

**FOCUSED PLAN OF STUDY (Choose one)**

\_\_\_\_\_Advanced Placement \_\_\_\_\_Fine Arts\_\_\_\_\_Liberal Arts \_\_\_\_\_Science/Math  
\_\_\_\_\_Career/Technical \_\_\_\_\_Journalism

If Career Technical is chosen indicate area of interest:\_\_\_\_\_

Students will select a focused plan of study and take 3 credits in the focused area during high school. Some focus areas start the curriculum in the 9th grade. Others start in the 10th.

If students take 6 classes each year, they will have the opportunity to take 2 additional classes of interest from the classes listed below. The student may pick from any other focus area once the requirements for the focus area stated above are met.

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**EXPLANATION OF FOCUSED PLAN OF STUDY**

**Advanced Placement:** These classes may be chosen beginning the junior year and credits can be earned in AP Art, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Calculus, AP Govt, AP Psychology, and AP US History. A total of 3 AP credits will satisfy the requirements for this Program of Study.

**Fine Arts:** Fine Arts credits may be earned in Art, Band, Chorus, or Theater. If a student chooses Arts as a Program of Study, he or she must earn 3 credits in addition to the 1 credit that is required for every graduate.

**Liberal Arts:** Students will take 3 credits of Social Studies including World Geography or World History, U.S. History and Government and Economics. In addition, a student may choose this as an emphasis by choosing 3 additional credits from classes such as Psychology, AP Psychology, Sociology, African American History, African American Literature, Facing History and Ourselves, Intro to Hebrew Scriptures, Contemporary Issues and additional Foreign Language above the 2 units required for graduation.

**Science and Math:** Each student will take 4 math classes in high school even if they took Algebra I in the 8th grade. Each student will take 3 Science classes in high school even if they took Physical Science in 8th grade. To have Science and Math as a focus, a student would then choose a combination of 3 more upper level science or math classes from the choices of AP Calculus, Advanced Algebra and Trig, AP Biology and AP Chemistry and Anatomy and Physiology and Environmental Science/Ecology.

**Career and Technical:** Students may earn 3 credits in each of the following tech areas: Agriculture, Automotive, Business Management and Finance, Construction, Cosmetology, Early Childhood Education, Family and Consumer Sciences, Health Sciences, Hospitality / Tourism and Marketing, and Information Technology.

**Journalism:** Students may earn 3 credits in Journalism by being selected for the Newspaper or Yearbook Staff. Application and interview required.

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1. All students will select 6 classes and an alternate.
  2. Students must earn 5 credits and credit in English 9 to become a 10th grader.
  3. Use the Focused Plan of Study Table to choose the 3 elective credits for your focused plan of study. They must all be from the same Focused Plan of Study.
  4. Honors recommendation forms must be approved by the teacher and be returned with the registration materials in order to be enrolled.

