Bentonville Schools
High School Course Catalog

Release to board 1/3
Board discussion on 1/9 and 1/16.
Dear Students and Parents,

As we look forward to the 2018-2019 school year, we are pleased to share the course offerings for both Bentonville High and Bentonville West High Schools. The educators and school board of Bentonville Schools recognize that student experiences, whether that be academic, the arts, career, or athletic, are all critical to the formation of successful adults. The district deliberately plans courses that meet the needs and passions of all students.

The CAPS, which is the time a student selects courses for the upcoming year, is a time that I encourage you to spend some time with your child talking about future college and career plans, passions, interests, and lifestyle. Please know that Bentonville School District has resources to assist you with this process starting with the school counselors.

You may have heard about the District’s Ignite program, which is a professional studies program that provides students the opportunity to get real world experience in one of the pathways currently offered such as Construction Management, Culinary Arts, Digital Design & Photography, Education Innovation, Global Business, Health Sciences, Technology, and Video Production. We have a number of additional pathways within our career education program.

Our goal is to have students experience challenging coursework with real and relevant learning that prepares them for life beyond high school. Please know that we are here to assist your family in this process as you prepare for the upcoming school year.

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Annual Course Selection Process

Course Catalog presented to Board of Trustees on 1/9/18 and 1/16/18
Course Catalog published online on 1/16/18; Limited printed copies available on campuses.
Course Selection Training for Counselors & Administrators on Wednesday, 1/17 at 2pm or 1/18 at 8 or 11.

Gr. 10 & 11 Presentation by Career Studies & Ignite Professional Studies
at each HS on 1/23 and 1/25 w/lunch visits to follow.

HS Information on Tuesday, 1/23/18
at BWHS and Thursday, 1/25/18 at BHS
Parents and students are invited to attend at either HS. Both events will be the same and include sessions listed below.
8th Grade FAQs, 5:00 pm or 7:00 pm in the Auditorium
IB Options, 5:00 pm or 6:00 pm in the Lecture Hall
AP Options, 5:30 pm or 6:30 pm in the Lecture Hall
Ignite Professional Studies, 6:00 pm in the Auditorium
Online HS Courses, 6:30 pm in the Auditorium
NWACC Online Courses for Early College, 7:30 pm in the Auditorium

Home Access Center (HAC) for online course selection opens on 1/26

Student Success Planning at JHs
on 1/29 & 1/30 at WJH; 1/31 & 2/1 at FJH; 2/6 & 2/7 at LJH

AP Night at BHS and BWHS at 6 pm on 2/12/18

Course Selection Nights at each HS on 2/13 & 2/15

Home Access Center (HAC) for online course selection closes on 2/19
Graduation Requirements

To graduate from Bentonville Schools, a student must earn a minimum of twenty-four (24) credits and have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 1.5000 (GPA is carried out four places). Credits are earned at the rate of 0.5 credits per class per semester. Advisory/Flex/Focus classes are non-credit periods. Twenty-one and one-half (21.5) credits must be academic classes.

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AR Act 1280 requires all students to complete a digital learning course.
AR Act 480 requires students entering gr. 9 in 2017-2018 and beyond to complete a course w/ personal finance standards (Econ). AR Act 478 requires, all students in the Class of 2018-2019 and beyond to pass a citizenship test for graduation.

**Fourth math choices: Quantitative Literacy, Algebra III, Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics, IB Math Studies SL, IB Math SL, and NWACC College Algebra. Comparable college courses may be substituted where applicable. Only specific computer science options may satisfy a 4th math credit or 3rd science credit (computer science course codes starting with 465 or 565).
**AP US Government and Politics may be substituted for 0.5 credits of Civics.
***Courses that satisfy the Oral Communication requirement include: Oral Communication, English I Pre-AP, Debate 1, Forensics, and NWACC Public Speaking.
****Nonacademic electives are courses in athletics (the second time a course is repeated), physical education (beyond 0.5 credits), service credit, and the PSAT/ACT/SAT prep course. Academic electives are all other courses.
Note: Arkansas Core is the same as Arkansas Smart Core except the math credits do not have to include Algebra II.
General Academic Information
The contents of this catalog are based on the best information available at the time of publishing in January 2018. Subsequent changes in school board policy, law, and other regulations may supersede the material published here. On the last page of the online PDF, staff will maintain an addendum with record of any corrections or changes as they become available.

Academics
Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed into law in 2015, which replaced No Child Left Behind. This law prioritizes excellence and equity for our students. Like No Child Left Behind, ESSA still requires assessment of students in grades 5-11 in math and literacy, as well as various grade spans in science. In addition, scores must be reported by subgroups such as English learners, students in special education, and those in poverty. The focus of ESSA is to continue to expect excellence of every student, teacher, and school system.

Academic Integrity
Bentonville Schools requires academic honesty and integrity by its students. Students must work to be successful in the classroom based upon his/her own merit. To this end, academic misconduct of any kind is unacceptable and may result in academic sanctions in addition to other discipline. See Board Policy 4.24 for the most recent details.

Academic Screening
The Arkansas State Legislature enacted Senate Bill 788 of 2015 to ensure that children with dyslexia have their needs met by the public school system. As a result of Senate Bill 788 (formerly ACT 1268), school districts are required to administer universal screeners to all students in grades K-2. The screeners assess:

- Phonological and phonemic awareness
- Sound symbol recognition
- Alphabet knowledge
- Decoding skills
- Rapid naming skills
- Encoding skills

Should a teacher note that a student in grades 3-12 is experiencing difficulty in any of the areas listed above, the student will be screened using assessments chosen by the school’s Response to Intervention Team. If screening results indicate a student has a deficit area(s), parents will be made aware and the school will begin providing intervention services during the school day.

Advisory Programs
Research indicates that advisory programs improve attendance, grades, reduce disciplinary problems, and increase student achievement. Advisory programs involve all faculty and students. Advisory programs ensure that each student is known well by at least one adult in the school. Advisors should check grades and attendance for each advisee once every three weeks. Advisory programs will utilize Naviance as a part of the school-wide initiative to update and follow Student Success Plans developed in junior high and revised in Success 1.0 during their freshman year.

Advanced Courses
The Bentonville Schools administration encourages each student to encounter rigorous curriculum in as many ways as possible. All Bentonville students should be able to succeed in one or more advanced courses during high school. Discuss options with a counselor to choose the most appropriate option in an area where you have a high interest and a high ability level. Advanced courses offered in high schools include Pre-AP, AP, IB, Ignite, and college courses. Students who previously qualified for Gifted and Talented services in Arkansas must be enrolled in an advanced course to be coded with ADE as receiving advanced services. ADE honors our Pre-AP, AP, IB, Ignite, and college courses as advanced. Not all advanced courses received weighted credit. See also Weighted Credit.

Advanced Placement
Advanced Placement (AP) is a program in the United States and Canada created by the College Board which offers college-level curricula and examinations to high school students. College Board offers training for teachers leading these courses. Students take an exam in early May to determine their mastery of the AP curricula. Scores range from 1-5 of each exam and scores of 3-5 are generally considered “passing”. American colleges and universities may grant
placement and course credit to students who obtain high scores on the examinations. Each college or university may choose the passing score they prefer and honor. AP courses in Bentonville Schools include weighted GPA credit for students who complete the course and take the AP College Board exam. Official exam scores are reported in early July each year.

### Alternative Methods to Earn or Recover Credit

#### Alternative Methods to Earn Credit - Correspondence Course Credit
Correspondence Credit is any course, online or otherwise, in which enroll concurrently with another agency beyond Bentonville Schools and beyond our partners listed in this catalog. No more than two credits from correspondence courses, not offered in the Bentonville Schools course catalog, will be accepted by transfer toward meeting graduation requirements. Correspondence courses and online courses must be pre-approved by the student’s counselor. Students must pay for tuition, books, and other fees associated with these courses.

In order for a senior to be on the graduation list, grades for any correspondence course or online course must be received by May 1. Failure to meet this deadline may cause the senior to be omitted from graduation activities including being listed as a graduate on the program. Seniors should plan to complete and mail all correspondence lessons by April 1 in order to guarantee getting the test graded and the grade reported to Bentonville Schools by May 1.

#### Alternative Methods to Earn Credit - Credit Recovery
Credit Recovery is taught through self-paced online coursework. The purpose of the credit recovery classes is to provide students who have failed an academic course the opportunity to retake the course and earn credit towards high school graduation requirements. Both courses will be shown on the transcript with the first being shown as a “RC” (Recovered Credit). These classes are offered during the school day, as well as, night school courses and summer school courses. Credit Recovery software may be used for original credit in limited situations approved by the campus principal.

#### Alternative Methods to Earn Credit - Gateway Learning Community
The Gateway program is an alternative learning environment that serves the needs of Bentonville Schools students who may be behind in their academic credits and face the risk of not graduating. The program is staffed with both content area and career and technical education teachers and a counselor.

The mission at Gateway is to provide an avenue for student success in a smaller, less traditional environment. The goal is for each student to experience academic success, to improve their academic standing, develop soft skills, and feel a sense of acceptance and belonging. These goals are accomplished by means of a smaller academic setting (1:15), smaller school population <100, only 4 classes per quarter, flexible scheduling, project-based assessment, and school-to-work opportunities. Students may also participate in online coursework in both credit recovery/credit advancement scenarios. The process for admittance into Gateway: counselor referral, student application, and an enrollment conference. For additional information, please contact Gateway at 479-367-8000.

#### Alternative Methods to Earn Credit - Regional Educational Alternative Program (REAP)
REAP is a collaborative alternative program that serves expelled youth in grades 9-12 from several area school districts. In lieu of official expulsion, students may attend REAP during the length of the expulsion in order to continue their progress toward high school graduation.

#### Alternative Methods to Earn Credit - Repeating Courses
Students may retake only a previously failed course, a course in which credit was pulled, or a course taken in 8th grade for high school credit (for example, Spanish I and Algebra I). Courses taken in 8th grade with a passing grade may only be repeated one time in the 9th grade year. Failed AP or IB courses will be repeated as regular classes, if offered. Non-core courses may be retaken only once. Both courses will be shown on the transcript with the first being shown as a “NC” (no credit). The retake grade will be used for GPA and class rank.

#### Alternative Methods to Earn Credit - Summer School
Bentonville Schools may offer limited summer school courses. Only those students enrolled in Bentonville Schools at the start of summer school are eligible to attend. Students are responsible for tuition cost, supplies, transportation, and lunch. Students with financial needs should contact a counselor. Information is available after Spring Break each year in the counseling office and online.
Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship

The Academic Challenge Program provides scholarships to Arkansas residents pursuing a higher education. Funded in large part by the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery, the Academic Challenge Scholarship is available to students regardless of their academic status, whether just graduating from high school currently enrolled in college, enrolling in college for the first time, or re-enrolling after a period of time out of college. Starting with the class of 2016, the only requirement is a 19 on the ACT or ACT equivalent score and completion of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The scholarship deadline to apply is generally June 1. Website - http://scholarships.adhe.edu/scholarships/detail/academic-challenge-scholarships

Arkansas Activities Association (AAA) Eligibility Requirements

- Pass four (4) academic core classes the previous semester and either:
  - Earn a minimum GPA of 2.0 based on the previous semester, or
  - Be enrolled and attend a Supplemental Instruction Program (SIP) of at least 100 minutes during Flex/Focus each week in the subject areas where inadequate performance has occurred,** and
- Have no truancy absences for the current semester, and
- Have no school disciplinary actions for the current semester, and
- Have no known felony convictions during a semester in which the student is in SIP.

*NOTE: A student must raise the semester GPA by .1000 in order to be eligible for a second consecutive semester of SIP. No student may attend SIP for more than two (2) consecutive semesters. After two (2) consecutive semesters of SIP, the student must have a GPA of 2.0 to regain eligibility.
- Student must comply with AAA requirements.
- Students who are not eligible may practice but may not travel with team or dress out at home or away games.

AAA- Eligibility - ADE Rules (Arkansas Department of Education) and AAA Rules (Arkansas Activities Association); physical examination; adherence to rules, regulations as presented at the onset of the sport; must have passed four (4) academic core courses the previous semester; and minimum GPA of 2.0 for previous semester. A student with a GPA below 2.0 should see the Athletic Director for requirements needed to meet eligibility. Sponsors/teachers of extracurricular activities (such as band, choir, DECA, etc.) must check GPAs of all students in the particular activity each semester.

The following guidelines will be used by staff in determining whether students may or may not participate in extracurricular and interscholastic programs:

- Participation in the activities will not deprive students of the instructional time needed to successfully complete academic course work.
- All due care will be taken to ensure that extracurricular and interscholastic programs not interfere with the instructional school day.
- Students’ and/or organizations’ activities may be curtailed or modified due to those activities’ infringements on the instructional time needed by students to perform their academic work to satisfaction.
- Games and competitions will not be played on days when school has been dismissed due to inclement weather or other unscheduled closures.

AAA - Homeschool Participation in Interscholastic Activities
See Transfer – Homeschool Participation in Interscholastic Activities

Arkansas Citizenship Requirement

Beginning with the graduating class of 2018-2019, Act 478 of 2017 requires that Arkansas public high school students pass a portion of the US Naturalization Test used by the US Citizenship and Immigration Services. When the test is released by the ADE, Bentonville Schools will offer the test during Flex/Focus for members of the Class of 2019 and beyond who have already taken a Civics class, and thereafter the test will be embedded into the Civics course. The test includes 100 questions. Students are required to correctly answer 60 questions. If a student does not answer 60 questions correctly, the online test will revert to tutorial lessons until the student can pass the test. Examples of the test can be accessed at https://goo.gl/s1gnCp.
Arkansas Digital Learning Component Requirement
Beginning with the graduating class of 2018, Arkansas Act 1280 of 2013 requires, in addition to other graduation requirements, that students must complete at least one Digital Learning course for credit while in high school (grades 9-12). Beginning in August 2017, English I, II, III, and IV (resource, on-level, pre-AP, AP, and IB) in Bentonville Schools satisfied the digital learning requirements. Other classes that satisfy the requirement have historically included Success 1.0, Financial Literacy, Economics, AP Macro/Micro Econ, Computerized Business Applications, Visual Art Appreciation, and EAST.

Arkansas Financial Literacy Requirement
Beginning with the freshmen class of 2017-18, Ark. Code Ann. § 6-16-135 as amended by Act 480 of 2017 requires students to complete a course that includes specific personal finance standards in either grade 10, 11 or 12. Bentonville Schools will fulfill this requirement through embedding the standards into the Economics course. Students who took the course in 2017-2018 as a freshman will complete the Financial Literacy addendum during Flex/Focus in grades 10-12.

Arkansas SMART CORE Requirements
Arkansas SMART CORE graduation requirements were developed by the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) to prepare students for college and other post-secondary educational opportunities. The Arkansas SMART CORE graduation requirements differ slightly from Bentonville Schools’ graduation requirements and must be completed within the 24 credits required by Bentonville Schools for graduation. See table on page 5. See also Graduation-Smart CORE. Arkansas Core is the same as Arkansas Smart Core except the math credits do not have to include Algebra II.

Arkansas Student Success Plans
As established by Arkansas Act 930 of 2017, beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, Arkansas school districts will develop student success plans for students by the end of 8th grade. This plan is a personalized education plan intended to assist students with achieving readiness for college, career, and community engagement. The student success plan shall guide the student along the pathway to graduation, address accelerated learning opportunities, address academic deficits and interventions, and include college and career planning components.

Attendance

Attendance-Making Up School Work
- Students are responsible for checking with the teacher or the assignment calendar to learn of assignments or work missed.
- Make-up procedures are published in each teacher’s course syllabus and should align within the Professional Learning Community (A PLC is a group of teachers teaching the same subject who work together to improve teaching and learning).
- Time allowed for completion of make-up is a PLC decision.
- Assignments may be collected during Flex/Focus periods by students.
- Tests announced before an absence are to be taken upon return to class unless other arrangements are made with the teacher.
- Teachers may exempt a student from missed work without penalty to student.
- Work missed due to being suspended out of school will receive credit earned although suspensions are unexcused absences.

Attendance-Parental Request for Homework due to Illness
- Request is to be made through a school receptionist.
- Work will be available the school day following the request (within 24 hours).
- Must be picked up by 4:30 PM on the school day following request.
- Work requested is due at the teacher’s discretion, whether it is picked up or not.
See Bentonville Schools Student Handbook for more details on attendance.

College & Career Center or Student Life Center
The College & Career Center at BHS and Student Life Center at BWHS are home to the Post-Secondary Advisors and are also a workspace and collaboration area for students. Laptops are available for student use in the College & Career Center along with information related to post-secondary schools, admissions tests, military options, financial aid resources, and scholarship opportunities. College visits are typically hosted in the College & Career Center along with presentations for students on topics related to the post-secondary transition.
Completer Status

A Career Studies completer is defined as a student who completes three or more units of study in a specific pathway. Some pathways may include required foundation courses and/or a fourth credit for completion, as identified in the Course Catalog.

Concurrent Enrollment

Concurrent enrollment is a status in which a student is enrolled in two schools at once. In most cases this refers to being enrolled with a local college and a local high school at the same time. Dual Credit or Concurrent Credit is credit that is listed on both transcripts for both of the schools (college and high school). Concurrent classes listed in this catalog are college classes taught by college faculty or Bentonville Schools faculty who meet the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) standards for teaching bachelor’s level academic courses or technical credit courses (where applicable). Concurrent courses may be on our campus, on-campus at a local college or university, or online. Recommended college courses are listed throughout this catalog. Other college courses may be utilized with approval of the campus principal. See Board Policy 5.15 for the most recent details.

College enrollment during high school must be approved by a written agreement completed prior to enrollment between:

1. The student, and his or her parent(s) or guardian(s) if the public school student is under the age of eighteen (18);
2. Bentonville Schools, and
3. The college or university providing the college course.

- The parent will sign a permission slip acknowledging responsibility for all cost of higher education courses taken for concurrent credit including but not limited to tuition, textbooks, digital learning fees, and transportation. The parent will also assume the responsibility of the student when he/she is not on a Bentonville Schools campus.
- Students taking courses on a college or university campus may be required to take consecutive courses on a high school (all morning or all afternoon).
- Courses taken in the summer, at night, and online may count as concurrent credit.
- Students taking college courses must furnish proof of enrollment at the college or university to their high school during the first two weeks of the semester.
- Dropping college courses is a bad habit and may be limited in some states and schools our students attend after high school. Should a high school student decide to drop a college course they may only be enrolled in a comparable course if the course exists and if there is space available. If a college course shows on the student’s current schedule and the student drops the course after the first two weeks of the high school semester, he/she may receive an “F” on the high school transcript for that concurrent class.
- For college courses to fulfill a high school graduation requirement, the concurrent credit course must appear on the student’s high school transcript and count toward GPA and class ranking. It is a student’s responsibility to make sure the high school registrar receives the college transcript.
- Students electing to take college courses must meet that institution’s concurrent admissions and course placement requirements.
- Students will not be awarded concurrent credit for duplicate courses. (Example: English IV and Freshman English)
- The high school course code that corresponds to the college course is published in this catalog and may vary by school district or college.
- GPA requirements vary by school. For example, NWACC requires a 3.0 cumulative GPA; the University of Arkansas requires a 3.5 GPA.
- Interested students must also have a minimum score on a national college placement test, such as the ACT, SAT or Accuplacer by May 15.
- NWACC requires subtest scores that are at or above the following minimum scores for most classes:
  - English ACT 19; SAT 480; Accuplacer 83; Aspire Writing 428
  - Reading ACT 19; SAT 480; Accuplacer 78; Aspire 428
  - Math ACT 21; SAT 500; Accuplacer 86 (El. Alg.); Accuplacer 42 (College Math); Aspire 434

See also Online Courses for more details about NWACC ECE Online.

See the 2017-2018 NWACC Course Catalog at http://content.nwacc.edu/publicrelations/CourseCatalog.pdf
See new catalogs at https://www.nwacc.edu/web/nwacc/home > Current Students> Academics> College Catalog

See the NWACC ECE Course Catalog at https://www.nwacc.edu/web/ece/coursecatalog
**Course Load**

Students must be enrolled for at least, and no more than, 360 minutes of instruction (4 periods) per day or 7 classes per semester plus an advisory (Flex/Focus) class. Athletes must schedule an athletic period that corresponds with each athletic program in which they are participating if a period is offered.

*Exceptions to the above:

- Fifth year seniors are only required to enroll in the number and types of courses necessary to fulfill their graduation requirements.
- Homeschooled students may be enrolled in individual courses.
- Students in special education who may be completing goals stated in their Individualized Education Program (IEP).
- Seniors who have applied and been accepted into an internship program may carry fewer academic classes and be dismissed from school early to intern providing they are meeting graduation requirements without the full load of classes.
- Students who are pursing special programs and have the approval of a principal.

**Courses-Credit Courses**

Students with eleven (11) unexcused absences in a course in a semester shall not receive credit for that course. At the discretion of the principal after consultation with persons having knowledge of the circumstances of the unexcused absences, the student may be allowed promotion or graduation. Students who attend in-school suspension shall not be counted absent for those days. Days missed due to out-of-school suspension or expulsion shall be unexcused absences. See related policy and state law. See the Bentonville Schools Student Handbook for additional notes regarding attendance and related ramifications.

**Course Requests**

A minimum number of students will be required for a course to be scheduled at each campus. A course may not be scheduled if the minimum number of student requests and achieved student enrollments is not met. The minimum number of students required is determined by the district administration.

**Enrollment**

Students enrolling in Bentonville Schools will need to complete a registration application through the registrar’s office. Parents must provide proof of residency, birth certificate, immunization records and grades from previous schools. After registration, an appointment with a counselor will be set up in order to create the student’s schedule.

Bentonville Schools do not accept part-time students except in the following instances: 1) fifth year seniors returning to earn credits in order to meet graduation requirements or 2) students who may be completing the goals stated in their Individual Education Plan (IEP).

To be considered a full-time student, the student shall be enrolled:

- In 7 classes to be a freshman
- In 7 classes (5 academic classes) to be a sophomore, junior, or senior

See more at Course Load.

**Grade Classification**

Students are classified according to the number of credits they have earned. Credits are earned at the rate of 0.5 credits per class per semester. No credit is awarded for Advisory/Flex/Focus class. Students must earn the following number of credits in order to be classified as sophomores, juniors, and seniors at the beginning of the academic year. Also see Board Policy 5.13 for promotion and retention.

