

HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES

IN 8TH GRADE



CMS & CVHS

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR MANY STUDENTS

ADVANCEMENT POSSIBLE IN H.S. CURRICULUM

A GREAT WAY FOR STUDENTS TO DEVELOP THEIR STRENGTHS, EVEN IF IT'S JUST 1 CLASS.

BE SURE YOU GET ALL THE FACTS!

BE SURE IT'S THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR YOUR CHILD!



5 ACADEMIC H.S. CLASSES ARE OFFERED IN 8TH:

SPANISH 1

FRENCH 1

HONORS GSE ALGEBRA 1 (EOCT)

HONORS ACCELERATED COORDINATE
ALGEBRA/ANALYTIC GEOMETRY A (EOCT)

PHYSICAL SCIENCE (EOCT)

“WHO QUALIFIES?”

DETERMINED BY RUBRICS

SOMETIMES STUDENTS QUALIFY, YET IT MAY NOT BE THE BEST CHOICE FOR THEM.

EXAMPLE: HIGH TEST SCORES, BUT LOWER GRADES.

IF YOUR CHILD IS IN AN ON-LEVEL CLASS NOW BUT QUALIFIES FOR A H.S. CLASS, BE PREPARED TO JUMP UP 2 LEVELS IN DIFFICULTY!

HIGH SCHOOL CLASS FACTS

- THE GRADE EARNED GOES ON THE H.S. TRANSCRIPT, A PERMANENT RECORD.
- .5 CREDIT EACH SEMESTER, SHOWS AS “A” & “B” OR “1” & “2” ON TRANSCRIPT.
- HONORS CLASSES ARE WEIGHTED 5 PTS.
- THE GRADE IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE HOPE SCHOLARSHIP AVG.

MORE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS FACTS

- AFTER THE 1ST 9 WEEKS STUDENTS CANNOT DROP A HS CLASS
- CONSIDER THE ACADEMIC TRACKS IN 9TH AND BEYOND (e.g., SPANISH 2 IN 9TH, ACCELERATED GEOM B/ALG 2 IN 9TH, etc.)
- THE H.S. ATTENDANCE POLICY APPLIES

DECISIONS...DECISIONS...

THE HS CLASSES AND LIT/COMP ARE MUCH HARDER THAN M.S. ADVANCED CLASSES.

THE MATERIAL IS MORE COMPLEX

HIGHER ORDER THINKING SKILLS NEEDED

(abstract, analytical, problem-solving skills)

MORE MEMORIZATION IS REQUIRED

THERE IS MORE HOMEWORK!!

SPEAKING OF HOMEWORK...

SOME STUDENTS SPEND 3-4 HOURS A NIGHT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR AS THEY ARE LEARNING NEW CONCEPTS.

STUDENTS USUALLY ACCLIMATE OVER TIME AND THE HOURS DECREASE AS THEY LEARN AND ADVANCE

IF YOUR CHILD IS CURRENTLY STRUGGLING WITH THE HOMEWORK LOAD IN AN ADV. CLASS, THEY COULD REALLY STRUGGLE IN H.S. LEVEL CLASSES,

SKILLS NEEDED FOR SUCCESS

SELF-MOTIVATED AND INDEPENDENT (self starter)

ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS

TIME MANAGEMENT SKILLS

SELF-DISCIPLINE

FAST LEARNERS AND FLUENT WORKERS

PROACTIVE—SUCH AS ATTENDING STUDY SESSIONS REGULARLY BEFORE THERE IS A PROBLEM

ELECTIVES FOR HS CREDIT:

BEGINNING BAND

BEGINNING CHORUS

VISUAL ARTS

THEATRE ARTS/FUNDAMENTALS

INTRO TO BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY



VISUAL ARTS

High School Course for 8th Grade Students



IS THIS COURSE RIGHT FOR YOU?

What they will be learning?

- Prepares students for personal construction of a body of work development in the arts to prepare of higher education and professional development
- Historical and cultural context
- Critical analysis
- Develop aesthetic understanding
- Creative thinking
- Exploration of a variety of art mediums



Expectations

Weekly Sketches

Vocabulary

History

Time Eras

Past Artists

Tests

Projects

Final Exam

A photograph of a stage with red curtains. The curtains are pulled back, revealing a dark stage floor. The text is centered over the dark area of the stage.

**Theatre Arts
And
Fundamentals
Ms. Evelyn Carlile**

THEATRE ARTS/FUNDAMENTALS

What is our motivation?

- Pre-requisite course for both Acting and Technical Theatre students
- Introduce and prepare students with basic skills to work within the professional Theatre business.
- Improve the student's public speaking skills and casual presentation gestures.
- Explore the creative process of the actor and technician
- Improve Acting techniques and character development
- Explore historical and cultural context
- Improve Critical analysis
- Able to work with peers and create an ensemble
- Explore the performance space requirements
- Introduce theatre vocabulary

Expectations:

Come prepared daily
Participate daily
Dress for class
Stay organized
Be respectful



INTRO TO BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY

Kim Bennett

Introduction to Business & Technology is the foundational course for the Entrepreneurship Pathway. It provides an overview of business and technology skills required for today's business environment.

