



Welcome Class  
of 2028!

8th to 9th grade course selection

# Who is my Counselor

| <u>LAST NAME</u> | <u>COUNSELOR</u>     | <u>LOCATION</u>  |
|------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| A-BEM            | Denise Ward          | Main Campus      |
| BEN-DEA          | Kristina Fisher      | 9th grade center |
| DEB-GUS          | Christine Williamson | 9th grade center |
| GUT-LAS          | Natalie Jones        | 9th grade center |
| LAT-MORE         | Shannon Petersen     | Main Campus      |
| MORG-REH         | Janie Bazargani      | Main Campus      |
| REI-S            | Tiffany Jenkins      | Main Campus      |
| T-Z              | Layne Dickens        | Main Campus      |
| College + Career | Ana Encarnacion      | Main Campus      |



# People to Know



Kerri Finnesand -  
Principal



Eric Pearson -  
Assistant Principal

# Seven Lakes High School

9th Graders eat in a separate freshman cafeteria.

7 classes a day with 6 minute passing periods.

Many 9th grade classes will be close together in the freshman center.

30 minute enrichment each day for tutorials

Teachers offer weekly tutorials before and after school for extra help.






**Foundation High  
School Program +  
Endorsement (FHSP + E)**


**26 credits required to graduate**

# Four Core Areas




**ENGLISH**  
4 credits

- English I
- English II
- English III
- 4th level of English



**MATH**  
4 credits

- Algebra 1
- Geometry
- 2 additional/  
advanced math  
courses



**SCIENCE**  
4 credits

- Biology
- 3 additional  
science courses

**SOCIAL STUDIES**  
3 credits

- World Geography  
or World History
- U.S. History
- .5 Government
- .5 Economics

**IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER:** Colleges will be looking for FOUR social studies credits.

Here at SLHS, we plan for you to take world geography AND world history.

## LOTE

2 credits of the same language other than English

## HEALTH

0.5 credits

(KISD requirement)

## FINE ART

1 credit

Additional Credits Required from each other area

## ELECTIVES

6.5 credits

(0.5 credits must fulfill communication requirement)

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

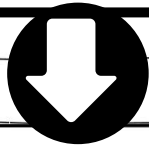
1 credit

## ENDORSEMENT

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# ENDORSEMENT

Students are required to earn an endorsement in one of five areas. Each endorsement requires electives related to their specific endorsements.



Endorsements should be chosen based upon your interests, future career goals, strengths.



You will select classes based on that endorsement, as well as strengths, interests, future career goals.



Arts and Humanities



Multidisciplinary Studies



Business and Industry



STEM



Public Service





# Five Endorsements

## STEM

(Science, Technology,  
Engineering, Math)

## BUSINESS & INDUSTRY

## PUBLIC SERVICES

## ARTS & HUMANITIES

## MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

# STEM



## STEM: SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS ENDORSEMENT

### Option 1: CTE

Complete three (3) or more courses for four (4) or more credits within the same CTE Program of Study related to STEM. One of these courses must be from level 3 or 4.

AND

Complete Algebra II, Chemistry, and Physics

[Advanced Manufacturing](#)

[Ag Welding](#)

[Animal Science & Vet Assisting](#)

[Architectural Design](#)

[Computer Science](#)

[Cybersecurity](#)

[Engineering](#)

[Healthcare Therapeutic](#)

[Manufacturing Technology](#)

[Networking Systems](#)

[Plant Science](#)

### Option 2: Math

Complete five (5) math credits.

Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II

AND

Two (2) additional math credits that have Algebra II as a prerequisite.

### Option 3: Science

Complete five (5) science credits.

Biology, Chemistry, and Physics

AND

Two (2) additional science credits.

### Option 4: Combination

A combination of credits earned through courses from no more than two (2) STEM categories.

# BUSINESS & INDUSTRY



## BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY ENDORSEMENT

### Option 1: CTE

Complete three (3) or more courses for four (4) or more credits within the same CTE Program of Study related to Business and Industry. One of these courses must be from level 3 or 4.

