

Saint Francis School

High School Curriculum

Our High School College Preparatory program is designed to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and mindset needed for success in higher education and beyond. The curriculum emphasizes academic rigor, personal responsibility, and intellectual curiosity, while also nurturing leadership, character, and a commitment to service.

Students engage in a challenging course of study that includes core subjects— English, mathematics, science, social studies, and world languages—alongside electives in the arts, technology, and other specialized fields. College readiness is strengthened through the development of critical thinking, research, writing, and problem-solving skills, as well as opportunities for advanced coursework, dual enrollment, and honors or AP-level classes.

Beyond academics, our program integrates 21st-century skills such as collaboration, creativity, digital literacy, global awareness, and effective communication. Students are encouraged to take ownership of their learning, set personal goals, and build resilience. Equally important, they are guided to develop as leaders through opportunities in student government, clubs, athletics, and service-learning projects that promote teamwork, responsibility, and civic engagement.

At Saint Francis School, we believe education extends beyond the classroom. Our students actively participate in community service initiatives, service-learning experiences, and outreach programs, fostering empathy and a sense of social responsibility. By combining academic excellence with leadership development and community involvement, our College Preparatory program ensures that graduates leave with confidence, purpose, and the foundation to thrive in college, career, and as compassionate global citizens.

Language Arts

English

Course Title	Grade level	Pre-requisites Co-requisites	Description
English I	9	Summer reading	Designed to integrate composition and literature with related language study. Includes grammar, reading, writing, speaking, and listening and vocabulary skills.
English I Honors	9	"A" or "B" in English 8 Teacher recommendation Summer reading	Focuses on developing excellence in language arts through study of literature and composition. Integrates reading, writing, speaking, listening and viewing skills. Composition centers on the development of the multiparagraph essay, critical analysis of literature and basic documentation.

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English II	10	Summer reading	Study of world literature by integrating reading, writing, speaking, listening and viewing competencies.
English II Honors	10	"A" or "B" in English I Teacher recommendation Summer reading	Emphasizes language and composition through the study of world literature. Includes intensive vocabulary study as well as instruction in research, thinking, reading, speaking and test preparation.
English III	11	Summer reading	Integrates language and writing with various selections of American literature with emphasis on reading, writing, speaking, listening and viewing skills. Includes vocabulary building, research skills, and test preparation.
English III Honors	11	"A" or "B" in English II Honors Teacher recommendation Summer reading	Emphasizes language and composition through the study of American literature. Includes intensive vocabulary study as well as instruction in research, thinking, reading, speaking and test preparation.
English IV	12	Summer reading Senior project (teacher discretion)	Study of British literature and the history of the English language as well as supplemental literary pieces. Reading, writing, speaking, listening, and viewing competencies integrated into the study of literature. Course includes vocabulary, research and employability skills.
AP English Literature	12	"A" or "B" in English III Honors, Teacher recommendation. Summer reading	Engages the college-bound student in careful reading and critical analysis of writers' techniques in prose and poetry. Extensive study of poetry and prose of British and American authors. The College Board Examination is given in May for possible college credit.

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Course Title	Grade level	Pre-requisites Co-requisites	Description
Spanish I	9	Summer Reading	Designed to integrate composition and literature with related language study. Includes grammar, reading, writing, speaking,
			and listening and vocabulary skills.
Spanish I Honors	9	"A" or "B" in Spanish 8 Teacher recommendation Summer reading	Focuses on developing excellence in language arts in Spanish through study of literature and composition. Integrates reading, writing, speaking, listening and viewing skills. Composition centers on the development of the multi-paragraph essay, critical analysis of literature and basic documentation.
Spanish II	10	Spanish 9 Summer reading	Study of literature by integrating reading, writing, speaking, listening and viewing competencies.