- 5 credits to be classified as a sophomore
- 10 credits to be classified as a junior
- 17 credits to be classified as a senior

**Grade Point Average (GPA)**

A weighted system is used for figuring grade point average in AP/IB classes only or as specified in the course catalog. However, for the weighted grade to apply to an AP/IB class, the student must take the AP/IB examination for that class during the May testing period. See Grading Scale.
• All other classes are graded on a four point system.
• Any high school core course taken prior to the student’s freshman year must be shown on the transcript. The credit earned in this core class will be shown on the transcript and the course will be included in the GPA calculation.
• The following subjects receive a letter grade which is not calculated into the student’s GPA: Athletics, Cheerleading, Dance Team, Driver’s Education, ACT Prep, Work Credit, and Student Aide Workers.
• Letter grades must be given for the .5 PE graduation requirement; grade points must be awarded and figured into GPA calculations.

Grading
Semester grade reports are mailed or given to parent/guardian/student by their teacher. Student progress may be checked on-line through Home Access. Grades earned by students for performance in a course shall reflect only the extent to which a student has achieved the expressed academic objectives of the course. Educational objectives are those contained in the Arkansas Standards and the Arkansas Curriculum Frameworks. See Board Policy 5.11 for the most recent details.

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• Unassisted work is usually tests, quizzes, some projects, etc. Assisted work is usually class work, student practice, some homework, and some projects in which a student has collaborated with a teacher, others, or a parent. Teachers can clarify if a given assignment calculated with Unassisted or Assisted Work.
• The semester grade is determined by the course work completed during the semester.
• In order for students to be awarded the weighted quality points for AP and IB courses, the student must complete the full year course and sit for the AP or IB exam. Additionally, the AP or IB teacher must be in compliance with the mandated training requirements as specified in ADE Rules Governing AP and IB Diploma Incentives Program.
• For students who transfer in and who have credit for ADE Approved Honors Courses in their previous school as reflected on the incoming transcript, these students will receive the additional quality points (same as for AP and IB) for GPA purposes if the honors course is also offered in our district.
• For all academic classes the following Arkansas Uniform Grading Scale and numeric values will be used for assigning grades and for computing student grade point averages (GPAs) (A.C.A. §6-15-902):

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Graduation
Students who have not fulfilled all disciplinary actions assigned during the semester prior to the day of graduation will not be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony. Any student who does not meet graduation requirements before the graduation ceremony may continue to complete the requirements for his expected graduation class. Typically, these requirements are established no later than the year of the incoming freshman class, notwithstanding any requirements that might be added by the State of Arkansas. A student completing graduation requirements during the summer after his/her class’ graduation ceremony may not participate in the graduation ceremony of the next school year(s). Graduation requirements must be completed before the next school year begins to receive the student’s scheduled class year diploma. Bentonville Schools holds one commencement ceremony per year for each high school.

When a student has completed the required number of credits for graduation and has spent four years in grades 9-12, the student will be graduated and will not be eligible to return to take additional classes. If a student meets the goals of his/her Individualized Education Program (IEP) or turns 21 years of age, in the case of special education students, the student will not be eligible to return to take additional courses. See Board Policy 5.14 for the most recent details.
Graduation - Arkansas Math and Science School Graduation Option

A student who is a resident of the Bentonville School District and chooses to attend the Arkansas Math and Science School (AMS) in Hot Springs full time has the following options:

- The student may graduate through the Arkansas Math and Science School with a Hot Springs diploma; or
- The student may graduate from Bentonville Schools, providing the student meets graduation requirements.
- A student attending the Arkansas Math and Science School must declare her/his intention to graduate and participate in the graduation ceremony at one of our high schools by January 31 of the senior year.

Note: The Arkansas Math and Science School and Bentonville Schools have slightly different credit and graduation requirements. Check with the Counseling Center for details.

Graduation - Special Education Classes

- A student with more than 4 credits received in self-contained classrooms and resource rooms during her/his high school career will not be ranked.
- Grades received in self-contained classrooms and resource rooms will be figured on a 4.0000 system in determining eligibility requirement of grade point average in order to graduate.
- A 1.5000 GPA and 24 credits are required for graduation for the special education student unless the student’s individual education plan (IEP) provides otherwise.

Graduation - Arkansas SMART CORE

Arkansas SMART CORE graduation requirements were developed by the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) to prepare students for college and other post-secondary educational opportunities. The SMART CORE graduation requirements differ slightly from Bentonville Schools graduation requirements and must be completed within the 24 credits required by Bentonville Schools for graduation. See table on page 5 for details. See also Arkansas Smart Core.

All students are required to participate in the SMART CORE curriculum unless their parents or guardians, or the students if they are 18 years of age or older, sign a SMART CORE Waiver Form not to participate. This policy is to be included in student handbooks for grades 6-12, and both students and parents must sign an acknowledgement they have received the policy. While SMART CORE is the default option, both a SMART CORE Informed Consent Form and a Smart Core Waiver Form will be sent home with students prior to their enrolling in seventh grade or when a 7-12 grade student enrolls in the District for the first time and there is not a signed form in the student’s permanent record. Parents must sign one of the forms and return it to the school so it can be kept on file. Counseling by trained personnel shall be available to students and their parents or legal guardians prior to the time they are required to sign the consent forms. Those students not participating in the SMART CORE curriculum will be required to fulfill the Core curriculum or the requirements of their IEP (when applicable) to be eligible for graduation.

While there are similarities between the two curriculums, following the Core curriculum may not qualify students for some scholarships and admission to certain colleges could be jeopardized. Students initially choosing the Core curriculum may subsequently change to the Smart Core curriculum providing they would be able to complete the required course of study by the end of their senior year. Students wishing to change their choice of curriculum should consult with their counselor to determine the feasibility of changing. See Board Policy 5.14 for the most recent details.

Honor Graduates

Students may graduate from Bentonville Schools with Honors or High Honors if they meet the specified criteria for their particular graduating class. Any student transferring from a private school or who has been previously home schooled is eligible to be recognized as graduating with Honors or High Honors if he/she meets the established criteria listed below. The valedictorian, salutatorian, and top ten graduates are selected from the High Honors graduates.

Honor Graduates - Honors

In addition to meeting graduation requirements for Bentonville Schools and AR Smart Core*, a student must

- Have a 3.5000 cumulative GPA at the end of eight (8) semesters along with 8 credits from Pre-AP/Accelerated, AP, or IB classes. GPA is not rounded up from four places.
- Successfully complete 26 credits by the end of eight (8) semesters
- Have earned at least 2 credits of high school level world language or 6 credit hours of college level world language. These credits must be from the same world language. **
Honor Graduates - High Honors
In addition to meeting graduation requirements for Bentonville Schools and AR Smart Core*, a student must

- Earn a 3.7500 cumulative GPA at the end of eight (8) semesters along with 12 credits from Pre-AP/Accelerated, AP, or IB classes. GPA is not rounded up from four places,
- Earn a minimum of 2 credits from AP or IB courses,
- Successfully complete 26 credits by the end of eight (8) semesters, and
- Earn at least 2 credits of high school level world language or 6 credit hours of college level world language. These credits must be from the same world language**.

*Students who fully complete the IB Diploma are eligible for Honors and High Honors even if they do not have AR Smart Core requirements. All other honors requirements must be met.

**A student may choose to be a career and technical completer rather than have two credits of the same world language. A career and technical completer must have a minimum of three related units in a specific pathway area.

See Board Policy 5.14 for the most recent details. See Completer Status in the General Information section of this catalog.

Honor Graduates - Valedictorian
The valedictorian is the senior student who meets all of the following criteria:

- meets the criteria to graduate with High Honors.
- has the highest GPA among the students who have met the criteria to graduate with High Honors.
- has been continuously enrolled at Bentonville Schools for four consecutive semesters, to include the spring semester of the senior year.
- has no homeschool credit on the high school transcript.
- In the event of a tie in GPA, co-Valedictorian will be named in lieu of Salutatorian.

Honor Graduates - Salutatorian
The salutatorian is the senior student who meets all of the following criteria:

- meets the criteria to graduate with High Honors.
- has the second highest GPA among the students who have met the criteria to graduate with High Honors.
- has been continuously enrolled at Bentonville Schools for four consecutive semesters, to include the spring semester of the senior year.
- has no homeschool credit on the high school transcript.
- In the event of a tie in GPA, a co-Salutatorian will be named.

Honor Graduates - Top Ten Graduates
The top 10 graduates of the senior class are those who meet all of the following criteria:

- meet the criteria to graduate with High Honors.
- have the ten highest GPA’s among students who have met the criteria to graduate with High Honors.
- has been continuously enrolled at a Bentonville Schools HS for four consecutive semesters, to include the spring semester of the senior year. For students graduating in December, continuous enrollment for four consecutive semesters would conclude the fall semester of December graduation.

Ignite Professional Studies
Bentonville Schools developed the Ignite Professional Studies program to provide students with real, relevant learning experiences in collaboration with regional businesses, non-profits, and industry professionals. Ignite professional studies are designed to align with future opportunities in the community. Students in Ignite experience meaningful relationships with mentors in business, industry, and higher education to gain valuable professional skills and entrepreneurial habits of mind necessary for careers in an innovation-based economy. Courses are designed for juniors and seniors at Bentonville High School and Bentonville West High School.

International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme
The International Baccalaureate® offers a continuum of international education. The programs encourage both personal and academic achievement, challenging students to excel in their studies and in their personal development. In order to teach IB programs, schools must be authorized. Every school authorized to offer IB programs is known as an IB World School. For more information see http://www.ibo.org/en/programmes
The basic requirements to achieve the IB Diploma are completed over last two years of high school.

- Complete six IB courses from the six course groups as designated by the IB Organization; Language A1, Language B, Individuals and Societies, Experimental Sciences, Mathematics, and the Arts / Electives (Arts/Electives courses can be substituted with a course from another course group).
- A minimum of three courses completed at High Level (HL); three at Standard Level (SL).
- Take and pass IB course assessments and examinations to achieve an average of a 4 (out of 7) for courses at HL, with a total minimum score of 24 for all courses combined.
- Complete the Extended Essay, with a satisfactory score on the essay.
- Take and pass Theory of Knowledge (TOK) course assessments.
- Complete and document Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) requirements, including the CAS Project.

IB enrollment is a rare or only exception to Bentonville Schools zoned attendance procedures. IB is only available at one high school. Students who wish to enroll as IB Diploma students who live in our district may attend BHS for this program even if they reside in another zone.

Students who are already zoned to BHS may take IB courses without pursuing the IB Diploma if they take IB English HL both the junior and senior years and at least one additional IB course (SL or HL) during the senior year.

**Inclement Weather/ Snow Days – Alternative Methods of Instruction (AMI)**

Arkansas Act 862 of 2017 allows a public school district and open-enrollment public charter school to develop a plan for alternative methods of instruction to be used on days when the superintendent closes school due to exceptional or emergency circumstances. Bentonville Schools plans to utilize traditional “snow days” for the first three inclement weather days. After the third day, the superintendent will seek approval from the school board to utilize an AMI day. See the district website for details and clarifications. Parents> Inclement Weather> Alternative Methods of Instruction.

**National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Eligibility Requirements**

For student athletes considering participating in college athletics, the NCAA has certain eligibility requirements. Contact the athletic director, counseling center, or post secondary advisor for the current NCAA procedures and regulations concerning student athletes’ eligibility. Note that not all classes are approved by NCAA. The athletic department holds an annual information session on this topic each fall for athletes and parents in any grade.

**Naviance**

Naviance is an online platform to explore colleges and careers. It is a tool available to all students in grades 9-12, their parents, and high school faculty. This online resource allows for students to explore and research post-secondary pathways, take career and strengths assessments, create a resume, access scholarship applications, request transcripts and other supplemental school documents, track college applications, and more. The Naviance curriculum is embedded within the Success 1.0 course and is utilized during advisory for all grade levels.

**Online Courses**

Bentonville Schools provides online course options to give students some element of control over time, place, path, and/or pace of their learning. Courses that are available online are listed individually throughout each subject area of the course catalog. All online course models are monitored for student success and students may be returned to traditional classroom instruction if they are not succeeding in the online environment.

Florida Virtual School (FLVS) is an example of an online course curriculum provider for Bentonville Schools. Enrolled students incur a fee of $50 per course or $25 per semester. FLVS courses are taught and managed by Bentonville Schools’ teachers in a blended learning model in which tests, labs, or some course meetings may be on campus during the regular class period. Most class periods do not involve a face-to-face meeting and students may be at home, off campus, or in the designated cyber cafe. The courses that can be found in this catalog include English III, English IV, Algebra II, Economics, US History, Health, and PE.

Courses defined by ADE as “home grown” online courses are taught and managed by Bentonville Schools’ teachers in a blended learning model in which tests, labs, or some course meetings may be on campus during the regular class period. Most class periods do not involve a face-to-face meeting and students may be at home, off campus, or in the designated cyber cafe. Home grown online courses found in this catalog include Art Appreciation.
Grad Point is an example of another online provider for additional course curriculum. Grad Point is used primarily for credit recovery and only at a principal’s discretion for original credit. Courses are managed by a local staff member, and students work at their own pace. These courses may include a fee of $25 per course for “original credit” enrollment.

NWACC Online Early College Experience (ECE) is a partnership between NWACC and high schools to allow students to progress toward a college degree. ECE offers a rigorous and rewarding course of study. Students in Early College Experience can take transferable college core curriculum courses while still in high school. The NWACC Online ECE courses included in this catalog include ARHS 1003 - Art Appreciation, MATH 1204 - College Algebra, ENGL 1013 - Composition I, ENGL 1023 - Composition II, PLSC 2003 - Government, HIST 2013 - US History 1877 to Present, HIST 2003 - US History Before 1877, COMM 1303 - Public Speaking, and PSYC 2003 - Psychology. See also Concurrent Credit for additional details about enrollment with NWACC.

All online instructional delivery models will be monitored by teachers, administrators, and counselors to ensure student success. Interventions may include re-assigning a student to a traditional classroom experience with daily teacher interaction. Should a student need to be reassigned or choose to drop a high school online class, no refunds will be made. College course refunds will be subject to rules in the college course catalog.

**Post-Secondary Advisor**

The Post-Secondary Advisor is located in the College & Career Center at BHS and Student Life Center at BWHS. The Post-Secondary Advisor works with students to develop a plan for after graduation and to take the necessary steps to achieve their desired outcome. The Post-Secondary Advisor is a resource to students, parents, and teachers to understand the requirements and opportunities for post-secondary pathways whether it be college, vocational training, military enlistment, or career placement. See College & Career Center or Student Life Center.

**Repeating Courses**

Students may retake only a previously failed course, a course in which credit was pulled, or a course taken in 8th grade for high school credit (for example, Spanish I and Algebra I). Courses taken in 8th grade with a passing grade may only be repeated one time only in the 9th grade year. Failed AP or IB courses will be repeated as regular classes, if offered. Non-core courses may be retaken only once. Both courses will be shown on the transcript with the first being shown as a “NC” (no credit). The retake grade will be used for GPA and class rank.

**Schedule Changes**

Students and parents choose their classes annually during February. Verifications are provided in April. Counselors can consider changes to requests through May. Beyond that time our schools have been staffed and teachers hired based on these requests, and, therefore, changes may be very limited.

Students may request a schedule change the first five days of the semester. The only reasons for schedule changes are

- student previously completed the class.
- student is missing a course needed for graduation requirements.
- a course that requires a try-out or audition and needs to be added to the student’s schedule.
- pre-requisites of the course are not met.

Students wishing to drop a course after the 5th day of the semester must obtain permission from the student’s administrator, and the request must meet the following criteria:

- The student has turned in all assignments and/or homework in the class.
- The students have sought extra help during Flex/Focus/Advisory or other times by arrangement with teacher.
- The student has exhibited appropriate effort and, despite that effort, has a grade of D or F.
- Parent has spoken to teacher in person or by phone.
- A change will not result in any loss of credit.
- AP schedule changes do extend to the Friday before the last Friday of September.
- AP schedule change requests must be submitted to the assistant principal. The assistant principal will meet with the parent and teacher, consider all schedule change criteria above, and evaluate space availability prior to making a decision.

**Schedules - Auditing a Class**

Auditing a class typically is not an option in Bentonville Schools.
Schedules - Course Availability
Courses are offered as a result of student demand, available teaching staff, and available facilities. If there is insufficient enrollment for a course, if certified teachers are not available to teach the course, or if appropriate facilities are not available, the course may not be offered and alternative selections must be made.

Schedules - Teacher Change
Prior to requesting a teacher change, a student and/or parent will meet with the teacher to attempt to resolve concerns. In this meeting the participants seek to identify interventions that all parties can implement to overcome the concerns. These interventions are to include student and teacher actions. These interventions include attendance at tutorials. These interventions are to be attempted for 5-15 days prior to determining success.

Parents and students who still wish to pursue a teacher change should submit the request in writing to the assistant principal. This request should include meeting dates with the teacher, strategies or interventions attempted to correct the concerns, and specific reasons for the teacher change request. The assistant principal will review class size to determine if space is available in the same class period. The assistant principal will make a decision based on space available and all other factors provided.

Special Services
Special education is provided only for students who are eligible for services according to federal and state guidelines; parent, teacher, and counselor approval is required. The Bentonville Schools Special Services Website is a good resource for parents and students to reference. Students requiring special services and enrolling in college courses are reminded to work with the Office of Disability Services at the college for accommodations.

Transcript Requests
Current students who need a transcript should make that request online through Naviance. Alumni requiring a transcript must complete and sign a request form. A fee will be charged for each alumni transcript. The registrar must be given two days advance notice for transcript request.

Transfers
Any student transferring from an accredited school to another accredited school shall be placed into the same grade the student would have been in had the student remained at the previous school. See Board Policy 5.11 and 5.14 for details.

Transfer – Transfer Students from Non-Accredited Schools
Any student transferring from a school that is not accredited to a school that is accredited shall be evaluated by the staff of that accredited school to determine that student’s proper placement in the accredited school.

When the appropriate documentation of work completed by the student is given to the school counselor, the work and documentation will be evaluated by a committee composed of a counselor, appropriate department specialists or faculty members, and the student’s assistant principal. The decision to award credit in a specific subject area will be determined by considering the following:

- The course work aligns with course offerings of Bentonville Schools.
- There is evidence of mastery of the standards for the course being considered.

The committee may take any of the following actions on a course-by-course basis:

- grant credit contingent upon the student’s passing a subsequent course,
- require a satisfactory score on a standardized test,
- require additional information to substantiate the student has knowledge of a specific subject area, or
- deny credit.

Any credit awarded for homeschool courses will not be calculated into the student’s GPA.

Transfer - Transfer from Other Public U.S. Schools
When a student transfers from another accredited public high school, high school credits and grade point average earned will be accepted and treated in a manner similar to credits and grade point average earned in Bentonville Schools. Bentonville Schools will record courses from the previous school with the designated credits on the transcript. Credit cannot be given for a course that shows as “no credit” on the incoming transcript.
For students who transfer in and who have credit for ADE Approved Honors Courses in their previous school as reflected on the incoming transcript, these students will receive the additional quality points (same as for AP and IB) for GPA purposes if the honors course is also offered in our district. All other courses will receive no additional weight in determining the grade point average for a student who transfers from a public school.

If a student transfers from a non-accredited public high school, a committee of appropriate personnel to include a counselor, department specialist or chair, and administrator will review and determine the awarding of credits and grades. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of the transferring student to provide school officials with a copy of the most recent official student transcript, a copy of the high school course guide, and graded samples of the student’s work for the review of the school committee.

Transfer - Transfer Students from Private U.S. Schools
Credits and letter grades from accredited, private schools will be accepted. When a question regarding accreditation of the private school is an issue, an accreditation review committee of staff will determine whether or not credits/grades will be granted. Transferred courses from the private school that are in the Bentonville Schools course catalog or in ADE’s course code management system will receive letter grades and credits. Other courses will receive credit but will not calculate in the student’s GPA.

Transfer - Transfer from a School in a Foreign Country
When a student transfers from an accredited American school in a foreign country, high school credits will be accepted and treated in a manner similar to transfer from either a public or private school in the U.S. When a student transfers from a foreign school, credit will be accepted and treated in a manner similar to transfers from home school. Credit will be assigned, but courses will not be used to calculate GPA, honors graduation, or class ranking. When a student transfers from a foreign school and was enrolled in an accredited IB program, high school credits will be accepted and treated in a manner similar to transfers from either a public or private school in the U.S.

Transfer - Transfer from Homeschool
Arkansas law specifies that a high school is not responsible for providing credits, grades, transcript, or diploma for a student in home schooling instruction. However, the law goes on to state that the home-schooled student may earn a diploma by entering high school and completing a minimum of nine (9) months in school in classes of appropriate placement. The student must also meet the graduation requirements for Bentonville Schools.

During an interview the parent/guardian and student will be responsible for providing to the school counselor the following documentation in order for the appropriate decision to be made regarding student placement in courses. This documentation will include but not is not limited to

- documentation that application for home schooling has been approved,
- a copy of the student’s Individualized Education Program (IEP) (required by Arkansas home school laws),
- documentation from the Home School Academy/Company showing courses the student successfully completed, dates of study, and student successful completion of courses, and
- curriculum guides/sample work completed by the student in each course where credit is being requested.

Transfer - Foreign Exchange Students
Bentonville Schools welcomes foreign exchange students to our campuses. The following practice has been adopted to ensure that both the organization and the student understand the expectations of the school:

- Approved agencies must be included on the Advisory List published by the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel.
- Foreign exchange students must have a local contact person and will reside in the Bentonville School District.
- Act 966 requires that organizations that work with foreign exchange students must register with the Arkansas Secretary of State’s Office before they are allowed to place students in Arkansas.
- A maximum of twelve students will be accepted in Bentonville Schools high schools for each academic school year. The student will be required to attend the full academic school year.
- A maximum of three students will be accepted from any one organization. Foreign exchange students will not be accepted after August 1st.
- Students shall be fluent in the English language.
- Students attending classes from Labor Day to the end of the school year will be eligible to receive a certificate of
attendance if they attend classes at least 96% of the school days.