[Accounting and Financial Services](#)  
[Advanced Manufacturing](#)  
[Agribusiness](#)  
[Animal Science and Vet Assisting](#)  
[Applied Agricultural Engineering \(Welding\)](#)  
[Architectural Design](#)  
[Business Management](#)  
[Computer Science](#)  
[Culinary Arts](#)  
[Cybersecurity](#)  
[Design and Multimedia Arts](#)  
[Digital Communications](#)  
[Engineering](#)  
[Environmental and Natural Resources](#)  
[Lodging and Resort Management](#)  
[Manufacturing Technology](#)  
[Marketing and Sales](#)  
[Networking Systems](#)  
[Plant Science](#)  
[Travel, Tourism, and Attractions Marketing](#)

### Option 2: Journalism and Speech

Complete four (4) English elective credits, which must include one of the following options:

Three (3) Journalism credits in Newspaper or Yearbook.  
OR  
Three (3) Speech credits in Debate or Oral Interpretation.

### Option 3: Combination

A combination of credits earned through courses from no more than two (2) Business and Industry categories.

# PUBLIC SERVICES



## PUBLIC SERVICE ENDORSEMENT

CTE

Complete three (3) or more courses for four (4) or more credits within the same CTE Program of Study related to Public Service. One of these courses must be from level 3 or 4.

[Cosmetology](#)

[Clinical Rotations and EMT](#)

[Dental Assisting and Pharmacy Technician](#)

[Family and Community Services](#)

[JROTC: Junior Reserve Officer Training](#)

[Corps](#)

[Law Enforcement](#)

[Teaching and Training](#)

# ARTS & HUMANITIES



## ARTS AND HUMANITIES ENDORSEMENT

### Option 1: English Language Arts

Complete four (4) English elective credits in addition to English I, English II, and English III.

[English Language Arts Endorsement Pathway](#)

Note: Journalism and Speech credits will not count as elective credits for the Arts and Humanities Endorsement.

### Option 2: Fine Arts

Complete four (4) Fine Arts credits from no more than two (2) Fine Arts disciplines:

[Fine Arts Endorsement Pathway](#)

- Art
- Dance
- Music
- Theatre

### Option 3: Social Studies

Complete five (5) Social Studies credits, which must include: World History OR World Geography, US History, Government, and Economics.

[Social Studies Endorsement Pathway](#)

### Option 4: World Languages

Complete four (4) World Languages credits, which must include:  
Four (4) credits in one language  
OR  
Two (2) credits in one language + two (2) credits in a second language

# MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

## MULTIDISCIPLINARY ENDORSEMENT

### Option 1: 4 x 4 Plan

Complete four (4) credits in each of the four (4) foundation content areas:

English Language Arts  
Math  
Science (including Chemistry and/or Physics)  
Social Studies

### Option 2: AP, Dual Credit, and/or IB\*

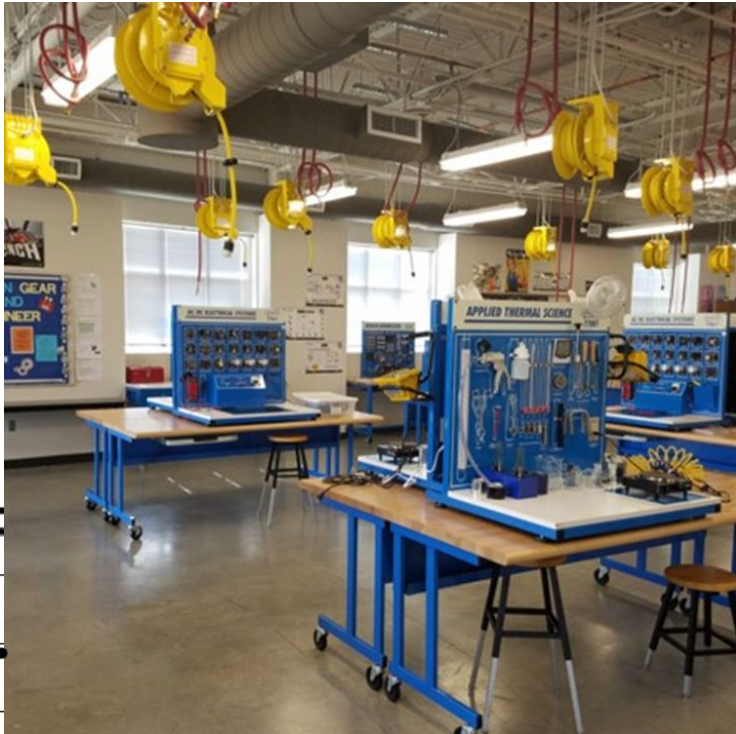
Complete four (4) AP, Dual Credit, or IB\* credits from the following areas:

