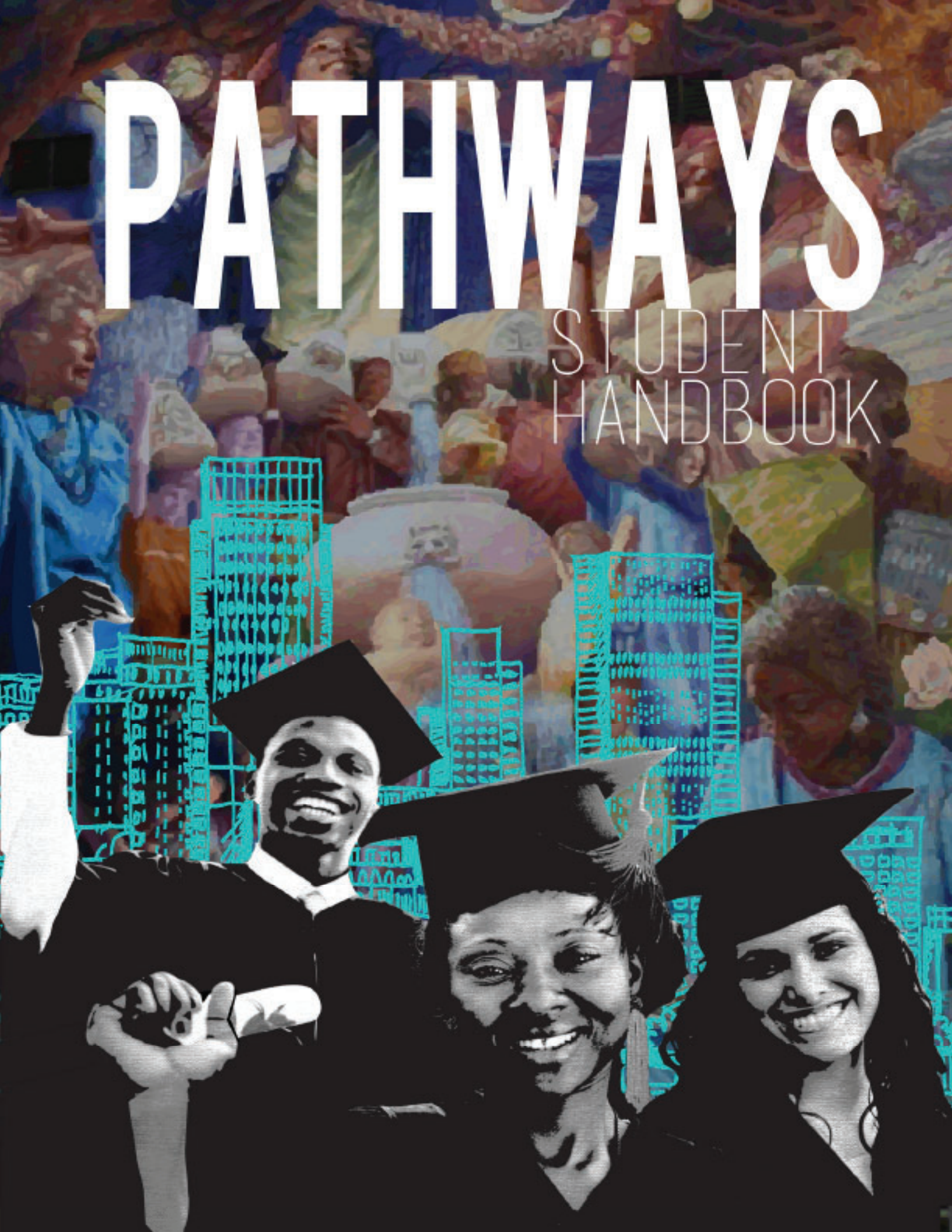


# PATHWAYS

STUDENT  
HANDBOOK



PATHWAYS IN EDUCATION  
LOUISIANA



Student Handbook  
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2022-2023 School Year

Dear Student:

Welcome to Pathways In Education. The faculty, staff and administration look forward to working with you and your family during the time you spend in our program. You will be given the responsibility for actively participating in your educational process. With the help of your teachers, you will be guided through what we hope will be a productive and rewarding educational experience for you.

We are here to help facilitate your goals. It will be your responsibility to complete your course assignments and keep all scheduled appointment times. If you are having difficulty, our teachers are happy to meet with you, one-on-one, or in small groups to help facilitate your learning process. Pathways In Education also provides an experiential and life skills program that focuses on your career, academic, personal and social development.

Please share this information with your parent(s) who will be involved in your overall learning experience.

Sincerely,

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## Section I: Introduction

### About the Student Handbook

This handbook is intended to provide students, teachers, aides, and parents with a guide to academic and program requirements. It is our hope that every student and guardian will read all of the information carefully and discuss it before enrolling in Pathways In Education. Choosing a school is very important, and careful thought should be given to future educational and vocational goals, aptitudes, past academic achievement, and willingness to work. If you have any questions, please contact your local school or supervising teacher or log on to the Pathways In Education website at [www.pathwaysedu.org](http://www.pathwaysedu.org). On the website you will find information about Pathways In Education programs and schedules, as well as links to a wide array of educational resources. Please visit the school's website for the most up-to-date information related to COVID-19.

### History of the Program

Pathways In Education is a national network of non-profit public schools and learning programs that partner with local school districts to reengage at-risk youth. Managed by Pathways Management Group (PMG), Pathways utilizes a blended learning model to connect students to a wide variety of instructional modalities, helping those who have previously struggled find success in high school and beyond. Pathways In Education programs are accredited by Cognia®.

### Description of the Program

Pathways In Education is an academic recovery program specifically tailored for students using a guided individualized learning format. Students who have previously experienced difficulty in traditional schools find success with this program. Pathways In Education combines individualized learning plans with self-esteem and leadership development. Students are enrolled in courses leading toward a high school diploma. Enrollment in the program is voluntary.

Pathways In Education is a free public school dedicated to providing quality educational services to students and families. The unique features of the program include:

- ❖ *Open Entry* – A student can enroll virtually any weekday of the year. No need to wait for a class or semester to start. After completing all registration paperwork, all students will sit for a mandatory orientation with school staff prior to officially beginning the program.
- ❖ *Continuous Learning* – Pathways In Education operates year round, allowing students to continue at their own pace.
- ❖ *Flexible Self-Paced Rate of Learning* – Students and teachers set their own time and pace for learning. They do not have to sacrifice family or work commitments to meet educational schedules.
- ❖ *Criterion-Based Learning* – Learning is focused on the specific skills needed to achieve maximum advancement in minimum time.
- ❖ *Subject Matter Concentration* – Enrollment in two to three courses at a time allows for greater in-depth learning and results in less confusion.

## **Vision Statement**

Pathways In Education is the best non-traditional public school, empowering under-served students by unlocking their passions and dreams and moving them daily toward graduation and creating lifelong learners.

## **Mission Statement**

Pathways In Education Schools are exemplary models of a successful blended learning program. Our staff empowers, inspires, and connects with our students to help them achieve their goals, positively change their lives, and make their dreams a reality. Our schools are supportive environments where all stakeholders are successful.

## **Anti-Discrimination Policy**

Pathways In Education Schools do not discriminate against any person on the basis of gender, gender identity, gender expression, race, color, religion, disability, and/or any other status protected by law, including immigration status, in any of its policies, procedures, or practices in compliance with, but not limited to, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972, section 505 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, 34 CFR Section 104.4(b)(3), and the ADA Amendments Act of 2008.

## **Core Values**

Mutual Trust

Mutual Respect

Compassion

Integrity

Resilience

## **Expected Student Outcomes (ESOs)**

It is the belief of the Pathways In Education stakeholders that students are unique individuals who:

- ❖ Can learn
- ❖ Are capable of self-improvement
- ❖ Are capable of quality work
- ❖ Are worthy of a positive dream for their future and can develop positive life plans
- ❖ Will flourish in a positive school environment with instruction personalized to their needs

Upon graduation, Pathways In Education students are expected to be lifelong learners in the 21st Century. To that end, the program seeks to teach students how to be

### **Responsible Learners**

- ❖ Work independently and with others when appropriate
- ❖ Finish assigned work
- ❖ Attend appointments regularly and be on time
- ❖ Manage time efficiently
- ❖ Make and keep commitments

**Independent Achievers**

- ❖ Earn a high school diploma
- ❖ Acquire gainful employment, go on to college/trade school, or own a business
- ❖ Make good judgments under pressure
- ❖ Discover and use many different resources in order to make good decisions
- ❖ Continue learning outside the classroom
- ❖ Set positive goals that will lead to the fulfillment of dreams

**Good Citizens**

- ❖ Contribute to the community in a positive way
- ❖ Be a good neighbor
- ❖ Do good deeds and respect the diversity of others
- ❖ Contribute to the family; show by example the importance of staying in school

**Good Communicators**

- ❖ Obtain the communication skills necessary to get and keep a job or go on to higher education
- ❖ Use technology to communicate effectively
- ❖ Ask for help when appropriate and not try to solve all problems alone
- ❖ Learn to express thoughts and feelings clearly

**Methods of Measuring Student Progress**

While all students will achieve the required standards by graduation, not all will progress at the same rate. Evaluation of that progress is based on individual abilities, interests, and talents. Student progress is assessed by the following methods:

- ❖ Weekly review of work
- ❖ Oral and written tests
- ❖ Portfolios of student work product
- ❖ Teacher observation
- ❖ State-mandated assessment testing
- ❖ Student demonstrations
- ❖ Student grades
- ❖ Academic Growth assessment (STAR)



## Section II: General Information

### Age of Enrollment

Pathways In Education may only enroll students who are between grades 9–12<sup>1</sup>.

### Grading System

The grade given in any course represents the certified teacher’s considered judgment of the degree to which the student has achieved the goals and objectives of the course. It represents the teacher’s professional judgment of the quality of the student’s work and the student’s degree of mastery. No grade may be changed by an administrator unless a clerical or mechanical mistake, fraud, bad faith, or incompetence can be identified.

93–100	A	A+ 98–100 A 95–97 A- 93–94	<i>Superior achievement.</i> The student has excelled; work is of exceptional quality and stands apart.
85–92	B	B+ 90–92 B 87–89 B- 85–86	<i>Above average achievement.</i> The student has done more than is expected of a student who satisfactorily completed the objectives.
75–84	C	C+ 81–84 C 78–80 C- 75–77	<i>Average achievement.</i> The student has satisfactorily accomplished the objectives of the course.
67–74	D	D 70–74 D- 67–69	<i>Below average achievement.</i> The student has poorly met the minimum requirements and no credit will be given as this is considered to be less than college ready.
0–66	F	0–66	<i>Failure to meet the minimum requirements.</i> No credit and no grade points will be awarded.

### Credit

Students earn credit by completing the coursework based on the material covered and learned in relation to the Carnegie Standard. Credits may be earned for grades “A” to “C” in all courses (grades 9–12). The school may accept transfer credits for grades “A” to “D” in applicable courses only from schools that have current accreditation. (Credits from unaccredited schools will be evaluated on an individual basis.) Standard credit is 0.5 units for each semester course passed.

### Grade Level Classification (Grades 9–12)

All students are expected to attend high school for eight semesters; however, if students work at an accelerated pace and complete the necessary course credit requirements, they may graduate early. Classification may be reviewed each semester.

Students are classified as follows:

Grade 9 (Freshman)	0–6	credits earned
Grade 10 (Sophomore)	7–12	credits earned
Grade 11 (Junior)	13–18	credits earned
Grade 12 (Senior)	19–24	credits earned

<sup>1</sup> These requirements are in effect unless changed or modified by the State of Louisiana.

## Withdrawal Credits

Pathways In Education is unable to award withdrawal credits for courses partially completed at a previous school and not already recorded on the previous school's transcript.

## Repeating Courses

Generally, a course cannot be repeated if the student has earned a "C-" grade or higher. If a student has failed a course or has not demonstrated sufficient competency, they may retake the course for credit. If a student has earned a "D" grade, they may retake the course, but only for the purpose of achieving a higher grade – no further credit can be awarded. Consult your instructor regarding individual situations.

## Special Populations

*Students with Disabilities.* Pathways In Education adheres to all applicable state and federal laws relating to the identification, referral, and provision of services for students identified as individuals with disabilities pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act. Students with disabilities may be eligible to receive special education services. Special education services ensure that the unique needs of students with disabilities are met. The core purpose of special education is to provide specially designed instruction and intervention to students with disabilities, as well as give them access to the same educational programs and/or activities that are available to their non-disabled peers.

*English Language Learners.* English Language Learners (ELL) are students with a native language other than English. Their level of oral, reading, and written proficiency in English does not allow them to fully benefit from the curriculum and creates difficulty in regular classroom curriculum without specially designed modifications. ELL students have not yet met the definition of Fluent English Proficient (FEP). If the inability to understand, speak, read, or write the English language excludes a student from effective participation in the educational programs offered by the school, the school shall take appropriate action to rectify the English language deficiency in order to provide the student equal access and participation in its programs. The school shall develop and periodically update a local plan for providing ESL services for students whose native or dominant language is not English. The plan for implementation of appropriate instruction and ESL services for students who have limited English proficiency shall be in accordance with the current rules, regulations, and minimum standards of the State Board of Education state, and federal law.

*Homeless and Migrant Students.* In accordance with Every Student Succeeds ACT (ESSA) educational services will be provided for homeless or migrant students. A homeless child, a defined in the ESSA, lacks fixed, regular, and adequate residence or has a primary residence in a supervised publicly- or privately-operated shelter for temporary accommodations or a public or private place not designated for use as regular sleeping accommodations for humans.

## McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

This federal legislation guarantees homeless children youth the following:

- ❖ The right to immediate enrollment in school, even if lacking paperwork normally required for enrollment.
- ❖ The right to attend school in their school of origin (if this is requested by the parent or

- unaccompanied children and youth is feasible) or in the school in the attendance area where the family or youth is currently residing.
- ❖ The right to receive transportation to their school of origin, if this is requested by the parent or unaccompanied youth.
  - ❖ The right to services comparable to those received by housed schoolmates, including transportation and supplemental educational services.
  - ❖ The right to attend school along with children not experiencing homelessness. Segregation based on a student's status as homeless is strictly prohibited.
  - ❖ The posting of homeless students' rights in all schools and other places around the community.

The term "homeless children and youths" - means individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence and includes:

- ❖ Children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting formal care placement.
- ❖ Children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.
- ❖ Children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces or abandoned buildings; substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.
- ❖ Migratory children who qualify as homeless because the children are living in circumstances described above.
- ❖ The term "homeless children and youths" - means individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence and includes:

Per the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C § 11431-11435), PIE-Louisiana provides homeless students with equal access to free and appropriate education and support services necessary to meet the same academic standards as all other students. Students experiencing homelessness are advised to contact the Homeless & Foster Education Liaison, Greg Marrero, at [gmarrero@pathwaysedu.org](mailto:gmarrero@pathwaysedu.org) to access referrals to locally available services. Additionally, please visit [https://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/default-source/links-for-newsletters/rfa-appendices\\_17-20\\_mv-homeless\\_3-28-17.pdf?sfvrsn=2](https://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/default-source/links-for-newsletters/rfa-appendices_17-20_mv-homeless_3-28-17.pdf?sfvrsn=2) for more information about PIE-Louisiana's homeless student program.

### **Attendance/Tuancy/Assigned Activities**

The State of Louisiana mandates that students attend school regularly, and Pathways In Education wants to provide a successful alternative to traditional high schools. Academic and social successes are significantly related to regular instruction, and it is expected that parents and students will

assume responsibility for regular school attendance. Pathways In Education allows parents and students the flexibility to attend school and learn at home. (Students must complete assigned activities each school day and a minimum amount of work that is equivalent to six hours per day.) In addition, students are required to meet with a teacher a minimum of two days a week for an hour or more, or as specified in their Individualized Learning Plan (ILP). If the student fails to meet these attendance requirements, they may be considered as voluntarily withdrawing themselves from the program.

The instructor verifies attendance based on the attendance sheet and assigned activities completed. This is necessary to keep track of the student's progress and to verify that learning has taken place. If the student fails to initial their attendance sheet and submit the required assignments by the due date, the student will be counted as absent for that period.

### **Disclosure of Information**

Pathways In Education does not provide information to the general public regarding its students unless legally required to do so. (Pathways In Education is required to disclose names, addresses, and telephone numbers of Pathways In Education students to military recruiters upon request, subject to a parent's request that Pathways In Education not disclose such information.) If you do not wish for your child's name, address, and/or telephone number to be disclosed to military recruiters without your prior written consent, you may opt out of this automatic selective service reporting by filling out and providing Pathways In Education with a Selective Service Disclosure Opt Out Form, which is available through a teacher.

In addition, Pathways In Education periodically provides information to parents regarding their children's school performance, including information pertaining to students who have reached age 18. Students age 18 years or older may opt out of such disclosure by filling out and providing Pathways In Education with a Parental Disclosure Opt Out Form, which is also available through a teacher.

### **2022-2023 Student Holidays**

Weekends (Saturday and Sunday) and student holidays are not counted as school days.

*Independence Day*: July 4, 2022

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*: January 16, 2023

*Labor Day*: September 5, 2022

*Presidents' Day*: February 20, 2023

*Veterans Day*: November 11, 2022

*Spring Recess*: March 13-17, 2023

*Thanksgiving Break*: November 23-25, 2022

*Memorial Day*: May 29, 2023

*Winter Recess*: Dec. 19, 2022 - Jan. 2, 2023

*President's Appreciation*: June 19-30, 2023

### **Emergency or Weather Shutdown**

In the event of severe weather conditions or other emergencies, Pathways In Education–Louisiana may be closed. Each of the schools follows the decision of the superintendent or their designee regarding school closings. Parents/guardians should listen to the radio and watch local TV stations, and contact the school directly.

## Internet Access Policy

The following Internet Access Policy (“Policy”) must be read and signed by the student and the parent or legal guardian of the student during registration and prior to the student accessing or using the Pathways In Education Computer Network (“Network”). Network is further defined herein below.

Pathways In Education believes that the benefits to educators and students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, far exceed any disadvantages of access. The purpose of this Policy is to ensure that Internet access using the Network will be appropriate and used only for educational purposes consistent with the acceptable standards of the school and community and in line with the school’s educational mission and purpose. This Policy sets forth the terms and conditions of the license for you to use the Network. You are fully responsible for any use of the system under your assigned username or password by any person or entity. Parent(s) and guardian(s) of minors are ultimately responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their student(s) should follow. By signing this Internet Access Policy and/or using the Network, you and your parents or guardians agree to comply with all of the terms and conditions of this Policy. Any questions may be directed to the IT Help Desk at [alltechsupport@alltechsi.com](mailto:alltechsupport@alltechsi.com).

## Computer Network/Internet Acceptable Use Regulations

The following terms, conditions and rules apply to all student access and use of the Network under this Policy including, but not limited to, internet access, Pathways In Education’s online school program and student e-mail use:

1. **Network.** Pathways In Education–Louisiana utilizes internet programs, computers, browsers, accounts, e-mail systems, and other technologies, including but not limited to sites and programs like Facebook® and Edmodo® to conduct school activities, provide information, and allow for student research, study and test-taking (hereinafter referred to as the “Network”). Any online accounts provided to student shall be for the exclusive of that student only. Students may not misrepresent themselves by using the Network under the guise, password, or name of another person or student. Students shall not reveal their passwords to anyone, violate anyone else’s right to privacy, or reveal other person’s names, personal addresses, phone numbers, or places of business. Any problems which may arise from the misuse of an owner’s account will be the responsibility of the student on that account. Any misuse will result in the suspension of account privileges. Use of an account by someone other than the registered account holder may result in loss of Network access privileges. In addition, any abusive conduct or violation of the conditions of these administrative regulations may lead to further disciplinary actions.
2. **Student Email Use.** Pathways In Education–Louisiana may provide students with access to the school e-mail system on the Network. All e-mail use by students on the Network will be conducted in a responsible, legal and ethical manner. Failure to do so may result in the loss of e-mail privileges for the user, disciplinary action, or prosecution under federal or state law. Students and parents/guardians of students using the student e-mail system are responsible for the student’s use of the e-mail system.

All use of the e-mail system must be in support of education and research and must be consistent with academic actions of Pathways In Education- Louisiana school staff. Use of the email for any illegal or commercial activities is prohibited. Students will use language that is considered appropriate, be polite, send information that other users will not find offensive and never reveal personal information about any user such as address, telephone number, credit card numbers, social security number, etc. Student is aware that Use of the school e-mail system is a PRIVILEGE, not a RIGHT; e-mail is not guaranteed to be private; violation of this Policy will result in the possible loss of e-mail privileges; and persons issued an e-mail account are responsible for its use at all times.