- Foreign exchange students will be eligible to receive a Bentonville Schools diploma if they meet the graduation requirements from Bentonville Schools and successfully complete their senior year.
- Students who have graduated or completed their course of study in their home country will not be accepted.
- Foreign exchange students may not transfer to Bentonville Schools’ high schools from another school district and must attend Bentonville Schools for the entire school term. Foreign exchange students will complete all immunizations required before being admitted.
- Foreign exchange students will not receive priority scheduling.
- Foreign exchange students will not be allowed to change a class schedule.
- Foreign exchange students will not be allowed to take the GED.
- Approved organizations will provide a transcript (translated into English) of the student’s academic record.
- Foreign exchange students shall not be included in any class ranking lists nor shall a GPA be computed for the student.
- Foreign exchange students will not be eligible for special programs such as special education services, ESL, or section 504 accommodations.
- Foreign exchange students will not walk on stage in the graduation ceremony but can be honored guest participants if the student was enrolled in English IV (or AP/IB equivalent) and US History and did not fail any courses during the school year nor had excessive absenteeism.

Transfer - Students Returning from a Foreign Exchange Program

All classes taken overseas during a foreign exchange program will be reported on Bentonville Schools transcripts, but will not calculate in the student’s GPA, honors graduation requirements, nor class ranking. Students returning from foreign exchange programs will not be ranked in their class.

Transfer - Homeschool Participation in Interscholastic Activities

Bentonville Public Schools recognizes the State’s interest in ensuring that all students have equal access to interscholastic activities as a complement to the academic curriculum.

Home schooled students whose parents’ domicile, as defined in AAA Rules, is within the Bentonville Schools District’s boundaries may participate in school extracurricular activities subject to the requirements set forth by Act 1469. While Act 1469 prescribes the criteria for initial and continuing eligibility, actual participation will be dependent upon the same try-out criteria, or other requirements as may be applicable, as for any regularly enrolled student.

In realizing this goal, homeschool students will be allowed to participate in interscholastic activities with Bentonville Schools, under the following conditions:

- The home schooled student or his or her legal guardian advises the principal of the school in writing of the student’s request to participate in the interscholastic activity before the signup, tryout, or participation deadlines established for the students enrolled in Bentonville Schools.
- The home school student must report to Bentonville Schools within the first eleven (11) days of the fall or spring semester.
- The home school student shall demonstrate academic eligibility by obtaining: a minimum test score of the thirtieth percentile on the Stanford Achievement Test Series, Tenth Edition, in the previous twelve (12) months, or another nationally recognized norm-referenced test (approved by the State Board of Education).
- The home school student shall meet tryout criteria.
- Continued eligibility requires the home school student to be enrolled in and regularly attend, at least one class period during their semester of participation.
- The home school student must complete any required permission slips, waivers, physical exams, and drug testing that is required.
- The home school student must pay any participation fee traditional students enrolled in Bentonville Schools pay for the same extracurricular activity.
- The home school student must meet all other requirements for continued eligibility identified in the AAA Handbook.
- The home school student must comply with Bentonville Schools’ Handbooks and any supplementary requirements or conditions for participation in extracurricular activities and standards of behavior and codes of conduct.
Extracurricular activities are defined as any school sponsored program where students from one or more schools meet, work, perform, practice under supervision outside of the regular class time, or are competing for the purpose of receiving an award, rating, recognition, criticism, or qualification for additional competition. Examples include, but are not limited to, interscholastic athletics, band, choral music, forensics, drama, math and science, and club activities.

A student who withdraws from an Arkansas Activities Association member school to be homeschooled shall not participate in an interscholastic activity in Bentonville Schools for a minimum of three hundred sixty-five (365) days from the time of the withdrawal. A.C.A § 6-15-509

**Weighted Credit**

A weighted system is used for calculating grade point average in AP/IB classes only or as specified in the course catalog. However, for the weighted grade to apply to an AP/IB class, the student must take the AP/IB examination for that class during the May testing period. Weighted courses are limited to AP courses, IB courses, and ADE Approved Honors Courses (ex. computer science 565950 and 565960) if the honors course is also offered in our district. See Grading Scale. See also Grade Point Average (GPA). See Board Policy 5.11, 5.14, and 5.15 for the most recent details.

**Withdrawals**

When a student moves or changes schools, the parent or guardian must complete the withdrawal process with the registrar. An 18 year old student may complete the withdrawal process him/herself. To withdraw, students must have clearance on all textbooks, library books, locker/lock, and school incurred fees and fines.

**Zero Hour Classes**

- Requests for zero hour start time must be received with annual course requests or prior to June 1st. Schedule changes from zero hour to regular start (or vice versa) will not be accepted past this date.
- All students have the option to choose zero period classes; however, they must provide their own transportation to and from school. Students who lose transportation will be rescheduled to a regular start day.
- Participation in some sports requires enrollment in zero hour.
- New students are allowed to enroll in zero hour classes if there are seats available.
- Students who are absent from a zero period class over six times during the semester may be moved to a regular school day schedule, including athletes. This will happen during the semester of the absences and will apply to the following semester schedule.
- Students who are tardy more than six times to a zero hour class may be moved to a regular school day schedule, including athletes. This will happen during the semester of the absences and will apply to the following semester schedule.
- Students enrolled in zero period classes are to leave school grounds immediately after his/her last class of the day. Failure to do so may result in revocation of zero hour privileges.
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English I (English 9) introduces students to the expectations of high school literacy and gives them the opportunity to develop skills that will help them succeed in high school. English I students analyze a variety of texts for multiple purposes, while participating in a diverse selection of writing, speaking, and listening activities.

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English I Pre-AP is a transition into the rigor of an advanced high school English class. For example, students analyze complex texts, such as Shakespearean drama and poetry. Additionally, students will receive credit for Embedded Oral Communication and will perform tasks such as formal speeches, oral interpretation, and dramatic monologue.

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English II (English 10) is a skill-based course, which conceptually focuses upon community and individuality through a variety of informational and literary texts. Students will strengthen their language skills, participate in formal and informal speaking/listening activities, and write informative, argumentative, and narrative texts.

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English II Pre-AP is a course designed for students who are planning to take AP English Language and Composition and/or AP English Literature and Composition. In English II Pre-AP, students will learn ACT-oriented grammar/usage concepts, read a variety of literature, and write a variety of works through a creative, arts-integrated, differentiated approach.

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English III (English 11) is devoted to American literature, nonfiction, and the development of argumentative and memoir writing. This course emphasizes the connection between the understanding and development of American identity the student as an individual.

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Students will acquire the language, reading, writing, and speaking/listening skills necessary for success in college, career, and beyond. Students will become a critical reader and thinker as they dive deeply into the texts presented throughout this course. Students will learn how to effectively research and integrate findings, as well as cite sources.

Notes: See General Information on Florida Virtual.

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The AP Program offers two courses in English studies, each designed to provide high school students the opportunity to engage in a typical introductory-level college English curriculum. The AP English Language and Composition course focuses on rhetorical analysis of nonfiction texts and the development and revision of well-reasoned, evidence-centered analytic and argumentative writing. Students choosing AP English Language and Composition should be interested in studying and writing various kinds of analytic or persuasive essays.

Notes: Students must take this course’s AP exam in May for the weighted GPA.

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IB English III HL is the first year of a two-year college-level literature course that approaches literature as a cultural, political, and social phenomenon and which features literature from English and non-English speaking cultures.
Notes: BHS campus only. IB English III HL I is a required course for any junior students beginning pursuit of the IB Diploma or taking other IB courses. Students must take the AP English Language and Composition Exam in May for the weighted GPA. See General Information on International Baccalaureate.

413001 English IV, 1 academic credit Grade(s): 12
Prerequisite(s): None
English IV (English 12) is a one-year course designed to promote higher level reading, thinking, and writing skills to better prepare students for the future, be it postsecondary or workforce readiness. The course will emphasize European Literature with a focus on cultural, historical, and philosophical developments.

41300V English IV Online, 1 academic credit Grade(s): 12
Prerequisite(s): None
Students will build their analytical and critical thinking skills through close readings of a variety of literature and informational texts. Students will master the writing process with relevant, real-world research activities, and integrate their findings in the completion of argumentative and informational essays. This interactive course presents multiple opportunities to apply learning in creative and expressive ways.
Note: See General Information on Florida Virtual.

413010 Transitional English IV, 1 academic credit Grade(s): 12
Prerequisite(s): None
Transitional English 12 is a two-semester ELA course, designed to dramatically accelerate students’ literacy skills essential for college and career readiness. In Transitional English 12, students receive instruction in reading, writing, speaking and listening, and language, emphasizing literary and informational texts from diverse genres in print and digital formats. The course closely examines unique characteristics of literary and informational texts and emphasizes the specific strategies needed to comprehend them. Transitional English 12 focuses on developing the requisite literacy skills for success in higher education and the workforce. These texts serve as models for student writing products, emphasizing both informational and argumentative types.
Notes: Transitional English IV fulfills the 12th grade English credit requirement for both Core and Smart Core.

517041 AP English Literature and Composition, 1 academic credit Grade(s): 12
Prerequisite(s): None
The AP Program offers two courses in English studies, each designed to provide high school students the opportunity to engage in a typical introductory-level college English curriculum. The AP English Literature and Composition course focuses on reading, analyzing, and writing about imaginative literature (fiction, poetry, drama) from various periods. Students choosing AP English Literature and Composition should be interested in studying literature of various periods and genres and using this wide reading knowledge in discussions of literary topics.
Notes: Students must take this course’s AP exam in May for the weighted GPA.

517203 IB English IV HL II, 1 academic credit Grade(s): 12
Prerequisite(s): IB English III HL I
IB English IV HL is the second of a two-part college-level literature course. Students will master critical thinking, writing, and speaking in preparation for the IB exams and university level composition. IB students approach literature culturally, politically, and socially emphasizing the human condition.
Notes: BHS campus only. See General Information on International Baccalaureate.

519941 Concurrent English Composition I, 1 academic credit Grade(s): 12
NWACC ENGL 1013
Prerequisite(s): Enrolled in grades 10-12, have a 3.0 GPA or higher, and have a minimum placement score (19 ACT English, 80 Compass Writing, 19 ACT Reading, 83 Compass Reading) taken prior to May 15
Guiding the student through the process of writing with regular practice and analysis of effective writing, this first course of the composition sequence emphasizes the writing of clear, concise, developed academic prose. Generally, students are expected to follow the rules of Standard Edited English, to understand paragraph development, and to write a research assignment involving the integration of sources.
Notes: This is a one semester course. See General Information on NWACC ECE Enrollment.
51994V  NWACC ECE Online English Composition I, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 12

**NWACC ENGL 1013**
Prerequisite(s): Enrolled in grades 10-12, have a 3.0 GPA or higher, and have a minimum placement score (19 ACT English, 80 Compass Writing, 19 ACT Reading, 83 Compass Reading) taken prior to May 15
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Notes: This is a one semester course. See General Information on NWACC ECE Enrollment.

519942  Concurrent English Composition II, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 12

**NWACC ENGL 1023**
Prerequisite(s): Completed ENGL 1013 with a C or better, enrolled in grades 10-12, have a 3.0 GPA or higher, and have a minimum placement score (19 ACT English, 80 Compass Writing, 19 ACT Reading, 83 Compass Reading) taken prior to May 15
This course continues the writing, reading, research and critical thinking skills developed in Composition I. Students will write in multiple genres and gain further practice in the analysis, interpretation, and evaluation of complex texts.
Notes: This is a one semester course. See General Information on NWACC ECE Enrollment.

51994X  NWACC ECE Online English Composition II, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 12

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This course continues the writing, reading, research, and critical thinking skills developed in Composition I. Students will write in multiple genres and gain further practice in the analysis, interpretation, and evaluation of complex texts.
Notes: This is a one semester course. See General Information on NWACC ECE Enrollment.

414000  Oral Communication, 0.5 academic credit  Grade(s): 9-12
Prerequisite(s): None
Oral Communication will provide students with an understanding of the dynamics of effective communication while speaking, listening, and responding. Students will apply the principles of ethical communication, practice communication competencies, demonstrate effective intrapersonal and interpersonal communication, and deliver a variety of speeches. This course will include but is not limited to ethical communication, responsible social media usage, communication barriers, mass media, conflict resolution, leadership styles, business etiquette, and interviews. Students will deliver formal and informal speeches, participate in debate, and perform oral readings.
Notes: Oral Communication (One Semester) fulfills the .5 unit of Oral Communication required for graduation.

51400D  NWACC ECE Online Public Speaking, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 9-12

**NWACC COMM 1213**
Prerequisite(s): NWACC Enrollment
Students will apply the communication techniques needed to organize and deliver oral messages in a public setting.
Notes: Fulfills the .5 unit of Oral Communication required for graduation. See General Information on NWACC Enrollment which includes tuition and fees.

510040  ESL English 9, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 9
511030  ESL English 10, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 10
512030  ESL English 11, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 11
513030  ESL English 12, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 12

English 9, 10, 11, and 12 ESL LEP incorporate the Arkansas English Language Arts Standards and the Arkansas English Language Proficiency Frameworks to assist students with limited or no English language to become proficient in their use and understanding of the English language.
971601 Language Acquisition, 1 academic credit Grade(s): 9-12
Language Acquisition is focused on the vocabulary acquisition and language development of students with little to no English language. Strategies and assignments designed to assist students in the acquisition of reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills in the English language are used.

417010 Creative Writing, 0.5 academic credit Grade(s): 9-12
Prerequisite(s): None
Creative Writing is a one-semester English elective course designed to engage students in the writing of poetry, short fiction, personal narratives, and other genres with an emphasis on developing and exercising imagination. Students will read closely for multiple purposes to analyze and evaluate exemplary texts to develop creative writing skills. Students will critique and refine writing through guided discussions, collaborative revisions, and individual reflections. Students will produce a portfolio of creative work that reflects student growth and understanding of the techniques of published authors. Students will share writing in a variety of ways and research methods for publishing original work.

419111 Critical Reading I, 1 academic credit Grade(s): 9-12
Prerequisite(s): None
Critical Reading is a two-semester course designed to accelerate reading growth by strengthening comprehension outcomes in high school grades. In a context of meaningful content, ongoing assessment, and focused explicit instruction, students will evaluate fiction and nonfiction texts and multicultural literature of diverse formats (e.g., print media, Web-based texts, fiction and nonfiction books and articles) and genres. In addition students will engage in differentiated learning activities tied to a variety of fiction and nonfiction texts with increasing complexity. Students will also demonstrate literacy competence through purposeful application of knowledge and skills from this course, based on individual and collective literacy goals.
Notes: Students may not self-select this course.

419120 Critical Reading II, 1 academic credit Grade(s): 9-12
Prerequisite(s): Critical Reading I
Critical Reading II is a two-semester course designed to accelerate reading growth by strengthening comprehension outcomes in high school grades. In a context of meaningful content, ongoing assessment, and focused explicit instruction, students will evaluate fiction and nonfiction texts and multicultural literature of diverse formats (e.g., print media, Web-based texts, fiction and nonfiction books and articles) and genres. In addition students will engage in differentiated learning activities tied to a variety of fiction and nonfiction texts with increasing complexity. Students will also demonstrate literacy competence through purposeful application of knowledge and skills from this course, based on individual and collective literacy goals.
Notes: Students may not self-select this course.

414050 Debate I, 1 academic credit Grade(s): 9-12
Prerequisite(s): None
Students in Debate I will gain an understanding of the fundamentals of argumentation and will express ideas and present information in a variety of oral advocacy situations from small group discussions to formal debates. Special emphasis will be given to research proficiencies and analytical thinking and listening skills.
Notes: Debate I fulfills the 0.5 unit of Oral Communication required for graduation.

414060 Debate II, 1 academic credit Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s): Debate I
Students will construct and present argumentative positions using scholarly research on complex, controversial issues. Content will include oral advocacy in relation to the legal system and the democratic process. Peer adjudication will be an important part of the advanced Debate courses. Students will expand their studies of Policy Debate, Student Congress, and argumentation. Students will focus upon more advanced case formats and more effective presentational styles.

414070 Debate III, 1 academic credit Grade(s): 11-12
Prerequisite(s): Debate II
Students will construct and present argumentative positions using scholarly research on complex, controversial issues. Content will include oral advocacy in relation to the legal system and the democratic process. Peer adjudication will be an important part of the advanced Debate courses. Students will expand their studies of Policy Debate, Student Congress, argumentation, and debate theory.
Forensics I, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 9-12
Prerequisite(s): None
Forensics I is a two-semester course which will provide students with an understanding of the dynamics of effective oral communication when speaking, listening, and responding. Students will develop basic communication competencies including ethical practices in communication, recognition of communication barriers, effective use of interpersonal communication through verbal and nonverbal messages, and use of digital media. In Forensics I, students will develop research skills to prepare for a variety of public speaking formats, including debate, public address, and oral interpretation of literature. Furthermore, students will organize research and analysis of topics into presentations and performances delivered in a variety of formats and for a variety of audiences. Students will engage in oral advocacy to promote community partnerships, enhance community engagement, and cultivate a positive school culture. Students will be introduced to all acting/speaking events, but will be given specific instruction in: Tournament basics, Performance preparation, Prose/Poetry interpretation, Storytelling, Humorous/Dramatic Interpretation and Solo and Duet Acting. Drama instruction will focus on basic acting techniques and stage movement. Speaking instruction will focus on developing interpretive skills.
Notes: Forensics I fulfills the 0.5 unit of Oral Communication required for graduation.

Forensics II, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s): Forensics I
Forensics II is a two-semester course which will provide students with an opportunity to demonstrate communication and performance skills at an intermediate level. Students will cultivate effective vocal delivery, emphasizing articulation, projection, and inflection. They will cultivate appropriate movement and gesture to accentuate meaning. These communication and performance skills, which will serve students well throughout their lives, are embedded throughout the course. Students will acquire skills necessary to make aesthetic choices in the selection, preparation, and presentation of literature from a wide variety of genres. Students will practice all genres of public speaking. Students will engage in oral advocacy to promote community partnerships, enhance community engagement, and cultivate a positive school culture. Students will be given advanced performance theories and techniques in areas of chosen emphasis and specific instruction in: mime, improvisational duet acting, radio/television speaking, original oratory, extemporaneous speaking, after-dinner speaking and reader’s theater.

Forensics III, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 11-12
Prerequisite(s): Forensics II
In Forensics III students will demonstrate proficiency in research, organization, presentation, performance, and directing. Research activities will include analyzing literary elements and current events, framing a selection or topic around historical context or cultural influences, and maintaining a portfolio of selections and topics. Organization skills will be enhanced by cutting and introducing selections and synthesizing information from complex texts. Students will demonstrate proficiency of the fundamentals of directing. Teacher-guided peer critique will be utilized to enhance presentation and performance skills. Students will engage in oral advocacy to promote community partnerships, enhance community engagement, and cultivate a positive school culture. Students will be given advanced performance theories and techniques in an area of chosen emphasis and specific instruction in: group event performance, directing IE’s, script search and cutting, rehearsal technique, college auditions, and preparing forensics portfolio.

Forensics IV, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 12
Prerequisite(s): Forensics III
Forensics IV is a two-semester course. In this course students will demonstrate mastery in research, organization, presentation, performance, and directing. Research activities will include analyzing literary elements and current events, framing a selection or topic around historical context or cultural influences, and maintaining a portfolio of selections and topics. Organization skills will be enhanced by cutting and introducing selections and synthesizing information from complex texts. Students will demonstrate mastery of the fundamentals of directing. Peer critique will be utilized to enhance presentation and performance skills. Students will engage in oral advocacy to promote community partnerships, enhance community engagement, and cultivate a positive school culture. Students will be given advanced performance theories and techniques in an area of chosen emphasis and specific instruction in: directing group performances, directing IE’s, script search and cutting, directing rehearsals, creating rehearsal schedules, completing college auditions and/or audition portfolios, and completing a forensics portfolio.
415001  Journalism I, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 9-12
Prerequisite(s): None
Students in Journalism I will become analytical consumers of media and technology to enhance their communication skills through the production of the newspaper or yearbook. Writing, technology, and visual and electronic media are used as tools for learning as students create, clarify, critique, and produce effective communication. Students will learn and apply journalistic guidelines for writing, design, and photography, which include objectivity, responsibility, and credibility.

415010  Journalism II, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s): Journalism I
Students in Journalism II will become active participants in the world of media to enhance their communication skills through the production of the newspaper or yearbook. Students will progress in their academic knowledge through the roles of reporters, photographers, ad sales, and marketing team members. Writing, technology, and visual and electronic media are used as tools for learning as students create, assess, and produce.

415020  Journalism III, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 11-12
Prerequisite(s): Journalism II
Journalism III is a two-semester course designed to immerse students in the production process through an advanced study of media production. Students will employ journalistic skills in media. Students will use academic knowledge gained in Journalism I and II to assume leadership roles and/or become advanced writers, designers, and photographers. Writing, technology, and visual and electronic media are used as tools for learning as students create, critique, and produce.

415032  Journalism IV, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 12
Prerequisite(s): Journalism III
Journalism IV is designed to provide students in media leadership the opportunity to facilitate the production process. Students in Journalism IV will use their advanced journalistic knowledge and leadership skills to facilitate all aspects of media production and to ensure that journalistic guidelines for writing and design, which include objectivity, responsibility, and credibility, are followed. Writing, technology, and visual and electronic media are used as tools for learning as students lead, create, evaluate, and produce.

51906F  Literary Magazine I, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s): None
This course will immerse students in the reading, writing, and evaluation of poetry and prose. Moreover, students will explore elements of design as they create the school literary magazine.

51906I  Literary Magazine II, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 11-12
Prerequisite(s): Literary Magazine I
Literary Magazine II is for students who have completed Literary Magazine I who want to further their understanding of creative writing and design. Students take on a more active role and contribute more to the creation and design of the magazine.

51906H  Literary Magazine III, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 12
Prerequisite(s): Literary Magazine II
This course is for students who have completed Literary Magazine I and II and want to continue honing their creative writing skills. Students will focus on one genre and build a portfolio of work. Students will be expected to take a leadership role in designing and creating the magazine.

51906G  Media Literacy, 0.5 academic credit  Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s): None
This course promotes critical thinking and provides students with the opportunity to develop media literacy through evaluating and analyzing media texts (film, TV news, advertising, popular culture, and print media).