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Spanish II	10	"A" or "B" in	Emphasizes language and composition
Honors		Spanish I	through the study of literature. Includes
			intensive vocabulary study as well as
		Teacher	instruction in research, thinking, reading,
		recommendation	speaking and test preparation.
			Transfer Transfer
		Summer reading	
Spanish III	11		Integrates language and writing with various
		Spanish I & II	selections of literature with emphasis on
		Summer reading	reading, writing, speaking, listening and
			viewing skills. Includes vocabulary building,
			research skills, and test preparation.
Spanish III	11	"A" or "B" in	Emphasizes language and composition
Honors		Spanish II	through the study of literature. Includes
		Honors	intensive vocabulary study as well as
		Teacher	instruction in research, thinking, reading,
		recommendation	speaking and test preparation.
		Summer reading	
Spanish IV	12		Study of literature and the history of the
•		Spanish I, II & III	Spanish language as well as supplemental
		Summer reading	literary pieces. Reading, writing, speaking,
			listening, and viewing competencies
			integrated into the study of literature. Course
			includes vocabulary, research and
			employability skills.
AP Spanish	12	"A" or "B" in	Engages the college-bound student in careful
Literature		Spanish III	reading and critical analysis of writers'
		Honors,	techniques in prose and poetry. Extensive
		Teacher	study of poetry and prose of Hispanic and
		recommendation.	Spanish authors. The College Board
			Examination is given in May for possible
		Summer reading	college credit.
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Mathematics

Course Title	Grade level	Pre-requisites Co-requisites	Description
Algebra I	8	Requirement	Content includes equations, exponents, factoring, graphing, problem solving and other topics. Students must pass Algebra I, Algebra II Geometry, and Pre-Calculus to graduate.
Algebra I Honors	8	Teacher recommendations	Content includes equations, exponents, factoring, graphing, problem solving and other topics. Students must pass Algebra I, Algebra II Geometry, and Pre-Calculus to graduate.
Algebra II	9-12	Algebra I	Continues the study of the structure of Algebra. Includes quadratics, polynomials, conics and graphing with emphasis placed on problem solving skills. Includes the study of circular and trigonometric functions and their applications.

Algebra II	9-12	"A" or "B" Algebra I	For the aggressively academic, self-disciplined
Honors			student who expects to go further in the study of
			mathematics, this course is significantly more
Coomotuu	10.10	Alashus I	rigorous than Algebra II.
Geometry	10-12	Algebra I	Emphasizes critical thinking and stresses the
			application of the deductive method to
			mathematical situations. Formal proofs are
Cooreacteres	10.10	"A" on "D" Alcohoo I	required.
Geometry Honors	10-12	"A" or "B" Algebra I,	Designed for the highly motivated student and
Hollors		Algebra II Honors	provides a rigorous in-depth study of geometry with emphasis on methods of proof. Topics include
		Teacher	those covered in regular geometry coupled with a
		recommendation	wide variety of enrichment activities.
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Pre-Calculus	11-12	Algebra 1 Algebra II	Topics include functions, polynomials, graphs,
		Geometry.	statement problems, and systems of equations.
		Teacher	
		recommendation.	
College	12	Algebra I & II,	Topics include functions, polynomials, graphs,
Algebra		Geometry, and Pre	statement problems, and systems of equations.
		Calculus	
AP Calculus	12	"A" or "B"	This is a college level course that follows the outline
		Precalculus	set by the College Board. The AP test for possible
		Teacher	college credit will be given in May.
		recommendation	
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Science

Your Science teacher will help you select the appropriate course based on your current progress, you pass grades and interests.

Course Title	Grade level	Pre-requisites Co-requisites	Description
Physical Science	9	Lab Fee \$65.00	Develops the skills and processes necessary to be successful in lab science. Content includes the quantitative study of the introductory concepts of physics and chemistry and other topics.
Biology	10	Earth and Physical Science Lab work Lab Fee \$65.00	Provides opportunities to understand the interactions of science with technology. Content includes lab safety and apparatus, cell biology and reproduction, basic principles of genetics, classification and taxonomy, microbiology, structure and function of the living things.