Before accessing the K-12 email, please be aware of and read the following websites. By signing the Policy, students, parents and guardians are acknowledging that they have read and understand the content of the websites listed below:

- ❖ <https://www.netsmartz.org/Home>
- ❖ <https://www.nsteens.org/>
- ❖ <https://www.nypl.org/help/about-nypl/legal-notice/internet-safety-tips>

3. *Federal/State Laws and Other Disruptive Behavior.* Student shall not violate any federal, state or local criminal or civil laws and shall not use the Network for illegal purposes of any kind. Student shall not load, install, or disseminate copyrighted material or copyrighted software onto or through the Network, including but not limited to downloading or redistributing any software, games, music graphics, video, or text, unless authorized to do so by the copyright owner. Student should assume that information or resources available via the Network are private to the individuals and organizations which own or hold rights to those resources and information unless specifically stated otherwise by the owners or holders of rights. Student will not use the Network to access information or resources unless permission to do so has been granted by the owners or holders of rights to these resources or information. Student and student's parents/guardians shall be liable for violating any federal and state laws while using the Network and shall indemnify Pathways In Education–Louisiana for such unpermitted use. Students shall conduct themselves according to accepted Network etiquette, and refrain from any illegal or substantially disruptive behavior. The use of obscene, vulgar, threatening, harassing, abusive, defamatory language, or other graphic communications, which creates a substantial risk of materially and substantially disrupting the Network or of creating liability for the schools, in either public or private messages, is expressly forbidden. The staff of Pathways In Education–Louisiana will be the sole arbiter of what constitutes impermissible communication. Users shall immediately cease and desist activity upon request, pending resolution of any issues concerning messages in question. Students shall not infiltrate any sub-Networks connected to the Internet, violate anyone's right to privacy, disrupt the use of the Internet or any sub-Networks, or abuse, modify, or destroy any hardware or software used in accessing the Internet or any sub-Network, Network users, services, or equipment. Disruptions include, but are not limited to, distribution of unsolicited advertising, propagation of computer worms and viruses, and using the network to make unauthorized entry to any other machine

- accessible via the Network. Student is prohibited from attempting to circumvent or subvert any system security measures. Student will print only to student's own local printer or to the printer designated by student's instructor or Pathways In Education–Louisiana. Pathways In Education–Louisiana will not be held responsible if student participates in any of the unpermitted activities, and student will be held solely liable for engaging in the above unpermitted activities.
4. *Educational Use Only.* Student's use of the Network must be consistent with Pathways In Education–Louisiana's primary educational goals. All information services and features contained on Pathways In Education–Louisiana systems and Networks are intended for the private use of the Network account holders. Students shall not engage in any commercial "for profit" activity or advertising, extensive personal business, or other unauthorized use of the Network or materials contained therein.
  5. *Supervision.* Students and parents should be aware that the Internet, like television, telephone service, and other forms of mass media, provides access to information and people, representing many different countries, cultures, political/philosophical/moral/religious views and lifestyles. Students using Internet in the classroom shall be closely supervised by the teacher. The responsibility for supervision of students accessing or using the Network from home or anywhere else outside the classroom shall be that of their parent(s) or guardian(s). Just as parents need to monitor television and video viewing, radio listening, and reading materials, parents of students using the Network are responsible for supervising their child's use of the Network. Although great care will be taken to reduce the possibility of objectionable materials being accessible through the Network, it is impossible to guarantee that no student will ever be able to obtain access to materials considered objectionable by school and community standards. Therefore, students and their parents are ultimately responsible for the materials accessed through the use of student Network accounts.
  6. *Shared Resource.* The Network is a shared resource with finite capacities. Students should be considerate when transferring or storing large files on Network resources. Network users shall not engage in any use of the Network which disrupts other users or seriously degrades performances of the system and Network. Any use determined to be disruptive by the Network administrators will result in appropriate action taken against the user.
  7. *Right to Monitor Network Activity.* Pathways In Education–Louisiana retains the right to monitor Network activity, review any material stored in files which are generally accessible to others, edit or remove any material which the Pathways In Education–Louisiana staff, in its sole discretion, believes violates the above standards, and terminate the Network accounts of any persons violating the conditions set forth in this agreement.

8. ***Right to Amend Policy & Service Availability.*** Pathways In Education–Louisiana shall have the sole and exclusive right at any time, with or without notice, to alter or amend Policy, or to otherwise change, modify, discontinue or amend (a) the terms and conditions applicable to your use of the Network; or (b) any aspect or feature of the Network, including, but not limited to, content, functionality, hours of availability, and hardware, telecommunication equipment, software, or services needed for access or use. Any use of the Network by you after any such changes, modifications, or additions shall continue to be governed by this Policy. The specific conditions and services that are offered under the Network may be changed from time to time at Pathways In Education–Louisiana’s sole discretion.
9. ***No Warranties.*** Pathways In Education–Louisiana makes no warranties with respect to the network service, and it specifically assumes no responsibilities for: (i) the content of any advice or information received by a student from a source outside the school, or any costs or charges incurred as a result of seeing or accepting such advice; (ii) any costs, liability or damages caused by the way the student chooses to use their network access; and (iii) any consequences of service interruptions or changes, even if these disruptions arise from circumstances under the control of the Network. Pathways In Education–Louisiana makes no warranties with respect to availability of service or access to the Network.
10. ***Indemnification.*** By using the Network, I agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Pathways In Education–Louisiana from and against all claims and expenses, including attorneys’ fees, arising out of the use of the Network by me or by anyone having access to the Network by means of my account.
11. ***Release of Liability.*** In consideration for the privilege of using the Network and in any consideration for having access to the information contained on it, students, parents and guardians agree to release the Pathways In Education–Louisiana, the Network, its operators and administrators, and any institutions with which they are affiliated from any and all claims of any nature arising from their use, or inability to use, the Network.
12. ***Governing Law.*** This Consent and Waiver form and the Rules and Regulations shall, in all respects, be governed by the laws of the State of Louisiana applicable to the agreements executed and wholly performed within the State of Louisiana.
13. ***Attorneys’ Fees.*** In the event any action is instituted by a party to enforce any of the terms and provisions of this Consent and Waiver form or the Rules and Regulations, the prevailing party in such action shall be entitled to such reasonable attorneys’ fees, costs, and expenses as may be fixed by the court or trier of facts, whether or not such action is prosecuted to final judgment.



## Section III: Student Behavior

### Academic Honesty

Pathways In Education is strongly committed to nurturing academic excellence, truth, responsibility, and integrity. Our guided individualized learning program expects all students to maintain a high standard of ethics in their academic pursuits. Academic dishonesty is considered a serious matter and will not be tolerated.

Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to the following:

- ❖ Cheating, defined as the unauthorized use or attempted use of material, information, notes, study aids, devices, or communication during an academic exercise. This includes, but is not limited to, copying from another student or knowingly allowing another to copy.
- ❖ Plagiarizing work, defined as the intentional or accidental appropriation of another's writings or ideas and the unacknowledged incorporation of that work, in full or in part, in one's own written work. This definition includes electronic media such as the Internet.
- ❖ Counterfeit work, including turning in as one's own work that which was created, researched, or produced by another.
- ❖ Theft or the altering of grades, records (written or electronic) and/or teaching materials (written or electronic).

Any student found to have broken the academic honesty policy is subject to discipline as determined by Pathways In Education-Louisiana at its sole discretion.

### Dress Standard

Students are expected to dress in accordance with the "business-like" learning environment of the school. The standards are not intended to take away individual styles, but to remove those clothing items that are taken to extremes or present ideals that the school does not wish to promote. The school considers the following items inappropriate for students to wear at school:

- ❖ Any clothing or jewelry that depicts drugs, sex, alcohol, profanity, or racism, including flags and guns.
- ❖ Sheer or revealing garments that are sexually inappropriate.
- ❖ Any clothing that has a disruptive influence on the learning environment.
- ❖ House slippers or shoes that are not appropriate footwear.
- ❖ Hats and bonnets should be removed upon entry into the school.
- ❖ Pants worn below waist level.

The teachers and staff of the school will monitor student dress. Discretion will be used by the administration and will prevail in all instances. If a problem arises, the teacher or administrator may ask the student to leave the school and return with appropriate dress, contact the student's family and/or request a parent-teacher conference to discuss the matter. Continued violations may result in suspension.

## **Code of Conduct**

- 1. Student Conduct Expectations**
- 2. Bullying and Harassment Policy**
- 3. Discipline Policy**

The School will be open to all age-appropriate students without regard to race, ethnic background, disability, and/or religious affiliation, and will be tuition-free.

The School will attempt to address the needs of students through a quality education program. To be effective and to fulfill this goal, Pathways In Education believes that students need a positive, safe, and orderly school environment in which learning can take place without disruption. Students who do not obey the rules of good conduct are interfering with the learning process and safety of others, as well as minimizing their own opportunities to learn.

In order to maintain a positive climate for learning, Pathways In Education has developed a code of conduct. Consequences for failing to comply with the code of conduct include suspension, expulsion, and possible criminal consequences if violent acts are committed on school property, at a school-sponsored function, or in a firearm-free zone.

### **Student Conduct Expectations**

Students are required to conform to the customary rules of conduct and the normal modes of operation of the school, and to act in accordance with the following behavior expectations:

- ❖ Follow all written and verbal agreements.
- ❖ Follow Pathways In Education's written discipline policy.
- ❖ Be courteous and respectful to others.
- ❖ Respect the property of others.
- ❖ Be prepared to learn at all times.
- ❖ No smoking in or near the school.
- ❖ Turn off all cellular phones while in school.

If a problem arises that cannot be resolved between Pathways In Education's staff and the student, the student's parent/guardian will be contacted and may be required to attend a parent-teacher conference to attempt to resolve the matter. If the student's disruptive behavior continues, the student is at risk of being suspended and/or expelled from the program.

### **Bullying and Harassment Policy**

It is the policy of Pathways In Education to prohibit harassment by any means, including but not limited to sexual, physical, verbal, written, electronic, mental, emotional and visual harassment, intimidation, bullying, and cyberbullying. Whether direct or indirect, such intentional acts substantially harm and interfere with a student's education, threaten the overall educational environment, and substantially disrupt the operation of school.

Bullying is defined as a pattern of any one or more of the following:

1. Gestures including, but not limited to, obscene gestures and making faces;
2. Written, electronic, or verbal communications including, but not limited to, calling names, threatening harm, taunting, malicious teasing, or spreading untrue rumors. Electronic communication includes, but is not limited to, a communication or image transmitted by e-mail, instant message, text message, blog, or social networking website through the use of a telephone, mobile phone, pager, computer, or other electronic device;
3. Physical acts including, but not limited to, hitting, kicking, pushing, tripping, choking, damaging personal property, or unauthorized use of personal property;
4. Repeatedly and purposefully shunning or excluding from activities.

Where the pattern of behavior provided above is exhibited toward a student, more than once, by another student or group of students and occurs, or is received by, a student while on school property or at a school-sponsored or school-related function, event or activity. The pattern of behavior as provided in 1-4 above must have the effect of physically harming a student, placing the student in reasonable fear of physical harm, damaging a student's property, placing the student in reasonable fear of damage to the student's property, or must be sufficiently severe, persistent, and pervasive enough to either create an intimidating or threatening educational environment, have the effect of substantially interfering with a student's performance in school, or have the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school.

Bullying and harassment for any reason, including but not limited to race, sex, gender, national origin, ancestry, marital status, economic status, disability, sexual orientation, and religion, is a violation of both state and federal law. Verified harassers may face detention, loss of computer privileges, suspension, or expulsion. Disciplinary action will be determined by school administrators and Pathways In Education's Board of Trustees. Threats of any kind and hate crimes will be reported to local law enforcement officials. Harassers may also be subject to civil and criminal liability for any such unlawful behavior.

Pathways In Education will take measures against harassment both in and near the school campus. This includes any act that takes place on or immediately adjacent to school grounds, at any school-sponsored activity, on school-provided transportation, use of the Internet system, use of a personal digital device on campus, or off-campus activities that cause or threaten to cause a substantial and material disruption at school or interference with the rights of students to be secure.

In situations in which electronic or cyberbullying originates from a non-school computer but is brought to the attention of school officials, any disciplinary action shall be based upon whether the conduct is determined to be severely disruptive to the educational process so that it markedly interrupts or severely impedes the day-to-day operations of the school.

It is important to understand that jokes, stories, cartoons, nicknames, sending or posting inappropriate and hurtful e-mails, instant messages, text messages, digital pictures or images, or website postings, including blogs and comments that violate school, state, and federal law, may be offensive to others and will not be tolerated.

Victims of harassment or bullying are urged to inform a teacher or school administrator immediately. The teacher or school administrator will document the events and contact the appropriate parties to ensure that appropriate steps will be taken. Keeping quiet or ignoring the problem will not make it go away. Harassment may also be reported to PMG by calling the toll-free *We Want to Know* HOTLINE® (800) 990-8384.

## **Discipline Policy**

### **Due Process Statement**

Pathways In Education shall provide for the fair treatment of students facing disciplinary action, including suspension and expulsion, by affording them due process rights. Rules regarding suspension and expulsion shall be revised periodically as required by any changes in policy, regulation, or law.

### **Definition of Expulsion**

Expulsion shall be defined as the removal of a student from the student's regular school program or removed from attendance all together for one or more semesters. Expulsions must be approved by the Board of Trustees or designee(s).

### **Mandatory Expulsion**

Unless the principal or designee(s) finds that expulsion is inappropriate due to particular circumstances, the principal or designee(s) shall expel a student for any of the actions identified as items #1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion," or for assault or battery upon any school employee.

### **Definition of Suspension**

Suspension shall be defined as the temporary removal of a student from the student's regular school program that may occur at the recommendation of the independent study teacher, supervisor, or school employee and must be approved by the principal or designee(s).

### **Suspension and Expulsion Procedures**

If a student is suspended, an informal meeting with parents/guardians will be convened to discuss the incident that led to the suspension and to develop a plan of action.

- ❖ Suspended students are not allowed to be on campus or attend any school-related activities during the period of suspension.
- ❖ Students of compulsory attendance age will be provided alternative instruction upon suspension. This instruction will be comparable to that if the student would have attended school that day. In order to receive credit, students must submit the assignments to their teacher on the day of return to school upon the conclusion of the suspension period.

### **Immediate Suspension**

A student shall be subject to immediate suspension if the principal or the principal's designee(s) determines that an emergency situation exists. An "emergency situation" involves a clear and present danger to the lives, safety, or health of students or school personnel. The principal or designee(s) shall immediately suspend any student found at the school or at a school activity to have committed any of the actions identified as items #1, 2, 3, 4, or 14 under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion."

Suspensions shall be initiated according to the following procedures:

1. *Informal Conference.* Suspension shall be preceded by an informal conference conducted by the teacher, supervisor, or school employee who recommended the suspension, and the principal. At the conference, the student shall be informed of the reason for the recommended disciplinary action and the evidence against their; the student shall be given the opportunity to present their version and evidence in support of their defense.

This conference may be omitted if the lead teacher or principal/designee determines that an emergency situation exists. An “emergency situation” involves a clear and present danger to the lives, safety, or health of students or school personnel. If a student is suspended without this conference, both the parent/guardian and student shall be notified of the student’s right to return to school for the purpose of a conference. The conference shall be held within two school days, unless the student waives their right to it or is physically unable to attend for any reason. In such case, the conference shall be held as soon as the student is physically able to return to school.

2. *Administrative Actions.* All recommendations for student suspension by school staff are to be submitted in writing to the principal. All requests shall include the name of the student, the specific offense(s) committed by the student, the reason(s) for the suspension and the dates of the suspension.

All recommendations for suspension of a student identified as an individual with disabilities pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 shall be subject to charter school administrative regulations for Suspension and Expulsion/ Due Process (Students with Disabilities).

3. *Notification of Law Enforcement Authorities.* Prior to the suspension or expulsion of any student committing assault, the principal or designee(s) shall notify appropriate city law enforcement authorities.

The principal or designee(s) also shall notify appropriate city or county law enforcement authorities of any student acts that may involve the possession or sale of narcotics or of a controlled substance or possession of weapons or firearms.

Within one school day after a student’s suspension or expulsion, the principal or designee(s) shall notify appropriate city law enforcement authorities by telephone or other appropriate means of any student acts that may relate to the possession, use, offering or sale of controlled substances, alcohol, or intoxicants of any kind.

4. *Notice to Parents/Guardians.* At the time of the suspension, a school employee shall make a reasonable effort to contact the parent/guardian by telephone or in person. Whenever a minor student is suspended, the parent/guardian shall be notified in writing of the suspension. This notice shall state the specific offense committed by the student. If the student is over 18 years of age or legally emancipated, the student shall

be notified in writing of the suspension. This is to ensure that all due process has been afforded to students and their families to ensure all written documents comply with state and federal laws.

5. *Written Notice.* This is to ensure that all due process has been afforded to students and their families, and to ensure all written documents comply with state and federal laws.

In addition, written notice may also state the date and time when the student may return to school. If school officials wish to ask the parent/guardian to confer regarding matters pertinent to the suspension, the notice may add that state law requires the parent/guardian to respond to such requests without delay.

6. *Parent/Guardian Conference.* Whenever a student is suspended, school officials may meet with the parent/guardian to discuss the causes and duration of the suspension, the school policy involved, and any other pertinent matter.

While the parent/guardian is required to respond without delay to a request for a conference about a student's behavior, no penalties may be imposed on the student for the failure of the parent/guardian to attend such a conference. The student may not be denied readmission solely because the parent/guardian failed to attend.

7. *Right to Appeal.* Any parent, tutor, or legal guardian of a suspended pupil shall have the right to appeal to the superintendent, who shall conduct a hearing on the merits. The decision of the superintendent on the merits of the case, as well as the terms of the suspension, shall be final.

#### **Authority to Expel**

Any student found to have committed certain offenses listed under "Mandatory Expulsion" shall be expelled as required by law.

A student may also be considered for expulsion for any of the acts listed under "Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion" upon recommendation by the principal or an appointed hearing officer or administrative panel based on finding either or both of the following:

1. That other means of correction are not feasible or have repeatedly failed to bring about proper conduct
2. That due to the nature of the violation, the presence of the student causes a continuing danger to the physical safety of the student or others.

Expulsions and Suspensions longer than ten (10) school days shall be initiated according to the following procedures:

1. *Administrative Actions.* All recommendations for student expulsion, or suspension beyond 10 school days, are to be submitted in writing to the principal or designee(s) by the principal. All recommendations shall include the name of the student, the specific offense(s) committed by the student, the reason(s) for the recommended expulsion and any other means of correction that were attempted but failed to bring about proper conduct.

All the recommendations for expulsion of a student identified as an individual with disabilities pursuant to the Individual with Disabilities Education Act or Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 shall comply with provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and/or Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, outlined in “Students with Disabilities: Suspension and Expulsion Procedures.””

2. *Scheduling of Hearing.* The student is entitled to a hearing to determine whether he/she should be expelled. The hearing shall be held within ten (10) school days after the principal or designee(s) determines that one of the acts listed under “Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion” has occurred. The student is entitled to one postponement of an expulsion hearing for a period of not more than 30 calendar days. The request for postponement shall be in writing. Any subsequent postponement may be granted at the discretion of the principal or designee(s).

If the principal or designee(s) finds it impractical to comply with these time requirements for conducting an expulsion hearing, the principal or designee(s) may, for good cause, extend the time period by an additional five school days, at which point the student will be permitted to return to school pending the hearing. Reasons for the extension shall be included as part of the record when the expulsion hearing is held. If a parent requests an extension, the student shall not be permitted to return until the hearing is completed. Once the hearing starts, all matters shall be pursued with reasonable diligence and concluded without unnecessary delay.

3. *Written Notice of the Hearing.* The principal or designee(s) shall forward written notice of the hearing to the student and the student’s parent/guardian at least 48 hours prior to the hearing.

The notice shall include the following:

- a. The date and place of the hearing
  - b. A statement of the specific facts, charges and offenses upon which the proposed expulsion is based
  - c. A copy of the school’s disciplinary rules that relate to the alleged violation
  - d. The opportunity for the student or the student’s parent/guardian to appear in person or to employ and be represented by counsel
  - e. The right to inspect and obtain copies of all documents to be used at the hearing
  - f. The opportunity to confront and question all witnesses who testify at the hearing
  - g. The opportunity to question all evidence presented and to present oral and documentary evidence on the student’s behalf, including witnesses.
4. *Hearing.* A hearing shall be conducted as follows:
    - a. *Closed Session.* The principal or designee(s) shall conduct a hearing to consider the expulsion of the student in a session closed to the public.