Many units are self-paced. Work speed will affect amount of homework.

Self motivated students do very well in this course

Employability skills are emphasized all year.

May be able to earn Microsoft Office Specialist for Word Core Certification.

The intention of this course is to prepare students to be successful both personally and professionally in an information-based society.

SPANISH I: Ms. McDonough

FRENCH I: Ms. McManus

REQUIRES LOTS OF MEMORIZATION

SEVERAL ORAL PRESENTATIONS & PROJECTS
REQUIRED

FEW/NO MULTIPLE CHOICE TESTS/QUIZZES—
MUST DEMONSTRATE/APPLY KNOWLEDGE

TIME MANAGEMENT IS VERY IMPORTANT!

REQUIRES LIT/COMP IN 8TH

SPANISH/FRENCH 2 REQUIRED IN 9TH GRADE

8TH LIT/COMP

Ms. Vester, Ms. Hess, Ms. Gottfried & Mr. Green

Required with Spanish and French, but not for HS credit.

COMBINES READING & LA; MOVES QUICKLY

EXCELLENT PREPARATION FOR HONORS 9TH LIT.

EMPHASIZES IN-DEPTH EVALUATION OF LITERATURE
AND LITERARY ELEMENTS

EMPHASIZES FORMAL WRITING STYLES USED IN H.S.
AND COLLEGE.

ORAL PRESENTATION UNIT, WITH EMPHASIS ON
PRESENTATION SKILLS

PHYSICAL SCIENCE:

Ms. Rubel, Ms. Jeffries, Mr. Tobin & Ms. Huffaker

HELPS PREPARE STUDENTS FOR CHEMISTRY & PHYSICS, AND HONORS CHEMISTRY & PHYSICS.

SIMILAR TO ADV. MATH 8, BUT INCLUDES:

- MORE ABSTRACT CONCEPTS THAN ADV. SCI. 8.
- MORE IN-DEPTH MATH THAN ADV. SCI. 8.

***TIPS FOR SUCCESS:**

1. COME IN FOR EXTRA HELP IN THE A.M. –DON'T WAIT UNTIL IT'S AN EMERGENCY!

2. LOOK OVER THE NOTES EVERY NIGHT INSTEAD OF CRAMMING BEFORE THE TEST!

HONORS ALGEBRA 1:

Mr. Pfitzner, Ms. Abramson, Ms. Yates & Ms. Aiken

9TH GRADE MATH

LEADS TO HONORS GEOMETRY > HONORS ALGEBRA 2 > HONORS
ACCELERATED PRECALCULUS > AP CALCULUS (Students must maintain class
eligibility)

MOVES MORE SLOWLY THAN ACCELERATED SINCE THERE IS NO GEOMETRY A.

STUDENTS CAN REACH AP CALCULUS IN 5 YEARS

HONORS ACCEL. ALG 1/GEO A: Mr. Pfitzner & Ms. Aiken

INCLUDES ALL OF 9TH ALGEBRA AND 1 SEMESTER OF 10TH GEOMETRY.

IN 9TH: 2ND SEMESTER OF GEOMETRY AND ALL OF 11TH GRADE ADVANCED ALGEBRA.

STUDENTS MUST MAINTAIN ELIGIBILITY FOR HONORS CLASSES.

THIS CLASS MOVES QUICKLY!!

FREQUENT HELP SESSIONS STRONGLY ADVISED FOR MANY STUDENTS!

This class may also be available in 9th grade.

CVHS MATH COURSE MAP

G	PATHWAY #1	PATHWAY #2	PATHWAY #3	TYPICAL PATHWAY
8 TH	Honors Accel. Algebra 1 / Geometry A	Honors Algebra 1	Advanced Math 8	Math 8/Adv. Math 8
9 TH	Honors Accel. Geom. B / Algebra 2	Honors Geometry	Accelerated Algebra 1 / Analytic Geometry A	Algebra 1 (or Honors Alg. 1)
10 TH	Honors Accel. Pre-Calculus <i>or</i> AP Statistics	Honors Algebra 2	Accelerated Analytic Geometry B /Algebra 2	Analytic Geometry (or Honors Geom)
11 TH	AP Calculus AB <i>or</i> AP Statistics	Honors Accel. Pre-Calculus <i>or</i> AP Statistics	Honors Accelerated Pre-calculus	Algebra 2 (or Honors Alg. 2)
12 TH	AP Calculus AB <i>or</i> AP Calculus BC <i>or</i> AP Statistics	AP Calculus AB <i>or</i> AP Statistics	AP Calculus AB <i>or</i> AP Statistics	Pre-Calculus