519060  Mythology, 0.5 academic credit  Grade(s): 9-12
Prerequisite(s): None
Mythology is a course that examines the role of myth in the human experience. Students will learn about myth criticism and how to examine myths. Mythology will appeal to those with an interest in literature, psychology, or creative writing.
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*Any math course beyond your first four required credits (usually after Algebra II) could be elective credits.*
Mathematics Course Descriptions

430001  Algebra I, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 9
Prerequisite(s): None
Formalizes and extends the mathematics that students learned in the middle grades. Because it is built on the middle grades standards, this is a more ambitious version of Algebra I than has generally been offered. The critical areas, called units, deepen and extend understanding of linear and exponential relationships by contrasting them with each other and by applying linear models to data that exhibit a linear trend, and students engage in methods for analyzing, solving, and using quadratic functions.

431001  Geometry, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 9-10
Prerequisite(s): Algebra I
Formalizes and extends students’ geometric experiences from the middle grades. Students explore more complex geometric situations and deepen their explanations of geometric relationships, moving towards formal mathematical arguments. Important differences exist between this Geometry course and the historical approach taken in Geometry classes. For example, transformations are emphasized early in this course.
Notes: Students may enroll concurrently with Bridge to Algebra II or Algebra II

431003  Geometry Pre-AP, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 9-10
Prerequisite(s): Algebra I
Formalizes and extends students’ geometric experiences from the middle grades. Students will explore more complex geometric situations and deepen their explanations of geometric relationships, moving towards formal mathematical arguments. Congruence, similarity, right triangles and trigonometry, understanding and application of theorems about circles, using coordinates to prove geometric theorems algebraically, and application of geometric concepts in mathematical modeling situations are the critical areas of study. To differentiate between Pre-AP and on-level Geometry, topics are studied at a much deeper level than the on-level course. Additionally, the Plus Standards (+) from the Arkansas Mathematics Standards will be incorporated into the curriculum to adequately prepare students for more rigorous courses.
Notes: Encouraged for students planning to take an AP math course. Students can take concurrently with Algebra II.

435000  Bridge to Algebra II, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 11
Prerequisite(s): Algebra I
Developed with the intent to provide students who have completed Algebra I, with the additional math foundation they need to be successful in an Algebra II course. Each student learning expectation for Bridge to Algebra II is intended to: reinforce linear concepts that were previously included in the Algebra I Course; master quadratics and exponential concepts not included within the Arkansas Department of Education Algebra I Content Standards through modeling functions and summarizing, representing, and interpreting data; or introduce higher order concepts to prepare students for success in Algebra II.
Notes: Students may enroll concurrently with Geometry but not concurrently with Algebra II.

432001  Algebra II, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s): Algebra I & Geometry
Builds on their work with linear, quadratic, and exponential functions, students extend their repertoire of functions to include polynomial, rational, and radical functions. Students work closely with the expressions that define the functions, and continue to expand and hone their abilities to model situations and to solve equations, including solving quadratic equations over the set of complex numbers and solving exponential equations using the properties of logarithms.
Students may enroll concurrently with Geometry.

43200V  Algebra II Online, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s): Algebra I & Geometry
Students will begin the online course with a review of basic algebra. Students will then study polynomials, quadratic functions and equations with solutions in the complex number system, exponential and logarithmic relations, and statistics. Throughout the course, these mathematical concepts are applied to everyday occurrences to demonstrate how the world around us functions.
Notes: See general information on Online Courses. Students may enroll concurrently with Geometry.
432005  
**Algebra II Pre-AP, 1 academic credit**  
Grade(s): 10-11  
Prerequisite(s): Algebra I & Geometry  
Builds on their work with linear, quadratic, and exponential functions, students extend their repertoire of functions to include polynomial, rational, and radical functions. Students work closely with the expressions that define the functions, and continue to expand and hone their abilities to model situations and to solve equations, including solving quadratic equations over the set of complex numbers and solving exponential equations using the properties of logarithms. To differentiate between Pre-AP and on-level Algebra II, topics are studied at a much deeper level than the on-level course. Additionally, the Plus Standards (+) from the Arkansas Mathematics Standards will be incorporated into the curriculum to adequately prepare students for more rigorous courses. Note: Encouraged for students planning to take an AP math course. Students may enroll concurrently with Geometry.

439120  
**Quantitative Literacy, 1 academic credit**  
Grade(s): 11-12  
Prerequisite: Algebra I  
Builds on Algebra I to explore mathematical topics and relationships. Emphasis will be placed on applying modeling as the process of choosing and using appropriate mathematics and statistics to analyze, to better understand, and to improve mathematical understanding in real world situations. Students will represent and process their reasoning and conclusions numerically, graphically, symbolically, and verbally. Quantitative Literacy will help students develop conceptual understanding by supporting them in making connections between concepts and applying previously learned material to new contexts. Students will be expected to use technology, including graphing calculators, computers, or data gathering tools throughout the course.

439090  
**Statistics, 1 academic credit**  
Grade(s): 11-12  
Prerequisite(s): Algebra I, Algebra II  
Designed for students who have successfully completed Algebra II and expect to further their studies in business, social sciences, or education. Statistics builds on knowledge of probability, randomness, and variability to provide students with an understanding of experimental design, estimation, hypothesis testing, and effective communication of experimental results. Statistical information collected and analyzed by students is used to investigate ways of collecting, displaying, and analyzing data.

439071  
**Algebra III, 1 academic credit**  
Grade(s): 11-12  
Prerequisite(s): Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II  
Enhances the higher level thinking skills developed in Algebra II through a more in-depth study of those concepts and exploration of some pre-calculus concepts. Students in Algebra III will be challenged to increase understanding of algebraic, graphical, and numerical methods to analyze, translate and solve polynomial, rational, exponential, and logarithmic functions. Modeling real world situations is an important part of this course. Sequences and series will be used to represent and analyze real world problems and mathematical situations. Algebra III will also include a study of matrices and conics.

433005  
**Pre-Calculus Pre-AP, 1 academic credit**  
Grade(s): 11-12  
Prerequisite(s): Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II  
Emphasizes a study of trigonometric functions and identities as well as applications of right triangle trigonometry and circular functions. Students will use symbolic reasoning and analytical methods to represent mathematical situations, express generalizations, and study mathematical concepts and the relationships among them. Students will use functions and equations as tools for expressing generalizations. Note: Encouraged for students planning to take an AP math course or major in a STEM related field in college.

539031  
**AP Statistics, 1 academic credit**  
Grade(s): 11-12  
Prerequisite: Algebra II  
The AP Statistics course is equivalent to a one-semester, introductory, non-calculus-based college course in statistics. The course introduces students to the major concepts and tools for collecting, analyzing, and drawing conclusions from data. There are four themes in the AP Statistics course: exploring data, sampling and experimentation, anticipating patterns, and statistical inference. Students use technology, investigations, problem solving, and writing as they build conceptual understanding. Notes: Students must take the AP exam in May for the weighted GPA.
534041 AP Calculus AB, 1 academic credit Grade(s): 11-12
Prerequisite(s): equivalent of four years of secondary mathematics designed for college-bound students.
AP Calculus AB is roughly equivalent to a first semester college calculus course devoted to topics in differential and integral calculus. The AP course covers topics in these areas, including concepts and skills of limits, derivatives, definite integrals, and the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus. The course teaches students to approach calculus concepts and problems when they are represented graphically, numerically, analytically, and verbally, and to make connections amongst these representations. Students learn how to use technology to help solve problems, experiment, interpret results, and support conclusions.
Note: Students must take the AP exam in May for the weighted GPA.

534051 AP Calculus BC, 1 academic credit Grade(s): 11-12
Prerequisite(s): equivalent of four years of secondary mathematics designed for college-bound students.
AP Calculus BC is designed to develop mathematical knowledge conceptually, guiding you to connect topics and representations throughout the course and to apply strategies and techniques to accurately solve diverse types of problems. Calculus BC includes all topics covered in Calculus AB plus additional topics, and is designed to qualify you for placement and credit in a course that is one course beyond what’s granted for Calculus AB.
Notes: AP Calculus AB is not a pre-requisite for AP Calculus BC. Students will get an AP Calculus AB sub-score when taking the AP Calculus BC exam. Students must take the AP exam in May for the weighted GPA.

539061 IB Math Studies SL (BHS only), 1 academic credit Grade(s): 11
Pre-Requisite(s): Pre-Calculus; IB Diploma Participant
IB Math Studies has a multicultural approach with an emphasis on applications of mathematics and the largest sections on statistics and intro to differential calculus. There is an individual project involving the collection, analysis and evaluation of data.
Notes: See the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.

539071 IB Math SL (BHS only), 1 academic credit Grade(s): 11-12
Pre-Requisite(s): Pre-Calculus
The required topics in IB Math SL are Algebra, Functions, Trigonometry, Vectors, Probability and Statistics, and Calculus. The one year course of IB Math SL covers Vectors, Probability and Statistics, and Calculus. Students enrolled are required to complete the IB assessments.
Notes: See the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.

Alg3ColAlg Algebra III & College Algebra 1.5 academic credits Grade(s): 12
NWACC MATH 1204
Prerequisite: Algebra II Requirement: 3.0 GPA, minimum 21 on Math and 19 on reading portions of ACT, 500 on SAT, or 65 on Compass taken prior to December 15th.
Algebra III: Enhances the higher level thinking skills developed in Algebra II through a more in-depth study of those concepts and exploration of some pre-calculus concepts. Students in Algebra III will be challenged to increase understanding of algebraic, graphical, and numerical methods to analyze, translate and solve polynomial, rational, exponential, and logarithmic functions. Modeling real world situations is an important part of this course. Sequences and series will be used to represent and analyze real world problems and mathematical situations. Algebra III will also include a study of matrices and conics.
College Algebra: An overview of the fundamental concepts of algebra with an emphasis on the study of functions. These functions include (but are not limited to) linear, quadratic, polynomial, square root, absolute value, rational, exponential, and logarithmic. Additional topics include equations and inequalities related to the function types, systems of equations and inequalities, matrices, and sequences and series.
Notes: See General Information on Concurrent Enrollment.

53990N College Algebra I NWACC MATH 1204, academic credit Grade(s): 11-12
Requirement: 3.0 GPA, minimum 21 on Math and 19 on reading portions of ACT, 500 on SAT, or minimum 65 Algebra score on Compass taken prior to December 15th.
An overview of the fundamental concepts of algebra with an emphasis on the study of functions. These functions include (but are not limited to) linear, quadratic, polynomial, square root, absolute value, rational, exponential, and logarithmic. Additional topics include equations and inequalities related to the function types, systems of equations and inequalities, matrices, and sequences and series.

Notes: See General Information on Concurrent Enrollment.

53990V NWACC Online College Algebra, MATH 1204, 1 academic credit Grade(s): 11-12
Requirement: 3.0 GPA, minimum 21 on Math and 19 on reading portions of ACT, 500 on SAT, or minimum 65 Algebra score on Compass taken prior to December 15th.
An overview of the fundamental concepts of algebra with an emphasis on the study of functions. These functions include (but are not limited to) linear, quadratic, polynomial, square root, absolute value, rational, exponential, and logarithmic. Additional topics include equations and inequalities related to the function types, systems of equations and inequalities, matrices, and sequences and series.
Notes: See General Information on Concurrent Enrollment and Online Course for College.

539906 College Finite NWACC MATH 2053, 1 academic credit Grade(s): 11-12
Pre-requisite: A grade of “C” or better in College Algebra (MATH 1204), 3.0 GPA, minimum 24 on Math and 19 on reading portions of ACT, 500 on SAT, or 46 on College Algebra score on Compass taken prior to December 15th.
A survey and applications course in mathematics designed for business, life science, and social science students. Topics include a review of using a graphing utility, linear models, systems of linear equations, matrices, linear programming, the simplex method, set theory, probability, counting principles, statistics, and finance mathematics.
Notes: See General Information on Concurrent Enrollment.

539907 College Trigonometry NWACC MATH 1213, 1 academic credit Grade(s): 11-12
Pre-requisite: A grade of “C” or better in College Algebra (MATH 1204), 3.0 GPA, minimum 24 on Math and 19 on reading portions of ACT, 560 on SAT, or 46 on College Algebra score on Compass taken prior to December 15th.
A survey of basic trigonometric concepts. Topics include a review of functions and graphs, the trigonometric functions, graphs of trigonometric functions, inverse trigonometric functions, trigonometric identities and equations, applications of trigonometry, complex numbers, a review of exponential and logarithmic functions, and polar coordinates and equations.
Notes: See General Information on Concurrent Enrollment.
## Science Courses At-A-Glance

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Any science course beyond your first three required credits (usually after Chemistry-Integrated) could be elective credits. ADE has made changes in science curriculum for Fall 2018. Guidance for new course sequences is posted below.
Science Course Descriptions

423001 Physical Science-Integrated, 1 academic credit Grade(s): 9-10
Prerequisite(s): Algebra I* (*or concurrent)
Students in Physical Science - Integrated continue to develop their understanding of the core ideas in the physical, life, earth and space sciences learned in junior high school. These ideas include the most fundamental concepts from chemistry, physics, biology, and earth and space science but are intended to leave room for expanded study in upper-level high school courses. There are six topics in Physical Science - Integrated: (1) Elements, Matter, and Interactions, (2) Matter in Organisms, (3) Forces and Motion, (4) Energy, (5) Waves, and (6) Interactions of Humans and the Environment. Notes: Beginning with the graduating class of 2022, all students are required to take Physical Science-Integrated (or 8th grade Accelerated Physical Science).

420001 Biology-Integrated, 1 academic credit Grade(s): 9-10
Prerequisite(s): Physical Science/Physical Science-Integrated* (*or concurrent)
Students in Biology - Integrated develop understanding of key concepts that help them make sense of the interactions between life science and Earth and space science, building upon students’ understanding of disciplinary ideas, science and engineering practices, and crosscutting concepts from earlier grades. There are seven topics in biology - integrated: (1) Cycling of Matter and Energy, (2) Structure and Function, (3) Biodiversity and Population Dynamics, (4) Genetic Variations in Organisms, (5) Evolution by Natural Selection, (6) Earth’s Changing Climate, and (7) Humans and Natural Systems.

420003 Accelerated Biology-Integrated, 1 academic credit Grade(s): 9-10
Prerequisite(s): Physical Science/Physical Science-Integrated* (*or concurrent)
This course is a combination of the Biology - Integrated standards with additional life science standards and clarification statements written by the Arkansas K-12 Science Committee.

520031 AP Biology, 1 academic credit Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s): Biology/Biology-Integrated and Chemistry/Chemistry-Integrated* (*or concurrent)
AP Biology is an introductory college level biology course. Students cultivate their understanding of Biology through inquiry-based investigations as they explore the following topics: evolution, cellular processes—energy and communication, genetics, information transfer, ecology, and interactions. The course differs significantly from the usual high school course with respect to the kind of textbook used, the range and depth of topics covered, the kind of laboratory work done by the students and the time and effort required of the students. The course is rigorous, challenging and fast paced. Students must be able to think and work independently, be willing to do independent and group projects, and study nightly in this course.

529030 IB Biology SL, 1 academic credit Grade(s): 11-12
Prerequisite(s): Biology/Biology-Integrated and Chemistry/Chemistry-Integrated* (*or concurrent)
Biology is the study of life. The vast diversity of species makes biology both an endless source of fascination and a considerable challenge, so IB Biology (Standard Level) challenges students to examine the living world at all levels from the micro to the macro using many different approaches and techniques. IB Biology SL encompasses a Core study of Cell Biology, Molecular Biology, Genetics, Ecology, Evolution and Biodiversity, and Human Physiology; study of additional topic expands on the Core. Practical lab activities, an individual investigation into biological phenomenon, a general project, and end of course exams make up the assessment pieces for the course.
Notes: Due to registration costs charged by IB, juniors can only take this course if they intending to complete the IB Diploma; non-Diploma students finish as a senior.

421001 Chemistry-Integrated, 1 academic credit Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s): Algebra I, Phy Sci/Physical Science-Integrated and Biology*/Biology-Integrated* (*or concurrent)
Students in Chemistry - Integrated fully develop their understanding of the core ideas in chemistry, physics, earth and space sciences. Students build on the ideas and skills learned in Physical Science-Integrated to explain more in-depth phenomena relevant to the standards. There are 5 topics in Chemistry-Integrated: (1) Matter and Chemical Reactions, (2) Nuclear Reactions, (3) Energy Flow, (4) Waves, and (5) Forces.

421005 Accelerated Chemistry-Integrated, 1 academic credit Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s): Algebra I, Phy Sci/Physical Science-Integrated and Biology*/Biology-Integrated* (*or concurrent)
This course is a combination of the Chemistry - Integrated course standards with additional chemistry standards and clarification statements written by the Arkansas K-12 Science Committee.

521031  AP Chemistry, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s): Algebra II and Chemistry/Chemistry-Integrated or instructor approval
AP Chemistry is a rigorous exploration of the most fundamental of all science disciplines. This class covers the full scope of the first full year of college chemistry with a heavy emphasis on systems, energy transfer, and kinetic molecular theory.

421010  Chemistry II, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 11-12
Prerequisite(s): Algebra II*, Chemistry-Integrated (*or concurrent)
Candidates for this course are students who have completed Chemistry - Integrated and are seeking a deeper understanding of chemistry concepts. There are seven topics in Chemistry II: (1) Structure of Matter, (2) Properties of Matter, (3) Reactions, (4) Kinetics and Kinetic Molecular Theory, (5) Thermochemistry, (6) Equilibrium, and (7) Organic Chemistry.

422001  Physics, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 11-12
Prerequisite: Chemistry/Chemistry-Integrated
Students in Physics investigate and apply the physical laws of Physics to address real world problems. There are seven topics in Physics: 1) Motion, (2) Work and Energy, (3) Heat and Thermodynamics, (4) Waves, Sound and Simple Harmonic Motion, and (5) Electricity.
Notes: This course will no longer be offered after the 2018-2019 school year.

522080  AP Physics 1, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s): Geometry, Algebra II* (*or concurrent)
AP Physics 1 is an algebra-based, introductory college-level physics course. Students cultivate their understanding of Physics through inquiry-based investigations as they explore topics such as Newtonian mechanics (including rotational motion); work, energy, and power; mechanical waves and sound; and introductory, simple circuits. This course requires that 25 percent of the instructional time will be spent in hands-on laboratory work, with an emphasis on inquiry-based investigations that provide students with opportunities to apply the science practices.

522090  AP Physics 2, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s): Algebra II and AP Physics 1 or instructor approval.
AP Physics 2 is an algebra-based, introductory college-level physics course. Students cultivate their understanding of Physics through inquiry-based investigations as they explore topics such as fluid statics and dynamics; thermodynamics with kinetic theory; PV diagrams and probability; electrostatics; electrical circuits with capacitors; magnetic fields; electromagnetism; physical and geometric optics; and quantum, atomic, and nuclear physics. This course requires that 25 percent of the instructional time will be spent in hands-on laboratory work, with an emphasis on inquiry-based investigations that provide students with opportunities to apply the science practices.
Notes: Concurrent enrollment in Pre-Calculus recommended.

522051  AP Physics C: Mechanics, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s): AP Calculus AB* (*or concurrent)
Mechanics is equivalent to a one-semester, calculus-based, college-level physics course, especially appropriate for students planning to specialize or major in physical science or engineering. The course explores topics such as kinematics; Newton’s laws of motion; work, energy and power; systems of particles and linear momentum; circular motion and rotation; and oscillations and gravitation. Introductory differential and integral calculus is used throughout the course. AP Physics C: Mechanics includes a hands-on laboratory component comparable to a semester-long introductory college-level physics laboratory. Students should spend a minimum of 20 percent of instructional time engaged in hands-on laboratory work. Students ask questions, make observations and predictions, design experiments, analyze data, and construct arguments in a collaborative setting, where they direct and monitor their progress. Each student will complete a lab notebook or portfolio of lab reports.
522065  IB Physics SL, 1 academic credits  Grade(s): 11-12
522066  IB Physics HL, 1 academic credits  Grade(s): 12
Prerequisite(s): Algebra II and Chemistry/Chemistry-Integrated
IB Physics SL is a two year course in the foundations of physics with applications to modern life. The course will focus on Newtonian Mechanics, Fields and Forces, Oscillations and Waves, Thermal Physics, Electric circuits, Atomic and Nuclear Physics. Most classes will include activities and experiments designed to build skills in graphical analysis and scientific experimentation. Students will be challenged to apply their knowledge to issues of energy usage, projectile motion, transportation, alternative fuels, and the exploration of space.
Note: Due to registration costs charged by IB only juniors beginning the IB Diploma can take and complete IB Physics as a junior; non-Diploma students finish as a senior. Also, beginning school year 2017-2018, the IB Physics curriculum and assessments will work at high level (HL). Unless otherwise advised by the teacher or IB Diploma Coordinator, students completing IB Physics will be registered at HL with the IB Organization.

424020  Environmental Science, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s): Biology/Biology-Integrated
Environmental Science students will explore the relationship between humans and their environment and the effect they have on each other. Students will use research, analysis, labs, group work, lecture, and notes to better understand this subject. All students will be expected to complete a field study project and keep a science journal. Students are also expected to help with the recycling program.

523031  AP Environmental Science, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s): Biology/Biology-Integrated
AP Environmental Science provides students with the scientific principles, concepts, and methodologies required to understand how the inhabitants of the natural world exist in balance, to identify and analyze environmental problems both natural and human-made, to evaluate the relative risks associated with these problems, and to examine alternative solutions for resolving and/or preventing them.

524010  Zoology, 0.5 academic credit  Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s): Biology/Biology-Integrated
Zoology covers different aspects of animals. Students will examine the classifications of animals and their unique systems and places in the environment. The course begins with a basic biology review and then quickly covers the invertebrate phylum. Animal classification and identification are stressed along with proper techniques for collecting and preserving animals for study. In each phylum, animals of Arkansas are emphasized. Students will be expected to perform dissection as part of the lab portion of the course.