English Language Arts  
Math  
Science  
Social Studies  
Languages Other Than English  
Fine Arts



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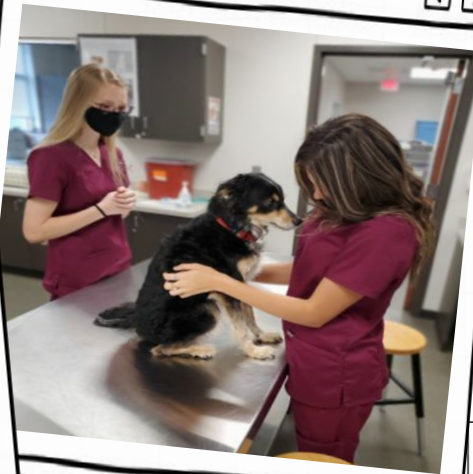
CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER



**Miller Career & Technology Center serves as a central site for students to take specialized CTE courses not available on their home campus.**



# Business & Industry MCTC Courses



- **Architectural Design**
- **Auto Tech**
- **Computer Maintenance**
- **Networking Engineering**
- **Cybersecurity**
- **Digital Audio**
- **Film**
- **Construction Trades**
- **Manufacturing Engineering**
- **PACE KAP/GT**
- **Veterinary Assisting**
- **Culinary Arts**

## Business & Industry MCTC Courses

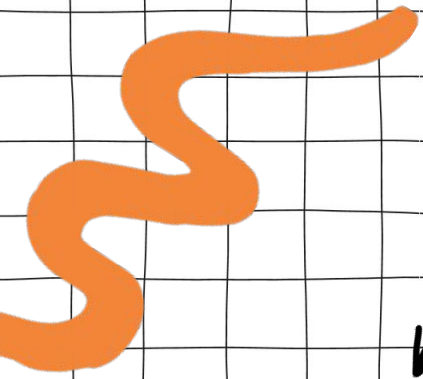


- **Education**
- **Cosmetology**
- **Law Enforcement**
- **Legal Skills**
- **Clinical Rotations**
- **Emergency Medical Technical (EMT)**
- **Dental Assisting**
- **Pharmacy Tech**

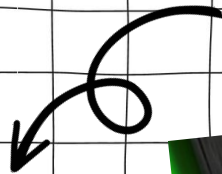



## STEM MCTC Course

- **Practicum in STEM**




# Preview Nights



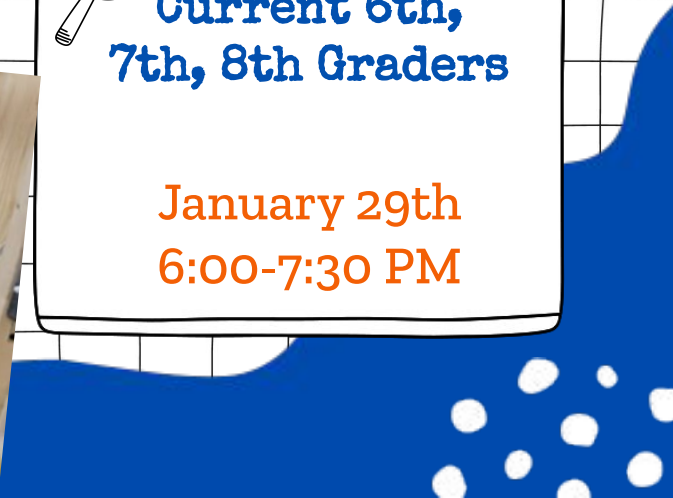
 **Current 9th,  
10th, 11th  
Graders**

**January 17th  
6:00-7:30 PM**



 **Current 6th,  
7th, 8th Graders**

**January 29th  
6:00-7:30 PM**



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Technology Center



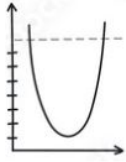


# Distinguished Level of Achievement

Distinguished Level of Achievement (DLA) is earned through the completion of:

- All requirements of the Foundation High School Program, PLUS
- The requirements of at least one endorsement, INCLUDING
  - Algebra II
  - A fourth science credit

A student must graduate with DLA to be considered for the Top 10% and eligibility for automatic admission to a Texas public college or university.