Course Title	Grade level	Pre-requisites Co-requisites	Description
Biology Honors	10	"A" or "B" on Physical Science \$65 Lab Fee Lab work Teacher recommendation	Provides opportunities to understand the interactions of science with technology. Content includes lab safety and apparatus, cell biology and reproduction, basic principles of genetics, classification and taxonomy, microbiology, structure and function of living things. Focus on higher order thinking skills.
Chemistry	11	Physical Science Biology \$65 Lab Fee Lab work	Provides students with the study of the composition, properties and changes associated with matter. Covers the classifications and structure of matter, atomic theory, periodic table, bonding, chemical formulas, acids, bases and other topics.
Chemistry Honors	11	"A" or "B" Biology \$65 Lab Fee Lab work Teacher recommendation	Provides students with the study of the composition, properties and changes associated with matter. Covers the classifications and structure of matter, atomic theory, periodic table, bonding, chemical formulas, acids, bases and other topics. Emphasis on higher order thinking skills.
Physics	12	Physical Science Biology Chemistry \$65 Lab Fee Lab work Teacher recommendation	Introduces the study of the theories and laws governing the interaction of matter, energy, and the forces of nature. Content includes kinematics, energy, work, power, and dynamics, wave characteristics, light, magnetism and other topics.
Physics Honors	12	"A" or "B" Chemistry and Precalculus \$65 Lab Fee Lab work Teacher recommendation	Introduces the study of the theories and laws governing the interaction of matter, energy, and the forces of nature. Content includes kinematics, energy, work, power, and dynamics, wave characteristics, light, magnetism and other topics.

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Physics Advance	12	"A" Chemistry and Precalculus \$65 Lab	Introduces the study of the theories and laws governing the interaction
		Fee	of matter, energy, and the forces of
		Lab work	nature. Content includes kinematics,
		Teacher	energy, work, power, and dynamics,
		recommendation	wave characteristics, light,
			magnetism and other topics.
Environmental	12	Can be taken	This introductory level course
Science		instead of Physics	focuses on the scientific principles
		for the science	that underlie the
		graduation credit	functioning of the global
			environment. The course addresses
			problems related to human society
			and explores possibilities for
			alleviating these
			problems. The course will provide
			the student with knowledge of how
			the environment functions and
			understanding of the issues of scale,
			complexity and conflict resolution.
Astronomy	9-12	Elective Course	This course introduces the science of
Astronomy	9-12	Elective Course	modern astronomy with a
			concentration on the solar system.
			Emphasis is placed on the history
			and physics of astronomy and an
			introduction to the solar system,
			including the planets, comets, and
			meteors. Upon completion, students
			should be able to demonstrate a
			general understanding of the solar
			system.
Scientific	9-12	Elective course	This course introduces the process
Investigation			of full scientific investigation.

Social Studies/History

Course Title	Grad e level	Pre- requisites Co- requisites	Description
World History	9		Study of the chronological development of civilization which includes time-space relationships, rise of civilization, religions, political and economic systems, interaction of science and society, influence of major historical figures and events, international relations and other topics.

Puerto Rico History US History	10	World History PR History World History	Contains the chronological development of the Puerto Rico with emphasis on the 20 th century. Examines the political, economic, social, religious, cultural and military events affecting the growth of our country. Contains the chronological development of the US with emphasis on the 20 th century. Examines the political, economic, social, religious, cultural and military events affecting the growth of the US and its relation with other countries of the world.
American Gov.	12	World History PR History US History	Overview of the American political system including the structure of government at the local, state and national levels.
Latin America	12	World History PR History US History	Overview of the Latin American political system including the structure of government at the national levels and its comparison between them. It also includes the United States influence in these countries.
Civics	12	World History PR History US History	This course is an overview of the involvement of citizens with our local community, state and nation. Civic education is essential for active participation by informed citizens. This course will emphasize a study of government and individual rights and responsibilities. Examination of rules and laws and the need for authority is crucial to maintaining a safe society for diverse individuals and groups.
Humanities	12	World History PR History US History	This course introduces the distinctive features of a particular culture. Topics include art, history, music, literature, politics, philosophy, and religion. Upon completion, students should be able to appreciate the unique character of the study culture. This course has been approved for transfer under the CAA as a general education course in Humanities/Fine Arts.