424031  Human Anatomy & Physiology, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s): Biology/Biology-Integrated
Students in Human Anatomy & Physiology develop understanding of key concepts that help them make sense of interactions among systems within the human body. There are eight topics in Human Anatomy & Physiology: (1) Patterns, (2) Structure and Function, (3) Scale, Proportion, and Quantity, (4) Stability and Change, (5) Cause and Effect, (6) Energy and Matter, (7) Systems and System Models, and (8) Career Exploration with Engineering Practices. Memorization, practice, and communication skills are required. Comprehensive special projects are assigned and a cadaver dissection is required. Students must have the skills to do independent activities and higher level thinking skills to deal with abstract concepts.

425050  Astronomy, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 9-12
Prerequisite(s): None
Students in astronomy continue to develop fundamental concepts from chemistry, physics, and earth and space science to allow high school students to explain more in-depth phenomena. There are eight topics in astronomy; (1) Observational Astronomy, (2) Early History of Astronomy, (3) Gravitation, (4) Formation of the Solar System, (5) Earth, Moon, and Sun System, (6) Electromagnetic Radiation and Matter, (7) Stellar Evolution, and (8) Cosmology. Students are also expected to demonstrate understanding of several engineering practices, including design and evaluation.
Note: This course is only offered on school years ending in an even number (example 2019-2020).
## Social Studies Courses At-A-Glance

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Social Studies Course Descriptions

472000  Civics, .5 academic credit  Grade(s): 9-12
Prerequisite(s): None
Students will study the foundations of American democracy and the origins of American government. Emphasis is placed on the American Constitution and the rights and responsibilities of citizens in a democratic society. In addition, the roles of political parties, campaigns, elections, public opinion, and the media will also be considered. Throughout the course, students will develop and apply disciplinary literacy skills: reading, writing, speaking, and listening.

471001  World History, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 10
Prerequisite(s): None
World History provides an in-depth study of the history of human society from 1450 C.E. World History is designed to assist students in understanding the human condition, how people and countries of the world have become increasingly interconnected across time and space, and the ways different people view the same event or issue from a variety of perspectives. Throughout the course, students will develop and apply disciplinary literacy skills: reading, writing, speaking, and listening.

571021  AP World History, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 10
Prerequisite(s): None
Student enrolled in AP World History investigate significant events, individuals, developments, and processes in six historical periods from approximately 8000 B.C.E. to the present. Students develop and use the skills of analyzing primary and secondary sources, developing historical arguments; making historical comparisons and utilizing reasoning about contextualization, causation, and continuity over time. This course is equivalent of a two-semester introductory college world history course. Because of the scope and depth of the course, outside homework may be required of the student.
Notes: All students enrolled in this course are expected to take the national AP exam.

470003  United States History, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 11
Prerequisite(s): None
United States History Since 1890 focuses on the effects of changing culture, technology, world economy, and environment, as well as the impact of global conflicts on contemporary society in the United States. Students will develop an understanding of the cause-and-effect relationship between past and present events, recognize patterns of interactions, and understand the impact of events in the United States within an interconnected world. Students will utilize the skills of: reading, writing, speaking, and listening to seek answers to compelling and supporting questions.
Notes: See General Information on Florida Virtual, NWACC ECE online Courses and NWACC Enrollment

47000V  United States History Online, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 11
Prerequisite(s): None
Investigate the people, events, and ideas that have shaped the United States from the end of the Civil War through today while applying what you learn to real-world problems.
Notes: See General Information on Florida Virtual

57992A  NWACC ECE Hist. of the American Pple, 1877 to Present Online, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 11
Prerequisite(s):
This semester course explores aspects in American history from Reconstruction to the second half of the Twentieth Century. This survey encompasses the constitutional, political, social and economic development of the United States since 1877. Particular emphasis will be placed on the rise of the United States as an industrial and world power.
Notes: See General Information on NWACC ECE online courses.

57992B  NWACC ECE History of the American People to 1877 Online, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 11
Prerequisite(s):
This semester course explores aspects in American history beginning with European backgrounds; discovery and settlement; concluding with the Civil War and Reconstruction. This survey encompasses the constitutional, political, social and economic development of the United States prior to 1877.
570021 AP United States History, 1 academic credit  
Grade(s): 11
Prerequisite(s): None
Students enrolled in AP U.S. History will investigate significant events, individuals, developments, and processes from approximately 1491 to the present. The course also provides seven themes that students explore: American and national identity; migration and settlement; politics and power; work, exchange, and technology; America in the world; geography and the environment; and culture and society. Equivalent of a two-semester introductory college or university U.S. history course. Because of the scope and depth of the course, outside homework may be required of the student.
Notes: All students enrolled in this course are expected to take the national AP exam.

570051 IB History of the Americas HL I, 1 academic credit  
Grade(s): 11
Prerequisite(s): None
IB History of the Americas HL I is the first part of a two-year program of study. Eleventh grade diploma candidates will take IB History of the Americas HL I: Colonialism to the Present. Twelfth grade diploma candidates will take the IB History of the Americas HL II: 20th Century Global Studies component. In IB History of the Americas HL I: Colonialism to the present, students will focus on social, political and economic relationships between the United States, Latin America and Canada from the 15th Century to the present. The course will also focus on events from colonizing the New World to the present, including an emphasis on U.S. history and comparisons and contrasts between other countries and events in Latin America and Canada. In addition to preparing diploma candidates to satisfy the writing requirements for the IB program (including major essays), students enrolled in IB History of the Americas HL I will also be eligible to take the Advanced Placement Exam in U.S. History.
Notes: All students enrolled in this course are expected to take the international assessment.

570053 IB History of the Americas HL II, 1 academic credit  
Grade(s): 12
Prerequisite(s): IB History of the Americas I/ AP United States History
IB History of the Americas HL II is the second part of a two-year program of study. Eleventh grade diploma candidates will take IB History of the Americas HL I: Colonialism to the Present. Twelfth grade diploma candidates will take the IB History of the Americas HL II: 20th Century Global Studies component. This is an in-depth study of selected 20th Century world history topics to include the causes, practices and effects of wars, the rise and rule of single-party states and the Cold War. Using case studies, this course will examine major trends and issues of the 20th Century in preparation for major required essays including the Internal Assessment requirement, prescribed topic paper one and essays two and three of the IB required battery of tests.
Notes: All students enrolled in this course are expected to take the international assessment.

572040 AP Government & Politics, Enhanced, 1 academic credit  
Grade(s): 11-12
Prerequisite(s): None
ADE Enhanced AP United States Government and Politics includes both the study of general concepts used to interpret United States politics and the analysis of specific examples. Students will study the following topics: constitutional underpinnings of United States government, political beliefs and behaviors, political parties, interest groups, and mass media, institutions of national government, public policy, civil rights and civil liberties, state and local government, and Arkansas laws affecting juveniles. Successful completion of this course allows the students to also receive academic credit for Civics. Because of the scope and depth of the course, outside homework may be required of the student.
Notes: All students enrolled in this course are expected to take the national AP exam.

47430D Economics Digital Learning, .5 academic credit  
Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s): None
Economics emphasizes economic decision making. Students will explore the interrelationships among consumers, producers, resources, and labor as well as the interrelationships between national and global economies. Additionally, students will examine the relationship between individual choices and the direct influence of these choices on occupational goals and future earning potential. This course fulfills the state digital learning requirement.
47430V  Economics Online, .5 academic credit  Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s): None
The purpose of this course is to help students become more informed consumers, producers, investors, and taxpayers. Students are shown how their choices directly affect their future. Students will also learn fundamental economic principles that guide our nation and world.
Notes: See General Information on Florida Virtual

ECONAP  AP Micro/Macroeconomics, Enhanced, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s): None
Students must enroll in both AP Microeconomics and AP Macroeconomics. AP Macroeconomics focuses on the nature of the broader economic system as a whole. Emphasis is placed on the study of topics ranging from national income, inflation, unemployment, to international economics. AP Microeconomics focuses on the decision making process of individuals and firms within the broader economic system. This course also provides students with additional state required personal finance standards. Successful completion of this course allows students to receive academic credit for Economics. Because of the scope and depth of the course, outside homework may be required of the student.
Notes: All students enrolled in this course are expected to take both national AP exams.

474402  Psychology, .5 academic credit  Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s): None
Psychology is a social studies elective course that introduces students to the science of behavior and mental processes. It includes an overview of the history of psychology as well as an opportunity to study individual and social psychology and how the knowledge and methods of psychologists are applied to the solution of human problems. The content of this course includes human development; biological bases of behavior; sensation and perception; learning, memory, and cognition; behavior patterns; and psychological disorders and their treatments.

57990V  NWACC ECE General Psychology, 1 academic credit  Grades 10-12
Prerequisite(s): None
This one semester course investigates basic principles and theories of behavior in the areas of learning, memory, perception, development, biological basis of behavior, motivation and emotion, personality, stress, abnormal behavior and social and interpersonal relationships.
Notes: See General Information on NWACC ECE online courses

579121  AP Psychology, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 11-12
Prerequisite(s): None
The AP Psychology course is designed to introduce students to the systematic and scientific study of the behavior and mental processes of human beings and other animals. Students are exposed to the psychological facts, principles, and phenomena associated with each of the major subfields within psychology. They also learn about the ethics and methods psychologists use in their science and practice. Because of the scope and depth of the course, outside homework may be required of the student. Students enrolled in this course must take the national AP exam. Students interested in IB Psychology II are encouraged to take the course during 11th grade.
Notes: All students enrolled in this course are expected to take the national AP exam.

579033  IB Psychology HL I, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 11
Prerequisite(s): None
IB Psychology HL I is most appropriately defined as the scientific study of behavior and experience. An intensive examination of mental processes and their effects on behavior serves to enhance this course. This course will focus on three of the classical theoretical perspectives of psychology: biological, cognitive and learning. To foster further understanding of the perspectives, students will be immersed in the psychological examination of dysfunctional behavior and treatment. Research methodology, analysis and practical research application will be practiced through in-depth experimental study. In addition, students will be exposed to many academic and vocational applications of psychology in their everyday lives. The grade of each student will be formulated according to three major written IB assessments which will be complemented by internal unit exams, topical quizzes and review assignments; and projects dealing with the brain and nervous system, behavioral and cognitive psychology, testing and intelligence and psychological disorders.
Notes: All students enrolled in this course are expected to take the international assessment.
579035  IB Psychology HL II, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 12
Prerequisite(s): IB Psychology I / AP Psychology
IB Psychology HL II is an intensive examination of mental processes and their effects on behavior. Primary focus of study for this course centers on a Levels of Analysis approach, of which entails exploration of the Biological, Cognitive, and Socio-cultural. Both quantitative and qualitative research methodology is examined and applied. Application of an inferential statistical test and incorporation of related research (other than the published study on which the student’s experimental study is based) into the introduction and discussion sections of the report are required. From this, students engage for themselves in the implementation of a replication of a previous experiment. Rounding out the course of study, students explore two of five Options in greater depth from among the following: Health psychology, Psychology of human relationships, Abnormal psychology, Developmental psychology, Sport psychology. The grade of each student will be formulated according to mastery of various content and skill targets, which have been determined by the demands of the IB Organization’s assessment criteria for the course.
Notes: All students enrolled in this course are expected to take the international assessment.

579081  AP Human Geography, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 9-12
Prerequisite(s): None
The AP Human Geography course introduces students to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of Earth’s surfaces. Students learn to employ spatial concepts and landscape analysis to examine human socioeconomic organization and its environmental consequences. They also learn about the methods and tools geographers use in their research and applications. Because of the scope and depth of the course, outside homework may be required of the student. Students enrolled in this course must take the national AP exam.
Notes: All students enrolled in this course are expected to take the national AP exam.

579171  AP European History, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 11-12
Prerequisite(s): None
Students investigate significant events, individuals, developments, and processes in four historical periods from approximately 1450 to the present. The course also provides six themes that students explore throughout the course in order to make connections among historical developments in different times and places: interaction of Europe and the world; poverty and prosperity; objective knowledge and subjective visions; states and other institutions of power; individual and society; and national and European identity. Because of the scope and depth of the course, outside homework may be required of the student. Students enrolled in this course must take the national AP exam.
Notes: All students enrolled in this course are expected to take the national AP exam.

579020  IB World Religions SL, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 11-12
Prerequisite(s): None
The IB DP world religions course is a systematic, analytical yet empathetic study of the variety of beliefs and practices encountered in nine main religions of the world. The course seeks to promote an awareness of religious issues in the contemporary world by requiring the study of a diverse range of religions. The religions are studied in such a way that students acquire a sense of what it is like to belong to a particular religion and how that influences the way in which the followers of that religion understand the world, act in it, and relate and respond to others.
Notes: All students enrolled in this course are expected to take the international assessment.

474100  United States Government, .5 academic credit  Grade(s): 9-12
Prerequisite(s): None
United States Government is a one-semester course that focuses on the theoretical concepts relating to the foundations of government and the practical application of these concepts as they relate to American federalism, to civil liberties, to civil rights, and to our national government. Basic concepts of state and local government and their relationships with the federal government are also examined. Topics include the constitutional framework; federalism; the three branches of government, including the bureaucracy; civil rights and liberties; political participation and behavior; and policy formation. Upon completion, students will demonstrate an understanding of the basic concepts and participatory processes of the American political system.

57990X  NWACC ECE American Nat’l Gov’t Online, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s): Be enrolled in grades 10-12, have a high school cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 grading system, have an appropriate placement score on standardized tests.
This semester course addresses the organization, functions, institutions, and problems of the federal government will be studied including the United States Constitution, Congress, the Presidency and federal bureaucracy, and the judicial system. Additional study will be given to political parties, public opinion, interest groups, voting and elections, Supreme Court decisions, and other political aspects and activities of government.

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World Languages Course Descriptions

440001  Spanish I, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 9-12
Prerequisite(s): None
Spanish I students will study beginning vocabulary, grammar tenses, skills needed for accurate communication of the Spanish language, and culture. Students will listen, speak, read and write to demonstrate knowledge of their learning.

440021  Spanish II, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 9-12
Prerequisite(s): C or better in Spanish I
Spanish II students will study increasingly complex topics involving reading and listening strategies; initiating and sustaining original conversations; using syntax and orthography accordingly; and giving rehearsed or impromptu presentations.

440033  Spanish III Pre-AP, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s): C or better in Spanish II
Spanish III Pre-AP students will study more complex and advanced topics and tenses to complete their grammar learning. Students will be expected to listen, speak, and read in Spanish; take detailed notes; research and write on a variety of topics; and develop multi-media presentations.

440043  Spanish IV Pre-AP, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 11-12
Prerequisite(s): B or higher in Spanish III or teacher approval
Spanish IV Pre-AP students will be exposed to extensive grammar, structure and vocabulary study. The emphasis is placed on the perfection of the language skills through the study of Spanish literature. Students will develop linguistic proficiency and cultural sensitivity.

540071  AP Spanish Language and Culture, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 11-12
Prerequisite(s): A in Spanish III Pre-AP or C or above in Spanish IV Pre-AP with teacher approval.
AP Spanish V is a college level course designed to prepare students for the AP Spanish Language and Culture exam. Students will practice and be evaluated on speaking, writing, listening, and reading skills in order to prepare for the AP exam. Grammar review, some literature, and projects are included in the coursework.

540021  IB Spanish SL, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 11-12
Prerequisite(s): B or better in Spanish III Pre-AP or teacher approval
IB Spanish SL: Students will interact in Spanish & understand the various world cultures that use Spanish. Internationalism will be reinforced using debates, role playing, & reading materials. Pre-AP Spanish III is required prior to IB Spanish. Out of class study will be greatly required.
Notes: Due to registration costs charged by the International Baccalaureate Organization, only juniors beginning the IB Diploma can take and complete IB World Religions as a junior; non-Diploma students finish as a senior.

540100  Spanish for Native Speakers I, 1 academic credit  Grades:9-12
Prerequisite(s): Spanish as first language
Spanish for Native Speakers I is designed to meet the communicative needs of the first & second generation Spanish-speaking student (non-ESOL Spanish heritage learner) who needs to fine-tune his literacy skills. Emphasis is placed on developing fundamental literacy skills in Spanish.

540110  Spanish for Native Speakers II, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 9-12
Prerequisite(s): Spanish as first language
Spanish for Native Speakers II is designed to meet the communicative needs of the first & second generation Spanish-speaking student (non-ESOL Spanish heritage learner) who needs to fine-tune his literacy skills. Students will learn proper grammar and a more extensive & diverse vocabulary.

441001  French I, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 9-12
Prerequisite(s): None
French I students will study beginning vocabulary, grammar tenses, skills needed for accurate communication of the French language, and culture. Students will listen, speak, read and write to demonstrate knowledge of their learning.
441011 French II, 1 academic credit Grade(s): 9-12
Prerequisite(s): C or better in French I
French II students will study increasingly complex topics involving reading and listening strategies; initiating and sustaining original conversations; using syntax and orthography accordingly; and giving rehearsed or impromptu presentations.

441033 French III Pre-AP, 1 academic credit Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s): C or better in French II
French III Pre-AP students will study more complex and advanced topics and tenses to complete their grammar learning. Students will be expected to listen, speak, and read in French; take detailed notes; research and write on a variety of topics; and develop multi-media presentations.

541061 AP French Language, 1 academic credit Grade(s): 11-12
Prerequisite(s): French III Pre-AP
AP French V is a college level course designed to prepare students for the AP French Language exam. Students will practice and be evaluated on speaking, writing, listening, and reading skills in order to prepare for the AP exam. Grammar review, some literature, and projects are included in the coursework.

541080 IB French SL, 1 academic credit Grade(s): 11-12
Prerequisite(s): B or better in French III Pre-AP or teacher approval
IB French SL: Students will interact in French & understand the various world cultures that use French. Internationalism will be reinforced using debates, role playing, & reading materials. Pre-AP French III is required prior to IB French. Out of class study will be greatly required.
Notes: Due to registration costs charged by the International Baccalaureate Organization, only juniors beginning the IB Diploma can take and complete IB World Religions as a junior; non-Diploma students finish as a senior.

447001 Chinese I, 1 academic credit Grade(s): 9-12
Prerequisite(s): None
Chinese I students will interpret passages, present information, and interact with others in the Chinese language, Putonghua. As communication skills develop, the course includes additional vocabulary and basic grammar necessary for limited reading and writing.
Notes: Bentonville Public Schools only offer Chinese through the third level, so students who plan to graduate with the IB diploma should take Spanish or French. Both the third and fourth levels of a world language are required to meet IB Diploma graduation requirements.

447011 Chinese II, 1 academic credit Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s): C or better in Chinese I
Chinese II students will enhance their development and understanding of the language by studying increasingly complex topics involving the use of more sophisticated language structures, grammar tenses, and vocabulary, as well as, further develop their pronunciation skills.

447030 Chinese III, 1 academic credit Grade(s): 11-12
Prerequisite(s): C or better in Chinese II
Chinese III students will enhance their development and understanding of the language by studying increasingly complex topics involving the use of more sophisticated language structures, grammar tenses, and vocabulary, as well as, further develop their pronunciation skills.
Career Studies Pathways

Agribusiness Systems

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Certifications: OSHA 10

Animal and Veterinary Sciences

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Certifications: Certified Veterinary Assistant

Architecture & Design

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Certifications: Revit

Business Management

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Certifications: NRF Customer Service & Sales, AHLEI Certified Guest Services Professional, AHLEI Certified Hospitality Professional

Business Marketing

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Certifications: NRF Retail Industry Fundamentals, NRF Advanced Customer Service & Sales, AHLEI Certified Guest Services Professional, AHLEI Certified Hospitality Professional

Mobile Application Development**

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Certifications: Adobe Dreamweaver, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator

Computer Engineering/IT Help Desk**

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Certifications: Google, TIA Comp A+, TIA Comp Net+

Pre-Engineering

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Certifications: Autodesk Inventor
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Certifications: Child Development Associate

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Certifications: Paraprofessional

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Certifications: CPR for Healthcare Providers, AED, Certified Nursing Assistant, Emergency Medical Responder

### Sports Medicine

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Certifications: CPR for Healthcare Providers, AED, Certified Nursing Assistant, Emergency Medical Responder

### Arts & Audio Video Production (BWHS only)

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Certifications: Adobe Premier

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Certifications: Adobe Premier

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Certifications:

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*Required foundation courses to be a Program Completer. A minimum of one additional unit of study must be completed, chosen from listed electives. Some programs may require more than two foundation courses.

**Program requires three units of study from selections listed. Courses must progress in a cohesive sequence (i.e. I, II, III, IV).
Bentonville Schools developed the Ignite Professional Studies program to provide students with real, relevant learning experiences in collaboration with regional businesses, non-profits, and industry professionals. Ignite professional studies are designed to align with future opportunities in the community. Students in Ignite experience meaningful relationships with mentors in business, industry, and higher education, to gain valuable professional skills and entrepreneurial habits of mind necessary for careers in an innovation-based economy. Courses are designed for juniors and seniors at Bentonville High School and Bentonville West High School.

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### Digital Design & Photography

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### Education Innovation

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### Global Business

**Recommended Courses Prior to Ignite but not required:** Computer Applications I, Marketing I, Management, Small Business Operations or Accounting

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Certification(s): Recent Professional Settings: Arvest and Mu Sigma

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### Health Sciences

**Recommended Courses Prior to Ignite:** Human Anatomy & Physiology, Introduction to Medical Professions, Medical Procedures, Medical Terminology or Human Behavior & Disorders

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Certification(s): CPR for Healthcare Providers, Certified Nursing Assistant, Emergency Medical Responder

Recent Professional Settings: NWACC

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### Technology

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Certification(s): Recent Professional Settings: TATA Consulting Services

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### Video Production

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Certification(s): Adobe Premiere

Recent Professional Settings: University of Arkansas Global Campus

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Architectural/CAD II focuses on the knowledge and skills required to plan and prepare scale pictorial interpretations of plans and design concepts for residential buildings. Emphasis is given to the development of real world experiences in applying the application of architectural drafting standards. This course is designed to allow the student to produce drawings as traditional drawings or advanced use of various CAD software to produce drawings.

Architectural/CAD Lab, 1 academic credit  
Grade(s): 10-12  
Prerequisite(s): None  
This production-based program is designed to allow for the development of skills and knowledge needed to execute a comprehensive architectural product.

Computerized Business Applications, 1 academic credit  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Prerequisite(s): None  
Computerized Business Applications provides students with an introduction to business applications that are necessary to live and work in a technological society. Emphasis is given to hardware, concepts, and business uses of applications. The business applications covered are word processing, database, spreadsheet, and telecommunications, presentation, and Web page design. This course is the prerequisite for all 9-12 business courses.