# Algebra II

- **Algebra II is not a specific graduation requirement, but is required to be eligible for the following:**
  - **Earning the DLA**
  - **Recognition as honors or high honors graduate**
  - **Automatic admission to state public college or university**
  - **Certain financial aid opportunities**

# Top 10% Rule

A student whose class rank is in the top 10% of the graduating class MAY be eligible for automatic admission consideration at a Texas public university.

- Complete the FHSP + Endorsement, including DLA
- Earn a satisfactory ACT or SAT score
- Submit the application before the college or university's deadline
- Provide a final high school transcript verifying completion of the FHSP + Endorsement, including DLA.

Requirements to qualify to automatic admission consideration:

**Exception: UT Austin**



# Katy ISD Grading Scale

| Course      | 90-100 (A) | 80-89 (B) | 70-79 (C) | 69 and below (F) |
|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|
| KAP, AP, GT | 5          | 4         | 3         | 0                |
| Dual Credit | 4.5        | 3.5       | 2.5       | 0                |
| Academic    | 4          | 3         | 2         | 0                |



Katy Independent School District  
2023-2024 Course Catalog

| Grade | Course     | Prerequisites |
|-------|------------|---------------|
| 6     | Math 1.0   | None          |
| 6     | Math 2.0   | Math 1.0      |
| 6     | Math 3.0   | Math 1.0      |
| 6     | Math 4.0   | Math 1.0      |
| 6     | Math 5.0   | Math 1.0      |
| 6     | Math 6.0   | Math 1.0      |
| 6     | Math 7.0   | Math 1.0      |
| 6     | Math 8.0   | Math 1.0      |
| 6     | Math 9.0   | Math 1.0      |
| 6     | Math 10.0  | Math 1.0      |
| 6     | Math 11.0  | Math 1.0      |
| 6     | Math 12.0  | Math 1.0      |
| 6     | Math 13.0  | Math 1.0      |
| 6     | Math 14.0  | Math 1.0      |
| 6     | Math 15.0  | Math 1.0      |
| 6     | Math 16.0  | Math 1.0      |
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| 6     | Math 97.0  | Math 1.0      |
| 6     | Math 98.0  | Math 1.0      |
| 6     | Math 99.0  | Math 1.0      |
| 6     | Math 100.0 | Math 1.0      |

**Course Selection Tools**

Paper course offering list

Paper course request worksheet

SchoolLinks course catalog

Katy Independent School District  
2023-2024 Course Catalog

Course Request Worksheet  
2023-2024

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

| Course # | Course Name | Course # | Course Name |
|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|
| 1        |             |          |             |
| 2        |             |          |             |
| 3        |             |          |             |
| 4        |             |          |             |
| 5        |             |          |             |
| 6        |             |          |             |
| 7        |             |          |             |

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_


Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_







# Choosing Courses for 9th Grade



Select one of the  
five  
endorsements



Select classes in  
the four core  
subject areas



Select additional  
courses to fill 7  
class periods

**The course catalog is available in SchoolLinks**

**You cannot repeat a course for which you have earned credit**

**Course descriptions are available in course catalog**

**Select courses and course levels appropriate for you**

**Pay close attention to prerequisites and grade restrictions**

**Every student will meet individually with their counselor to confirm course requests**

**When choosing courses for next year:**



# Selecting your English course



English 1  
Academic

0101



English 1 KAP

0141



English 1  
KAP/GT

0143



# Selecting your Biology course

Biology  
Academic

0411

Biology KAP

0471

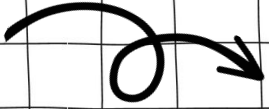

Biology KAP/GT

0472



# Selecting your Math course



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- 0211 Algebra 1
  - 0223 Geometry Academic
  - 0251 Geometry KAP
  - 0252 Geometry KAP/GT
  - 0261 Algebra II Academic
  - 0253 Algebra II KAP
  - 0254 Algebra II KAP/GT

# Selecting your Social Studies course



0341 World Geography

0353 World Geography KAP

0347 AP Human Geography

0348 AP Human Geography GT



# Social Studies Course Offerings

If Academic or KAP World Geography are taken over the summer, there will be NO social studies course for 9th grade



The GT course for social studies is AP Human Geography GT



- Academic World Geography will be offered in summer school
- KAP World Geography will be offered in summer school
- AP Human Geography will not be offered in summer school

GT Students who do not enroll is AP Human Geo GT, or who take World Geography in summer will be exited from Social Studies GT.