- b. *Record of Hearing.* A record of the hearing shall be made and may be maintained by any means, including electronic recording, as long as a reasonably accurate and complete written transcription of the proceeding can be made.
- c. *Presentation of Evidence.* While technical rules of evidence do not apply to expulsion hearings, evidence may be admitted and used as proof only if it is the kind of evidence on which reasonable persons can rely in the conduct of serious affairs. The decision of the principal or designee(s) to expel must be supported by substantial evidence that the student committed any of the acts listed in “Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion.”

Findings of fact shall be based solely on the evidence at the hearing. While no evidence shall be based solely on hearsay, sworn declarations may be admitted as testimony from witnesses whose disclosure of their identity or testimony at the hearing may subject them to an unreasonable risk of physical or psychological harm.

In cases where a search of a student’s person or property has occurred, evidence describing the reasonableness of the search shall be included in the hearing record.

- d. *Decision Within 10 Days.* The decision on whether to expel a student shall be made within ten (10) school days after the conclusion of the hearing, unless the student requests in writing that the decision be postponed, at which time the decision may be postponed for up to 24 hours.

#### **Final Action by the Principal or Designee(s)**

Whether the hearing is conducted in closed session by the principal or designee(s), a hearing officer or an administrative panel, the final action to expel shall be taken by the principal or designee(s) and brought before the Board of Trustees for their approval.

If the principal or designee(s) conducts the hearing and reaches a decision not to expel, this decision shall be final and the student shall be reinstated immediately. The principal or designee(s) shall place the student in any classroom program, other instructional program, rehabilitation program, or any combination of such programs after consulting with school personnel, including the teacher(s) involved, and with the student’s parent/guardian.

Upon ordering an expulsion, the principal or designee(s) shall set a date when the student shall be reviewed for readmission to Pathways. For a student expelled for an act listed under “Mandatory Recommendation for Expulsion,” minimum lengths of expulsion shall adhere to Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 17 Section 416. For a student expelled for other acts, this date shall be no later than the last day of the semester following the semester in which the expulsion occurred.

At the time of the expulsion order, the principal or designee(s) shall recommend a plan for the student’s rehabilitation.

#### **Right to Appeal**

The parent or guardian of a pupil may, within 10 days, appeal to the Board of Trustees to review the findings of the principal or designee(s). If requested, the Board of Trustees must review the



findings and affirm, modify, or reverse the actions previously taken.

**Maintenance of Records**

The principal or designee(s) shall maintain a record of each expulsion, including the specific cause of the expulsion. The expulsion record shall be maintained in the student's mandatory interim record and sent to any school in which the student subsequently enrolls, within five days of a written request by the admitting school.

The principal or designee(s) shall, within five working days, honor any other district's request for information about an expulsion from the school.

**Readmission Procedures after Expulsion**

Readmission procedures shall be as follows:

1. A written request for readmission shall be submitted by the parent/guardian to the principal or designee(s).
2. The principal or designee(s) shall hold a conference with the parent/guardian and the student. At the conference, the student's rehabilitation plan shall be reviewed and the principal or designee(s) shall verify that the provisions of this plan have been met. School regulations shall be reviewed and the student and parent/guardian shall be asked to indicate in writing their willingness to comply with these regulations.
3. If the readmission is granted, the principal or designee(s) shall notify the student and parent/guardian, by registered mail, of the principal or designee(s)'s decision regarding readmission.
4. If the readmission is denied, the principal or designee(s) shall provide written notice to the expelled student and parent/guardian describing the reason(s) for denying readmittance into the regular program.

**Grounds for Suspension and Expulsion**

A student may be subject to suspension and/or expulsion when it is determined that they, while on or within view of the school, at a school-sponsored activity, or a participant in the school's online program:

1. Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person or willfully used force or violence upon another person, except in self-defense.
2. Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished any firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object.
3. Possessed, used, sold, distributed or otherwise furnished, or was under the influence of, any controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant of any kind, including but not limited to inhalants, marijuana, cocaine, LSD, PCP, amphetamines, heroin, steroids, look-alike drugs, or any substances commonly referred to as "designer drugs."
4. Offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any controlled substance, alcoholic beverage or intoxicant of any kind, and then sold, delivered or otherwise furnished to any person another liquid, substance, or material and represented same as a controlled substance, alcohol beverage, or intoxicant.
5. Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion.
6. Caused or attempted to cause damage to school property or private property.
7. Stole or attempted to steal school property or private property.
8. Possessed or used tobacco or any products containing tobacco or nicotine products, including but not limited to cigars, cigarettes, miniature cigars, clove cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew, and packets. This restriction shall not prohibit a student from using or possessing their own prescription products.
9. Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity.
10. Unlawfully possessed or unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell any drug paraphernalia.
11. Disrupted school activities or otherwise willfully defied the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, administrators, other school officials, or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties.
12. Knowingly received stolen school property or private property.
13. Possessed an imitation firearm, i.e., a replica of a firearm that is so substantially similar in physical properties to an existing firearm as to lead a reasonable person to conclude that the replica is a firearm, unless, in the case of possession of any object of this type, the student had obtained written permission to possess the item from the principal with the Board of Directors or their designee's concurrence.
14. Committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault, or committed a sexual battery.
15. Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a student who is a complaining witness or witness in a school disciplinary proceeding for the purpose of preventing that student from

- being a witness and/or retaliating against that student for being a witness.
16. Made terrorist threats against school officials and/or school property. The making of a terrorist threat includes any written or oral statement by a person who willfully threatens to commit a crime that will result in death, great bodily injury to another person, or property damage in excess of \$1,000, with the specific intent that the statement is to be taken as a threat, even if there is no intent of actually carrying it out.
  17. Participated in discrimination or harassment based upon a student's or staff member's actual or perceived race, color, religion, creed, national origin, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, weight, or disability.
  18. Caused, attempted to cause, threatened to cause, or participated in an act of hate violence.
  19. Intentionally harassed, threatened or intimidated a student or group of students to the extent of having the actual and reasonably expected effect of materially disrupting class work, creating substantial disorder, and invading student rights by creating an intimidating or hostile educational environment including but not limited to acts outlined in the Harassment section of this policy.
  20. Committed an act of academic dishonesty (in coursework, on examinations, or in other academically related activities), which includes but is not limited to the following:
    - a. Copying from another student or knowingly allowing another to copy
    - b. Using unauthorized materials and/or technologies
    - c. Plagiarizing work — the intentional or accidental appropriation of another's writings or ideas and the unacknowledged incorporation of that work, in full or in part, in one's own written work — including electronic media such as the Internet
    - d. Counterfeit work, including turning in as one's own work that was created, researched, or produced by another
    - e. Theft or the altering of grades, records (written or electronic), and/or teaching materials (written or electronic).

### **Students with Disabilities: Suspensions and Expulsion Procedures**

A student identified as an individual with disabilities pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is subject to the same grounds for suspension and expulsion that apply to regular education students. All the procedural safeguards established by Charter School policies and regulations shall be observed in considering the suspension of students with disabilities.

#### **Suspension**

The Board of Trustees or designee(s) may suspend a student with a disability for up to five school days for a single incident of misconduct. The student may be suspended for up to thirty (30) school days in a school year, but still no more than five days for a single incident of misconduct, unless the student is suspended by the Board of Trustees or designee pursuant to federal and state law.

If the student poses an immediate threat to the safety of themselves or others, the Board of Trustees or designee(s) may suspend the student for up to but not more than ten (10) consecutive school days. In the case of a dangerous child, suspension may exceed ten (10) consecutive school days, and/or the student's placement may be changed, if the parent/guardian so agrees or if a court order so provides.

If a student with a disability possesses at school or at a school activity a weapon as defined in the United States Code, Title 18, Section 921, they shall be immediately suspended and may be placed in an alternative educational setting for not more than forty-five (45) calendar days, or until the conclusion of any due process proceedings requested by the parent/guardian. The student's individualized education program (IEP) team or school site committee shall determine the student's alternative educational setting. (20 USC 1415)

#### **Monitoring of Suspensions**

Whenever a student identified as an individual with a disability has been suspended on three separate occasions or for a total of five days, whichever occurs first, the student's IEP team or school site committee shall meet to consider the following:

1. Whether the student's misconduct was related to their disability
2. Whether the misconduct was the result of an inappropriate placement
3. Whether a change in placement has occurred as a result of the cumulative suspensions.

Based on its findings, the IEP team or school site committee shall determine whether to initiate alternatives to suspend, a change in placement, or other changes to the student's IEP or accommodation plan.

#### **Expulsion**

The Board of Trustees of Pathways In Education shall have the only authority to expel a student with disabilities. Procedures and timelines governing the expulsion of students with disabilities shall be the same as those for all other students, except that a pre-expulsion assessment shall be made and an IEP team or school site committee meeting held under conditions and with possible consequences indicated below.

#### **Pre-Expulsion Assessment and Meeting**

1. The parent/guardian shall receive written notice of Pathways In Education's intent to conduct the pre-expulsion assessment and shall make the student available for the assessment without delay at a site designated by Pathways In Education. That parent/guardian shall also have the right to an independent assessment.
2. The pre-expulsion assessment shall be conducted in accordance with the guidelines of the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 34, Section 104.35, which shall include a review of the student's placement at the time of the alleged misconduct and a determination of the relationship, if any, between the student's behavior and their disability.
3. The IEP team or school site committee shall meet to determine if an expulsion hearing is appropriate. This meeting shall be held at a time and place mutually convenient to the parent/guardian and Charter School within the period, if any, of the student's

- pre-expulsion suspension. The parent/guardian's participation may be made through actual participation, representation, or a telephone conference call.
4. The parent/guardian shall be notified of their right to participate in the meeting at least 48 hours before the meeting. This notice shall specify
    - a. That the meeting may be held without the parent/guardian's participation unless they requests a postponement for up to three additional school days
    - b. That the suspension will be continued during the postponement if the student continues to pose an immediate threat to the safety of themselves or others.

In order to make a record of its attempts to arrange the meeting at a mutually convenient time and place, Pathways In Education shall keep documentation such as (Code of Federal Regulations, Title 34, Part 300.345)

- a. Detailed records of telephone calls made or attempted and the results of those calls
  - b. Copies of correspondence sent to parents/guardians and any responses received
  - c. Detailed records of visits made to the parent/guardian's home or place of employment and the results of those visits.
5. Pathways In Education shall grant a parent/guardian's request that the meeting be postponed for up to three additional school days and may extend a student's suspension for the period of postponement if they continue to pose an immediate threat to the safety of themselves or others. However, the suspension shall not be extended beyond ten (10) consecutive school days unless agreed to by the parent/ guardian or by court order. If the parent/guardian refuses to consent to an extension beyond ten (10) consecutive school days and chooses not to participate, the meeting may be conducted without the parent/guardian's participation.
6. The IEP team or school site committee shall consider the pre-expulsion assessment results and shall also review and consider the student's health records and school discipline records.
7. If the IEP team or school site committee determines that the alleged misconduct was caused by, or was a direct manifestation of, the student's disability or that the student was not appropriately placed, the expulsion shall not proceed.
8. If the IEP team or school site committee determines that the alleged misconduct was not caused by, or a direct manifestation of, the student's disability, and if it is determined that the student was appropriately placed, the student shall be subject to expulsion in accordance with procedures that apply to all students.
9. When expulsion is recommended, the IEP team or school site committee should also recommend a potential rehabilitation plan for the student, if appropriate.

**Due Process and Expulsion Hearings**

If the parent/guardian disagrees with the decision of the IEP team or school site committee, they have a right to a due process hearing conducted pursuant to the United States Code, Title 20, Section 1415 or the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 34, Section 104.36.

Due process appeals must be initiated within fifteen (15) days of the decision of the IEP team or school site committee.

The expulsion hearing shall not be conducted, and the thirty (30)-day expulsion proceedings time limit shall not commence, until after completion of

1. The pre-expulsion assessment
2. The IEP team or school site committee meeting
3. Due process hearings and appeals, if initiated.

The Board may expel a student with a disability only if an IEP team or school site committee has determined the following:

1. The misconduct was not caused by, or a direct manifestation of, the student's identified disability
2. The student was appropriately placed at the time the misconduct occurred.

**Services During Expulsion**

During the term of the expulsion, a special education student shall continue to be offered a program of appropriate educational services that is individually designed to meet their unique learning needs. Such services may include independent study, home instruction, or another appropriate alternative program. The Board shall consider the recommendations of the IEP team or school site committee when developing a rehabilitation plan for an expelled student with a disability.

**Readmission**

Readmission procedures for students with disabilities shall parallel those used for all students. The Board of Trustees or designee(s) may consider the input of the student's IEP team or school site committee when developing recommendations regarding a request for readmission; an IEP team or school site committee meeting shall be convened to determine whether a new IEP or accommodation plan is appropriate.

**Appeals and Complaints**

Any individual or group may bring a complaint to the Pathways In Education–Louisiana Board of Trustees alleging a violation of Pathways In Education law, the charter, or other applicable laws relating to the management or operation of the school. The complaint may be presented to the Board in an open meeting or in written form. The Board will respond at, or prior, to the next public meeting of the Board. Every effort will be made to respectfully address the matter to the satisfaction of the individual or group who presented the complaint. If the individual or group determines that the Board did not adequately address the complaint, the individual or group may bring the complaint to the local school board.

## Section IV: Complaint Policy

For students, employees, parents or guardians of its students, school and district advisory committees, appropriate private school officials or representatives, and other interested parties:

Pathways In Education–Louisiana has the primary responsibility to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations, and has established this Policy to address allegations of unlawful discrimination and complaints alleging violation of state or federal laws governing educational programs.

Pathways In Education shall investigate and seek to resolve complaints using this Policy, adopted by our local board. Unlawful discrimination complaints may be based on actual or perceived sex, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic group identification, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, color, mental or physical disability, or age, or on a person's association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics, in any program or activity that receives or benefits from state financial assistance. The Policy shall also be used when addressing complaints alleging failure to comply with state and/or federal laws in Special Education Programs.

Complaints must be filed in writing with the following compliance officer:

John C. Hall, Superintendent  
Attn: Kristi Duenas, Designee  
Complaint Form  
Pathways In Education Public Charter Schools  
320 N. Halstead Street, Suite 280  
Pasadena, CA 91107  
(626) 685-9300

Complaints alleging discrimination must be filed within six (6) months from the date the alleged discrimination occurred or the date the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged discrimination, unless the time for filing is extended by the superintendent or their designee.

Complaints will be investigated and a written report will be sent to the complainant within 60 days from the receipt of the complaint. The report will contain the following:

1. Findings of fact based on evidence gathered
2. Conclusion(s) of law
3. Disposition of the complaint
4. Rationale for such disposition
5. Corrective actions, if any are warranted

This 60-day time period may be extended by written agreement of the complainant. The investigator responsible shall be knowledgeable about the laws and programs they are investigating.

The complainant has a right to appeal the investigator's report to Pathways In Education's Board of Trustees by filing a written appeal within 15 days of receiving the investigator's report.

Civil law remedies may be available under state or federal discrimination laws, if applicable. A complainant may pursue available civil law remedies outside of the LEA's complaint procedures.

Complainants may seek assistance from mediation centers or public/private interest attorneys. Civil law remedies that may be imposed by a court include but are not limited to injunctions and restraining orders.

For discrimination claims arising under federal law, such complaint may be made at any time to the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights.

A copy of this Complaint Policy and the Complaint Form shall be available free of charge at each Pathways In Education location.





## **Section V: Study Requirements**

### **Planning a Course of Study**

An instructor will be available to advise and assist the student with their course/curriculum selections. The program of studies should be planned to reflect the student's interests, needs, aptitudes and career goals. All of the general course objectives should be consistent with the school's content standards and state guidelines. Levels of student achievement will differ due to the individualized nature of the learning process and the student's own capabilities.

As you plan your program, the instructor will ensure that you follow the guides listed below so that the achievement levels and requirements for graduation, college entrance and basic skill competencies will be satisfied when applicable.

### **Acceptance of External Credits**

Pathways In Education accepts transfer credit only from other accredited schools.

### **Standardized Testing**

Pathways In Education will administer state-mandated tests as required and parents and students agree to participate in state-mandated testing. Pathways In Education will administer all required student assessments, including but not limited to end-of-course writing assessments and will register all students at the appropriate grade level for the ACT.

### **Concurrent Enrollment**

College preparatory courses (or others) not offered by the school can be taken at a local community college for high school credit. These courses may include foreign language, visual or performing arts and laboratory science. Students must meet the admissions standards of the college awarding the credit. Please contact the college of choice to determine their policy for dual enrollment and credits earned.

### **College Admissions Information**

Students desiring information regarding college admissions requirements should contact their teacher or student advisor. Current information is also available on the Internet.

### **TOPS**

Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) is a program of state scholarships for Louisiana residents who attend either one of the Louisiana Public Colleges and Universities, schools that are a part of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, Louisiana-approved Proprietary and Cosmetology Schools or institutions that are a part of the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. Details on the TOPS program can be found at: <http://www.osfa.state.la.us/schgrt6.htm>



# TOPS Core Curriculum

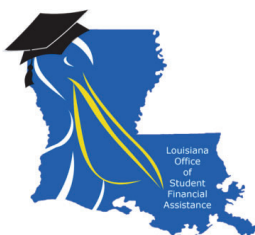
For the Opportunity, Performance and Honors Awards  
For High School graduates of 2018 and thereafter

Units	Courses <sup>1</sup>
<b>ENGLISH = 4 Units</b>	
1 Unit	English I
1 Unit	English II
1 Unit from the following:	English III, AP English Language Arts and Composition, or IB English III (Language A or Literature and Performance)
1 Unit from the following:	English IV, AP English Literature and Composition, or IB English IV (Language A or Literature and Performance)
<b>MATH = 4 Units</b>	
1 Unit	Algebra I
1 Unit	Geometry
1 Unit	Algebra II
1 Unit from the following:	Algebra III; Advanced Math - Functions and Statistics, Advanced Math - Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus, or IB Math Methods I (Mathematical Studies SL); Calculus, AP Calculus AB, or IB Math Methods II (Mathematics SL); AP Calculus BC; Probability and Statistics or AP Statistics; IB Further Mathematics HL; IB Mathematics HL
<b>SCIENCE = 4 Units</b>	
1 Unit	Biology I
1 Unit	Chemistry I
2 Units from the following:	Earth Science; Environmental Science; Physical Science; Agriscience I and Agriscience II (one unit combined); Chemistry II, AP Chemistry, or IB Chemistry II; AP Environmental Science or IB Environmental Systems; Physics I, AP Physics B, or IB Physics I; AP Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, AP Physics C: Mechanics, or IB Physics II; AP Physics I and AP Physics II; Biology II, AP Biology, or IB Biology II
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES = 4 Units</b>	
1 Unit from the following:	U.S. History, AP U.S. History, or IB U.S. History
1 Unit from the following:	Civics, Government, AP U.S. Government and Politics: Comparative, or AP U.S. Government and Politics: United States
2 Units from the following:	Western Civilization, European History, or AP European History; World Geography, AP Human Geography, or IB Geography; World History, AP World History, or IB World History; History of Religion; IB Economics, Economics, AP Macroeconomics, or AP Microeconomics
<b>FOREIGN LANGUAGE = 2 Units</b>	
	Foreign Language, both units in the same language, which may also include the following AP and IB courses: AP Chinese Language and Culture, AP French Language and Culture, AP German Language and Culture, AP Italian Language and Culture, AP Japanese Language and Culture, AP Latin, AP Spanish Language and Culture, IB French IV, IB French V, IB Spanish IV, and IB Spanish V
<b>ART = 1 Unit</b>	
1 Unit from the following:	Performance course in Music, Dance or Theatre; Fine Arts Survey; Art I, II, III, and IV; Talented Art I, II, III, and IV; Talented Music I, II, III and IV; Talented Theater Arts I, II, III, and IV; Speech III and Speech IV (one unit combined); AP Art History; AP Studio Art: 2-D Design; AP Studio Art: 3-D Design; AP Studio Art: Drawing; AP Music Theory; IB Film Study I; IB Film Study II; IB Music I; IB Music II; IB Art Design III; IB Art Design IV; IB Theatre I or Drafting
<b>TOTAL = 19 Units</b>	
<i>Please see reverse side for core (substitute) equivalents to the TOPS Core Curriculum</i>	

Core Curriculum Course(s)	Recently Approved Equivalent (Substitute) Course(s)
Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II	Integrated Mathematics I, II and III
Art	Media Arts I - IV; Photography I, Photography II, and Digital Photography
Algebra III; Advanced Math - Functions and Statistics, Advanced Math - Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus, or Math Methods I IB (Mathematical Studies SL); Calculus, AP Calculus AB, or Math Methods II IB (Mathematics SL); AP Calculus BC; Probability and Statistics or AP Statistics; IB Further Mathematics HL; IB Mathematics HL	AP Computer Science A
Biology II	Human Anatomy and Physiology
Western Civilization, European History, or AP European History; World Geography, AP Human Geography, or IB Geography; World History, AP World History, or IB World History; History of Religion; IB Economics, Economics, AP Macroeconomics, or AP Microeconomics	AP Psychology
Foreign Language	Mandarin Chinese I-IV Hindi I – IV Portuguese I-IV Vietnamese I-IV

<sup>1</sup> **GIFTED COURSES:** Any core curriculum course that is taken by a student who has been identified as gifted pursuant to State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) policy and that is taken in fulfillment of the student’s Individualized Education Plan shall be considered a “Gifted Course” and shall fulfill the core curriculum.