Computerized Accounting I, 1 academic credit  
Grade(s): 10-12  
Prerequisite(s): None  
Computerized Accounting emphasizes basic accounting principles as they relate to both manual and computerized financial systems. Instruction is on an integrated basis using computers and electronic calculators as the relationships and processes of manual and computerized accounting are presented. Entry-level skills in the accounting occupations can be attained.

Personal Finance, .5 academic credit  
Grade(s): 10-12  
Prerequisite(s): None  
This course designed to increase financial literacy and prepare students to successfully manage financial resources. This course also focuses on the individual’s role and financial responsibilities as a student, citizen, consumer, and active participant in the business world. Emphasis is also placed on activities and competitions within career and technical student organizations (i.e., FBLA, FCCLA, and DECA).

Business Law, .5 academic credit  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Prerequisite(s): None  
Business Law acquaints students with some of the legal problems and rights encountered in business transactions. This course includes the origins of law, its purposes, classifications, and rights of individuals. Topics will include criminal law, civil (tort) law, enforcement procedures and the courts, regulatory law for business firms, consumer protection, and contract law.

Business Management, 1 academic credit  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Prerequisite(s): None  
Management assists the student in understanding management functions. Students study the management process, decision making, environmental factors, ethics, and social responsibility. Planning, organizing, leading, and controlling are emphasized as well as concepts of staffing, leadership, communications, entrepreneurship, and international management.

Marketing, 1 academic credit  
Grade(s): 10-12  
Prerequisite(s): None  
Marketing students will find out what it takes to market a product or service in today's fast-paced business environment. Students will learn the fundamentals of marketing using real-world business examples. Students will learn about buyer behavior, marketing research principles, demand analysis, distribution, financing, pricing, and product management. Marketing is a two-semester course. Although not mandatory, many students can benefit from the on-the-job training component (cooperative education) of this course. The student's job must relate to his/her career objective.
Marketing Management, 1 academic credit  
Grade(s): 11-12  
Prerequisite(s): Marketing 
Marketing Management helps students develop decision-making skill through the application of marketing and management principles. Competencies will be accomplished by utilizing various instructional methods, resources, and direct involvement with marketing businesses. The course will focus on organization, finance, risks, credit, technology, and social aspects.

Small Business Operations, 1 academic credit  
Grade(s): 11-12  
Prerequisite(s): Marketing 
Small Business Operations provides students interested in learning how to manage a small business. Students will be required to participate in laboratory work. The lab experience will consist of operating a School Based Enterprise. In addition to the lab work, students will also complete a series of lessons designed to prepare them for the transition to higher education and/or an entrepreneurial career.

Web Technologies, 1 academic credit  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Prerequisite(s): None 
Web Technologies is an exploration of all of the elements of good web page design. Students will begin by creating web pages using HTML, XHTML and CSS. Students will investigate several Adobe software packages to enhance web sites such as: Photoshop to create and edit graphics; Flash to create animations and web banners; Fireworks to create and optimize images for the web; and Premiere or other video/audio software to create and edit videos and audio. Students will focus on how to use web design software such as Dreamweaver to create websites. Students will also use multimedia equipment such as digital cameras and camcorders to add this rich media to websites. Students will complete several real-world applications such as Flash videos and web pages for the school or other organizations or businesses. Web Communication using Adobe Dreamweaver® (Associate) certification is encouraged.

Mobile Application Development (MAD) 1, 5. academic credit  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Prerequisite(s): Each advancing level must be preceded by successful mastery of previous levels.
Mobile Applications Development Levels 1-4 are each one-semester courses that cover the fundamental elements of mobile application development. Students will develop semester-long projects, and students who enroll in full-year concurrent courses (MAD Levels I & II, MAD Levels III & IV) will develop year-long projects. Students will be exposed to iOS and Android application development, but will concentrate on one platform during the application development process.

Note: If taken during the junior or senior year, these courses qualify as a flex-credit and may be substituted for either a 4th math or a 3rd science to meet state graduation requirements:

Computer Science with Programming/Coding 1, .5 academic credit  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Prerequisite(s): Each advancing level must be preceded by successful mastery of previous levels.
Course will focus on programming language, syntax, and applications as they are introduced to Object-Oriented programming concepts. Students will explore multiple ways to utilize computers as problem-solving devices. Throughout the course, elementary game programming topics will be incorporated to assist in the development of programming skills. Students will develop a significant and complex program at the conclusion of this course. This course is recommended for students who have had no prior programming courses.

AP Computer Science Principles Level I, .5 academic credit  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Prerequisite(s): None 
Course introduces students to the essential ideas of computer science with a focus on the impact and implications of computing. Students will learn to analyze data, information and knowledge represented for computational use; create technology that has a practical impact and gain a broader understanding of how computer science impacts people and society. The major areas of study in this course are arranged around seven big ideas essential to computer science.
APCSA  AP Computer Science A Level I, .5 academic credit  Grade(s): 9-12
APCSA  AP Computer Science A Level II, .5 academic credit  Grade(s): 9-12
Prerequisite(s):  Algebra I
Emphasis is placed on object-oriented programming with a focus on problem solving and algorithm development and is mean to be the equivalent of a first-year college level course. Includes the study of data structures and abstractions. The AP Labs, Magpie, Elevens, and Picture are designed to help students explore Java and object-oriented programming concepts such as strings, one- and two-dimensional arrays, inheritance, polymorphism, and interfaces. Labs are a required part of the AP exam.

493010  Child Care Guidance, Management, & Services, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s):  None
This course is designed to provide students with information and experiences in the occupational field of child care and guidance, management, and services. Upon completion of this course, students will have a better understanding of children and their development. Students will enhance employability skills that will be transferrable across all career pathways.
Note:  BHS Campus only.

493020  Child Development & Parenting, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 9-12
Prerequisite(s):  None
Child Development focuses on skills needed to guide the physical, intellectual, emotional, and social development of children. Upon completion of the child development component of this course, the student should be prepared to care for and guide the development of a child through all stages of growth—within a family, as child care professional, or in other experiences with children. The parenting component of this course is designed to assist students in developing an understanding of the parenting process and of parenting skills. Upon completion of this component of the course, a student should possess skills necessary to provide quality care for children—as a parent, as one employed to care for children, or as one who interacts with children in other settings.

493130  Chemistry of Food, .5 academic credit  Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s):  None
Experiences focus on the scientific method to study the various relationships between food science, nutrition, and food preparation. Laboratory skills developed in measuring, recording, and analyzing data are used to explore these relationships. Experimental methods are employed to analyze food mixtures, food microbiology, food preservations, and complex food systems.

592150  ACE Concurrent Credit Culinary Arts I, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s):  None
This course is designed to provide students with an in-depth study of the professional kitchen and culinary applications. Certifications: ProStart I
Note:  Lab fees apply.

592160  ACE Concurrent Credit Culinary Arts II, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s):  Culinary I
A continuation of Culinary Arts I, This course is designed to provide students with advanced culinary applications, service, and presentation. Certifications: ProStart II
Note:  Lab fees apply.

493081  Family & Consumer Sciences, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 9-12
Prerequisite(s):  None
Course is designed to provide students with information and skills to function effectively within the family and within a changing, complex society. Students will develop basic life skills that promote a positive influence on quality of life.

493070  Food Safety, .5 academic credit  Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s):  Food and Nutrition
Food Safety focuses on the development of essential food safety practices needed to select, receive, store, prepare, and serve food. Students will learn to create and implement an environment of food safety procedures based on the latest
FDA Food Code and local regulations. Upon completion of this course, students should be able to apply sound sanitation practices which will have a positive effect on their health. Skills learned are applicable to the National Restaurant Association, ServSafe Certification.

Note: This course is only available one year to serve students who have complete the one semester course of Food and Nutrition and need the other half to match the new course listed below. BHS only.

**493110**  
**Food Nutrition & Safety, 1 academic credit**  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Prerequisite(s): None  
Food Safety focuses on the development of essential food safety practices needed to select, receive, store, prepare, and serve food. Students will learn to create and implement an environment of food safety procedures based on the latest FDA Food Code and local regulations. Upon completion of this course, students should be able to apply sound sanitation practices which will have a positive effect on their health. Skills learned are applicable to the National Restaurant Association, ServSafe Certification. The course focuses on developing the skills to select, prepare, and serve food that meets the nutritional needs of individuals and families. Students will apply sound nutritional practices that will have a positive effect on overall health.

**493140**  
**Housing & Interior Design, .5 academic credit**  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Prerequisite(s): None  
Housing and Interior Design focuses on personal and family housing needs, options for meeting those needs, and the role of the housing industry in the economy. Upon completion of the course, a student should be prepared to make wise decisions in obtaining and maintaining personal and family shelter. Students considering this course should enroll concurrently, or subsequently in the Drafting and Design course (494700), which focuses on the basic knowledge and skills required to produce engineering and architectural drawings. Emphasis is given to the development of competencies related to the use of drafting equipment, the production of beginning level engineering drawings and the production of beginning level architectural drawings as students prepare to produce high-level housing and interior design products.

**493241**  
**Orientation to Teaching I, 1 academic credit**  
Grade(s): 10-12  
Prerequisite(s): None  
This course is designed to provide students with knowledge that will help prepare them as future teachers. Upon completion of this course, a student should have a better understanding of the roles of the teacher in the profession, understand developmental characteristics of learners, identify teaching strategies, be creative in lesson delivery, and understand historical and current educational issues, policies, and practices. Districts desiring to implement this course should request approval from the Office of Family & Consumer Sciences.

**493290**  
**Orientation to Teaching II, 1 academic credit**  
Grade(s): 11-12  
Prerequisite(s): None  
Orientation to Teaching II is a course designed to integrate psychological, sociological, and philosophical foundations which prepare students for positive field experiences. This course encourages prospective teachers to become responsible, professional, and ethical as they explore the teaching profession. The students will research and examine foundations within the educational system. Upon completion of this course, a student should have a working knowledge of and employability skills for the education profession. The student will have the opportunity to obtain the paraprofessional certification.

**493640**  
**Fundamentals of A/V Tech & Film, 1 academic credit**  
Grade(s): 9-12  
Prerequisite(s): None  
Students in this core program will learn the basics of film and television production as well as other forms of audio-video communication such as animation, graphics, and sound production for video. They will also study the history of audio-video technology and film as well as career development and employment in this pathway.

Note: BWHS campus only

**493650**  
**Intermediate A/V Tech Film, 1 academic credit**  
Grade(s): 10-12  
Prerequisite(s): None  
This core program is designed to develop high level technical skills in preparation for a career in Audio/Video and Film production.

Note: BWHS campus only
493660  Advanced A/V Tech & Film, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 11-12
Prerequisite(s): None
This independent production based program is designed to allow mastery of the knowledge and skills needed to begin a successful Audio/Video or Film career.
Note: BWHS campus only

495350  Foundations of Health Care, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 9-12
Prerequisite(s): None
This course is designed to introduce students to medical professions and the basic foundational skills for first aid and the treatment of patients. Along with Human Anatomy and Physiology, this is a foundation core course for subsequent education and training in health services. This course is a revised combination of Introduction to Medical Professions and Medical Procedures.

424031  Human Anatomy Physiology, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s): See course description in the science section of this catalog.
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495320  Human Behavior and Disorders, .5 academic credit  Grade(s): 9-12
Prerequisite(s): None
This course focuses on normal behavior and personality, abnormal behavior and personality, and behavior disorders and the therapies used to treat those disorders and abnormalities.

495360  Medical Terminology, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 9-12
Prerequisite(s): None
Medical Terminology assists students in developing the language used for communication in the healthcare profession.

494051  Foundations of Sports Medicine, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 9-12
Prerequisite(s): None
This course provides students with a general overview of sports medicine and its history from the perspective of the healthcare community that includes injury prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, psychosocial, and administration concerns. Students will gain an understanding of sports medicine and the role it plays in the athletic community.

494071  Sports Medicine Injury Assessment, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s): Foundations of Sports Medicine
This course provides students with the skills needed to evaluate sports related injuries. Students will gain an understanding of common injuries that affect athletes, injury assessment, and treatment. Prerequisite: Foundations of Sports Medicine.

495481  Introduction to Engineering Design (IED), 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 9-12
Prerequisite(s): None
Introduction to Engineering Design is an introductory course that develops students’ problem-solving skills, with emphasis placed on the concept of developing a 3D model or solid rendering of an object. Students focus on the application of visualization processes and tools provided by modern, state-of-the-art computer hardware and software.

495491  Principles of Engineering (POE), 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 9-12
Prerequisite(s): IED
Principles of Engineering is a broad-based survey course designed to help students understand the field of engineering and engineering technology and its career possibilities. Students will develop engineering problem-solving skills that are involved in postsecondary education programs and engineering careers. They will explore various engineering systems and manufacturing processes.

495461  Digital Electronics (DE), 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 11-12
Prerequisite(s): POE
Digital Electronics is a course of study in applied digital logic. The course is patterned after the first-semester course in digital electronics taught in two- and four-year colleges. Students will study the application of electronic logic circuits and devices and apply Boolean logic to the solution of problems.

**495471 Engineering Design and Development (EDD), 1 acad. credit**  
Grade(s): 11-12  
Prerequisite(s): POE  
In this course, students will work in teams of two to four to design and construct the solution to an engineering problem, applying the principles developed in the preceding courses.

**INTERNSHIP Internship, 2 academic credits**  
Grade(s): 12  
Prerequisite(s): None  
The internship course is designed to assist students in their specific career focus areas and to help them successfully transition from school to career. Students who expect to begin their careers immediately upon high school graduation as well as those who need to complete post-secondary training prior to starting a career can benefit from the course. The structure includes a strong business partnership that links the course and its participants to current resources, and guidance from industry professionals. It provides intense competency-based classroom and work-site instruction specifically tailored to meet the needs of individual students. It also fosters the articulation of programs between high schools and postsecondary education, credit-granting institutions, and apprenticeship programs. A post-graduation monitoring system is incorporated that identifies and addresses graduates’ ongoing needs as they advance toward their identified career goal.

**IGN-CON1 Ignite Construction Management, Year 1, 3 academic credits**  
ACE CC Construction Technology I & II, 590190 & 590610  
Internship, 49386C  
Grade(s): 11-12  
Prerequisite(s): Recommended Drafting & Design  
The Ignite Professional Studies Construction Management Program is a 3-hour course for students that want to learn the basics of building trades. Students work hands-on in the construction field to learn about the various careers in construction and management. Drafting and design skills will be applied to create and build their own designs. Students in the class have an opportunity to earn college credit and certifications in NCCER and OSHA.  
Notes: See General Information on NWACC Enrollment which includes tuition and fees.

**IGN-CON2 Ignite Construction Management, Year 2, 3 academic credits**  
ACE CC Construction Technology III & IV, 590620 & 590630  
Internship, 49386D  
Grade 12  
Prerequisite(s): Ignite Construction Management, Year 1  
The Ignite Professional Studies Construction Management Program is a 3-hour course for students that want to advance in their training of building trades. Students spend a majority of their time in internships where they spend more time learning the construction trades. Students in the class have an opportunity to earn college credit and additional certifications in NCCER and OSHA.  
Notes: See General Information on NWACC Enrollment which includes tuition and fees.

**IGN-CUL1 Ignite Culinary Arts, Year 1, 3 academic credits**  
ACE CC Culinary Arts I & II, 592150 & 592160  
Internship, 49386E  
Grade(s): 11-12  
Prerequisite(s): Recommended Culinary Arts or Food & Nutrition  
The Ignite Professional Studies Culinary Arts Program is a 3-hour course for students that want to learn the foundations of preparing, cooking and the presentation of food. Students work hands-on in a state-of-the-art culinary kitchen to learn safety in the kitchen, proper cooking techniques and plating for presentation. Students in the class have an opportunity to earn college credit and certifications in ServSafe and ProStart.  
Notes: See General Information on NWACC Enrollment which includes tuition and fees.

**IGN-CUL2 Ignite Culinary Arts, Year 2, 3 academic credits**  
ACE CC Culinary Arts III & IV, 592170 & 592180  
Internship, 49386H  
Grade 12  
Prerequisite(s): Recommended Ignite Culinary Arts, Year 1  
The Ignite Professional Studies Culinary Arts Program is a 3-hour course for students that want to learn the advanced skills in culinary arts focusing on baking and bread making. Students work hands-on in a state-of-the-art culinary kitchen
to learn the art of pastry creations and the science of artisan breads. Internships are integrated heavily in this second year course. Students in the class have an opportunity to earn college credit and certifications.

Notes: See General Information on NWACC Enrollment which includes tuition and fees.

IGN-DIG1 Ignite Digital Design & Photography, Year 1, 3 academic credits Grades 11-12
ACE CC Media Communications I & II, 590201 & 590491
Internship, 49386F
Prerequisite(s): Recommended Computer Graphics, Art 1
The Ignite Professional Studies Digital Design and Photography Program is a 3-hour course for students that want to learn the skills of graphic design and photography. Students will learn the skills necessary to move in to the world of all things digital design and photography through real projects from professional clients. Day one we jump into Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, and more. Students will also do hands on learning of professional DSLR and Mirrorless photography. Students in the class have an opportunity to earn college credit and certifications.

Notes: See General Information on NWACC Enrollment which includes tuition and fees.

IGN-DIG2 Ignite Digital Design & Photography, Year 2, 3 academic credits Grade 12
ACE CC Media Communications III & IV, 590501 & 590511
Internship, 49386G
Prerequisite(s): Recommended Ignite Digital Design & Photography, Year 1
The Ignite Professional Studies Digital Design and Photography Program is a 3-hour course for students that want to advance their skill set in digital art and photography. Internships are embedded heavily in the second year and students will be expected to be self-motivated and passionate for the world of creative design. Students in the class have an opportunity to earn college credit and Adobe certifications.

Notes: See General Information on NWACC Enrollment which includes tuition and fees.

IGN-EDU1 Ignite Education Innovation, Year 1, 3 academic credits Grades 11-12
ACE CC Education & Training I & II, 590230 & 590520
Internship, 49386K
Prerequisite(s): Recommended Orientation to Teaching or Child Development
The Ignite Professional Studies Education Innovation Program is a 3-hour course for students that want to experience the definition of an innovative teacher. Education Innovation is an intensive, real, relevant, discovery based introduction to education and learning how to become an effective, innovative teacher. Students shadow a variety of professionals and complete a 10-week internship. Students complete the course with a philosophy of education and professional portfolio. Students in the class have an opportunity to earn college credit and certifications.

Notes: See General Information on NWACC Enrollment which includes tuition and fees.

IGN-EDU2 Ignite Education Innovation, Year 2, 3 academic credits Grade 12
ACE CC Education & Training III & IV, 590530 & 590540
Internship, 49386P
Prerequisite(s): Recommended Ignite Education Innovation, Year 1
The Ignite Professional Studies Education Innovation Program is a 3-hour course for students that want to spend an extensive amount of time in professional environment assisting and facilitating educators in the school setting. Students are developing their understanding for child growth and development through research and observations while applying stimulating intellectual and physical activities to learning. Students in the class have an opportunity to earn college credit and certifications.

Notes: See General Information on NWACC Enrollment which includes tuition and fees.

IGN-BUS1 Ignite Global Business, Year 1, 3 academic credits Grades 11-12
ACE CC Marketing Technology & Research I & II, 591890 & 591900
Internship, 49386L
Prerequisite(s): Recommended Computer Applications, Marketing, Management or Accounting
The Ignite Professional Studies Global Business Program is a 3-hour course for students that desire a career in the business environment. Global Business is an immersive course that utilizes project-based learning to provide students a relevant learning experience. Students work on projects with business partners in the community to develop their professional skills. Students in this strand learn about entrepreneurship, logistics, data analytics, marketing, and
management through work on client projects, case studies, guest speakers, site visits and other community events. Students in the class have an opportunity to earn college credit.

Notes: See General Information on NWACC Enrollment which includes tuition and fees.

IGN-BUS2   Ignite Global Business, Year 2, 3 academic credits  
            Grade 12
            ACE CC Marketing Technology & Research III & IV, 591910 & 591920
            Internship, 49386Q

Prerequisite(s): Recommended Ignite Global Business, Year 1

The Ignite Professional Studies Global Business Program is a 3-hour course for students wanting to continue to learn and develop skills used in business environments. Students in the first-year course discover skills, interests and talents for a particular area in business and the second year course allows students to work partner with professionals through intensive internships. Students network in the community to find opportunities to showcase their skills and talents. Students in the class have an opportunity to earn college credit.

Notes: See General Information on NWACC Enrollment which includes tuition and fees.

IGN-HS1    Ignite Health Sciences, Year 1, 3 academic credits  
            Grades 11-12
            ACE CC Health Services I & II, 590261 & 590681
            Internship, 49386M

Prerequisite(s): Recommended Human Anatomy & Physiology, Med. Term, Intro Med Prof or Med Procedures

The Ignite Professional Studies Health Science Program is a 3-hour course for students that desire a career in the medical field. The Ignite Health Sciences strand is a student driven, nontraditional approach to learning. Students are given the opportunity to learn firsthand and have experiences in active medical facilities alongside busy healthcare professionals and providers. Classroom learning utilizes simulation, hands-on activities and projects. Exposure to an extensive list of medical careers allows students the opportunity to better focus their interest area. Students in the class have an opportunity to earn college credit and certifications.

Notes: See General Information on NWACC Enrollment which includes tuition and fees.

IGN-HS2    Ignite Health Sciences, Year 2, 3 academic credits  
            Grade 12
            ACE CC Health Services III & IV, 590690 & 590700
            Internship, 49386N

Prerequisite(s): Recommended Ignite Health Sciences, Year 1

The Ignite Professional Studies Health Science Program is a 3-hour course for students that have discovered a true passion for the medical field and would like to pursue more in depth training and certifications. Students in second year courses spend an extensive amount of time immersed in internships where they network and partner with medical professionals assisting in hospitals, clinics and long-term care facilities. Students in the class have an opportunity to earn college credit and certifications.

Notes: See General Information on NWACC Enrollment which includes tuition and fees.