## Choosing Course Levels

If you are currently earning A's or high B's in KAP, then KAP/AP is likely appropriate for you.

Extra curriculars require extensive commitments, as do advanced courses. Choose wisely.

Well rounded is your priority!!!!

# Leveling Down

- Within the first 8 days of school you may request to change your course level with no stipulations. Keep in mind this may significantly change your schedule.
- After the first 8 days, you will be required to stay in the course for the duration of the six weeks.
- At the end of a grading period, if you are failing an advanced course, you will automatically be level down by your counselor.
- If you are passing with a grade of 70-75, you may be given the opportunity to petition a level down. These petitions are not automatically granted.

# LOTE (Language other than English)

- 6110 French 1
- 6710 American Sign Language 1
- 6810 Chinese 1
- 6210 German 1
- 6319 Spanish 1
- 6320 Spanish 2
- 6361 Spanish Speaker 1 / 6362 Spanish Speaker 2

# LOTE

(Language other than English)



LOTE credit may also be earned through credit by exam



See your 8th grade counselor for an application and summer testing days and times



Make sure you list the course you would like in place of your CBE course on the course worksheet.

You must indicate on the course worksheet if you would like to go into the next level of your language.



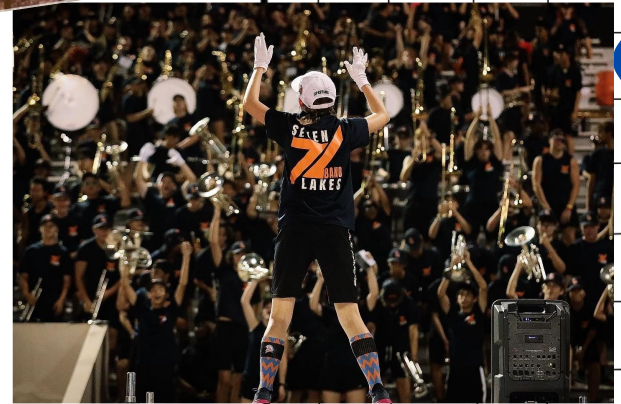
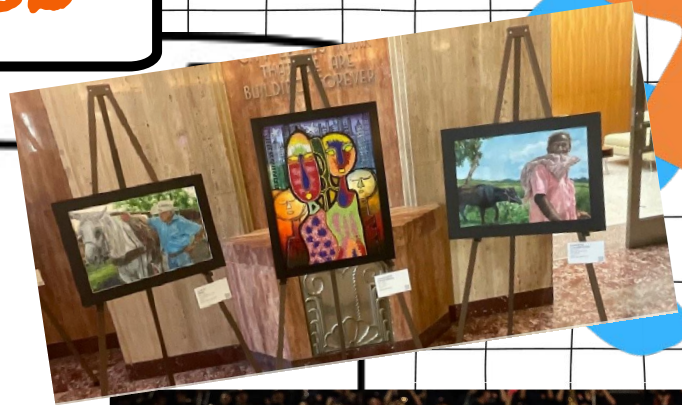
**IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER:** Due to seat availability, Chinese 3 KAP will not be offered to incoming 9th graders.

