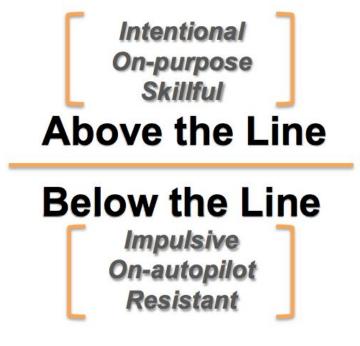
# **Course Selection Process**

## Make "Above the Line" Choices Now...

Get "Above the Line" Results Next Year and Beyond



- **1.** Teachers make recommendations March 4-8.
- Students select courses in the portal March 9-17.
- **3.** Students meet with counselors during history class to review courses selected March 18-28



#### The Course Selection Process (10 mins)

- Classes that are offered are **based on what students sign up for**. This includes which electives are offered and what levels of classes students request.
- Students should request classes based on what they realistically believe they are capable of and the amount of work they are realistically willing and able to do. Teacher recommendations are very thoughtful and take into account what teachers have seen evidenced by each student in terms of demonstrated ability and work completion.

#### Placement Review-Course Recommendation Override

Sometimes parents / students choose to override teacher recommendations and request placement in a more demanding level (course recommendation override). There are risks in doing so.

- A student who does poorly in a more advanced class weakens their transcript. Sometimes, difficulties in one course generate difficulties in others as well.
- To keep up with the class, the student may require more individual help than the teacher can reasonably be expected to provide. The demands of an advanced curriculum do not allow teachers to accommodate to the pace of a student who is misplaced. The teacher cannot provide individual tutoring.



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- We cannot assure that a student who has difficulty will be able to move to a lower level. Classes are tightly scheduled, and it may not be possible to find a place in the new class once the academic school year has begun. The student must then either drop the course completely or remain in the requested section despite diminished performance.
- When a transfer is possible, it may be necessary to reschedule other classes to accommodate the shift. This general disruption can cause problems in other courses where the student may be doing well.

#### 4. Students make final course selections

- When applicable, families complete the online override form.
  - Override forms and/or any other changes are due 4/5/24 at noon.

Changes to course requests past the deadline may not be accommodated because the schedule is built and faculty are assigned based on information received from students and parents during the course selection period.



Rising Sophomores (current freshmen)

\*\*PE requirement is taking a PE class <u>OR</u> playing one season of a sport <u>OR</u> doing 72 hours in an outside gym.

\*Health - one semester

\*All students must be registered for 30 credits. Please choose alternates for your electives.

## Rising Juniors (current sophomores)

\*PE requirement is taking a PE class <u>OR</u> playing one season of a sport <u>OR</u> doing 72 hours in an outside gym.

\*All students must be registered for 30 credits. Please choose alternates for your electives.

\*We recommend continuing with a world language if at all possible.



## Rising Seniors (current juniors)

\*PE requirement: Take one semester of PE <u>OR</u> play one season of a sport <u>OR</u> do 72 hours of exercise at an outside gym.

\*All seniors must take two semester-long English courses, unless in AP English Literature. Please choose wisely. Also have a back up choice. New offerings in English: Film and Media Literacy (formerly Film Studies, now NCAA approved); Disability Voices in Literature

\*All seniors must take 30 credits, unless you have 3 AP courses (20 credits required). Please choose alternates for your electives.



**Core Courses** 

#### **Core Academic Courses**

English

Math

Science

**Social Studies** 

World Languages



# **Elective Course Options**

#### **Business**

All Business courses open to Grades 10-12

- Digital Literacy
- Introduction to Business
- Accounting
- Business Management
- Personal Finance
- Marketing
- Walk Down Wall Street: Fundamentals of Investing
- Sports & Entertainment Marketing



#### **Criminal Justice**

See Officer Ford with any questions



### Family Consumer Sciences (5 mins)

- Semester long courses
- 2.5 Credits earned towards the Arts graduation requirements
- Mixed grade levels and abilities
- Hands on! Project-based
  learning
- No homework, tests or quizzes!
- Grades based on in class work and labs or activities/projects!



### FCS: Exploring Fashion 1&2

- All grades, Fall Only
- (No prior sewing experience needed!)