Physical Education

Course Title	Grade level	Pre-requisites Co-requisites	Description
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Physical	9	REQUIRED	Provides the opportunity to improve individual
Education 9		FOR	physical fitness and to acquire knowledge of fitness
		GRADUATION	concepts and how an individual's lifestyle affects
			health and fitness. Also includes theory and
			practice of Basketball and Handball. History,
			Origin and development of sports in Puerto Rico.
Physical	10	REQUIRED	Provides the opportunity to improve individual
Education 10		FOR	physical fitness and to acquire knowledge of fitness
		GRADUATION	concepts and how an individual's lifestyle affects
			health and fitness. Also includes theory and
			practice of Softball and Track and Field. History,
			Origin and development of sports in Puerto Rico.

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Physical	11	REQUIRED	Provides the opportunity to improve individual
Education 11		FOR	physical fitness and to acquire knowledge of fitness
		GRADUATION	concepts and how an individual's lifestyle affects
			health and fitness. Also includes basic CPR and
			sports injuries. Theory and practice of Basketball
			and Volleyball and the history, Origin and
			development of sports in Puerto Rico are also
			taught.
Physical	12	REQUIRED	Provides the opportunity to improve individual
Education 12		FOR	physical fitness and to acquire knowledge of fitness
		GRADUATION	concepts and how an individual's lifestyle affects
			health and fitness. Also includes basic CPR and
			sports injuries. Theory and practice of Advance
			Basketball, Handball and Volleyball; History,
			Origin and development of sports in Puerto Rico
			are also taught.
Training	9-12	ELECTIVE OR	Provides the opportunity to improve individual
114111113)	PE	physical fitness and to acquire knowledge of fitness
		SUBSTITUTE	concepts and how an individual's lifestyle affects
			health and fitness. Also includes basic CPR and
			sports injuries.

ELECTIVE COURSES

Course Title	Grade	Pre-requisites	Description
	level	Co-requisites	_
Paint	9-12		Provides a solid foundation in drawing and other visual arts and explores concepts of composition, content, visual and technical skills. Includes using color for expressing ideas and feelings, painting for personal expression, developing sensitivity to design and studying works of artists to develop criteria for evaluating painting.
Advance Painting (Paint II)	10-12	Teacher Recommendation only	Provides advance techniques in drawing and other visual arts and explores concepts of composition, content, visual and technical skills. Includes using color for expressing ideas and feelings, painting for personal expression, developing sensitivity to design and studying works of artists to develop criteria for evaluating painting. Based on Puerto Rico History.
Mosaic	9-12	Could be Advance or regular course	You will learn all of the basics to get you on your way to mastering the mosaic technique. Design, composition, materials, substrates & adhesives, cutting & laying, and grouting will all be covered. Supplies such as glass tile, adhesive, and grout as well as use of tools such as clippers and grinders will be REQUIRED. At the end of the course you will have created an art

			piece of which you are sure to be proud. No prior mosaic or art experience is necessary.
Advance Mosaic	10-12	Mosaic	You will put into practice all of the basics of mosaic technique learned on the basic course. Design, composition, materials, substrates & adhesives, cutting & laying, and grouting will all be covered. Supplies such as glass tile, adhesive, and grout as well as use of tools such as clippers and grinders will be REQUIRED. At the end of the course you will have created an art piece of which you are sure to be proud. Prior mosaic experience is necessary.
Theater I	9-12		Designed for learning and demonstrating fundamental acting techniques and basic script memorization. Includes an overview of the history of the theater plus fundamentals of theater production such as scenery construction, costuming, and make-up.
Drama	10-12	Theater I Teacher Approval Auditions	An Advance course of study for the practice of theater arts. Students will be required to perform in at least one after school production completed as a class.
School Play	9-12	Theater I Teacher recommendation	An Advance course of study for the practice of theater arts. Students will be required to perform in at least one after school production completed as a class.
Band I	9-12		Music History and theory. In this performing group, students are expected to prepare and practice the music they are given as well as the fundamentals of their own instruments. After-school rehearsals will be required during the year. Students are required to participate in public performances on some school and outside activities.
Band II	10-12	Band I Teacher Approval Auditions	In this performing group, students are expected to prepare and practice the music they are given as well as the fundamentals of their own instruments. Private lessons encouraged. After-school rehearsals will be required during the year. Students are required to participate in public performances on some school and outside activities.
Choir I	9-12		These performing ensembles provide instruction in vocal technique and sight-reading skills. A minimum of after-school rehearsal time is required and public performances are part of the curriculum.