IGN-IT1    Ignite Technology, Year 1, 3 academic credits  
            Grades 11-12
            ADE Weighted CC Computer Science I & II, 565950 & 595960
            Internship, 49386A

Prerequisite(s): Recommended Computer Principals or AP Computer Science

The Ignite Technology Program is a 3-hour course for students who wish to pursue a career in the field of Computer Science and Technology. Students with a passion for technology are encouraged to work collaboratively to solve real business problems. In addition to practicing structured programming with Java and C++, students may explore web development using HTML/CSS, and mobile app development. Students may work as interns alongside local business and community partners. Ignite Technology students are encouraged to pursue their own technology interests via personal passion projects. If you are passionate about programming, microprocessor applications, game design, or cyber security, you can pursue all of these and more in Ignite Technology. Students in the class have an opportunity to earn college credit.

Notes: The weight for Concurrent Credit Computer Science I and II is conditional and has to be approved annually by ADE. See General Information on NWACC Enrollment which includes tuition and fees.

IGN-IT2    Ignite Technology, Year 2, 3 academic credits  
            Grade 12
            ACE CC Information Technology I & II, 590300 & 590760
**Internship, 49386B**

Prerequisite(s): *Recommended* Ignite Technology, Year 1

The Ignite Technology Program (Year 2) is a 3-hour course for students who wish to deepen their knowledge of Computer Science and Technology. Second year students will explore advanced programming concepts and data structures. Returning students may continue their internship relationships with past business partners or they may pursue a role with a new business. Second year students will develop their leadership skills while serving as a mentors to Ignite Technology first year students. This course will emphasize career and college readiness preparation in anticipation of graduation. Students in the class have the opportunity to earn college credit.

Notes: See General Information on NWACC Enrollment which includes tuition and fees.

**IGN-VID1** Ignite Video Production, Year 1, 3 academic credits  
Grades 11-12

ACE CC Media Communications I & II, 590200 & 590490

**Internship, 493861**

Prerequisite(s): *Recommended* AV/Tech & Film, TV Production

The Ignite Professional Studies Technology Program is a 3-hour course for students that desire a career in the creative and production side of digital media. Ignite Video Production students will gain experience shooting HD video on four different camera platforms and formats including 1080, 2.5 K, and 5K resolutions. Students become proficient in the Adobe Creative Suite specifically, Premiere Pro, Audition and After Effects. Students will produce a variety of individual and group projects utilizing camera operation, lighting, audio costume/set design, and directing. Students will produce a portfolio that includes a reel and resume that highlights their experiences. Ignite students will get the opportunity to produce in various locations and in our on-site studio. Students are also able to go on various site visits of the local production companies in the NWA region as well as being introduced to job shadow and internship opportunities in the field of video production. Students in the class have an opportunity to earn college credit.

Notes: See General Information on NWACC Enrollment which includes tuition and fees.

**IGN-VID2** Ignite Video Production, Year 2, 3 academic credits  
Grade 12

ACE CC Media Communications III & IV, 590500 & 590510

**Internship, 49386J**

Prerequisite(s): *Recommended* Ignite Video Production, Year 2

Students dive deeper into all the opportunities afforded to them in year one. Students will focus on using both the Sony FS7, Red Scarlet X, and Sony A7sii for acquisition. Students will continue using and learning advanced areas of the Adobe Creative Suite and will start using more color correction programs as well. Students will be given more creative opportunities to produce a larger creative project and also be exposed to more opportunities for advanced projects with our network of video production partners in the region. Students have an opportunity to earn college credit and certifications.

Notes: See General Information on NWACC Enrollment which includes tuition and fees.

**560010** EAST Initiative I, 1 academic credit  
Grade(s): 9-12

**560020** EAST Initiative II, 1 academic credit  
Grade(s): 10-12

**560030** EAST Initiative III, 1 academic credit  
Grade(s): 11-12

**560040** EAST Initiative IV, 1 academic credit  
Grade(s): 12

EAST® (Environmental and Spatial Technology) is, through project-based learning, an educational model focusing on student-driven service projects accomplished by using teamwork and cutting-edge technology. EAST classrooms are equipped with state-of-the-art workstations, servers, software and accessories, including GPS/GIS mapping tools, architectural and CAD design software, 3D animation suites, virtual reality development and more. Students identify problems in their local communities and then use these tools to develop solutions, collaborating with civic and other groups in the process.

**Satellite Courses in Career & Professional Studies**

There are several options for juniors and seniors to pursue career and technical skills on other school campuses. Classes may meet in Springdale, Rogers, Bentonville, Gravette, Gentry or Pea Ridge. See your counselor to discuss the courses and the locations. Some course may be by application only.

Programs of Study:

Automotive Service Technician, NTI
Cosmetology, NTI
Criminal Justice, NTI
Dental Assisting, NTI
Diesel Mechanics, Gentry
HVAC, Gravette
Industrial Technology, Pea Ridge
Medical Professions CNA/PCA, NTI
Welding, Gravette and NTI

Locations:
Southern Washington County Career Center: 278 West Main Street, Farmington, AR 72730
Don Tyson School of Innovation: 2667 Hylton Road, Springdale, AR 72764
Northwest Technical Institute, 709 South Old Missouri Road, Springdale, AR 72764
Rogers High School: 2300 South Dixieland Road, Rogers, AR 72756
Center for Health Professions: NWACC Main Campus, 1 College Drive, Bentonville, AR 72712
Western Benton County Career Center: 600 El Paso St. SE, Gravette, AR
Career Academy of Hair Design: Fayetteville: 4310 W Martin Luther King Blvd. Fayetteville, AR 72701
Career Academy of Hair Design: Springdale:
346 E. Robinson Ave. Springdale, AR 72764
Career Academy of Hair Design: Rogers: 2100 W. Hudson Road, Rogers, AR 72756
Career Academy of Hair Design: Siloam Springs: 821 S. Mount Olive, Siloam Springs, AR 72761
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Fine Arts Course Descriptions

45310DV  Visual Art Appreciation Online, .5 credit  Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s):
This is a semester-long, Crystal Bridges computer (digital learning) course that involves very little studio art making and a great deal of US history. Students explore the works of several American artists who work with a variety of techniques and exposes students to the US history that was taking place at the time the artworks were created which influenced the artists’ creations. Students watch videos and read articles about events in US history as well as about the artists themselves. Students are required to complete online critiques of artists’ works and be involved in online discussion forums based on readings and videos about the artists’ lives, works, and historical events that influenced them. Students will photograph themselves and objects that represent their identity, upload to the course and write about their photography choices in an online reflection journal. Students will curate 2 exhibits in a 3-D online gallery which replicates Crystal Bridges. One exhibit is about their own identity and the second is about the United States’ identity. Note: This class satisfies the ADE Digital Learning Component required for graduation.

45310V  NWACC ECE Art Appreciation Online  Grade(s): 9-12
NWACC ARHS 1003
Prerequisite(s):
A general introduction to the visual arts. Lectures on art theory and an introduction to art history, plus demonstrations, films, slides, and field trips.

450001  Art I, 1 credit  Grade(s): 9-12
Prerequisite(s):
Art I students will explore the elements and principles of art with various media to produce their own art. Students are expected to know art vocabulary and be able to defend and explain their art process. Students should currently love drawing, painting, and creating. Students will listen to short lectures, observe demonstrations, examine art examples, participate in various practice exercises and explore various media to expand their thinking and discover the intuitive process they possess for creating art. 8 to 12 finished art pieces by the end of the year. You can even take this during Zero Hour. There is a $15.00 materials fee for this course.

450031  Art II, 1 credit  Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s): Art I
Experiment with art techniques and mediums. Create functional and aesthetic 3D art pieces. Communicate feelings within your work. Engage in research, demonstrations, class critiques and individual art production. Create approx. 4 pieces. There is a $15.00 materials fee for this course.

450041  Art III , 1 credit  Grade(s): 11-12
Prerequisite(s): Art II
This course is designed for the serious art student and typically considered to be a Pre-AP Studio art class. This course will focus on the mastery of student skills, individual style and composition in their art work. There is a $15.00 materials fee for this course.

559041  AP Studio Art, 1 credit  Grade(s): 11-12
Prerequisite(s): Art III or teacher approval
This challenging course is designed for the serious minded art student. Students enrolling in this course need to be self-motivated and are expected to submit a 24-piece art portfolio to the College Board for evaluation at the end of the school year. There is a $15.00 materials fee for this course.

559031  AP Art History, 1 credit  Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s):
If you enjoy history and you want to learn more about art this is the perfect class for you. This is a challenging yearlong college level course that explores art from the prehistoric through contemporary time periods.

450091  Art 3-D, .5 credit  Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s): Art I
Experiment with art techniques and mediums. Create functional and aesthetic 3D art pieces. Communicate feelings within your work. Engage in research, demonstrations, class critiques and individual art production. Create approx. 4 pieces. There is a $10.00 materials fee for this course

559061 AP Studio Art 3-D, 1 credit
Grade(s): 11-12
Prerequisite(s):
Have you had a combined 2 years of ceramics, sculpture or 3-D art? AP 3-D is for you! This class primarily concentrates on completing the College Board portfolio. You will create 20 works and develop a professional portfolio of these works. There is a $15.00 materials fee for this course

450500 Ceramics I, 1 credit
Grade(s): 9-12
Prerequisite(s):
Love Clay? Try your hand at making creative objects. Our friendly and experienced teachers will demonstrate techniques to help you master clay. Ceramics I takes place all periods of the day, but book early, this popular class fills up fast! There is a $20.00 materials fee for this course

450510 Ceramics II, 1 credit
Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s): Ceramics I
Have an idea or thought? Sculpt it! Continue your journey in the wonderful world of clay. In Ceramics II you will be using all of the techniques and skills, acquired in Ceramics I, to develop works of art that have your own personal touch. There is a $20.00 materials fee for this course

450600 Sculpture, 1 credit
Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s): Art I
Explore additive and subtractive methods. Use a plethora of materials and subject matter. Create 3D forms of self-expression. Engage in research, critiques, displays, demonstrations, and individual and group projects. Create approx. 8 works. There is a $15.00 materials fee for this course

659000 Computer Graphics, 1 credit
Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s): Art I
If you are interested in graphic design, consider this class. This course explores the fundamentals of advertising and illustration utilizing the computer and various programs as a design tool.

453130 Theatre Appreciation, .5 credit
Grade(s): 9-12
Prerequisite(s):
Introduction to Theatre students will learn about acting, design elements, directing, producing, production personnel and theatre history. Student performance is an expectation for successful completion of the course. This course is the prerequisite for Theatre I-III, Tech Theatre, Costume Design and Technology, and Theatrical Makeup.

459100 Theatre I/Acting I, 1 credit
Grade(s): 9-12
Prerequisite(s): Theatre Appreciation, Intro to Theatre (junior high), ELA Drama, or Teacher Approval
Theatre I students will hone their abilities in acting, script analysis and theatre history/literature. Students will study the advanced acting and analysis elements of the Stanislavski System and will be introduced to the concept of ensemble and the work of a director. Attending theatre department productions is a requirement of this course; student ticket prices: $5.00 (student ushers receive free admission)

459110 Theatre II/Acting II, 1 credit
Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s):
Acting II will encourage students to take bolder risks in their work. Synthesizing the information and skills they learned in Theatre I, students will gain a deeper understanding of character development, playwriting, script analysis, theatre history/literature and ensemble work. Attending theatre department productions is a requirement of this course; student ticket prices: $5.00. Student ushers receive free admission.
459120  Theatre III/Acting III, 1 credit  Grade(s): 11-12
Prerequisite(s):
Students will be expected to refine and articulate their understanding of theatre’s role in society and will have the opportunity to define their own individual aesthetic as they continue to collaborate with their peers as a high functioning ensemble and theatre company. Theatre III is for the advanced and committed theatre student.

559120  IB Theatre I HL, 1 academic credit  Grade(s): 11-12
Prerequisite(s): B or higher in Theatre I or enrolled in another IB course.
Intended for the advanced theatre student, IB Theatre will allow the students to demonstrate their proficiency in acting, script analysis, theatre history/literature, acting theory and writing. Students will Explore Theatre from three main perspectives: Theatre in the Making, Theatre in Performance and Theatre in the World. IB Theatre students will be expected to refine and articulate their understanding of theatre’s role in society and will have the opportunity to define their own individual aesthetic as directors. Attending theatre department productions is a requirement of this course; student ticket prices: $5.00.

555121  IB Theatre II HL, 1 academic credit  Grades(s): 12
Prerequisite(s): IB Theatre I HL
Intended for the advanced theatre student, IB Theatre will allow the students to demonstrate their proficiency in acting, script analysis, theatre history/literature, acting theory and writing. Students will Explore Theatre from three main perspectives: Theatre in the Making, Theatre in Performance and Theatre in the World. IB Theatre students will be expected to refine and articulate their understanding of theatre’s role in society and will have the opportunity to define their own individual aesthetic as directors. Attending theatre department productions is a requirement of this course; student ticket prices: $5.00.

559111  Theatrical Makeup, .5 credit  Grade(s): 9-12
Prerequisite(s): Introduction to Theatre (Junior High), ELA Drama, or Theatre Appreciation
Theatrical Makeup students will learn all basic techniques of stage makeup design and application, including, but not limited to, old-age character, facial hair, 3-D effects and bald caps. Students will also investigate the theatrical makeup traditions involved in Japan's Kabuki theatre. Students will have the optional opportunity to act as makeup crew for BPS Drama productions.
This course is recommended for students interested in acting and/or students interested in aspects of technical theatre. A class materials fee of $65 provides each student with a personal Ben Nye theatrical makeup kit. Attending theatre department productions is a requirement of this course; student ticket prices: $5.00.

559110  Costume Design & Technology, 1 credit  Grade(s): 9-12
Prerequisite(s): Introduction to Theatre (Junior High), or ELA Drama
Costume Design & Technology engages the student in the study and development of technical theatre skills related to stage costume design and technology. Students will explore the principles and elements of costume design, figure drawing and costume rendering, characterization through costume choices, costume history and basic costume construction skills. Students will fulfill requirements of script and character analysis, design development and coordinate with other student designers. Costume Design and Technology students are required to serve on the wardrobe crew for one BPS Drama production during the course year. Attending theatre department productions is a requirement of this course; student ticket prices: $5.00.

459240  Technical Theatre I, 1 credit  Grade(s): 9-12
Prerequisite: Introduction to Theatre (Junior High), Theatre Appreciation or ELA Drama
Technical Theatre I will provide students with a basic understanding of scenic construction, theatre design, lighting design, sound design and technical production management. This is a performing arts class where all students are required to work in some capacity on drama productions presented at the high school. Teamwork and problem solving will be a major part of the course curriculum. Attending theatre department productions is a requirement of this course; student ticket prices: $5.00.
Technical Theatre II, 1 credit  
Grade(s): 10-12
Prerequisite(s): Technical Theatre I
Technical Theatre II will provide students with an advanced understanding of the elements of design and practical backstage work. Projects will allow the student the opportunity to research and apply design techniques for BPS Theatre Productions. The student will critically examine the elements of technical theatre and be able to justify artistic choices while collaborating with others to realize sound, lighting or properties designs. Attending theatre department productions is a requirement of this course; student ticket prices: $5.00.

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Concert Band, 1 academic credit  
Grade(s): 9-12
Symphonic Band, 1 academic credit  
Grade(s): 9-12
Symphonic Wind, 1 academic credit  
Grade(s): 9-12
Wind Ensemble, 1 academic credit  
Grade(s): 9-12
Color Guard, 1 academic credit  
Grade(s): 9-12
Jazz Band, 1 academic credit  
Grade(s): 9-12

Conservatory of Music, 1 academic credit  
Grade(s): 8-12

Band is a year-round class that allows students to continue develop more advance playing skills through the performance of literature as prescribed by the Arkansas School Band and Orchestra Association. Students will also participate in playing and written test involving the identification of key signatures, scales, music terms and interpretation of various musical styles as indicated by State of Arkansas Instrumental Music Curriculum Frameworks.

Band students must audition each year to maintain their membership in the band program. The Band performs at football games, basketball games, pep rallies, parades, concerts, festivals and marching competitions. Before and after school rehearsals begin in July and continue through the school year. Students must be willing to spend this extra time to be successful members of the band program. Students who are in Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Winds or in 9th Grade are required to participate in All-Region Band and Clinic (if selected) as a part of the course requirement. Students must also participate in All-State Band and Clinic (if selected) as a part of the course requirement.

Note: Students will not register for particular band (Concert, Jazz, etc.). Instead, students will placed in the appropriate band based on rosters provided by the band instructors. After spring auditions, student course requests will be updated automatically to include a primary course request for the appropriate band.

Symphonic Orchestra, 1 academic credit  
Grade(s): 9-12
Chamber Orchestra, 1 academic credit  
Grade(s): 9-12
Concert Orchestra, 1 academic credit  
Grade(s): 9-12

Orchestra students will continue to develop more advanced playing skills through the performance of literature prescribed by the Arkansas School Band and Orchestra Association. Students will be assessed based on the students’ demonstration of proper technique and performance on their instrument. This course is to assist in preparing students who will continue instrumental performance at the college level. Students will need to be willing to spend extra time in order to be successful in this course. Students will be required to perform in the community and school events. Students will be required to perform in concerts after school.

Note: Students will not register for Chamber or Symphonic Orchestra. Instead, students will placed in the appropriate orchestra based on rosters provided by our orchestra instructors. After spring auditions, student course requests will be updated automatically to include a primary course request for the appropriate orchestra.

Open Men’s Choir 9, 1 academic credit  
Grade(s): 9
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Grade(s): 10-12
Sophomore Select, 1 academic credit  
Grade(s): 10
Chamber Choir, 1 academic credit  
Grade(s): 11-12
Harmony Choir, 1 academic credit  
Grade(s): 10-12
Bella Voce, 1 academic credit  
Grade(s): 10-12
A Cappella  
Grade(s): 11-12

Choir students will be actively involved in the preparation and performance of choral music. Students will study expressive singing with technical accuracy and a varied repertoire of music. The level of music the students perform will
range from 1-5 (Scale: 1-5; five being the highest.) Students will participate in group as well as individual singing. Students will learn to use solfege, a sight-reading Technique. The group will participate in several concerts and contests during the school year. Extra rehearsals may be required. Each student will be partly responsible for the required performance attire. Each student is strongly encouraged to try out for the All Region Choir. Ninth Grade Advanced Choir students are required to audition for the All Region Choir as part of their course requirements. Students wishing to perform in this group are required to try out in the spring for the following year.

Note: Students will not register for choirs that require and audition. Instead, students will placed in the appropriate choir based on rosters provided by our choir instructors. After spring auditions, student course requests will be updated automatically to include a primary course request for the appropriate choir.

**459010**  **Music Theory, 1 academic credit**  **Grade(s): 10-12**
Music Theory students will be introduced to musicianship, theory, musical materials and procedures. The student will develop his/her aural, sight singing, written, compositional and analytical skills through listening exercises, performances and written, creative and analytical exercises.

**559011**  **AP Music Theory, 1 academic credit**  **Grade(s): 10-12**
AP Music Theory students will be taken through a rigorous curriculum including advanced musicianship, further development of theoretical skills, musical materials and procedures. The students will develop high levels of aural, sight singing, dictation and analytical skills through listening exercises, performances, written, creative and analytical exercises. Students are expected to take the AP Music Theory exam in May.
# Planning & Serving At-A-Glance

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### 49385D Success 1.0, .5 Academic Credit
**Grade(s): 9-12**

**Prerequisite(s):**
Success 1.0/Keystone is a Bentonville Schools, school-wide initiative culminating in the development and yearly update of a lifestyle and education plan, with daily coursework taking place online via Naviance and Blackboard Learn in order to satisfy both a practical arts and digital learning requirement. Students learn to use self-discovery, decision making, cross curricular and experimental classroom lessons, as well as problem solving techniques to learn a career & life planning processes they will use throughout their lives, while understanding how positive and negative consequences of the choices they make each day can affect their adult lifestyles and opportunities. Additionally, students have opportunities to view elective courses which, coupled with course studies, allow students to create an outline of the courses they need and want to take throughout high school in order to prepare for course selection. Ultimately, students learn the education, goals, focus, and dedication needed to achieve their “ideal life” and compete for jobs in a globalized workplace.

### 999830 Student Aide NAC, .5 Non-Academic Credit
**Grade(s): 11-12**

**Prerequisite(s):** Application During their junior or senior year, students may have one period scheduled as an aide worker. Aides are assigned to various locations during the school day. Interested students should register with Student Aide as an alternative course request. Applications for Student Aide are available in April.

### 496010 Community Service Learning, 1 Academic Credit
**Grade(s): 9-12**

**Prerequisite(s):** Application Act 648 of 1993 states that beginning with the 1996-97 school year, "a student who has completed a minimum of seventy-five (75) clock hours of documented community service in grades nine (9) through twelve (12), at any certified service agency or a part of a service-learning school program shall be eligible to receive one (1) academic credit that may be applied toward graduation."

Community Service Learning (CSL) in Arkansas is specific to the implementation of Act 648 of 1993 which combines service to the community with student learning in a way that improves both the student and the community. CSL is best defined as volunteering or serving in a worthwhile capacity in the community while making a conscious effort to reflect, through some thoughtfully designed method, on what is learned from the service experience. Guidance for districts and nonprofits is provided in “An Approach to Implementing Community Service”. We will refer to the “Service Learning in Arkansas Toolkit and Resource Directory”. The State Board of Education (SBE) approved sites (businesses and nonprofits) are located under Related Files.

### 99980 PSAT/SAT/ACT Test Prep, .5 Non-Academic Credit
**Grade(s): 9-12**

**Prerequisite(s):**
PSAT/SAT/ACT Test Prep prepares students for the PSAT, SAT and ACT. It gives students the opportunity to practice the skills they need to succeed on standardized exams, as well as gain the knowledge and critical thinking skills that will aid them in all classes and prepare them for life or schooling beyond high school. This course is a nonacademic credit and is not calculated into the student’s GPA.
# Health & Physical Education At-A-Glance

Health & PE courses are only counted as an “academic credit” the first time the course/athletic period is completed. Thereafter the course is a “non-academic credit”. See more the General Information section of this catalog for more details on “non-academic credits.

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Health & Physical Education Course Descriptions

**480000  Health, .5 credit**
Grade(s): 9-12
Health students will be involved in studying the various aspects of health. Topics will include nutrition, physical fitness, mental health, tobacco and alcohol education and human sexuality. Lessons will be taught using lecture methods, individual and group work, guest speakers and demonstrations. Students will receive Hands-on CPR training.

