics of theater technology, improvisation, make-up, pantomime, theater history, and playwriting. This is not a performance-based course but is intended to help the student understand and appreciate the skills and creativity necessary for a theatrical production and/or career.

INTRODUCTION TO ACTING (#1842)

Fine Art Credit

Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

One semester = 1/2 credit

Students will learn about the theatre with an emphasis on performing. Those enrolled will work on improvisation, pantomime, accents, scene work, monologues, and the business side of being a professional actor, audition technique and script analysis. This is a performance-based class.

Sample Curriculum Paths

Sample College Prep - 4 Year Program

Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
Hebrew Scrip/Christian Scrip	Church History / Sacraments	Morality / Christian Lifestyles	Peace & Justice / Rel Elective
English 9	English 10	English 11	English 12
World Language (A/B)	World Language (C/D)	Elective	Elective
Algebra 9	Geometry 10	Algebra 11	College Algebra & Trigonometry
Biology 9	Physical Science 10	Chemistry 11	Botany & Zoology OR Geology
Economics 9 / World Geography 9	World History	US History	Government
Mobile Computing / Health	Physical Education OR Elective	Elective	Elective
Pathway or Other Elective	Pathway or Other Elective	Pathway or Other Elective	Pathway or Other Elective

Sample Accelerated College Prep - 4 Year Program

Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
Hebrew Scrip/Christian Scrip	Church History / Sacraments	Morality / Christian Lifestyles	Peace & Justice / Rel Elective
English I	English II	English III	Senior English
World Language	World Language	World Language or Elective	Elective
Algebra I or Accelerated Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II	Math Elective
Biology I	Physical Science	Chemistry	Science Elective
Economics / World Geography	World History	US History	Government
Mobile Computing / Health	Physical Education OR Elective	Elective	Elective
Pathway or Other Elective	Pathway or Other Elective	Pathway or Other Elective	Pathway or Other Elective

Sample Honors College Prep - 4 Year Program

Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
Hebrew Scrip/Christian Scrip	Church History / Sacraments	Morality / Christian Lifestyles	Peace & Justice / Rel Elective
Honors English I	Honors English II	Honors English III	AP English IV
World Language	World Language	World Language or Elective	World Language or Elective
Honors Geometry	Honors Algebra II	Honors Pre Calculus	AP Calculus
Honors Biology	Honors Physical Science	CCP Chemistry I	CCP Chem II, AP Bio, AP Phys
Economics / World Geography	AP World History	AP US History	AP Government
Mobile Computing / Health	Physical Education OR Elective	Elective	Elective
Pathway or Other Elective	Pathway or Other Elective	Pathway or Other Elective	Pathway or Other Elective