Handbell	0.10		The study and performance of handbell
Панирен	9-12		ensemble repertoire, ranging from
			classical to novelty, sacred to secular and
			original to transcription, as well as aspects
			of the preparation of a program for
			performance. After school practice is
			required.
Music	0.10		An introduction to the basic elements of
	9-12		
Appreciation			music. It will study the influence that
			politics, social structure, religion and other factors had on music and other art forms.
Ensemble	0.10		An introduction to the basic elements of
Elisellible	9-12		music, introducing Guitar and singing.
Dance	0.10		An introducting outlar and singing.
Dance	9-12		skills. Outfits and after school practices
			are required.
Grabado	9-12		Provides a solid foundation on engraving
Grabado	9-12		techniques and other visual arts. Explores
			concepts of composition, content, visual
			and technical skills.
French I	9-12		Develops the communicative skills of
richen i	9-12		listening, speaking, reading, writing and
			fundamental skills of grammar.
French II	9-12	French II	Continues the study begun in previous
T Tellell II	9 12	Teacher	course. Student will develop greater
		recommendation	fluency in reading, writing, speaking and
		recommendation	listening.
Portuguese I	9-12		Develops the communicative skills of
			listening, speaking, reading, writing and
			fundamental skills of grammar.
Portuguese II	10-12	Portuguese I	Continues the study begun in previous
		Teacher	course. Student will develop greater
		Recommendation	fluency in reading, writing, speaking and
			listening.
Italian I	9-12		Develops the communicative skills of
			listening, speaking, reading, writing and
			fundamental skills of grammar.
Italian II	9-12	Italian I	Continues the study begun in previous
		Teacher	course. Student will develop greater
		recommendation	fluency in reading, writing, speaking and
			listening.
Japanese	9-12		Develops the communicative skills of
			listening, speaking, reading, writing and
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Sign Language	9-12		Develops the communicative skills of
ASL			American Sign Language.
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Advance Sign	9-12	Sign Language	Continues the study begun in previous
Language (ASL) Conversational	0.10		American Sign Language course. Develops the communicative skills of
English	9-12		listening, speaking, reading, writing and
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Journalism	9-12		Offers opportunities to improve self-
Journalism	9-12		expression as they learn the basic
			principles of journalism. Practice in
			writing, revising, interviewing, finding
			stories, determining news values and other
			topics.
Computor	0.10		
Computer	9-12		Develops proficiency with touch
			keyboarding and MS Office Programs:
			Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access.
			These software applications are taught as
			tools for accomplishing business objectives
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Robotics	9-12	Counts as a	The purpose of this course is to
		technology credit	introduce the student to basics of
			modeling, design, planning, and
			control of robot systems. In essence,
			the material treated in this course is a
			brief survey of relevant results from
			geometry, kinematics, statics,
			dynamics, and control.
Teachers Aide	10	Dringingl	Develops skills such as responsibility,
reachers Aide	12	Principal Recommendation	
		Recommendation	leadership and enthusiasm for the
			education career. The student should
			assist the teacher on every step of the class
			daily routine. The chores could be, but not
			limited to, organize the students, help with
			the notebooks, tests, students book bags,
			kids lunch time, room cleanness and
			organization. Counts as community
Office Clerk	10.10	Duin ain al	service hours.
Office Clerk	10-12	Principal Pagement detion	Develops skills such as responsibility,
		Recommendation	leadership and enthusiasm while helping
			and working on the administration office.
			The student should assist the person in
			charge on every chore required, such as,
			but not limited to, handing in notifications
			to teachers, students and others, helping
			the principal and secretaries, assisting the
			counselors or the Dean of students. Counts
			as community service hours.
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Store Clerk	10-12	Principal	Develops skills such as responsibility,
		Recommendation	leadership and enthusiasm while helping
			and working on the school store. The
			student should assist the person in charge
			on every chore required, such as, but not
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Library Assistant	10-12	Principal	Develops skills such as responsibility,
		Recommendation	leadership and enthusiasm while helping
			and working on the school library. The
			student should assist the librarian on every
I		1	step of the daily routine. The chores could
			be, but not limited to, organize the students, materials, equipment, and