# Fine Arts Electives

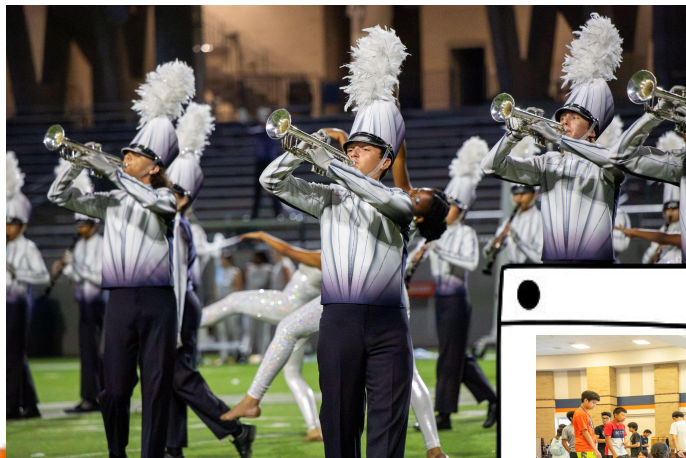


- Theatre
- Tech Theatre
- Choir
- Band
- Orchestra
- Art
- Dance
- Colorguard
- Floral Design
- Digital Art & Animation

Many fine arts activities will have summer commitments. Please see your junior high counselor for specific questions regarding fine arts electives.



# Fine Arts Electives



# Athletics



- Football
- Track
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Softball
- Gold
- Tennis
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Diving
- Cross Country
- Wrestling
- Swimming
- Trainer
- Cheer



Do not select more than one sport on your course request worksheet. You will select the sport that occurs first, and coaches will make adjustments as needed during the year.

# Athletics





# Athletics Expectations

Selecting a sport for your course selection does not guarantee participation in that sport.

Many sports have a tryout process which could include summer commitments.

Make sure you are communicating with your junior high counselor and PE coaches for information on specific sports.

If you are placed in an athletic period and do not make a team during tryouts, you will be removed from the athletic period and placed into a PE Class.



# Introduction Level Courses

Principles of Engineering

Principles of Agriculture, Food and Natural  
Resources

Principles of Arts, Audio Video Technology and  
Communications

Principles of Business Marketing and Finance

Principles of Education and Training

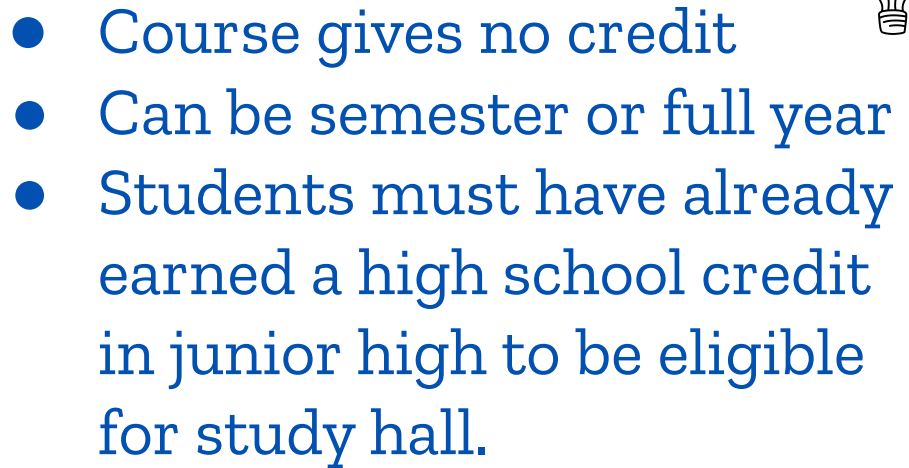
Principles of Health Science

Principles of Human Services

Introduction to Comp Sci, Computer Science 1, AP  
Comp Sci Prin, AP Comp Sci A



# Study Hall

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- Course gives no credit
  - Can be semester or full year
  - Students must have already earned a high school credit in junior high to be eligible for study hall.

# Elective Alternates

You must choose 3  
alternate course.

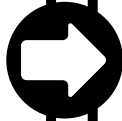
**CHOOSE WISELY!!**

Counselors do their  
best to honor  
original requests.  
But oftentimes we  
**MUST** use an  
alternate.

Schedule change  
requests will not  
be honored in the  
event you are  
placed in one of  
your alternates.

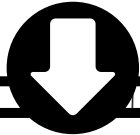
# Course Verification

Students will verify their course requests and endorsements in March through SchooLinks.



Once courses have been reviewed by student and parent, courses choices are finalized.

There will be no elective changes after verification window.



You will be permitted to changes course levels, or elective requests.



**There will be NO  
Schedule Changes after  
Verification!**

**\*unless there is an error in data entry\***