Beginning with students entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade in 2014-2015 and graduating in the 2017-2018 school year and thereafter, the calculation of the TOPS Core Curriculum grade point average (GPA) will use a five- (5.00) point scale for grades earned in certain designated Advanced Placement (AP) courses; International Baccalaureate (IB) courses; Gifted courses; Dual Enrollment courses, Honors courses and Articulated courses offered for college credit by the Louisiana School for the Math, Science and the Arts used to complete the TOPS Core Curriculum. The courses currently designated to be calculated on the 5.00 point scale can be viewed at <https://www.osfa.la.gov/5scale>. For the designated courses, five quality points will be assigned to a letter grade of “A”, four quality points will be assigned to a letter grade of “B”, three quality points will be assigned to a letter grade of “C”, two quality points will be assigned to a letter grade of “D”, and zero quality points will be assigned to a letter grade of “F”. Note that students earning credit in courses graded on the five (5.00) point scale may earn a grade point average on the TOPS Core Curriculum that exceeds 4.00.



*This core curriculum is accurate as of the date of publication and includes courses listed in TOPS statute.*

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**2022-2023 Graduation Requirements- TOPS University**

<b>English-Language Arts</b> (4 Credits)	English 1 English 2 English 3 English 4
<b>Mathematics</b> (4 Credits)	Algebra I Geometry Algebra II 4th Math Probability & Statistics (SGI Only) PreCalculus
<b>Social Science</b> (4 Credits)	Civics American History World History World Geography
<b>Science</b> (4 Credits)	Biology Chemistry 3rd & 4th Science: Physical Science Environmental Science Earth Science Physics
<b>Physical Education &amp; Health</b> (2 Credits)	PE I/II/III Health
<b>Fine Arts</b> (1 Credit)	Multiple courses are available, discuss options with your teacher.
<b>World Language</b> (2 Credits)	Spanish 1/2/3 French 1/2
<b>Electives</b> (3 Credits)	Multiple courses are available, discuss options with your teacher.
<b>TOTAL 24 Credits</b>	

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### Grade 9

English 1A		English 1B	
Algebra 1A		Algebra 1B	
1st Science A		1st Science B	
World Language		World Language	
Physical Education		Health	
Elective		Elective	

### Grade 10

English 2A		English 2B	
Geometry A		Geometry B	
Biology A		Biology B	
World Language		World Language	
Civics A		Civics B	
Physical Education		Physical Education	

### Grade 11

English 3A		English 3B	
Algebra 2A		Algebra 2B	
Chemistry A		Chemistry B	
US History A		US History B	
Fine Art		Fine Art	
Elective		Elective	

### Grade 12

English 4A		English 4B	
4th Math A		4th Math B	
4th Science A		4th Science B	
3rd Social Science A		3rd Social Science B	
4th Social Science A		4th Social Science B	
Elective		Elective	

### External Credits


### Additional Requirements

Senior Portfolio	
Civics Exam	
ACT	
10 hrs of Approved Community Service	

**2022-2023 Graduation Requirements- Jump Start TOPS Tech**

<b>English-Language Arts</b> (4 Credits)	English 1 English 2 English 3 English 4
<b>Mathematics</b> (4 Credits)	Algebra I 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Math Financial Math Geometry Algebra II Probability & Statistics (SGI Only) PreCalculus
<b>Social Science</b> (2 Credits)	Civics American History
<b>Science</b> (2 Credits)	Biology 2nd Science: Physical Science Environmental Science Earth Science Chemistry Physics
<b>Physical Education &amp; Health</b> (2 Credits)	PE I/II/III Health
<b>Jump Start Electives</b> (9 Credits)	Multiple courses and pathways are available, discuss options with your teacher.
<b>TOTAL 23 Credits</b>	

## Graduation Planning Guide- Jump Start TOPS Tech

### Grade 9

English 1A		English 1B	
Algebra 1A		Algebra 1B	
1st Science A		1st Science B	
Physical Education		Health	
Jump Start Elective		Jump Start Elective	
Jump Start Elective		Jump Start Elective	

### Grade 10

English 2A		English 2B	
2nd Math A		2nd Math B	
Biology A		Biology B	
Physical Education		Physical Education	
Civics A		Civics B	
Jump Start Elective		Jump Start Elective	

### Grade 11

English 3A		English 3B	
3rd Math A		3rd Math B	
US History A		US History B	
Jump Start Elective		Jump Start Elective	
Jump Start Elective		Jump Start Elective	
Jump Start Elective		Jump Start Elective	

### Grade 12

English 4A		English 4B	
4th Math A		4th Math B	
Jump Start Elective		Jump Start Elective	
Jump Start Elective		Jump Start Elective	
Jump Start Elective		Jump Start Elective	

Jump Start Pathway:

### External Credits


### Additional Requirements

Senior Portfolio	
Civics Exam	
ACT	
10 hrs of Approved Community Service	



## Coursework

The Pathways In Education school model focuses on providing students the opportunity to complete their high school education through independent study. The independent study program provides students rigorous textbook-based and online course offerings in order to allow students the flexibility to work at their own pace in an independent format.

Students also have the option to enroll in Small Group Instruction (SGI) courses with classroom-style instruction to receive support in their independent courses. The Small Group Instruction courses are aligned with common core state standards. A syllabus will be made available on the first day of class by the instructor. Course codes designated with SGI (ie. SGI-11-121) indicates that these courses are available for students.

## Online School Policy

In the event that a student takes any online courses during their enrollment with Pathways In Education–Louisiana, the following terms and conditions under this Pathways In Education–Louisiana Online School Policy (“OSP”) will also apply in addition to the terms and conditions of the Policy:

Pathways In Education–Louisiana’s online school courses can be independently accessed either from school or home. Coursework will range between forty-five (45) to sixty (60) hours, and will include various assessments in addition to a teacher-graded final exam. Students are required to spend a minimum of five hours in the online course per week and will be disqualified from participation in the course after ten (10) consecutive school days of inactivity. Students must satisfy a minimum passing grade as defined in the Pathways In Education student handbook. Successfully completing an online course requires a shared partnership between student, parent(s)/guardian(s), and school staff. There must be acknowledgment and agreement of responsibilities of each person involved.

Students accept responsibility for the following:

- ❖ Logging in to the online course for a minimum of five (5) hours per week, and completing all course assignments. Failure to do so will result in the student being required to repeat the course in a traditional format. Failure to log in to the course for ten (10) consecutive school days will result in removal from participation in the online class.
- ❖ Seeking immediate assistance from the instructor or contact Pathways In Education–Louisiana’s Education Technology Manager if technical problems occur with the system.
- ❖ Avoiding plagiarism, as it is considered cheating. Copying and pasting directly from the online curriculum into other sources will not be considered “notes” because they are not student-generated. Use of translation software for foreign language classes is also a form of plagiarism.

Parents or guardians accept responsibility for the following:

- ❖ Keeping regularly informed of the student’s online learning activities and to promptly informing Pathways In Education–Louisiana staff of any circumstances actually or potentially interfering with the student’s ability to learn.

- ❖ Encouraging the student to log in to the online course a minimum of five hours per week. Failure to login to the course for ten (10) consecutive school days will result in the removal of the student from the course.
- ❖ Supporting student learning by providing adequate time and access to an Internet-accessible computer at home in order to complete coursework, or allow extra time for the student to spend at school or a library to complete necessary coursework.
- ❖ Being aware of the student's computer use, and encouraging them to use all available technology for schoolwork.

Teachers and staff at Pathways In Education–Louisiana are responsible for

- ❖ Responding to student questions, comments, or concerns within one (1) school day.
- ❖ Providing the student and parent/guardian with regular updates as the student's progress in the course.
- ❖ Establishing clear goals and course expectations.
- ❖ Assisting students in mastering the curricula.

Students will not be able to participate in the online courses without signed parental consent. If you have any questions regarding the online courses, please contact the Pathways In Education–Louisiana Online Program at (626) 460-9206 or [onlineprogram@pathwaysedu.org](mailto:onlineprogram@pathwaysedu.org).

## Section VI: Course of Study

### • English Language Arts •

#### ENGLISH 1 A/B

HS1120/ HS1121, SGI1111/SGI1112

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: ELA

**Novels:** *No Fear Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet* (SparkNotes) and *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins. This course will expose students to a wide variety of nonfiction and poetry as well as a full-length novel. This course will prime students' ability to comprehend and analyze the content of their reading assignments by teaching students to analyze author's style, genre, and content. It will expose students to author's intent, style, language, rhetorical devices, and literary concepts. Each lesson will develop and increase students' ability to respond thoughtfully and dynamically to each text they are exposed to. Students will learn the foundations of writing by learning the basics of syntax and paragraph structure. Grammar and writing lessons will be introduced, and students will be given opportunities to identify these patterns in their readings and implement this knowledge in their own writing.

#### ENGLISH 2 A/B

HS1081/ HS1082

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: ELA

Students will be expected to use reading and thinking skills as they analyze and apply literary concepts to grasp the authors' purpose and the central idea of the texts. Guided instruction and modeling will cause students to develop their own voice and point of view. In each unit, the students participate in writing workshops that blend grammar and writing concepts to help understand the writing process. The novel for this course is narrative non-fiction of a historical event that will be incorporated as additional reading material for the course to allow the students to broaden their perspectives and help them make personal connections with real – world issues. In English 10B, students will differentiate between fiction and informational texts and identify author's techniques such as rhetorical devices and text structure. Guided instruction and modeling will cause students to identify an author's perspective and point of view. In each unit, the students participate in writing workshops that blend grammar and writing concepts to help understand the writing process. The novel for this course is a drama with relatable characters and plot that will be incorporated as additional reading material for the course to allow the students to analyze an author's techniques. An additional nonfiction text was chosen for this course to compare and contrast fiction and nonfiction.

#### ENGLISH 2 A/B

HS1081A/HS1082A, SGI1121/SGI1122

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: ELA

**Textbook:** *Prentice Hall Literature* (Pearson), **Novel:** *Kindred: A Graphic Novel Adaptation* by Octavia Butler. In this course, students will gain reading and writing skills through the practice and acquisition of new thinking skills, including critical and oral responses to a variety of fiction and nonfiction literary texts. This course exposes students to fictional stories and nonfiction texts, both print and digital. This course enhances students' ability to comprehend, develop, and analyze the content of the reading assignments. It exposes students to author's intent and literary concepts. Each lesson develops and increases students' fluency and vocabulary. Grammar skills are introduced and practiced regularly, helping students implement the new skills into their own writing. A fictional novel accompanies this course and stimulates imagination and creativity. In each unit, students have many opportunities to incorporate what they have learned into their writing. In English 2B, students will elevate their writing, reading, and critical thinking skills by building off of the foundational reading, writing, speaking, listening, and analysis skills gained in English 2A. The goal of this course is to transform students into independent thinkers who can write, read, listen, and speak more closely to collegiate and real-world expectations. English 2B will move through three major styles of writing and several different genres for reading. Throughout the course, students will read a graphic novel representation of Octavia Butler's science fiction novel, *Kindred*. Students will show their understanding of the novel and its themes through a summative project. This course is designed to develop analytical skills, as students are thinking about and evaluating good writing.

#### ENGLISH 3 A/B

HS1160/HS1161, SGI1131/SGI1132

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: ELA

**Textbook:** *Prentice Hall Literature* (Pearson); **Novels:** (A) *Matthew A. Henson's Historic Arctic Journey* by Matthew A. Henson, (B) *Jurassic Park* by Michael Crichton. The purpose of English 3 A/B is to create college- and career-ready thinkers and writers. Through the use of essential questions, students will analyze and evaluate a wide variety of fiction

and nonfiction selections in their textbook and novels. They will be challenged to hone their craft in a variety of writing assignments utilizing refined knowledge of grammar, proofreading, and revision rules of writing. Students will use higher-level thinking skills to go beyond simple comprehension of the assigned texts. They will grow in their ability to analyze and evaluate information in literary and informational texts.

**ENGLISH 4 A/B**

HS1162/HS1163, SGI1141/SGI1142

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: ELA

**Textbook:** *Prentice Hall Literature* (Pearson); **Drama:** *Othello* by William Shakespeare; **Novel:** *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens. Students taking English 4 will be engaged in a rigorous course, aligned to Common Core standards, that is designed to create college- and career-ready thinkers and writers. Students will analyze and evaluate a wide variety of fiction and nonfiction selections in their textbook and novel. Students will practice critical thinking, comprehension, vocabulary analysis, and grammar skills through thematic units centered in the historical context of the literary period. Students will benefit from a well-rounded writing program that focuses on the writer’s craft, such as supporting claims, organizing information, using narrative techniques, conducting research, evaluating point of view, and proofreading and revising skills. Students will be challenged to hone their craft to create a reflective essay or autobiographical narrative, persuasive essay or short story, historical investigation report, and multimedia presentation. Assessments will emphasize higher-level thinking skills, requiring students to go beyond simple comprehension of the assigned texts; they must show growth in their ability to analyze and evaluate information they encounter in literary as well as informational texts.

• **ONLINE COURSES** •

**ENGLISH 1 A/B**

HSED1001/ HSED1002

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: ELA

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. English 1 introduces the elements of writing poems, short stories, plays, and essays. Grammar skills are enhanced by the study of sentence structure and style and by student composition of paragraphs and short essays. Topics include narration, exposition, description, argumentation, punctuation, usage, spelling, and sentence and paragraph structure.

**ENGLISH 2 A/B**

HSED1003/ HSED1004

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: ELA

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. English 2 focuses on using personal experiences, opinions, and interests as a foundation for developing effective writing skills. Skills acquired in English 1 are reinforced and refined. Literary models demonstrate paragraph unity and more sophisticated word choice. A research paper is required for completion of the course. Topics include grammar, sentence and paragraph structure, organizing compositions, and writing a research paper.

**ENGLISH 3 A/B**

HSED1005/ HSED1006

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: ELA

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. English 3A explores the relation between American history and literature from the colonial period through the realism and naturalism eras. English 3B explores the relation between American history and literature from the modernist period through the contemporary era and presents learners with relevant cultural and political history. Readings are scaffolded with pre-reading information, interactions, and activities to actively engage learners in the content. The lessons in both semesters focus on developing grammar, vocabulary, speech, and writing skills.

**ENGLISH 4 A/B**

HSED1007/ HSED1008

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: ELA

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. English 4 emphasizes the study of literature in the context of specific historical periods, beginning with the Anglo-Saxon and medieval periods in Britain. Each lesson includes tutorials and embedded lesson activities that provide for a more engaging and effective learning experience. Semester B covers the romantic, Victorian, and modern eras. End of unit tests ensure mastery of the concepts taught in each unit, and exemptive pretests allow

students to focus on content that they have yet to master.

• *Mathematics* •

**ALGEBRA 1A A/B**

HS2040/HS2041, SGI1101/SGI1102

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Mathematics

**Textbook:** *Algebra 1* (Pearson). This course will introduce students to and promote mastery of algebraic concepts such as using data to derive linear equations, solving systems of linear equations, examining rates of change problems with their related graphs, problems with exponents, and quadratic functions. Students will use application problems to gain a better understanding of how algebraic concepts apply in a real-world environment. In addition, students will periodically review other important mathematical topics such as formulas from geometry, measurement conversions, calculating probabilities, and hypothesis testing.

**ALGEBRA 1 A/B**

HS2075/HS2076

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Mathematics

In Algebra 1A students begin their study by exploring one-variable statistics. They gather and display data, and interpret statistical results. From here, students transition to expanding their understanding of linear equations, inequalities, and systems. They write rearrange, evaluate, and solve equations and inequalities fluently; explain or validate their reasoning; use multiple representations to model relationships and constraints; write and graph equations in different forms; and reason abstractly about real-world situations. Finally, students study two variable statistics. They create scatter plots and their lines of best fit, use residuals and the correlation coefficient, interpret data, and differentiate between correlation and causation. In Algebra 1B, students begin with the study of functions. They represent, interpret, and communicate about functions—using function notation, domain and range, average rate of change, and other features of their graphs. They encounter several families of functions, including linear, exponential, quadratic, piecewise-defined, and absolute value. Students extend their ability to use equations to model relationships and solve problems. They develop their capacity to write, transform, graph, and solve equations—by reasoning, rearranging equations into useful forms, and applying the quadratic formula. Students investigate real-world and mathematical contexts, examine the structural attributes of the function, and express the function using multiple representations.

**ALGEBRA 2A A/B**

HS2045/HS2046, SGI1109/SGI1110

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Mathematics

**Textbook:** *Algebra 2* (Pearson). This course is designed to build off of students’ experiences in Algebra 1 and Geometry. This course focuses on discovering connections between various representations of functions, transformations of the major function families, finding zeros of polynomials, modeling with trigonometry, and expanding their understanding and use of statistics. The course consistently has students engaged in the use of technology, collaborative grouping, problem solving, asking questions, analyzing situations, and constructing and justifying arguments.

**FINANCIAL MATH A/B**

HS2061/HS2062

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Mathematics

**Textbook:** *Mathematics with Business Applications* (McGraw-Hill). Students in this course will learn and apply mathematical skill to the areas of employment, banking, credit, transportation, housing, personal finance, insurance, shopping, taxes and investments. The main purpose of this course is to provide opportunities for students to develop those skills necessary to function in practical and real-life situations. This course is designed to strengthen the student’s basic skills in personal and business math. Students learn how to figure income tax and comparative shop. They will learn the basics of starting and running a business and practice such real-world scenarios as paying employees, figuring insurance costs, and calculating travel expenses and training costs. Students will also learn about the costs of production and purchasing, work with sales, warehousing, distributing, and marketing devices, and handle general accounting schemes.

**GEOMETRY A/B**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

HS2038/HS2039, SGI1105/SGI1106

Graduation Requirement: Mathematics

**Textbook:** *Geometry* (Pearson). The ultimate goal of this course is to extend students' prior learning from middle school geometry to more formal geometric proofs that use rigid motions and their precise definitions, the study of figures on the Euclidean Plane, the connection of algebraic function to geometry, and the study of trigonometry concerning right triangles and circles. Students will further their learning of rigid motions, translation, rotation and reflection, and begin to prove congruence with the use of them. They will develop proofs using rigid motions, developing and utilizing precise definitions. They will then extend these definitions and proofs to solve problems about triangles, quadrilaterals and other polygons.

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• **ONLINE COURSES** •

**ALGEBRA 1 A/B**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

HSED2001/ HSED2002

Graduation Requirement: Mathematics

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. Algebra I advances the ability of students to think algebraically, taking them from middle school work with variables and linear equations to the exploration of non-linear function types and more advanced calculations with variable expressions. Students will work with expressions, equations, inequalities, and functions. The course places considerable emphasis on identifying key features of functions in various forms, such as graphs, tables, and equations. It also fosters an understanding of functions as relationships that help people in many walks of life calculate and plan. The course brings these concepts to students in many forms, including interactive graphing, videos of solving problems, and many practice items.