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			others, help with the books, TV's, DVD's,
			and computers library cleanness and
			organization.
College	11-12	Counselor	Help and guide the student towards the
Guidance		Approval	College Oriented decision-making process.
			Counts as community service hours.
Leadership	9-12		The course will explore the complexities,
_	-		possibilities, and individual examples of
			leadership in pursuit of civic responsibility.
			The course will establish a formal setting
			to help the student to clearly identify their
			strengths and weaknesses as a leader, to
			develop the skills required to lead in a
			moral, ethical and fair manner, to increase
			their awareness of the various challenges
			and to do so with other people facing
			similar challenges.
Small Business	9-12		The purpose of this course is to be of
Siliali Dusilless	9-12		benefit to anyone seeking business
			development skills. This course is an
			introduction to Principles of Small
			Business Management and will teach the
			student's ways the management
			techniques are utilized in the workplace of
			today. The material focuses on teaching
			you how to create a highly effective
			business plan, business creation and
			human resources.
Marketing	9-12		A beginning course in marketing which
			stresses the marketing function's
			contribution to any organization. Topics
			include buyer behavior, products, and
			channels of distribution, promotion, and
			pricing and social issues in marketing.
			Standard business and non-traditional
			aspects of marketing are explored. The
			potential employment scenario is reviewed
Responsible	9-12		This course is designed to expose the
Parenthood			students to parenting practices that will
			foster the physical, intellectual and social
			growth of children. Strong parenting skills
			are critical in today's world, and the effect
			of these skills impacts home, employment,
			and community situations.
Health	9-12		Upon completion of this course, the
Treaten	9 12		student will have an understanding of
			human development over the life-span
			from conception to death. The student will
			learn about the three major developmental
			stages which include child, adolescent and
			adult development. In these
			developmental stages the student will
			learn perspectives on development for
			each age group; physical development;

		cognitive development; emotional development; social development; and the final stage of adult development, death.
Introduction to Cinematography / Film Making	9-12	This course introduces students to cinematography and editing through short film projects in a variety of narrative, music video and documentary genres. The techniques acquired, including sound recording and mixing, shooting and digital editing, create a foundation for future film and cinematography courses. In addition, students gain an understanding of the primary concepts of cinematography, such as lighting, film selection and exposure, as factors in image control.
Cooking	9-12	This course introduces students to basic cooking skills, easy menus for college life.

^{*}Other courses could be added by the school at any time, to improve the quality of the curriculum.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

GRADES 9-12

SUBJECT CREDITS 24

- Language Arts 4
- Spanish 4
- Mathematics 4
- Science 4
- Social Studies (4)
 - World History 1 Required
 - PR History 1 Required
 - US History 1 Required
 - American Government 1
 - Civics 1
 - Latin America History 1
 - Humanities 1
- Physical Education 4

Electives (8 credits)

- Fine Arts/ Practical Arts (1 credit required)
 - Art, Paint, Music, Band, Drama, Dance, Choir, Handbell I, II and advance level.
- Technology Education (1 credit required)
 - Computer, Web Page, Coding
- Foreign Language
 - French I & II, Italian I & II, Conversational English I & II, German I&II, Portuguese, sign language. (1 credit required)
- Journalism
- Health
- Tennis
- Speech
- Forensics
- College Guidance
- Calculus (AP Students only)
- Self-esteem
- Teacher Aide
- Office Clerk
- Library Assistant
- Ethics
- Psychology
- Leadership
- Small Business
- Speech
- Accounting
- Psychology
- Creative Writing