**480000V  Health Online, .5 credit**
Grade(s): 9-12
Health students will be involved in studying the various aspects of health. Topics will include nutrition, physical fitness, mental health, tobacco and alcohol education and human sexuality. Lessons will be taught using lecture methods, individual and group work, guest speakers and demonstrations. Students will receive Hands-on CPR training.

**485002  Physical Education, .5 credit**
Grade(s): 9-12
Physical Education is designed to promote physical fitness for life. Students will study units through the year built around health-related fitness, health and wellness and lifetime activities. All students will participate in health-related fitness assessments and will design a personal fitness plan. This course will fulfill the .5 semester of PE credit required for graduation.

**485002V  Physical Education Online, .5 credit**
Grade(s): 9-12
Physical Education is designed to promote physical fitness for life. Students will study units through the year built around health-related fitness, health and wellness and lifetime activities. All students will participate in health-related fitness assessments and will design a personal fitness plan. This course will fulfill the .5 semester of PE credit required for graduation.

**485011  Life Fitness & Conditioning, .5 credit**
Grade(s): 9-12
Lifetime Fitness & Conditioning is designed to provide students with the knowledge to safely use a weight room, to develop the skills to properly perform specific exercises and to assess, plan and monitor a personalized fitness program.

**48501A  Aerobics, .5 credit**
Grade(s): 9-12
Aerobics combines step aerobics, kick-boxing, yoga, Pilates and circuit training to increase fitness levels of participants. Approximately 60 minutes per class will be devoted to participation, with the remaining 30 minutes to warm-up, cool-down and daily goals. Students are required to dress out and participate in class activities. Students may count no more than 1.0 credit in PE toward state graduation requirements.

**485010  Outdoor Education, .5 credit**
Grade(s): 10-12
Outdoor Education is a practical course for learning and practicing skills for outdoor activities. Students will have the opportunity to venture out of the traditional classroom through planned field trips incorporating sport.
Athletics

Students may not register for athletics except to register for early and regular start if listed below. If yours is not listed below it will be scheduled by the coach and administration. Following spring/fall tryouts, student course requests will be automatically updated to include a primary request for all other sports based on rosters submitted by the coaches. The purpose for not registering in athletics is to ensure that seats are available for the student in other electives, should the student be unable to participate on the team for any reason. In preparation for making the team, however, you should register for the appropriate start time for the athletic team on which you plan to participate.

Students in Athletics will work on fundamental skills and compete in interscholastic competitive activities. Participants will be required to attend practices after school and games throughout the year. Athletics teams compete for conference championships in the Northwest Arkansas Conference. The .5 semester credit of PE required for graduation purposes may be satisfied by participating in Athletics.

Note: See the start time of each sport and register for the proper start time.

RSAESBF  BHS Only
Regular Start A Days, Early Start B Days Fall:  Cross Country 10-12.

RSAESBF  BHS Only
FAESBS  BHS Only
Regular Start A Days, Early Start B Days Fall & Spring:  Basketball 10-12, Football 10-12, Volleyball 10-12, and Wrestling 10-12.

RSTARTF  BHS Only
Regular Start Fall:  Cross country

RSTARTF  BHS Only
RSTARTS  BHS Only
Regular Start Fall & Spring:  Dance 9, Basketball 9, Volleyball 9, and Football 9.

RAESBS  BHS Only
Regular Start A Days, Early Start B Days Spring:  Track 10-12.

ESTARTF  BHS Only
ESTARTS  BHS Only
Early Start Fall & Spring:  Cheer 10-12, Dance 10-12, Golf/Tennis, Swim/Dive 10-12, Soccer 10-12, Baseball 10-12, Softball 10-12.

RSTARTS  BHS Only
Regular Start Spring:  Baseball 9, Softball 9, and Track 9.
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Appendix

Learn about Yourself
To make wise choices, you also will need to understand yourself and your goals for the future. It is important, therefore, to take time to learn more about yourself.

My Abilities
- In which subjects do I do well in school?
- What do I do well outside of school?
- Which talents do I have? (Play a musical instrument, sing, paint, dance, act, write, etc.)
- Which sport(s) do I play well?
- Will I meet NCAA guidelines for an athletic scholarship?

My Interests
- Which subjects are most interesting to me in school?
- Which activities are most interesting to me in school?
- Which activities are most interesting to me outside of school?
- What are my hobbies?

My Attitudes
- What is important to me in my life?
- Which people are important to me?
- Which activities are important to me?
- Which possessions are important to me?

My Likes
- Which subjects do I like in school?
- Which activities do I like in school?
- Which activities do I like outside of school?
- Do I like to be with other people much of the time?
- Do I like to be alone much of the time?
- Do I enjoy working in a group?
- Do I enjoy working with my hands?
- Do I enjoy reading?
- Do I enjoy figuring out how things work?
- Do I like to use technology & learn new applications?

My Goals
- What do I want to accomplish in high school?
- What might I want to do after high school?
**Freshman Transition**

The decisions you make now as you consider or revise a four-year graduation plan as well as actions you take throughout high school will greatly affect your future. To increase your potential for fulfilling a successful and prosperous future, you are encouraged to:

- Enroll in one or more advanced courses.
- Enroll in courses that support your strengths.
- Enroll in courses that address your deficits.
- Choose a series of electives that are related and culminate in internships and/or certifications.
- Commit to a series of courses or club activities that show commitment and perseverance.

**Success 1.0**

**Preparing a Plan for Graduation and Beyond**

In Success 1.0, all Bentonville Schools freshmen explore their interests, abilities, and future goals to create a 10-year plan. Looking ahead to where the student would like to be at the age of 25, a student in Success 1.0 backward plans their post-secondary years and the four years of high school. You will make many decisions about your four-year high school program of study. You are urged to consider each decision carefully. In selecting a program of study, you will want to consider all the possibilities. Realize that this is one of the most important decisions you will make during the next several years. There are certain steps to follow that can help you make your choices. In Success 1.0, you will:

- Find out all you can about the courses offered.
- Compare the courses. Think about yourself and how each course might help you reach your goals.
- Consider the advantages and disadvantages of each course. Weigh these carefully.
- Choose the courses that best align with your goals.

**In Success 1.0, you will also have the opportunity to:**

- Learn about Your High School’s Programs
- Learn about Careers
- Learn about Yourself
- Plan for Your Career
- Think about Your Future
- Learn Which Careers Require Education after High School
- Create a Team to Help you Plan
Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test PSAT/NMSQT

The PSAT/NMSQT measures verbal and mathematical reasoning abilities. It serves three purposes:
- allows students to compare their academic abilities with other college-bound students at their specific grade level
- familiarizes students with the SAT
- allows college-bound juniors to compete for National Merit Scholarship Recognition

The test is offered only in October and should be taken by all college-bound juniors. Sophomores will take the test for practice.

College Admission Tests

Most colleges require ACT or SAT scores to qualify for admission. Registration for each of these tests is done online. It is your responsibility to have your scores sent directly to the colleges of your choice from the testing agency. Junior and Senior students on free or reduced lunch may qualify for PSAT, SAT, and/or ACT fee waivers. Check in the College & Career Center to see if you are eligible.

SAT

The SAT is given seven times a year. Testing dates are found on the College Board website or in the College & Career Center. [www.sat.org](http://www.sat.org)

SAT Subject Tests

Highly selective colleges and universities may require the scores of two or more SAT Subject Tests as part of the admissions process. These tests are one-hour long tests that measure the student’s knowledge of a particular subject area. [www.sat.org](http://www.sat.org)

ACT

The ACT covers four subject areas: English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science Reasoning. The ACT is offered six times a year. Testing dates and registration can be found on the ACT website or in the Student Life Center or College & Career Center. [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

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- English
- Math
- Reading
- Science
- Writing Samples
Writing Samples are provided as study aids for the optional writing test.
- Preparing for the Writing Test
- How the Writing Test is Scored

Start Early • Use Question of the Day as a Family Game
College Planning Activities for the Freshman Year of High School

- Plan your four-year graduation plan. Take the most rigorous classes available to improve college admission possibilities.
- Make sure that your program of study includes at least two or three years of a language other than English for admission into highly selective schools.
- Become familiar with college entrance requirements. Search online for admission requirements to the colleges of interest to you, and plan your high school program of studies accordingly.
- Begin researching your career choices and the educational requirements of each.
- Develop good study habits.
- If planning to eventually enroll in the IB Diploma Programme, begin taking Spanish or French (if not started during a previous year).
- Participate in a variety of extracurricular activities.
- Inventory your test-taking abilities and read materials on the PSAT/NMSQT, SAT, and ACT.
- If you are enrolled in Pre-AP mathematics and language arts courses, plan to take the PSAT/NMSQT. All 10th grade students will have the opportunity to take the PSAT in October of their sophomore year.
- Read a wide range of books as a supplement to school assignments. SAT/ACT performance is always higher for regular readers.
- Begin to volunteer within the Bentonville community and maintain a record of your activities. The office has S.T.A.R. volunteer forms to keep track of your service hours.
- Consider taking the ACT and/or SAT three times before the fall of your senior year.
- Create your Naviance Family Connection account online to begin the college and career planning process.

College Planning Activities for the Sophomore Year of High School

August
- Keep in mind that highly selective colleges and universities are more impressed by respectable grades in challenging courses than by outstanding grades in average ones.
- Check your credits to make sure you are on schedule for meeting graduation requirements.
- Visit the College & Career Center to learn more about different college and career options.
- Participate in clubs and student organizations.
- If planning on completing the IB Diploma Programme, enroll in at least Spanish II or French II (assuming the first year of these courses has been successfully completed); official enrollment for the IB Diploma occurs this year during the C.A.P. scheduling process in the Spring semester.

September
- Consider participating in a PSAT/NMSQT preparation program. All sophomores will take the PSAT.
- Review for the PSAT test. Study the PSAT/NMSQT guide and practice problems.

October
- Take the PSAT/NMSQT. On the test form, check the box to put you on the mailing list for colleges and universities.

December/January
- Study your PSAT score report. Compare items missed with the correct responses.

Throughout the Year
- Continue taking appropriate courses. Research shows that full participation in academically challenging courses is the best preparation for college entrance examinations and for success in college.
- Maintain good grades.
- Gather and review information about colleges and universities.
- Investigate costs of various college programs.
- Access Naviance Family Connection online to begin planning for life after high school.
College Planning Activities for the Junior Year of High School

Summer (Prior to Junior Year)
- Athletes who anticipate in playing college level sports need to register with the NCAA eligibility center.

August
- Get off to a good start this semester. Your junior year grades are very important. Take as many academic courses as possible.
- Check credits to make sure you are on schedule for meeting graduation requirements.
- Visit the College & College & Career Center to learn more about different college and career options.
- Consider volunteering for community service projects.

September
- Register to take the PSAT/NMSQT again if interested. This test determines National Merit eligibility and high scores could result in significant scholarship dollars.
- Review for the PSAT. Study the PSAT/NMSQT Student Bulletin and old tests. Use test prep books, websites, and printed aids. Consider participating in a preparation program.

October
- Take the PSAT/NMSQT. On the test form, check the box to put you on the mailing list for colleges and universities.

November
- Contact the colleges and universities that interest you.
- Look for information about Junior Visit Days that colleges host.
- Sign up to take the ACT.

December
- Take the SAT or ACT.
- Look over college information.
- Collect information on scholarships and financial aid programs.

January/February
- If you plan to apply for an ROTC scholarship or admission to a U.S. Service Academy, begin the application steps.
- Check registration deadlines for the SAT, ACT, and other appropriate tests.
- Research the current college admission essays and plan to write drafts before summer. Conduct an internet search for “The Common Application essay prompts” to find the latest ones released or those for your senior year.

March/April
- Plan your program of study for senior year with your counselor. Learn about opportunities to earn college credit for advanced placement. Take as many academic courses as possible. Register for college entrance tests.
- Schedule college visits.
- Meet with college representatives when they visit your high school.

May/June
- Participate in a SAT/ACT preparation program.
- Take the SAT or ACT.
- Continue to develop strong study habits.
- Explore opportunities for college dual-enrollment credit.

Summer (Prior to Senior Year)
- Select the top five to ten colleges you feel best meet your needs. Try to narrow your list to 4-6 by August. Make sure to include a “sure bet,” two or three “good prospects,” and one “dream school.”
- Visit college campuses. You get two college visit days to use during your senior year as excused absences.
- Keep a record of the pros and cons of each college.
- Request view books, pamphlets, and admissions and financial aid information from the colleges and universities that interest you.
- Continue revising personal statements for college admission essays. Reflect on interesting experiences you have had. Think about how you might explain how you are unique from other students. Tell your story.
College Planning Activities for the Senior Year of High School

The repeated references to dates of the various SAT and ACT tests are not meant to imply that you should take them every time they are listed. You should determine which dates are the most appropriate for you, keeping in mind application deadlines.

August
- Login to Naviance Family Connection and update your ‘School I’m Applying To’ list.
- Check your credits. Be sure you have all of the required courses and credits for graduation and specific colleges.

September
- Register for and take college admissions tests if you haven’t already.
- Choose a minimum of four to six colleges to which you will apply. Your selection should include at least one that you feel will definitely accept you. Athletes should discuss their ability to play at college level with a coach.
- Begin the application process. Some colleges may use the Common Application, on the Common App website.
- Get an early start on applying for scholarships and grants. See lists in Naviance Family Connection.
- Request recommendations early from teachers, coaches, or others who can promote your abilities.
- Prepare a resume to assist any person from whom you will request a letter of recommendation.
- Schedule college visits and meet with college reps if you have not yet done so.
- Ask your parents to begin gathering their financial information in preparation for financial aid forms.

October
- Apply! Many colleges require essay responses. Allow yourself ample time to do a good job. Visit the writing center to get help in revising and editing your college essays.
- Meet application deadlines for early action deadlines (may be as early as October or November).
- Take/retake the SAT/ACT if necessary.
- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid opens on October 1. Complete the FAFSA with your parents at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- The scholarship programs through the Arkansas Department of Higher Education open on October 1. Visit www.adhe.edu to apply.

November
- Continue to study hard, because your first semester senior year grades are very important.
- Research the quality of the departments at colleges you like the most. Ask questions of current students when you visit. If interested in a pre-professional program, check on the placement record for the university.
- Complete college applications for admissions. Follow up on letters of recommendation. Request transcripts as needed through Naviance.

December
- Look back over your timeline to be sure you have completed each step in the college admissions process.
- Request that SAT or ACT scores be sent to all colleges to which you have applied.

February
- Keep your grades up!
- Check deadlines for financial aid programs, scholarships, and grants.
- Look for information on the Bentonville Community Scholarship program.

March
- Deadline to apply for the Bentonville Community Scholarships

April
- Review financial aid award letters and admissions decisions from colleges and universities you applied to.
- You have until May 1 to decide which college you will attend and what aid you will accept.
- You must notify the school you wish to attend and enroll. You must also notify all other schools you were accepted to and decline their admission offers.
- If you are wait-listed and wish to be kept in consideration, be sure to advise the college.
- Finalize plans for housing, financial aid, and/or scholarships.

May
- May 1 = College Decision Day
- Make final choice of college or university if you have not already done so. Complete all details.
- Record your final college choice and scholarships in Naviance Family Connection.
- Request that a final transcript be sent to your college choice online through Naviance.
- Take Advanced Placement Tests.
Scholarships & Financial Aid

With the costs of higher education continuously increasing, most students will need to consider seeking scholarships or some other form of financial aid. The choices made when entering high school can affect a student’s likelihood of gaining assistance. To have the highest probability for gaining the financial assistance, you should:

- select and pursue a rigorous program of courses that will well prepare you for seeking a degree/area of interest to you
- make good grades and maintain a good attendance record
- participate in extracurricular and volunteer activities
- take the appropriate college entrance exam(s)
- interview someone in your field of interest
- visit the College & Career Center to access post-secondary opportunities

By following these guidelines, you increase your possibility for gaining some type of financial aid. There are generally four major types of financial aid available to students. They are as follows:

- Scholarships- awards based on merit (either academic or some area of talent)
- Grants- awards based on financial need which do not need to be repaid
- Loans- funds which are loaned through a bank, a college, or a lending institution with interest rates
- Work-Study Programs- jobs that allow students to earn money toward their education and which are coordinated through the college’s financial aid office

United States Service Academies

- US Military Academy at West Point: www.westpoint.edu
- US Merchant Marine Academy: www.usmma.edu
- US Coast Guard Academy: www.cga.edu
- US Naval Academy: www.usna.edu

U.S. Military and U.S. Armed Forces Programs

- Army: www.goarmy.com
- Navy: www.navy.com
- Air Force: www.airforce.com
- Marines: www.marines.com
- Coast Guard: www.gocastguard.com
- Air National Guard: www.ang.af.mil
- Army National Guard: www.nationalguard.com
- Army Reserve: www.goarmyreserve.com or www.army.mil/usar
- Air Force Reserve: www.afreserve.com
- Marine Forces Reserve: www.marforres.marines.mil
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*One unit must be taken at 11th or 12th grade level to qualify for Smart Core.*

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**Graduation Requirements**

- Students must earn a minimum of 24 credits and have a GPA of 1.5000 or higher to graduate.
- 21.5 (22, if Smart Core) of the 24 credits required for graduation must be Academic credits.
Student Name: _____________________________________

Optional Recognitions
Focus Area Completion Checklist
See Career Studies and Professional Studies in this Catalog

Focus Area Chosen: _____________________________________

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Total Number of Credits Awarded: ____________________________

Focus Area Completer? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Honors/High Honors Graduation Checklist

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World Languages (2 credits of same language)

Total Number of pre-AP, AP, and IB credits ☐ ≥8 ☐ ≥12

Smart Core? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Cumulative Number of Credits is 26 or more? ☐ YES ☐ NO

GPA ☐ ≥3.500 or ☐ ≥3.7500

☐ Honor Graduate ☐ High Honor Graduate

Courses that qualify for honors graduation credits:

- Algebra 1 8th
- Any Pre-AP level course
- Any AP level course
- Any IB course
ADE SMART CORE INFORMED CONSENT FORM

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*Parents or guardians may waive the right for a student to participate in Smart Core and instead to participate in the Core curriculum. The parent must sign the separate Smart Core Waiver Form to do so.*

**SMART CORE CURRICULUM English – 4 units**
- English 9th grade
- English 10th grade
- English 11th grade
- English 12th grade or Transitional English 12

**Mathematics – 4 units (or 3 units of math and 1 unit of Computer Science*)** At least one MATH unit must be taken in Grade 11 or Grade 12.
- (or Algebra A & Algebra B - Grades 8-9)
- Geometry (or Geometry A & Geometry B - Grades 8-9 or 9-10)
- fourth math - Algebra III, Calculus, Computer Science and Mathematics, Statistics, Quantitative Literacy, Pre-Calculus, or an Advanced Placement mathematics
- Comparable concurrent credit college courses may be substituted where applicable.

**Science – 3 units with lab experience (or 2 units with lab experience and 1 unit of Computer Science*)**
- Biology – 1 unit (All students must have 1 unit in Biology, IB Biology, ADE Biology, ADE Approved Biology Honors, or Concurrent Credit Biology.)
- Physical Science, Chemistry, or Physics – 2 units

**Social Studies – 3 units**
- World History - 1 unit
- U.S. History - 1 unit
- other social studies - ½ unit

**Economics – ½ unit (may be counted toward Social Studies or Career Focus)**

**Health and Safety – ½ unit**

**Oral Communications – ½ unit**

**Physical Education – ½ unit**

**Career Focus – 6 units**
- Fine Arts – ½ unit
- Career Focus – 6 units
- *Computer Science – (optional) A flex unit of Computer Science and Mathematics, Essentials of Computer Programming, AP Computer Science, or IB Computer Science may replace the 4th math requirement or the 3rd science requirement. Two distinct units of the computer science courses listed above may replace the 4th math requirement and the 3rd science requirement. If the 4th math requirement and the 3rd science requirement have been met through other coursework, any of the computer science courses listed above may be used for career focus credit.

Beginning with the entering 9th grade class of the 2014 – 2015 school year, each high school student shall be required to take at least one digital learning course for credit to graduate. (Act 1280 of 2013)

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have been informed of the requirements and implementation of the Smart Core Curriculum and am choosing the Smart Core Curriculum for my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

School Official Signature

Date

Arkansas Department of Education—May 19, 2015
ADE SMART CORE WAIVER FORM

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Failure to complete the Smart Core Curriculum for graduation may result in negative consequences such as conditional admission to college and ineligibility for some scholarship programs.

Parents or guardians may waive the right for a student to participate in Smart Core and instead to participate in the Core curriculum. By signing this Smart Core Waiver Form, you are waiving your student’s right to Smart Core and are placing him or her in the Core Curriculum.

CORE CURRICULUM

Mathematics – 4 units (or 3 units of math and 1 unit of Computer Science*)
- Algebra I (or Algebra A & Algebra B - each may be counted as one unit of the 4 unit requirement)
- Geometry (or Geometry A & Geometry B - each may be counted as one unit of the 4 unit requirement) (All math units must be on the base of algebra and geometry knowledge and skills.)

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- Physical Science, Chemistry, or Physics – at least 1 unit
- ADE approved science

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Parent/Guardian Signature __________________________________________
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School Official Signature __________________________________________
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Arkansas Department of Education— May 14, 2015
### Sample Student Success Plans

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**Student Success Plan**

As established by Arkansas Act 930 of 2017, beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, school districts will develop student success plans for students by the end of 8th grade. This plan is a personalized education plan intended to assist students with achieving readiness for college, career, and community engagement. The student success plan shall guide the student along the pathway to graduation, address accelerated learning opportunities, address academic deficits and interventions, and include college and career planning components.

Include:  □ Accelerated Courses to support my strengths; □ Courses to support my deficits; □ College courses;  □ Career experiences.

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All graduates must have 24 credits (22 must be academic) and a minimum GPA of 1.5. High Honors requires 26 credits (2 must be AP/IB, 12 from Honors/Pre-AP/AP, 2 of the same world language) and a minimum 3.75 GPA. Honors requires 26 credits, a minimum 3.5 GPA, 8 honors credits, and 2 of the same world language.
Addendum

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