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**ALGEBRA 2 A/B**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

HSED2005/ HSED2006

Graduation Requirement: Mathematics

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. Algebra 2 advances students' ability to think algebraically, taking their earlier work with linear, exponential, and quadratic equations and expanding on it with polynomials and more advanced equation types. Students will work with rational, radical, logarithmic, inverse, and piecewise functions. They will also extend their studies to include systems of equations and inequalities, trigonometry, complex numbers, and statistics. The course emphasizes using these algebraic concepts to solve problems and help people in many walks of life. The course employs many tools to teach students these concepts, including interactive graphing, videos that walk through problems, and many practice items.

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**GEOMETRY A/B**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

HSED2003/ HSED2004

Graduation Requirement: Mathematics

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. Geometry provides a comprehensive examination of geometric concepts. Each lesson provides thorough explanations and builds on prior lessons. Step-by-step instruction and multiple opportunities for self-check practice develop skills and confidence in students as they progress through the course. The course features animations, which allow students to manipulate angles or create shapes, such as triangles, engage students in learning and enhance mastery. Labs extend comprehension by giving students hand-on experiences.

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**MATHEMATICS OF PERSONAL FINANCE A/B**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

HSED2024/ HSED2025

Graduation Requirement: Mathematics, Jump Start Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. Mathematics of Personal Finance explains how basic mathematical operations can be used to solve real-life problems. It addresses practical applications for math, such as wages, taxes, money management, and interest and credit. Projects for the Real World activities are included that promote cross-curricular learning and higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills. Students will explore how algebraic knowledge is connected to many financial situations, including investing, using credit, paying taxes, and shopping for insurance. In studying these topics.. In addition, the course will help prepare students to tackle the wide variety of financial decisions they will face in life, from setting up their first budget to planning for retirement.

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**PRECALCULUS A/B**

HSED2007/ HSED2008

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Mathematics

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. Precalculus builds on algebraic concepts to prepare students for calculus. The course begins with a review of basic algebraic concepts and moves into operations with functions, where students manipulate functions and their graphs. Precalculus also provides a detailed look at trigonometric functions, their graphs, the trigonometric identities, and the unit circle. Finally, students are introduced to polar coordinates, parametric equations, and limits.

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**PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS**

HSED2023

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Mathematics

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. In Probability and statistics, students acquire a comprehensive understanding of how to represent and interpret data; how to relate data sets; independent and conditional probability; applying probability; making relevant inferences and conclusions; and how to use probability to make decisions.

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**• SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTION •**

**MATH ESSENTIALS 1 A/B**

SGI11102/SGI11103

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Mathematics

Math Essentials 1 develops students' abilities to be successful in Algebra 1, Geometry, and real life applications. Through discovery and application, students will develop skills needed to demonstrate their content knowledge in real-world situations. Course topics include real numbers, algebraic expressions, equations, inequalities, functions, systems of equations, probability, statistics, and topics in geometry that provide a solid introduction to concepts used in high school mathematics.

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**PROBABILITY & STATISTICS A/B**

SGI11104/SGI11105

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Mathematics

Probability & Statistics expands on student's mathematics knowledge while focusing on the principles and practices of probability and statistical concepts. Topics include: sampling and comparing, standard deviation, data analysis, data distribution, applications of statistics, and scatterplots.

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**ENGINEER YOUR WORLD A/B**

SGI11171/SGI11172

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Jump Start

This course engages students in authentic engineering practices in a project-based environment. Students complete a series of socially relevant design challenges to develop engineering design skills and habits of mind. Students learn about engineering's societal impact through exploration of past accomplishments; current and future challenges, and the interplay between science, technology, customer needs and evolving designs. They also learn about engineering disciplines and careers, the multidisciplinary nature of practice, and professional codes and standards to which engineer adhere. Also, students learn and employ the multi-step, iterative process that engineers use to design a product for specific customer needs. They learn to characterize the system using quantitative techniques common in the practice of engineering, enabling a deeper understanding of the system. Emphasis is placed on creating communication artifacts to ensure accurate interpretation by others, integrated product teams, and examples of successful engineering teams. Finally, students learn to use common tools and techniques that engineers employ to approach and solve problems and to manage projects.

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• **Social Science** •

**CIVICS A** **HS3050A**  
 Credit: 0.5 credits Graduation Requirement: Social Science  
**Textbook:** *Civics: Participating in Government* (Prentice Hall). In this course students will survey the scope of American Government from its early beginnings, to its development of checks and balances on power in the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial branches. Through the use of primary sources and current topical events, students will understand how to better navigate and comprehend the importance of civic participation in the United States and how policies have shaped the country and its people. Most importantly, students will have a better grasp of American government and its part in shaping the nation’s future.

**CIVICS A** **HS3070**  
 Credit: 0.5 credits Graduation Requirement: Social Science  
**Textbook:** *Civics: Participating in Government* (Prentice Hall). In this course students will survey the scope of American Government from its early beginnings, to its development of checks and balances on power in the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial branches. Through the use of primary sources and current topical events, students will understand how to better navigate and comprehend the importance of civic participation in the United States and how policies have shaped the country and its people. Most importantly, students will have a better grasp of American government and its part in shaping the nation’s future.

**ECONOMICS** **HS3058**  
 Credit: 0.5 credits Graduation Requirement: Social Science  
**Textbook:** *Common Sense Economics*, Certell Digital Textbook certell.org The goal of studying economics is to ensure that students make reasoned judgments about both personal and economic questions and understand economic policy. The course objective is to develop an economic way of thinking and problem solving in order to understand and apply basic economic principles to decisions made by consumers, businesses, our federal government, and participants in the global marketplace. Unit 1 will introduce students to the basic concepts of economics, while Units 2 and 3 will cover micro and macroeconomics, looking at individuals, businesses, and the national economy as whole. Unit 4 will introduce students to the Federal Reserve’s Invest in What’s Next: Life After High School program. Students will research potential degrees and training in their post-secondary lives. Unit 5 takes a look at the world’s economic globalization. Each unit has performance tasks related to current events by topic. Students will complete two economic projects throughout this course.

**US HISTORY A/B** **HS3043/HS3044**  
 Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Social Science  
**Textbook:** *United States History: Post-Reconstruction to the Present* (Pearson). In this course students will examine U.S. History from the beginnings of America to the present. Students will explore historical events and eras through the use of maps, timelines, and source documents. Key figures in American history are featured throughout this course. Students are encouraged to make connections between the past and events taking place today.

**WORLD GEOGRAPHY A/B** **HS3046/HS3047**  
 Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Social Science  
**Textbook:** *Geography: The Human and the Physical World*. (McGraw-Hill). World Geography is a ten-unit course in which students will examine the perspectives of the human and physical world. Students begin with an examination of Earth, which includes how geographers look at the world. Students then explore the different regions of the world, noting the environment, people, and the interactions between people and their environment. Students will finalize their study of World Geography by studying topics that pose great challenges to the global community. They will explore a variety of sources to broaden their understandings in these areas.

**WORLD HISTORY A/B** **HS3040/HS3041**  
 Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Social Science  
**Textbook:** *Modern World History: Patterns of Interaction* (McDougal Littell). This course will discuss how life in Eastern



and Western Europe has changed throughout history, and students will look at the key events that helped to shape our culture today. Students will trace the rising and falling of various world empires and how each helped to shape the world today. They will follow the struggle for human rights of individuals throughout time, and discuss the growth of living documents, like the Constitution of the United States. Students will also explore the history and influence of Asian, European, South American, and African countries and how they help to affect the rest of the world.

• **ONLINE COURSES** •

**AMERICAN HISTORY A/B**

HSED3003/HSED3004

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Social Science

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course not only introduces students to early American History, but it also provides them with an essential understanding of how to read, understand, and interpret history. For example, the first unit, The Historical Process, teaches reading and writing about history, gathering and interpreting historical sources, and analyzing historical information. While covering historical events from the founding events and principles of the United States through contemporary events, the course also promotes a cross-disciplinary understanding that encourages a holistic perspective of American History.

**CIVICS A/B**

HSED3005C/HSED3005D

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Social Science

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. The interactive, problem-centered, and inquiry-based units in U.S. Government emphasize the acquisition, mastery, and processing of information. Semester A units include study of the foundations of American government and the American political culture, with units 2 and 3 covering the U.S. constitution, including its roots in Greek and English law, and the various institutions that impact American politics. Semester B of this course covers basic economic problems such as scarcity, choice, and effective use of resources. It also covers topics on a larger scale such as market structures and international trade. It particularly focuses on the U.S. economy and analyzes the role of the government and the Federal Reserve System.

**WORLD GEOGRAPHY A/B**

HSED9014/HSED9015

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Social Science, Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. In an increasingly interconnected world, equipping students to develop a better understanding of our global neighbors is critical to ensuring that they are college and career ready. These semester-long courses empower students to increase their knowledge of the world in which they live and how its diverse geographies shape the international community. Semester A units begin with an overview of the physical world and the tools necessary to exploring it effectively. Subsequent units survey each continent and its physical characteristics and engage students and encourage them to develop a global perspective.

**WORLD HISTORY A/B**

HSED3001/HSED3002

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Social Science

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. In World History, learners will explore historical world events with the help of innovative videos, timelines, and interactive maps and images. Learners will develop historical thinking skills and apply them to their study of European exploration, the Renaissance the Reformation, and major world revolutions. They will also study World War I, World War II, the Cold War, and the benefits and challenges of living in the modern world.

• **Science** •

**BIOLOGY A/B**

HS4036/HS4037

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Science

**Textbook:** *The Living Earth Biology* (Miller & Levine). In this course students focus on the knowledge and skills required to master the concepts of the relationships between organisms and their environment. Students will demonstrate their understanding and evaluation skills by using evidence, that is either gathered through lab investigations or researched, to explain their arguments with the support of models and mathematical representation.

Performance tasks, labs, and summative assessments will evaluate how well students mastered the learning targets that focus on key processes and functions in the interdisciplinary relationships between core concepts in biology, physical science, chemistry, earth and space science, and engineering. The goal upon completing this course is for students to exercise their newly developed reasoning and analytical skills to achieve in their current and post-secondary academic coursework into any science or non-science discipline and to become a more science-minded, conscientious model for others to positively impact their community.

**BIOLOGY A/B**

HS4501/HS4502, SGI1180/SGI1181

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Science

**Textbook:** *Biology* (McDougal Littel). *Biology A/B* is an exploration into the unifying themes of biology. With a focus on big ideas, students are given a deeper comprehension of what exactly it means for something to be “alive.” Students will finish this course with an understanding of cells, including how they use energy, replicate, and differentiate through gene expression. Students will study the probability of inheritance on a genetic level and continue that learning as it develops into a clearer understanding of evolutionary patterns. Students will be able to get a clear view of the bigger picture by seeing that something as small as a cell can be directly related to diversity within our biosphere.

**PHYSICAL SCIENCE A/B**

HS4026/HS4027

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Science

**Textbook:** *Physical Science with Earth and Space Science* (Holt). 2018 update: Content, concepts and formula calculations were scaffolded to support individualized learning. Laboratory exercises were re-purposed to reduce material waste and promote content specific exercises. This course offers a focused curriculum designed around the understanding of critical physical science concepts, including the nature and structure of matter, the characteristics of energy, and the mastery of critical scientific skills. Topics include an introduction to kinematics, including gravity and two-dimensional motion; force; momentum; waves; electricity; atoms; the Periodic Table of Elements; molecular bonding; chemical reactivity; gases; and an introduction to nuclear energy.

**PHYSICAL SCIENCE A/B**

HS4005/HS4006

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Science

In Physical Science Units 1 and 2, Chemical Building Blocks, students will explore the basics of Physical Science. In Physical Science Units 3 and 4, Chemical Interactions, students will learn about chemical interactions; the concept of matter and atoms; and acids, bases and solutions. In Physical Science Unit 5, Motion, Forces and Energy, students will learn about the basics of motion, force, and energy, focusing on measuring motion and the nature of force, as well as different sources of energy. In this course, students will learn the basics of Physical Science. In Unit 6, students will learn the basics of motion, force, and energy, focusing on measuring motion, the nature of force, as well as different sources of energy. In Units 7 and 8, students will learn the basics of Earth Science, including Plate Tectonics and land formations. Students will also learn the basic methods of measuring earthquakes. In Units 9 and 10, students will learn the basics of astronomy, including Earth in the context of the solar system and the sun. They will also learn about the formation of stars and galaxies as well as the origins of the universe.

**• ONLINE COURSES •**

**BIOLOGY A/B**

HSED4001/ HSED4002

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Science

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. Content topics include cells, organ systems, heredity, organization of organisms, evolution, energy use in organisms, and the interdependence of ecosystems. Each lesson includes one or more inquiry-based activities that can be performed online within the context of the lesson.

**BIOLOGY WITH VIRTUAL LABS A/B**

HSED4007/ HSED4008

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Science

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This inquiry- and virtual-lab-based course is designed to support modern science curriculum and teaching practices. It robustly meets Next Generation Science Standards for high school biology. Content topics include cells, organ systems, heredity, organization of organisms, evolution, energy use in organisms,

and the interdependence of ecosystems. Each lesson includes one or more inquiry-based activities that can be performed online within the context of the lesson. In addition, the course includes a number of virtual lab activities in which students will exercise experimental design, data analysis, and data interpretation skills while working through a simulated laboratory situation.

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**CHEMISTRY A/B** **HSED4009/ HSED4010**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Science

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This inquiry- and lab-based course is designed to support modern science curriculum and teaching practices. It robustly meets Next Generation Science Standards associated with high school chemistry along with additional concepts and standards typically included in a full-year high school chemistry course. Content topics include atoms and elements, chemical bonding, chemical reactions, quantitative chemistry, molecular-level forces, solutions, and energy and changes in matter. It also addresses additional concepts and standards typically included in a full-year high school chemistry course, including molar concentrations, acid-base reactions, advanced stoichiometry, gas laws, and organic compounds. Each lesson includes one or more inquiry-based activities that can be performed online within the context of the lesson. In addition, the course includes a significant number of hands-on lab activities.

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**EARTH SCIENCE A/B** **HSED4005/ HSED4006**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Science

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course is a study in the structure of Earth and the planet’s role in the solar system and the universe. Students will use observations, historical data, and physical evidence to describe the natural processes that occur around them and in distant space. The course covers topics such as the Sun-Earth-Moon system, plate tectonics, interactions between Earth’s subsystems, and weather and climate. Using scientific inquiry, the course prepares students to think critically and responsibly, helping them devise solutions for preserving Earth and its systems.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE A/B** **HSED4019/ HSED4020**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Science

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course is designed to introduce students to the history of environmental science in the United States, ecological interactions and succession, environmental change, adaptation, and biogeochemical cycles. Students will learn about the importance of environmental science as an interdisciplinary field. They will describe the importance of biodiversity to the survival of organisms and learn about ecological pyramids. They will discuss the effects of climate change and explore different types of adaptation. They will describe the steps of the water cycle and discuss how carbon, oxygen, nitrogen, and phosphorous cycle in the global environment.

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**PHYSICAL SCIENCE A/B** **HSED4017/ HSED4018**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Science

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This inquiry- and lab-based course is designed to support modern science curriculum and teaching practices. It robustly meets NGSS learning standards associated with middle school physical science. Content topics include structure and properties of matter, chemical reactions, forces and motion, force fields, energy, and waves.

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**PHYSICS A/B** **HSED4011/ HSED4012**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Science

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. Physics introduces students to the physics of motion and to the properties of matter, force, heat, vector, light, and sound. Students learn the history of physics from the discoveries of Galileo and Newton to those of contemporary physicists. The course focuses more on explanation than calculation and prepares students for introductory quantitative physics at the college level. Additional areas of discussion include gases and liquids, atoms, electricity, magnetism, and nuclear physics.

• *Fine Arts* •

**ART HISTORY A/B**

HS6009/HS6010

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Fine Arts

**Textbook:** *Art in Focus* (McGraw-Hill). These courses will introduce students to the building blocks of visual art: aesthetic elements and principles. The courses survey prehistoric art, as well as arts of the Mediterranean cultures, Asia and Africa. Students will learn that the evolution of our common visual vocabulary is not an irrelevant artifact of the past but rather an evolving language that we use every day. Students will understand how artists throughout human history and varied cultures have employed visual elements and principles to create unique and effective works of art.

**ARTS AND CRAFTS A/B**

HSAC01/HSAC02

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Fine Arts

**Textbook:** *Introducing Art* (McGraw-Hill). This course focuses on the elements of art and the color wheel. Students eventually progress to learning about the principles of art and how to apply them to various works of art. Students will learn about various artists and their crafts, and students will mimic some of the art styles by creating artwork of their own throughout each unit. Students will learn how to critically analyze various pieces of famous artwork. By the end of the last unit, the student will have gathered a portfolio of artwork that they will share with their instructor for evaluation.

**BASIC DRAWING**

HS6011

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Fine Arts

**Textbook:** *Draw Squad* (Touchstone). This course explores a variety of techniques, materials and visual exercises that will provide the student with a solid background for most art courses where the ability to draw is essential. Students will learn techniques to produce 120 different sketching projects while maintaining a drawing journal throughout the course.

**CARTOONING**

HS6012

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Fine Arts

**Textbook:** *Everything You've Ever Wanted to Know About Cartooning But Were Afraid to Draw* (Watson-Guptill). This course consists of a series of drawing exercises giving students the opportunity to explore the art and craft of cartooning and develop creative solutions for its many inherent challenges. The course is particularly designed for students who really enjoy drawing. Students who enroll in this course will receive an art material kit.

**INTRO TO PLAYS AND THEATER**

HS6031

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Fine Arts, Career ED

**Drama:** *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry, *Cyrano de Bergerac* by Edmond Rostand, *The Miracle Worker* by William Gibson, *Pygmalion* by George Bernard Shaw. **Film:** *Roxanne* (1987), *The Miracle Worker* (1962), *My Fair Lady* (1964). Introduction to Plays and Theater is the study of drama, a story that is written to be performed in front of an audience. In this course, students will learn the techniques involved in writing drama, including setting, plot, character development, conflict, props, play structure, dialogue, symbolism, and theme.

**VISUAL ARTS A/B**

HS6014/HS6015

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Fine Arts, Jump Start Elective

**Textbook:** *The Visual Experience* (Davis). These courses will introduce students to the following aspects of art: theory, history, criticism, and application. Students will further refine their artistic skills and use of content-specific vocabulary while gaining a deeper understanding of the role of artistic expression throughout history. Students will learn about art from a variety of cultures and gain an understanding of the ability of art to express cultural ideals, political opinions, and personal expression. At the end of this course, students will have gained a wide range of technical skills, achieved fluency in the academic vocabulary of art, obtained the ability to critique their work and that of others, and have knowledge of how they may apply their artistic skills to successful careers in the future.

• **ONLINE COURSES** •

**ART HISTORY AND APPRECIATION**

**HSED6018**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Fine Arts

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course explores the main concepts of art, expression, and creativity as it helps students answer questions such as what is art; what is creativity; and how and why people respond to art. It covers essential design principles such as emphasis, balance, and unity. Units include Art History and Culture; Western and World Art Appreciation; and Art and the Modern World.

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**DIGITAL AND INTERACTIVE MEDIA A/B**

**HSED9058/HSED9059**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Fine Arts, Elective, Jump Start Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This is an effective and comprehensive introduction to careers in the rapidly expanding world of digital art. The course covers creative and practical aspects of digital art in 15 lessons that are enhanced with online discussions and a variety of activities. Beginning with a history of digital art, the course goes on to issues of design, color, and layout. While students will experience creation of digital art, they will also learn about converting traditional art to digital formats.

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**INTRODUCTION TO VISUAL ARTS**

**HSED6016**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Fine Arts

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course is designed to enable all students at the high school level to familiarize themselves with different types of visual arts. The students will explore units in creativity and expression in art, elements of art, history of art, cultural heritage of art, drawing, printing, painting, graphic design and illustration, and multimedia.

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**MUSIC APPRECIATION**

**HSED9055**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Fine Arts

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. In Music Appreciation, students will explore the history and evolution of music, learn the elements of music and musical notations as well as the contributions of popular music artists and composers. A variety of lessons, activities, and discussions will help to develop an awareness and appreciation of music that will develop not only critical thinking skills, but life enriching skills as well.

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**PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY A/B**

**HSED6019/HSED6020**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Fine Arts

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. Few recent technical innovations have changed an industry as fundamentally as digital photography has changed everything about the way we capture our lives in the way we take, edit, store, and share pictures. The course combines 15 lessons with online discussions that promote the development of critical thinking skills as students explore digital photography as an enriching activity or a career.