<u>NOTE:</u> One Credit is equal to one full year of a subject; one-half credit equals one-half year. To receive an academic diploma and participate in graduation ceremonies, the student must:

- Earn the minimum required credits in grades 9-12 as indicated
- Have an unweighted grade point average (GPA) 2.5 for 9th-12th grades
- Be in attendance on a full time basis for a minimum of 8 semesters in grades 9-
- Take the College Admittance Exam administered by the College Board
- Pass all the classes with a minimum average of 70%C, including elective courses and PE.

Check with your counselor for your requirements.

CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS

FRESHMAN: 0 – 9 Credits SOPHOMORE: 10 – 18 Credits JUNIOR: 19 – 26 Credits SENIOR: 27 – 35 Credits or more

Students must also have a GPA of 2.8 to be promoted to the next grade.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITES AND VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS

Studies have shown that students who participate in more than just the academic portion of school life to become better-rounded adults and better citizens:

Academics + Activities + Athletics = Success

All Students

Although not required at this time, it is strongly recommended that all students participate in **at least one extra-curricular activity**, sports, academic clubs or other after-school organizations.

Every Senior should work at least 20 hours of community/volunteer service. Evidence should be presented to the school.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

Required Testing for Graduation

One of these tests is required for graduation, it must be taken during Senior year.

PAA COLLEGE BOARD

The College Placement Test is REQUIRED FOR GRADUATON. The exam should be taken at least once during the Senior Year. Is recommended to take the test during the Junior year (11th grade) although is not required.

• SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST - Digital SAT

The SAT is an objective test designed to measure how well students have developed their verbal and math skills. It is administered on various dates during the year and fees are assessed. Optimum test dates are in the spring of the junior year; students may retest in the fall of the senior year if necessary. Results are mailed to the student's home, high school, and specified colleges and universities.

• AMERICAN COLLEGE TEST- ACT

The American College Testing Program measures scholastic aptitude in English, mathematics, social studies, and natural sciences. This test is required for admission by some colleges and universities. Optimum test dates are in the spring of the junior year and again in the fall of the senior year if necessary. Results are mailed to the high school and colleges and universities designated by the student.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT- AP

This test is given at the completion of an advanced placement course such as Spanish, Calculus, and English. The exam is administered in May and the results are mailed to the home, school and specified colleges. Most colleges accept AP credit, but the student should verify each school's policies.

The advance placement test is required for all students registered on AP courses.

The following are optional courses for AP Exams:

AP American Government
AP American History
AP Art/General Portfolio
AP Art History
AP Biology
AP Calculus BC
AP Chemistry

AP European History
AP German Language
AP Latin Language
AP Macro Economics
AP Music Theory
AP Physics
AP Physics
AP Psychology

Standarized Tests

This test is required for all students from K-11. The test will be administered during the months of March or April.

OPTIONAL TESTS

ARMED SERVICES VOCATIONAL APTITUDE BATTERY- ASVAB
The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is an optional test
measuring mechanical, clerical verbal, and mathematical skills with a variety of
short, timed multiple answer tests. It is administered to sophomores, juniors and
seniors in the fall of the year. The test can identify occupations and skills for
which students are best suited. There is no commitment to military service
for students taking the test.

HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING SHEET

The student's four-year high school plan needs to be reviewed and updated yearly by students and parents.

- 1. Write in the names of the courses you have completed each year.
- 2. Write in the names of the courses you plan to take in the remaining years.
- 3. This plan should become part of your personal school file that you keep at home.

Course	Required for Graduation	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade11	Grade 12
English	4				
Spanish	4				
Math	4				
Social Studies	4	World History	PR History	US History	Gov. in America/ Latin America/ Civics/ Humanitie s
Science	4	Physical Science			
PE	4				
Foreign Language	1				
Technology Education	1				
Arts	1				
Electives	5				
Total	32 Minimum				