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**THEATER, CINEMA, AND FILM PRODUCTION**

**HSED6017**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Fine Arts

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This one-semester course explores what goes into the making of a theater and film production. The course has 14 lessons that focus on the pre-production, production, and post-production stages of theater and film productions. Students will be introduced to theater and film as well as different genres and subgenres. They will also learn about roles and responsibilities of the cast and crew, including the director, actors, screenplay writers, set designers, wardrobe stylists and costume designers, and makeup artists. The course also covers technical aspects, such as lighting and sound. Students will also learn about the influence of the audience on theater, cinema, and film production. The course combines a variety of content types, including lessons, activities, discussions, and games to keep students engaged as they discover the world of theater, cinema, and film production.

• *Physical Education/Health* •

**HEALTH A**

HS7020

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Phys. Ed./Health

**Textbook:** *Health* (Prentice Hall). In Lifetime Wellness A, students shall be introduced to the many aspects of health, including the concept of wellness, health risks, personality, mental health, self-esteem, and expression of emotions. Students shall also be exposed to an understanding of stress, responses to stress, and stress management. Students will study family roles and changes in family structures that have occurred. Also explored in this course are human reproduction, heredity, and human development. Students will begin with lessons in the human skeletal, muscular, nervous, respiratory, and cardiovascular systems. Students shall also explore the elements of physical fitness and the design of suitable exercise programs.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION I/II/III**

HS5001/HS5012, HS5013

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Phys. Ed./Health, Elective (PE IV)

This course allows students to select activities that will familiarize them with activities suitable for lifelong recreation and physical fitness. Students must perform at least 30 minutes of an activity for it to count and no more than two hours may be claimed per day. A total of 50 hours must be performed to complete the course. As well as the hours of activity, the course requires the completion of a research report and 10 sport- or nutrition-related articles. Students must write summaries on each article. This course can only be taken once a semester.

• *ONLINE COURSES* •

**HEALTH A/B**

HSED7003/HSED7004

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Phys. Ed./Health

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This comprehensive health course provides students with essential knowledge and decision-making skills for a healthy lifestyle. Students will analyze aspects of emotional, social, and physical health and how these realms of health influence each other. Students will apply principles of health and wellness to their own lives. In addition, they will study behavior change and set goals to work on throughout the semester. Other topics of study include substance abuse, safety and injury prevention, environmental health, and consumer health.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION 1**

HSED5001

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Phys. Ed./Health

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. Physical Education 1 includes Getting Active, Improving Performance, and Lifestyle. Unit activities elevate students' self-awareness of their health and well-being while examining topics such as diet and mental health and exploring websites and other resources.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION 2**

HSED5002

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Phys. Ed./Health

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course guides students through an in-depth examination of the effects of exercise on the body. Students learn how to exercise efficiently and properly, while participating in physical activities and applying principles they've learned. Basic anatomy, biomechanics, physiology, and sports nutrition are all integral parts of this course. Throughout this course students participate in a weekly fitness program involving elements of cardio, strength, and flexibility.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION 3**

HSED5003

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Phys. Ed./Health

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course gives the student an in-depth view of physical fitness by studying subjects such as: biomechanics, nutrition, exercise programming, and exercise psychology. Students will apply what they learn by participating in a more challenging exercise requirement. Throughout this course students participate in a weekly

fitness program involving elements of cardio, strength, and flexibility.  
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• *World Language* •

• *ONLINE COURSES* •

**AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE 1 A/B**

**HSED6025/HSED6026**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: World Language

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. American Sign Language (ASL) is the third most commonly used language in North America. Course 1A will introduce students to vocabulary and simple sentences, so they can start communicating right away. Course 1B will cover more signing to introduce students to more of the language and its grammatical structures. Students will expand their vocabulary by exploring interesting topics like Deaf education and Deaf arts and culture.  
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**AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE 2 A/B**

**HSED6027/HSED6028**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: World Language

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. Explore the vocabulary students need for shopping, making purchases, and dealing with emergencies. Building upon the prior prerequisite course, students will progress their communication skills and foster their understanding of deaf culture. Students will learn about classifiers, glossing, and mouth morphemes, as well as how to give directions and descriptions. Students will learn how to tell a story and ask questions.  
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**FRENCH 1 A/B**

**HSED6009/HSED6010**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: World Language

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. These courses are based on a researched scope and sequence that covers the essential concepts of French. Class discussions provide an opportunity for discourse on specific topics in French. A key support tool is the Audio Recording Tool that enables students to learn a critical skill for French: listening and speaking. Beginning with learning personal greetings and continuing through practical communications exchanges, French 1B introduces students to the skills necessary to make the most of traveling to French-speaking countries.  
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**FRENCH 2 A/B**

**HSED6011/HSED6012**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: World Language

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. Each of these semesters is designed to build on the principles mastered in French 1 and use a combination of online curriculum, electronic learning activities, and supporting interactive activities to fully engage learners. Unit pretests, post-tests, and end-of-semester tests identify strengths and weaknesses, helping to create a more personalized and effective learning experience. As with French 1, these courses emphasize practical communication skills while also building intercultural awareness and sensitivity.  
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**GERMAN 1 A/B**

**HSED6021/HSED6022**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: World Language

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. German 1 A and B address two primary issues: providing a meaningful context that encourages learners to think in the target language as much as possible and introducing grammatical concepts without overreliance on grammatical analysis. German 1A focuses on communicating basic and practical greetings and personal information.  
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**GERMAN 2 A/B**

**HSED6023/HSED6024**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: World Language

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. German 2 A and B tap into learners' latent interest in their cultural past, present, and future. These courses employ direct-instruction approaches, including application of the target language through activities. Each unit in the course includes a predefined discussion topic. These discussions provide an opportunity for discourse on specific topics in German.  
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**SPANISH 1 A/B**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

**HSED6001/HSED6002**

Graduation Requirement: World Language

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. Spanish is the most spoken non-English language in U.S. homes, even among non-Hispanics, according to the Pew Research Center. There are overwhelming cultural, economic, and demographic reasons for students to achieve mastery of Spanish. Spanish 1A and B engage students and use a variety of activities to ensure student engagement and to promote personalized learning.

**SPANISH 2 A/B**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

**HSED6003/HSED6004**

Graduation Requirement: World Language

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. Spanish 2A and B utilize three assessment tools that are designed specifically to address communication using the target language: lesson activities, unit activities, and discussions. These tools help ensure language and concept mastery as students grow in their understanding and use of Spanish. Learning games specifically designed for language learning are used and can be accessed on a wide variety of devices.

**SPANISH 3 A/B**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

**HSED6005/HSED6006**

Graduation Requirement: World Language

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. Spanish 3A and B take a unique approach by setting the lessons in each unit in a specific Spanish-speaking locale, immersing students in the language and in a variety of Hispanic cultures and issues. For example, Unit 5 in Semester B includes a discussion of the environmental issues in Argentina. Concluding the three-year cycle of Spanish courses, Spanish 3A and B effectively combine group and individual learning and offer activities and assessments to keep students engaged and on track.

• *Electives* •

**BASIC STUDY SKILLS**

Credit: 0.5 credits

**HS1034**

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Textbook:** Student Manual. Basic Study Skills is a course designed to enhance the study skills of students. After completion of this course, students will be able to set goals for themselves, manage their time well, take effective notes, and prepare for exams. Students will also learn the vital components for a research paper (e.g. gathering resources, citing work, and proofreading) as they create one themselves.

**BUSINESS MATH**

Credit: 0.5 credits

**HS2007**

Graduation Requirement: Jump Start Elective

**Textbook:** *Mathematics with Business Applications* (McGraw-Hill). This course is designed to strengthen students' basic skills in personal and business math. Students learn how to figure income tax and comparative shop. They will learn the basics of starting and running a business and practice such real-world scenarios as paying employees, figuring insurance costs, and calculating travel expenses and training costs. Students will also learn about the costs of production and purchasing, work with sales, warehousing, distributing, and marketing devices, and handle general accounting schemes.

**CHARACTER EDUCATION**

Credit: 0.5 credits

**HS8042**

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Textbook:** *The Success Principles for Teens: How to Get Where You Are to Where You Want to Be* (HCI Teens); **Film:** *Pay It Forward* (2000). This course helps to prepare young adults for success in an increasingly complex and demanding home and work environment. It also gives them some basic principles for tackling an unknown future. Students learn about managing resources, developing a budget, planning and preparing meals and establishing a home. The course also helps students understand their relationships with other people, including the importance of developing good communication skills and a solid value system.



**COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS**

**HS30CR**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Textbook:** *Religions of the World* (Prentice Hall). This course will provide students with an introduction to the historical and philosophical foundations of the major living world religions. Students will examine theories about the origins of religions as well as explore facets that are unique to each religion. Students will discover where religious movements arose, cultural factors that influenced them, the lives of their founders, their basic teachings, their historical development, and their current status in this world.

**CONTEMPORARY COMPOSITION**

**HS1023**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Textbook:** *Writer's Inc.* (Great Source). This course will explore the realm of writing composition. Students will be exposed to a variety of essays (e.g., persuasive, expository, and descriptive), and how to write different types of letters (e.g., letters of complaint, letters to the editor). They will learn how to revise, edit, and proof every form of writing that is covered in this course. Students will also utilize their imagination and creativity by analyzing pieces of artwork and responding to their feelings. Students will also be exposed to different forms of literature and how to respond to each.

**CRITICAL LITERACY**

**HS54CL**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

Students will gain reading and writing skills through the acquisition of new thinking skills, including metacognition, active reading strategies, mind mapping, think-alouds, personal and critical oral responses and reading. The culminating projects will be a Book Talk and Book Review, as well as a Literary Autobiography, all of which will demonstrate the students' growth over the course of the class.

**DRIVER EDUCATION**

**HS80DE**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Textbook:** *Responsible Driving* (McGraw-Hill). This course covers the material listed in the Driver Education course but also includes driver awareness and safety films that cover information on automobile safety, maintenance and operation. This course provides only the in-class portion; the behind-the-wheel training must be taken in an outside program. Through this course, the student should develop a strong sense of personal and social responsibility, effective habits of cooperation and pride in high standards of performance. First aid, public safety, accident prevention, narcotics, and alcohol are all studied in relation to driver education.

**HEALTH B**

**HS7021**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Textbook:** *Health* (Prentice Hall). In Lifetime Wellness B is the use and abuse of prescription and illegal drugs. Students shall explore the body effects of alcohol and issues regarding social pressures to consume alcohol. Also studied will be the harmful effects of all tobacco products. Another area of emphasis in this course is the human immune system and its response to infectious and noninfectious diseases. Finally, this course shall conclude with lessons about environmental pollution and the healthcare system.

**HISTORY OF THE ANCIENT WORLD**

**HS8502**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Textbook:** *World Studies Ancient World* (Prentice Hall). This course explores the major civilizations of ancient history and makes connections to how their beliefs and customs affect the modern world. The class begins with prehistory and the beginnings of man and continues through to the fall of Rome. The focus of this course includes the ancient civilizations of the Fertile Crescent and Mesopotamia, Egypt and Nubia, India, China, Greece, and Rome.

**INDEPENDENT LIVING**

**HS80IL**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Textbook:** *Discovering Life Skills* (McGraw-Hill), *7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens* (Franklin Covey). This course will

examine some of the obstacles faced when living on your own. Students will face housing decisions, feeding decisions, and creating an atmosphere and life for themselves. This course will cover responsibility, making good decisions, and understanding financial and career choices. Students will learn the basics of childcare, money management, and responsible citizenry as well as easy sewing stitches and the way around a kitchen.

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**LA FOOD AND NUTRITION** **HS8021**

Credit: 0.5 credits Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective

**Textbook:** *Adventures in Food & Nutrition* (Goodheart-Willcox). This course will discuss health issues and concerns of students. Students will examine topics such as the impact and influence of food choices, and practices of good nutrition; Dietary Guidelines for Americans; the impact and importance of calories; the dangers, effects, and treatments of eating disorders; safety issues; and basic first aid in the kitchen. Students will also explore the different parts of any given recipe, which includes language and the methods of measuring out ingredients. Students will expand on the notion of creating a meal that has appeal, limited to resources available to students and the luxury of convenience foods. Students will learn smart shopping, shopping with a plan, creating a shopping list, ways to save money, reading the labels on the food products, and understanding the Universal Product Code. They will also discuss food groups and the four food groups from the Food Pyramid Guide. Students will also study the types of dairy products, cultured products, frozen dairy desserts, cheeses, and butter. Lastly, the students will discuss and explore how to buy, store, prepare, and cook meats, fish, poultry and desserts.

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**LA FOOD AND NUTRITION** **HS8033**

Credit: 0.5 credits Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective

**Textbook:** *Adventures in Food & Nutrition* (Goodheart-Willcox). This course will discuss health issues and concerns of students. Students will examine topics such as the impact and influence of food choices, and practices of good nutrition; Dietary Guidelines for Americans; the impact and importance of calories; the dangers, effects, and treatments of eating disorders; safety issues; and basic first aid in the kitchen. Students will also explore the different parts of any given recipe, which includes language and the methods of measuring out ingredients. Students will expand on the notion of creating a meal that has appeal, limited to resources available to students and the luxury of convenience foods. Students will learn smart shopping, shopping with a plan, creating a shopping list, ways to save money, reading the labels on the food products, and understanding the Universal Product Code. They will also discuss food groups and the four food groups from the Food Pyramid Guide. Students will also study the types of dairy products, cultured products, frozen dairy desserts, cheeses, and butter. Lastly, the students will discuss and explore how to buy, store, prepare, and cook meats, fish, poultry and desserts.

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**LATIN AMERICAN HISTORY** **HS30LH**

Credit: 0.5 credits Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Textbook:** *World Studies Latin America* (Prentice Hall). This course emphasizes the development of the three Latin American regions. Students will study Central America, the Caribbean, and South America. They will learn about each area's geography, culture, climate, history, and traditions. Students will cover some countries in detail and learn how political systems and ideals have shaped history.

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**MATH READINESS A/B/C/D** **HSMM01/HSMM02/HSMM03/HSMM04**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective

Math Readiness is a standards- and concepts-based modular course designed to remediate students on various levels of math standards. These modules are designed to be assigned as needed where the instructor is able to detect a deficiency with a student's particular skill set. Each module focuses on one or two math concepts and will greatly increase the student's ability to comprehend and master each concept. All work is done in the workbook, with some use of the Internet to reinforce certain concepts. Students can complete five modules per semester and can complete each module only once.

**MY MATH PATH A/B/C/D/E/F**

HS90169/HS90170/HS90171/HS90172/HS90173/HS90174

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. My Math Path is a digital course that is a part of the Edmentum Learning platform. Utilizing diagnostic data, the program creates a unique learning path that targets each student’s specific instructional level, academic needs, and growth goals. The coursework includes individualized tutorials, practice, mastery quizzes, and progress checks. Students complete a set of skills to earn a unit. The goal is to provide support and help to increase student’s math, testing, and technology skills.

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**PARENTING/CHILD DEVELOPMENT A/B**

HS8040/HS8041

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective

**Textbook:** *The Developing Child* (McGraw-Hill). Parenting and Child Development is an introduction to stages of child development and how to aid the developing child. The course begins with an introduction to child psychology, observing child development, parenting, and teen parenthood. Students will then go through a detailed step by step of the stages of childhood and adolescence. The course will end with children’s health and safety, challenges in a family, childcare and early education, and careers that deal with children.

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**PERSONAL FINANCE**

HS2030

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective

**Textbook:** *Mathematics with Business Applications* (McGraw-Hill). Students in this course will learn and apply mathematical skill to the areas of employment, banking, credit, transportation, housing, personal finance, insurance, shopping, taxes and investments. The main purpose of this course is to provide opportunities for students to develop those skills necessary to function in practical and real-life situations. This course also prepares students for success in the Business Math course.

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**PHYSICAL EDUCATION IV**

HS5014

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

This course allows students to select activities that will familiarize them with activities suitable for lifelong recreation and physical fitness. Students must perform at least 30 minutes of an activity for it to count and no more than two hours may be claimed per day. A total of 50 hours must be performed to complete the course. As well as the hours of activity, the course requires the completion of a research report and 10 sport- or nutrition-related articles. Students must write summaries on each article. This course can only be taken once a semester.

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**PRE ALGEBRA A/B**

HS2015/HS2016

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Textbook:** *Prealgebra* (Addison Wesley). Pre-Algebra A helps to build students’ foundational skills for entry into the Algebra course. Pre-Algebra A begins with a review of integers and the order of operations. Students are then introduced to variables and simple equations as well as solving application problems. Emphasis is then placed on solving problems with fractions with application to basic geometry. Pre-Algebra A concludes with solutions of decimal problems. Pre Algebra B begins with an introduction to a three-dimensional surface area (volume). Students then progress into comprehensive work with percents and measurement systems. Measurement systems are related to the various types of graphs. Pre Algebra B concludes with the product rule, power of exponents, and multiplying polynomials.

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**PSYCHOLOGY A/B**

HS3016/HS3017

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective

**Textbook:** *Understanding Psychology* (McGraw-Hill). Students taking Psychology A/B will be engaged in a rigorous course, aligned to Common Core Reading and Writing Standards for Literacy in History/Social Science, that is designed to create college- and career-ready thinkers and writers. This course is designed to teach the fundamental concepts of psychology, including the following: the history of psychology; human growth and development; mind and body; learning and memory; thinking and motivation; intelligence and personality; psychological disorders;

psychotherapy; social psychology; and careers in psychology. Students will acquire a variety of higher-order thinking skills, including critical analysis, research methods, domain-specific vocabulary, and practice in academic writing and oral exposition. Assessments will require students to go beyond simple comprehension of the assigned texts; they must show growth in their ability to analyze and evaluate information as a practicing psychologist would.

**QUEST FOR SUCCESS A/B** **HS8097/HS8098**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective

**Materials:** *Louisiana Department of Education.* Quest for Success (QFS) is an innovative, new, high school-level, career exploration course designed to prepare all Louisiana graduates for career and life success. The new course will help all students to: 1) develop essential 21st century workforce skills - the ability to communicate, collaborate, and lead; 2) explore new and exciting careers and industry sectors; and 3) learn about themselves and their interests to successfully navigate high school, postsecondary education, and career pathways. The course, to replace Louisiana’s current Journey to Careers course, was written by leading educators from across the state as part of the Louisiana Educator Voice Fellowship, a partnership between the Louisiana Department of Education and America Achieves, a national non-profit organization. The Fellowship is part of Louisiana’s comprehensive effort to improve career readiness in the state, including its hallmark Jump Start initiative.

**READING FICTION** **HS10RF**

Credit: 0.5 credits Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective

**Novels:** *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger, *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin, *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone* by J.K. Rowling, *House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer, *The Halloween Tree* by Ray Bradbury. In this course students will read five novels. Each unit will look at the important events in the novel that shape the characters, theme, and setting. Students will also relate the themes of the novels to their lives.

**SPEECH IA/B** **SGI11100/SGI11101**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective

In this course, students will learn to: initiate and participate effectively in group discussions. Students will learn how to propel conversations by clarifying, verifying, or challenging ideas and conclusion; respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives; engage in effective and clear oral, written, and digital communication; evaluate the reasoning and evidence a speaker uses; use digital media to demonstrate understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence; adapt their speech to a variety of audiences; and, use textual evidence to support their ideas Incorporate appropriate vocabulary into various modes of communication. Students will show mastery of these skills through a variety of reading, writing, speaking, and listening activities.

**SPEECH IIA/B** **SGI11110/SGI11111**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective

In this course, students will learn to: initiate and participate effectively in group discussions. Students will learn how to propel conversations by clarifying, verifying, or challenging ideas and conclusion; respond thoughtfully to diverse perspectives; engage in effective and clear oral, written, and digital communication; evaluate the reasoning and evidence a speaker uses; use digital media to demonstrate understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence; adapt their speech to a variety of audiences; and, use textual evidence to support their ideas Incorporate appropriate vocabulary into various modes of communication. Students will show mastery of these skills through a variety of reading, writing, speaking, and listening activities.

**STUDENT COUNCIL A/B** **HS9025/HS9026**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective

This course is designed to help engage students into becoming respectable leaders in and out of the school community. Students are guided in the exploration to many opportunities of community service in the city. Students are instructed on the fundamentals of personal values, responsibility, leadership, teamwork, meeting etiquette, activity planning, and more.

• **ONLINE COURSES** •

**ACT TEST PREP**

**HSED9064**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective,

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. The ACT assesses high school students' general educational development and their ability to complete college-level work. This course prepares students to take the test by learning the content ideas they will be tested on. This course may include content from two or more of the following sections: English, mathematics, reading, and science.

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**AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES**

**HSED9119**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. African American Studies traces the experiences of Africans in the Americas from 1500 to the present day. In this course, students will explore history, politics, and culture. Although the course proceeds in chronological order, lessons are also grouped by themes and trends in African American history.

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**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

**HSED9166**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course is a single-semester course that explains the evolution of Artificial Intelligence and its scope in the future. This course also describes how Artificial Intelligence is used in fields such as games, speech recognition, and computer vision. In this course, students will learn about different types of intelligent agents and their environments. Students will also learn how to formulate problems and represent knowledge. The course Artificial Intelligence also covers the concepts of machine learning, natural language processing, expert systems, and robots. Students will also learn about the ethics and safety issues related to artificial intelligence.

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**BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS**

**HSED9139/HSED9140**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. Business Communications is designed to strengthen student's ability to read and write in the workplace. The course first introduces the business writing process. Then, students will learn about writing emails and instant messages, as well as examine the role that digital media plays in business. The last units cover how to format and write specific types of business messages.

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**CAREER EXPLORATIONS**

**HSED9127**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. Covering such essentials as developing and practicing a strong work ethic, time management, communication, teamwork, and the fundamentals of workplace organizations, Career Explorations develops not just essential skills, but the confidence in themselves and their abilities to present themselves that students need as they prepare to embark on their chosen careers.

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**CONSUMER MATHEMATICS**

**HSED9138**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course explains how four basic mathematical operations – addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division – can be used to solve real-life problems. It addresses practical applications for math, such as wages, taxes, money management, and interest and credit.

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**CREATIVE WRITING**

**HSED9053**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course is designed to get students to pursue creative writing as a vocation or as a hobby. To that purpose, it exposes them to different genres and techniques of creative writing, as well as the key elements (such as plot and characterization in fiction) in each genre. Great creative writing does not come merely by reading about the craft—one also needs ideas; a process for planning, drafting and revising; and the opportunity to experiment with different forms and genres. The lesson tutorials in this course familiarize students with the basic structure and elements of different types or genres of writing. The course is based on Career and Technical Education

(CTE) standards designed to help students prepare for entry into a wide range of careers in creative writing fields.

**DRAFTING AND DESIGN A/B**

HSED9155/HSED9156

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. In semester A, the course is designed to help students familiarize themselves with various aspects of drafting and design. This course covers the fundamental concepts of drafting and design, types of drafting tools, drafting conventions, sketching, and drawing techniques, types of views and projections, and basic computer-aided design and drafting (CADD) operations. In semester B, the course is designed to continue to familiarize students with various aspects of drafting and design. It covers design and development of a prototype, different types of drawings and views, advanced computer-aided design and drafting (CADD) operations, and key professional and personal skills that are helpful in having a successful career in the field of drafting and design.

**ENGLISH FOUNDATIONS 1/2**

HSED9060/HSED9061/HSED9062/HSED9063

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course provides a strong foundation in grammar and the writing process. It emphasizes simple but useful composition and language mechanics strategies with multiple opportunities for modeling practical, real-world writing situations that will enable students to improve their written communication skills quickly. Through a variety of grade-appropriate reading selections, students develop a clear understanding of key literary genres and their distinguishing characteristics.

**GAME DEVELOPMENT**

HSED9038

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective, Career Ed

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This elective course is intended as a practical, hands-on guide to help students understand the process of game development. By the end of this course, students will have reviewed the history of video games and the early devices used to play games. Increased awareness about game and player goals, game genres, player motivations, and player demographics. Students will understand the use of story elements in video games, character development, game-play challenges and strategies, and level design. Students will explore the various components of game interfaces, game audio, and mobile and social gaming. Students will experience increased awareness of the phases of production and role of management in game development and methods used for marketing games. Students will identify and evaluate different careers in the video game industry. Students will analyze the existing trends and possible directions in video gaming.

**GOTHIC LITERATURE**

HSED9167

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course explores different conventions, themes and elements of Gothic literature through the analysis of representative literary works, such as Emily Dickinson’s poems about mortality and spirituality Robert Luis Stevenson’s classic Gothic novella Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, Edgar Allen Poe’s Gothic short stories, Bram Stoker’s Dracula, Robert Browning’s Gothic poems, Percy Bysshe Shelley’s Gothic drama, The Cenci, Marry Shelley’s classic Gothic novel, Frankenstein, Gothic parodies and Gothic subgenres, and modern Gothic literature.

**INTRODUCTION TO ANTHROPOLOGY**

HSED9027

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. In this course students will explore the evolution of anthropology as a distinct discipline; learn about anthropological terms, concepts and theories; and discuss the evolution of humans and human society and culture. Students will also learn about social institutions, such as marriage, economy, religion, and polity.

**INTRODUCTION TO ARCHAEOLOGY**

HSED9025

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course covers subject areas such as: history of modern archaeology, discoveries in archaeology, careers in archaeology, research techniques, evidence, site excavation, and many more.

**INTRODUCTION TO ASTRONOMY**

**HSED9026**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. Introduction to Astronomy is a one-semester course with 17 lessons that cover a wide range of topics, such as the solar system, planets, stars, asteroids, comets, galaxies, space exploration, and theories of cosmology.

**INTRODUCTION TO FORENSIC SCIENCE**

**HSED9022**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course is designed to introduce students to the importance and limitations of forensic science and explore different career options in this field. They also learn to process a crime scene, collect and preserve evidence, and analyze biological evidence such as fingerprints, blood spatter, and DNA samples. Moreover, they learn to determine the time and cause of death in homicides and analyze ballistic evidence and human remains in a crime scene. Finally, they learn about forensic investigative methods related to arson, computer crimes, financial crimes, frauds, and forgeries.

**INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL MEDIA**

**HSED9012**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This cutting-edge course develops social media skills and knowledge that will have a practical and positive impact in helping students succeed in today’s economy. Online discussions are a critical aspect of creating a collaborative learning environment, while games and other interactions ensure engagement and promote a strong career orientation.

**INTRODUCTION TO WORLD RELIGIONS**

**HSED9168**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This one-semester course is intended to help students understand the origin, beliefs, and practices related to various world religions.

**INTRODUCTORY ALGEBRA A/B**

**HSED2011/HSED2012**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course is designed to enable students develop a deep understanding of math objectives and leaves students ready for algebra. The first semester covers objectives in transformations, linear equations, systems of equations, and functions. The second semester focuses on scientific notation, roots, the Pythagorean Theorem and volume, and statistics and probability. The course is based on the Common Core State Standards Initiative and on a modern understanding of student learning in mathematics.

**LITERACY ADVANCEMENT**

**HSES274/HSES275**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Course Provider:** Achieve3000®. Literacy Advancement is a class that utilizes the TeenBiz3000 program that offers differentiated instruction tailored to each student’s Lexile reading level to improve their core literacy skills and content-area knowledge. Students follow a simple 5-Step Literacy Routine that improves vocabulary, comprehension, and reading fluency as well as writing skills. During the Literacy Routine, students receive reading materials and follow-up activities that are precisely matched to their learning abilities. Each one of the five steps will aid in enhancing essay writing skills while incorporating the use of technology. The goal is to provide support and help to increase literacy skills and comprehension, test-taking skills, and technology skills.

**MYTHOLOGY AND FOLKLORE**

**HSED9169**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course is intended for students to familiarize themselves with various myths, legends, and folklore from around the world. In Mythology and Folklore, students will describe myths related to the creation of the world, the natural elements, and the destruction of the world. Students will identify the main characters of various dynastic dramas, love myths, and epic legends and describe their journeys. Students will trace the evolution

of folklore and describe folktales from around the world.

**NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES A/B**

**HSED9029/HSED9030**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course provides historical perspectives and a comprehensive understanding of the roots of Native American culture. The topics addressed include an exploration of the Native American history in the arctic and subarctic, various regions of the United States, and the development of Native American life.

**PSYCHOLOGY A/B**

**HSED9007/HSED9008**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course gives students an overview of the history of psychology while also giving them the resources to explore career opportunities in the field. Students will learn how psychologists develop and validate theories and will examine how hereditary, social, and cultural factors help form an individual’s behavior and attitudes. Students will also evaluate the effectiveness of different types of psychological counseling and therapy. Highly interactive content includes online discussions that help develop critical thinking skills.

**REVOLUTIONARY IDEAS IN SCIENCE**

**HSED9170**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course is a guide to help students understand the history of science from prehistoric to modern times. Students will learn about inventions and discoveries in various fields of science, such as physics, chemistry, biology, genetics, computer science, Earth sciences, and astronomy.

**SAT TEST PREP**

**HSED9103**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. The SAT assesses academic readiness for college. It keeps pace with what colleges are looking for today, measuring the skills required for success in the 21st century. This course prepares students to take the test by learning the reading content ideas they will be tested on.

**SOCIAL ISSUES**

**HSED9032**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. Because the specifics of social issues change rapidly, this course is designed to have students discover contemporary and relevant perspectives on issues that may have been around for centuries. Students engage in significant research and each lesson ends with an essay assignment that encourages students to express their opinions. Topics include media, government, civil liberties, poverty, terrorism, crime, the environment, etc.

**SOCIOLOGY**

**HSED9016**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. In this course, students will explore the evolution of sociology as a distinct discipline while learning about sociological concepts and processes. They will learn how the individual relates to and impacts society. Students will also learn about the influence of culture, social structure, socialization, and social change on themselves and others. The course combines a variety of content types, including lessons, activities, discussions, and games to engage learners as they discover sociology as a subject and as a career.

**TECHNICAL WRITING**

**HSED9181/HSED9172**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. Technical Writing A Introduces the field of technical writing. In the first unit, students will explore what technical writing is, who it’s for, and what its purpose is. Next, they’ll learn about fundamental writing skills and their importance to the field of technical writing. Then they will be introduced to each step in the technical writing process. Technical Writing, Semester B, is designed to deepen student’s knowledge of the field of technical writing. The first unit focuses on analyzing and summarizing technical information for both professionals and laypeople. Then the course discusses the importance of design and visual aids in technical writing. The third unit familiarizes students with the types of documentation that technical writers create for end users. The last two units will



help them identify and prepare for careers in the field of technical writing.

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**WOMEN’S STUDIES** **HSED9106**

Credit: 0.5 credits Graduation Requirement: Elective  
**Course Provider:** Edmentum. Women’s Studies is a one-semester course with 14 lessons that introduce students to women’s studies, gender studies, and gender roles. The course traces the history of feminism, analyzes feminist theories, and examines intersectionality. Students will learn about social and political movements for the rights of women and other vulnerable groups.

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**• Career-Focused Electives •**

**• ONLINE COURSES •**

**ACCOUNTING A/B** **HSED9089/HSED9090**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective  
**Course Provider:** Edmentum. The Bureau of Labor Statistics identifies accounting as one of the best careers for job growth in the next decade. This course empowers students with the essential skills they need to understand accounting basics. Lessons include account types (assets, liabilities, expenses, etc.), fundamentals of bookkeeping, financial statements, and careers in accounting. Engaging and relevant, this course particularly helps both those students with an accounting career orientation and those in need of an overview of essential accounting principles.

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**APPLIED MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY A/B** **HSED9081/HSED9082**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective  
**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course helps students understand the structure and meaning of medical terms and identify medical terminology associated with various body systems. As the healthcare industry becomes more and more complex, developing expertise in accurately and efficiently identifying medical terms and their specific application is essential to a growing variety of healthcare careers. This course begins to prepare students for those careers.

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**AUDIO VIDEO PRODUCTION 1** **HSED9142/HSED9143**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective  
**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course is designed to enable all students at the high school level to learn the basics of audio video production. The course will help students develop an understanding of the industry with a focus on pre-production, production, and post-production audio and video activities. The course is based on Career and Technical Education (CTE) standards designed to help students develop technical knowledge and skills needed for success in the audio video production industry.

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**AUDIO VIDEO PRODUCTION 2** **HSED9144/HSED9145**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective  
**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course is designed to enable all students to learn the basics of audio video production. The course will help students develop an understanding of the industry with a focus on pre-production, production, and post-production audio and video activities. The course is based on Career and Technical Education (CTE) standards designed to help students develop technical knowledge and skills needed for success in the audio video production industry.

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**AUDIO VIDEO PRODUCTION 3** **HSED9146/HSED9147**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective  
**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course is designed to enable all students to learn the basics of audio video production. The course will help students develop an understanding of the industry with a focus on pre-production, production, and post-production audio and video activities. The course is based on Career and Technical Education (CTE) standards designed to help students develop technical knowledge and skills needed for success in the audio video

production industry.

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**BUSINESS INFORMATION MANAGEMENT** **HSED9148/HSED9149**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective  
**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course is intended as a practical, hands-on guide to help students understand the basic computer skills required during their college education and when pursuing a career. This course will cover the needs for technology in business organizations and how businesses use hardware, software, Internet, and emerging technologies. This course also covers productivity applications such as word processing software and spreadsheet software.

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**BUSINESS, MARKETING, AND FINANCE A/B** **HSED9096/HSED9097**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective  
**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course has a broad application for almost every career path that students might choose. This course supplies both essential career skills and life skills. Interactive games and other engaging online and offline activities make practical real-life application of essential business principles understandable and useful in the daily lives of students and in the careers that they choose.

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**CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE A/B** **HSED9079/HSED9080**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective  
**Course Provider:** Edmentum. The course is designed to enable students to learn the key skills and information that they need to work as certified nurse aides. The course will help students develop an understanding of the human body, physical and nutritional needs, mental health needs and teach them to provide culturally competent and quality care to clients in a safe and healthy environment. The course is based on the NNAAP Exam syllabus and is designed to prepare students to take the exam and become certified nurse aides.

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**COMP TIA A+ WITH EXAM PREP 1** **HSED9071**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective  
**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course is focused on the exam objectives of CompTIA A+ 220-901. Students will learn about computer hardware and networking. Students will learn about mobile devices and their features. Students will learn how to identify and troubleshoot problems related to hardware, networking, printers, storage devices, and mobile devices. Unit activities in the course help students to develop and apply critical thinking skills.

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**COMP TIA A+ WITH EXAM PREP 2** **HSED9072**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective  
**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course is focused on the exam objectives of CompTIA A+ 220-902. Students will learn about Windows operating system and mobile operating systems. Students will learn about security, cloud computing, and operational procedures. Students will also learn how to identify and troubleshoot problems related to Windows operating system, security, and mobile operating systems. Unit activities in the course help students to develop and apply critical thinking skills.

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**COMP TIA NETWORK+ CERTIFICATION (N10-007) A/B** **HSED9176/HSED9177**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective  
**Course Provider:** Edmentum. Semester A covers the objectives of the CompTIA Network+ Certification (N10-007) exam. This course begins by describing networking concepts such as network topologies, protocols, Internet Protocol (IP) addressing, switching, and routing. Students will describe wireless technologies, visualization, cloud computing, and network services. Students will also describe network cables and connectors, network devices, and network storage technologies. Semester B covers the objectives of the CompTIA Network+ Certification (N10-007) exam. This course begins by describing network documentation and best practices. Students will describe network monitoring tools and remote access methods. Students will explain business continuity and disaster recovery methods. Students will describe the methods to secure a wireless network. Students will describe the types of network attacks. Students will identify various device hardening and mitigation techniques. Students will describe troubleshooting methodology and tools. Students will explain how to troubleshoot wired and wireless connections and network service problems.

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**COMPUTER PROGRAMMING 1 A/B** **HSED9075/HSED9076**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective  
**Course Provider:** Edmentum. Computer Programming combines engaging online and offline activities in a rigorous one-semester course for high school students who may be aspiring to technical careers. Building on lessons covering the software development life cycle and software development methodologies, the course uses online discussions, activities, and lessons to lead students through additional key topics such as quality control, system implementation, and maintenance and the increasingly important issue of system security.

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**CRIMINAL JUSTICE** **HS3030**

Credit: 0.5 credits Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective  
**Textbook:** *Criminal Justice Today* (Prentice Hall). Students will study the criminal justice system in America and its three basic components: police, courts, and corrections. The course begins with examining the concept of justice and how this ideal relates to the everyday practice of criminal justice in the United States today. Students will then explore the history, the activities, and the legal environment surrounding the police. Students then build upon what they have learned by understanding the court, prisons, probation, and parole. Throughout these units students will be exposed to concepts that will allow them to come away from the course with a more informed position on criminal justice topics. This course will benefit those interested in pursuing a criminal justice career or simply responding as more informed citizens.

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**CULINARY ARTS** **HSED9002/HSED9003**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective/Jump Start Elective  
**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course is designed to enable all students at the high school level to learn the basics of culinary arts. Students will trace the origin and development of the culinary arts; they will also discuss important contributions made by chefs, notable culinary figures, and entrepreneurs. They'll analyze how trends in society influence trends in the food service industry. In addition, they'll examine the social and economic significance of the food service industry and cover topics in health, sanitation, culinary skills, and more. The course is based on Career and Technical Education (CTE) standards designed to help students prepare for entry into a wide range of careers in the culinary industry.

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**ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS** **HSED9094**

Credit: 0.5 credits Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective  
**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course is based on Career and Technical Education (CTE) standards to help students prepare for entry into a wide range of careers and/or into postsecondary education. It is designed to enable students to develop electronic communication skills that they can use in their careers. This course covers the accounting functions of different business types and the specialized accounting tasks related to them. It also covers the essentials interpersonal and workplace skills required as a professional in this field.

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**ENTREPRENEURSHIP A/B** **HSED9051/HSED9052**

Credit: 0.5 credits Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective  
**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course is based on Career Technical Education (CTE) standards designed to help students understand the roles and attributes of an entrepreneur, marketing and its components, selling process, and operations management. This course discusses entrepreneurship and the economy, marketing fundamentals, managing customers, production and operations management, money, and business law and taxation.

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**ESSENTIAL CAREER SKILLS** **HSED9033**

Credit: 0.5 credits Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective  
**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course helps students understand and practice critical life and workplace readiness skills identified by employers, state boards of education, and Advance CTE. These skills include personal characteristics, such as positive work ethic, integrity, self-representation, and resourcefulness, as well as key people skills, communication skills, and broadly-applicable professional and technical skills. These skills are universally valuable but sometimes assumed or glossed over in more career-specific courses. For that reason, this provides students with a solid foundation in their career studies.

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**FOOD HANDLER AND FOOD MANAGER CERTIFICATIONS** **HSED9178**

Credit: 0.5 credits Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective  
**Course Provider:** Edmentum. Course Provider: Edmentum. This course is designed to help students learn what they need to know to be successful in competency examinations for certified food handlers and food managers. The five units of the course arm students with the knowledge and skills to provide safe food to customers as food handler of food manager.

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**FOUNDATIONS OF GREEN ENERGY A/B** **HSED9171/HSED9172**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective  
**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This two-semester course designed to help students learn about the science, technologies, and careers in the rapidly growing and evolving energy industry, with special emphasis on electrical energy and new emerging energy technologies. The course is designed to address state standards related to STEM studies in energy. The course content is aligned to the Energy Industry Fundamentals Certificate Program (EIFCP) standards developed by the Center for Energy Workforce Development (CEWD).

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**FUNDAMENTALS OF MULTIMEDIA** **HS90124**

Credit: 0.5 credits Graduation Requirement: Jump Start Elective  
**Materials:** *Course website of [fyitm.weebly.com](http://fyitm.weebly.com).* This course offers students a comprehensive, interactive tour of multimedia design skills. Students will be able to use these skills immediately in both their school work and daily lives. Developing a foundation in multimedia design will help students should they seek more advanced courses in graphic design.

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**HEALTH SCIENCES 1 A/B** **HSED9083/HSED9084**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective  
**Course Provider:** Edmentum. The course is based on Career and Technical Education (CTE) standards to help students develop technical knowledge and skills needed for success in the health science industry. Semester A is designed to enable all students to understand the basic structure and function of the human body, identify and analyze the diseases and medical procedures related to each body system. Semester B will help students develop an understanding of biomolecules such as proteins, carbohydrates, and lipids; biological and chemical processes; and various diseases that affect the body.

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**HEALTH SCIENCES 2 A/B** **HSED9085/HSED9086**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective  
**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course is designed to enable all students to learn the basics of health science. The course will help the students develop an understanding of the academic qualifications, personal skills, training, and use of healthcare tools required to work in the healthcare industry. The course is based on Career and Technical Education (CTE) standards to help students develop technical knowledge and skills needed for success in the healthcare industry.

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**INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS** **HSED9095**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective  
**Course Provider:** Edmentum. International Business is a one-semester course that covers the fundamentals of international business, international business transactions, and how a business can go global. In this course, students will learn about what international business is and how globalization has impacted it. They will learn about global trade and investment policies as well as politics and laws that impact international business. Students will also learn about the International Monetary Fund, foreign exchange and global capital markets, key world economies, and economic cooperation across countries. The course also covers strategies to enter the international market along with factors like strategic planning, marketing, global sourcing, and logistics, human resource management, and employability skills. Students also learn about the cultural elements involved in conducting international business. Online discussions and course activities require students to develop and apply critical thinking skills, while the included games appeal to a variety of learning styles and keep students engaged.

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**INTRODUCTION TO FINANCE**

**HSED9141**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course is intended to help familiarize students with the basic and essential concepts of finance. This course will cover the fundamental concepts of finance, including the importance of finances and financial planning in personal life and business, ways to manage finances, different investment strategies, and various career options available in the field of finance.

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**INTRODUCTION TO MILITARY CAREERS**

**HSED9031**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This one-semester course introduces the U.S. military and describes each of its branches, which include the National Guard, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Air Force. Students also learn about the relationship of the military reserve to the branches of the military. The course covers non-combat careers in the military, such as military intelligence, information technology, healthcare, legal services, logistics, aviation, and transportation, and other specialized careers. This course also covers enlistment and fitness requirements for military careers and personal traits that are essential for success in the military.

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**INTRODUCTION TO VETERINARY SCIENCE**

**HSED9028**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course is designed to introduce students to the fundamentals of veterinary science, measures to control diseases in animals, and the impact of toxins and poisons on animal health. Students will explore the history of veterinary science and the skills and requirements for a successful career in the veterinary industry.

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**MARKETING, ADVERTISING, AND SALES**

**HSED9093**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. Issues in marketing, advertising, and sales promotion are evolving rapidly in an increasingly digital environment. This course effectively helps your students prepare for a career in that environment through a comprehensive look at essential marketing principles, interactive tools and channels, and the growing impact of data in marketing and advertising. Simple to manage and easy to customize, the course provides an overview of all of the fundamental topics necessary to effectively put your students on a career path that unleashes their creativity and develops and leverages their critical thinking skills.

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**NETWORKING FUNDAMENTALS A/B**

**HSED9173/HSED9174**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester

Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. Semester A introduces students to careers in networking. Students will describe types of networks, network topologies, software-defined networking, private and public networks, as well as intranets and extranets. Students will also learn about the Internet of Things (IOT) technologies. Students will learn about networking models, networking protocols, IP addresses, and subnetting. Students will identify networking devices, cables, media and connectors. Students will learn to install a network operating system and set up a wired network. Finally, students will identify common network security threats and preventative measures to secure a network. Semester B focuses on network planning, administration, troubleshooting, and maintenance. Students will learn about the different phases of project management and identify important skills needed to manage a project. Students will set up a secure wireless network and learn about virtual private networks and cloud computing. Students will learn to troubleshoot issues related to wired and wireless networks.

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**NUTRITION AND WELLNESS LA**

**HSED9024**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course will cover basic knowledge about nutrition and wellness such as basic concepts of nutrition, the digestive and metabolic processes, nutrient requirements, dietary guidelines, importance of physical fitness, community health issues, food management, and careers in the field of nutrition and wellness. You will submit the Unit Activity documents to your teacher, and you will grade your work in the Lesson Activities by comparing them with given sample responses. The Unit Activities (submitted to the teacher) and the Lesson Activities (self-

checked) are the major components of this course. There are other assessment components, namely the mastery test questions that feature along with the lesson; the pre- and post-test questions that come at the beginning and end of the unit and an end-of-semester test. All these tests are a combination of simple multiple-choice questions and technology enhanced (TE) questions.

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**PRINCIPLES OF AGRICULTURE A/B** **HSED9132/HSED9133**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective  
**Course Provider:** Edmentum. Students will learn about some topics related to agriculture, such as international agriculture and world trade, sustainability, environmental management, research, development, and future trends in the industry. The course helps students navigate the rising demand for sustainable food sources while also meeting the challenge of producing higher yields to feed a growing world.

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**PRINCIPLES OF EDUCATION & TRAINING A/B** **HSED9159/HSED9160**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective  
**Course Provider:** Edmentum. Semester A is intended to help students familiarize themselves with career opportunities in the education and training career cluster. This course covers career opportunities in the three pathways in education and training cluster- administration, education, and professional support. In addition, the course covers personal and professional skills that are necessary for a career in the field. Semester B is intended to help familiarize students with teaching strategies as well as the importance of child growth and development for educators. This course explains child development, health, nutrition, and safety requirements for children. In addition, the course covers teaching strategies as well as technologies that can aid teachers.

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**PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION A/B** **HSED9161/  
HSED9162**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective  
**Course Provider:** Edmentum. Semester A is intended to help with the foundations and functioning of governmental functions within the United States. This course covers the history and development of the U.S. Constitution and the functions of government and public administration in the United States. Semester B is intended to help students understand the personal, professional, and technological skills required by professionals working in the field of government and public administration. This course covers career opportunities in the field of government and public administration and the necessary interpersonal and technological skills required at the workplace. It also covers the role and impact of geography, science and technology on governmental and public administrative functions.

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**PRINCIPLES OF HEALTH SCIENCE A/B** **HSED9087/HSED9088**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective  
**Course Provider:** Edmentum. With an engaging and interactive instructional approach, this rigorous course provides your students with a comprehensive overview of health science topics and careers. Health science professionals are in increasing demand and of increasing interest, and this course is an effective way to introduce students to the wide array of health science careers. Beginning with medical terminology, the course includes an overview of physiology, human homeostasis, and more.

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**PRINCIPLES OF HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM A/B** **HSED9043/HSED9044**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective  
**Course Provider:** Edmentum. The hospitality and tourism industry offers a dynamic career path that will pique the interest of students. This course emphasizes learning the practical aspects of the industry and promotes the development of critical-thinking skills required in real-world situations.

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**PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN SERVICES A/B** **HSED9128/HSED9129**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective  
**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course is designed to enable students to develop the critical skills and knowledge necessary in the human services industry. Students will learn about various personal characteristics that they need to demonstrate in the workplace, such as integrity and positive work ethics. This course covers topics such as employability

skills, counseling and mental health services, and consumer services.

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**PRINCIPLES OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY A/B** **HSED9077/HSED9078**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. Building on the fundamentals learned in Information Technology 1A, this course takes the next steps in preparing learners for a career in information technology. Covering software, hardware, and implementation topics, the course also addresses the security and ethical issues that students will face in an IT career. Combining lessons, online and offline activities, and interactive discussions, the course will provide a practical yet cutting-edge look at the issues faced by leading IT professionals today and in the future.

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**PRINCIPLES OF LAW AND CORRECTIONS A/B** **HSED9130/HSED9131**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. From criminal law to every phase of the trial process, the course moves on to include lessons on the correctional system and the implications of legal ethics and the Constitution.

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**PRINCIPLES OF LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY, CORRECTIONS, & SECURITY A/B** **HSED9163/HSED9164**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. Semester A is intended as a practical, hands-on guide to help students understand the functioning of law enforcement agencies, courts, the correctional system, and security and emergency agencies. This course covers the history and development of criminal law in the United States, court procedures, the role of law enforcement agencies and private security in public safety, and the role of firefighters and emergency responders. It also covers the ethical and legal responsibilities and working conditions in law enforcement and security. Semester B is intended as a practical, hands-on guide to help students understand the personal, professional, and technological skills required by professionals working in the field of law, public safety, corrections, and security. This course covers communication skills, math skills, and work ethics. It also covers job acquisition skills, career advancement skills, and other important professional skills and qualities required at the workplace.

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**PRINCIPLES OF MANUFACTURING A/B** **HSED9116/HSED9117**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. Principles of Manufacturing helps students understand various manufacturing processes, concepts, and systems and introduces them to the various career paths available to them in manufacturing. This course emphasizes STEM principles while also covering practical aspects of manufacturing such as marketing and regulatory issues, as well as issues related to launching and managing a manufacturing business.

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**PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATIONS** **HSED9165**

Credit: 0.5 credits Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This one-semester course is intended as a practical, hands-on guide to help students familiarize with the communication skills required in a profession. This course covers the communication overview including the communication process, elements of effective communication, and barriers to communication. This course familiarizes students with reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills needed for general communication. Professional communications also familiarizes students with communication skills required in business organizations. These skills equip students with the ability to appear for job interviews, participate in group discussions, and solve workplace problems. Students will also learn about the use of technology in communication.

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**ROBOTICS** **HSED9179/HSED9180**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective

**Course Provider:** Edmentum. Semester A explains various concepts related to robotics. This course begins by describing the evolution and applications of robotics. This course helps identify career opportunities and important employability skills in robotics. Students will apply safety procedures and construct a simple robot. Semester B addresses more advanced concepts related to robotics. This course begins by describing the importance of project management in the success of a project. Students will describe the steps of the engineering design process. Students will identify the use of

software to control robots. Students will create a robotic arm. They will describe the ethics and laws related to robotics. Students will create a robot using programming. This course covers how to test and maintain a robotic system. This course also covers how to create and present a proposal for a robot.

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**SPORTS AND ENTERPRISE MARKETING** **HSED9047**

Credit: 0.5 credits Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective  
**Course Provider:** Edmentum. This course is designed to enable all students to develop skills they will need to be successful in sports, entertainment, and recreational marketing professions. Students learn about the structure of a business firm and financial statements. Students also learn about the basics of sports, entertainment, and recreation marketing. Finally, students explore essential career skills such as teamwork and time management. This course covers topics such as marketing staples, mapping markets, marketing communication, and making the sale.

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**TRANSPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION, & LOGISTICS** **HSED9098/HSED9099**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective  
**Course Provider:** Edmentum. In an increasingly interconnected world, this course will introduce your students to an industry that delivers what people want, when and how they want it. The TDL industry is essential to creating global economic growth through increasingly more efficient delivery of goods and services. This course will help to develop both the quantitative and qualitative skills and knowledge required for students to prepare themselves for a successful TDL career. The course addresses the relevant logistical and geopolitical issues that impact global trade.

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**WEB TECHNOLOGIES A/B** **HSED9073/HSED9074**

Credit: 0.5 credits each semester Graduation Requirement: Elective, Jump Start Elective  
**Course Provider:** Edmentum. Whether they know it or not, almost all students have an interest in web design. This course takes them inside the essentials of web design and helps them discover what makes a site truly engaging and interactive. Lessons such as elements of design, effects of color, and typography help them understand the elements of effective and dynamic web design. The course covers the basics of HTML, CSS, and how to organize content and helps to prepare them for a career in web design.

**• Pathways Trips •**

*Students may be required to attend a small group instruction class while taking any of the following classes.  
 All classes may not be offered each semester.*

**PATHWAYS: BLACK HISTORY AND CULTURE** **HS90197**

Credit: 0.5 credits Graduation Requirement: Elective  
 In this Pathways Black History and Culture tour, students will explore multiple southern states and learn about black history from slavery till present day. Through the student’s exploration of museums, historical sites, worksheets, workshops, and special speakers, group discussion/assignments, Pathways Black History and Culture Tour will allow students the opportunity to understand and explore the history of the black culture and the connection with current day events.

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**PATHWAYS: CAREER EXPLORATION AT BLACKBIRD FARM** **HS9097**

Credit: 0.5 credits Graduation Requirement: Elective  
 Students will learn about multiple careers in the fields of construction, engineering, animal husbandry, marketing, farming, and design. Students will be able to communicate and set personal goals. Students will reflect and be able to connect personal strengths to career opportunities in various career industries.



**PATHWAYS: CHINA**

**HS90106**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

In this Pathways China Program, students will be fully immersed in the Chinese culture as they explore multiple cities within China. This program will be a mixture of tours led by highly qualified guides and hands-on activities. During this trip, the students will participate in a variety of activities such as, but not limited to, individual and group team building, leadership development activities, historical and cultural tours, interactions/activities with people of different cultures and backgrounds and self-reflections.

**PATHWAYS: CSI**

**HS90144**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

In this Pathways: CSI program, students will be exploring and learning about the history and significance of forensic science field. The class will be a balanced mixture of social emotional learning, hands-on science labs and discussions/lectures from experts in the field. During the program, the students will participate in a variety of activities such as, but not limited to, individual and group team building, science labs (fingerprint analysis, blood splatter analysis, body decay analysis, etc.) local tours/excursions related to the forensic science field (morgue, police department, labs, etc.), lectures from forensic science professionals (detectives, arson experts, dentistry), self-reflections, CSI job exploration, museum visits and related tours/activities.

**PATHWAYS: CUBA**

**HS9047**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

Students will explore Cuban culture, politics and history and compare and contrast the Cuban lifestyle with that of life in the U.S.

**PATHWAYS: ITALY**

**HS9050**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

Students will explore Italian history and culture, exploring contextual clues found in architecture, crafts and music and lifestyle.

**PATHWAYS: RMPR LEADERSHIP**

**HS8060**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

The objective of the Rocky Mountain Pathways Work Study Program is to facilitate learning through experiencing life on a ranch. The topics covered include Native American history and traditions, animals of the ranch and Colorado and history and landscape of Colorado. The skills developed include work and post-secondary skills, team building, and problem-solving. This is accomplished through participation in work on the ranch, academic work, and experiential activities. Additionally, students will leave with the understanding of being a part of a community, their personal leadership, and a greater awareness of nature.

**PATHWAYS: WASHINGTON D.C.**

**HS90125**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

In this Pathways Washington, D.C. program, students will explore our nation's capitol. During the trip, students will visit various historical and influential sites while learning about the impact D.C. has had on our nation's past and present and the impact it can have on our future. Students will partake in tours and visit monuments, museums and government buildings to learn about our government processes and identify how they can create their own impact on the world they live in.

• **ONLINE COURSES** •

**PATHWAYS: VIRTUAL COLLEGE TOUR**

**HS90162**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

In this Virtual Pathways College Tour course, students will virtually explore college campuses, admissions and financial aid options. Through various online tours, worksheets, workshops attended, and group assignments, Pathways: College Tour allows students to map their future after high school graduation.

**PATHWAYS: VIRTUAL CSI**

**HS90161**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

In this Virtual Pathways: CSI program, students will be exploring and learning about the history and significance of the forensic science field. The class will be a mixture of social emotional learning, hands-on science labs and discussions/lectures from experts in the field. During the program, the students will participate in a variety of activities such as, but not limited to; individual and group team building, science labs (finger print analysis, blood splatter analysis, body decay analysis, etc.), lectures from forensic science professionals (detectives, arson experts, dentistry), self-reflections and CSI job exploration.

**PATHWAYS: VIRTUAL DC**

**HS90163**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

In this Virtual Pathways Washington, D.C. program, students will learn about our nation’s capital. During the program, students will virtually explore various historical and influential sites while learning about the impact D.C. has had on our nation’s past and present and the impact it can have on our future. Students will partake in virtual tours and virtually visit monuments, museums and government buildings to learn about our government’s processes and identify how they can create their own impact on the world they live in.

**PATHWAYS: VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL**

**HS90164**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

In this Pathways: International program, students will virtually explore multiple countries from across the globe while learning about the food, culture and holiday customs that make each country unique. Students will partake in virtual cooking demonstrations, be introduced to culturally significant traditions, and have the opportunity to taste unique holiday flavors from around the world. At the end of this course each student will have the knowledge to compare and contrast how certain holidays are celebrated in each of the various countries, identify how these cultures and traditions are similar and different to those in America, and leave with interesting new recipes they can share with their friends and families.

**PATHWAYS: VIRTUAL MENTORSHIP**

**HS90160**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective, Career Ed

In this Virtual Pathways: Mentorship Program, students will identify and develop key goals for their life and future as well as the steps needed to achieve them. During the program, students will explore and apply the concepts of self-empowerment, resilience, advocacy, social justice, stress management, self-care, community and compassion. Students will learn healthy tools and techniques for processing their thoughts and feelings, build a support system through experiential connection, and virtually participate in service projects and community engagement projects. By the end of the program, students will know who their most influential mentors are, how to most effectively employ them as resources, and how to be mentors to others in their own lives.

**PATHWAYS: VIRTUAL RMPR X NATIONAL PARKS**

**HS9100**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

In this Virtual Pathways: National Parks program, students will be exploring and learning about the history and significance of U.S. National Parks, specifically the National Parks of the Western United States. The class will be

a balanced mixture of social emotional learning, hands-on science/nature labs, wilderness safety and prevention, history of native people and discussions/lectures from experts in the field. During the program, the students will participate in a variety of activities such as, but not limited to, individual and group team building, nature labs, animal/wildlife identification/protection, flora/fauna identification, fire safety, erosion, archaeology, lectures from wilderness professionals (firefighters, EMTs), self-reflections and park/recreation job exploration.

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**PATHWAYS: VIRTUAL SERVICE LEARNING**

**HS90165**

Credit: 0.5 credits

Graduation Requirement: Elective

In this Virtual Pathways: Service Learning Program, students will be given the opportunity to learn about the many ways to contribute through acts of service. This includes learning the process of starting up your own cause, contributing to an already established cause and understanding the social and emotional concepts of community for both themselves and their communities. During this course, students will participate in group activities, discussions, various community service projects and have the opportunity to become CPR/first aid certified.

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## **Section VII: Appendix**

### **Academic Recovery (AR)**

A student in academic recovery has only completed 0 or 1 unit during the 21 school day learning period (LP) and as a result is not on track to graduate on time. If students remain in academic recovery for more than a couple learning periods, the students will significantly delay their anticipated date of completion.

### **American College Test (ACT)**

The ACT exam is a graduation requirement. It is to be taken during the student's high school career for entrance into college.

### **Credit Attainment (CA)**

The school minimum is 5 units or 0.5 credits per learning period.

### **Edmentum (EDM)**

Our online system for completing independent study courses. Students are able to login remotely to complete work at any time throughout the week. Completion of Edmentum work does not excuse a student from physical attendance during the school day. All students are expected to have physical in-person attendance in the school building every day.

### **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA.gov)**

To apply for federal student aid, such as federal grants, work-study, and loans, students need to complete the FAFSA. This is a free service, provided by the government, and awards students with need-based funds for college that do not have to be repaid.

### **Independent Study Teacher (IS)**

This is the student's main teacher who assigns courses for your individualized learning plan, monitors progress, meets with you at appointments, tutors you and grades assessments and tests, takes attendance and reaches out if you are absent. The IS teacher is your support system at our school and can connect you with other resources needed for your academic and personal success.

### **Individual Learning Plan (ILP)**

Because our program is individualized for each student's needs and progress, each student is on their own plan with personalized support. At enrollment and throughout the year, the IS teacher will regularly meet with the student to discuss their ILP and accompanying goals and progress throughout the year.

### **Individualized Education Program (IEP)**

Each public school child who receives special education and related services must have an Individualized Education Program (IEP). Each IEP must be designed for one student and must be a truly individualized document.

### **Learning Period (LP)**

There are 11 Learning Periods in the year. There are about 21 school days in each LP. Students are expected to turn in at least 5 - 6 units each LP. This means students should be turning in at least 1, if not 2 units per week to stay on pace. Work with your teacher to create a plan!

**Post Secondary and Student Services Counselor (PSSSC)**

The PSSSC works with students in order to find internships, jobs, visit colleges, and plan for the future.

**Regular Work Assigned (RWA)**

Report in Studenttrac showing all current classes assigned to the student and the days the student was present in a specific month.

**Small Group Instruction (SGI)**

An SGI teacher provides a more traditional classroom experience in English, Math, and Science labs, as well as some electives. Small group instruction is offered at each campus and classes are limited to 15 students or less to provide more individualized instruction. Students appreciate the direct-instruction, support, and pacing provided by SGI teachers. If there is a subject that a student has struggled with in the past, we recommend trying an SGI course to help guide them through the curriculum.

**STAR/RenStar**

In order to measure students' academic growth in Math and English, students will take the RenStar Assessment 3 times a year. Teachers can then plan for each student according to their strengths and areas of support. Students will also discuss their results with their teachers to discuss their growth and update their plan.

Curriculum for each semester course is divided into 5 units. In a SAW class, each workbook is 1 unit or equivalent to .1 credit. During each 21 school day learning period, a student is expected to complete 5 SAWs or units. The SAWs are also aligned with an accompanying textbook and often employ the internet.

**504 Plan**

A 504 plan is a legal document and instrument developed to provide accommodations and assistance that ensures a child with a disability has access to public educations and services.

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