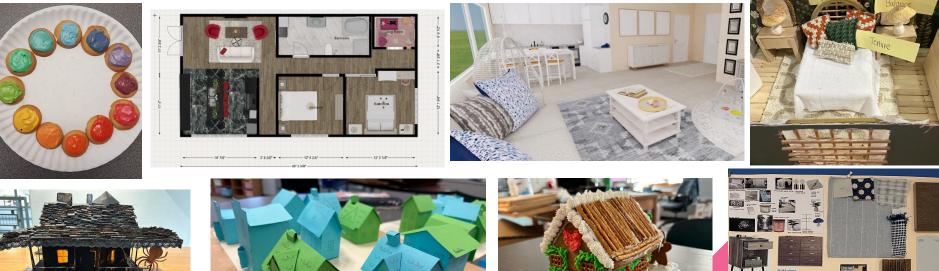




#### **FCS: Interior Design**

All grades, Fall only 













### FCS: Child Development 1&2

10th-12th grade, Spring Only





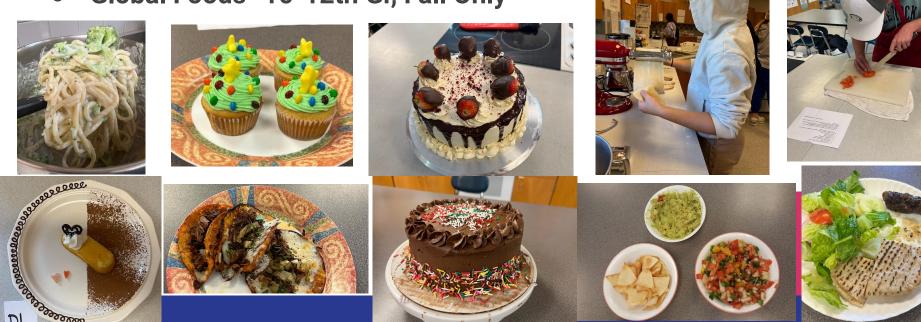






#### **FCS: Foods Courses**

- Foods 1- All Grades, Both Fall & Spring
- Foods 2- 10th-12th Gr, Spring only
- Global Foods- 10-12th Gr, Fall Only



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### Fine and Performing Arts (5 mins)





#### Music Elective Courses - open to all!

Semester long courses (2.5 credits)

Open to all levels of experience, very little or no homework required

- Guitar Lab (new course!)
- Piano Studio <u>Video</u>
- Learning to Listen
- Songwriting and Studio Video



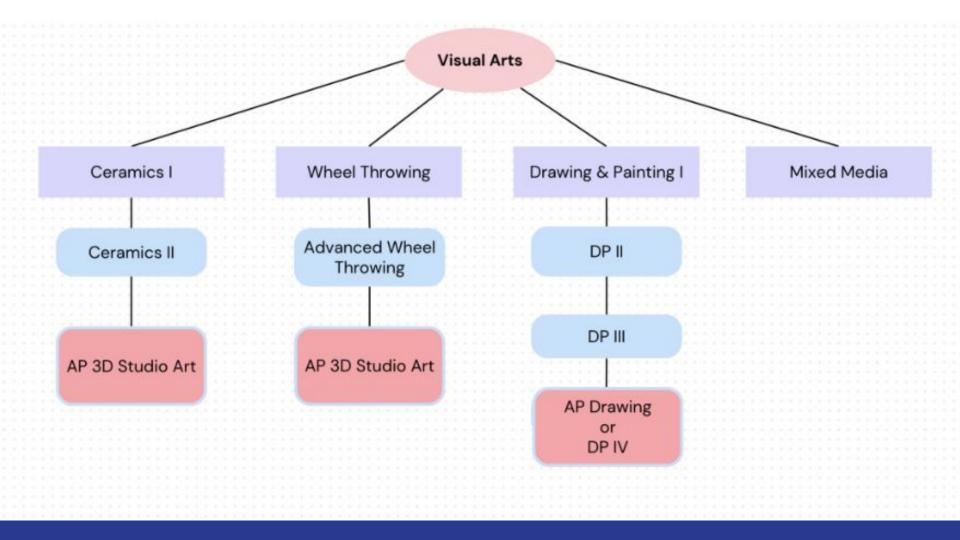
### **Music Elective Courses, Continued**

Full year courses (5 credits)

- Concert Band and Wind Ensemble
- Freshman Orchestra and Orchestra
- Mixed Chorus and Concert Chorale
- AP Music Theory (rigorous course, music experience required)







#### Drama

Semester long courses (2.5 credits), no experience required

- Acting and Improvisation
- Acting and Improvisation Continued

Even if you don't want to be onstage, these could still be great classes for you! Acting courses cover not only acting/improv, but also teach about backstage/tech/crew roles and techniques as well.

After School Productions, open to all

- Fall Musical (Sept-Nov)
- METG Festival One-Act Play (Jan-Mar)
- Spring Play (Mar-May)



#### Library Media Studies: TV and AP Capstone

Television and Video Production semester long class that produces

The Friday Show

<u>AP Seminar</u> full year <u>AP Research</u> full year



Physical Education (5 mins)

We have 2 electives to choose from next year. Both fulfill the PE requirement! They are open to grades 10-12.

- Introduction to yoga and meditation- <u>Video</u>
- Team sports and lifetime games ("AP Gym")- Video

#### **Technology Engineering**

#### GRAPHIC DESIGN & PHOTOGRAPHY



#### NO EXPERIENCE WITH GRAPHIC DESIGN SOFTWARE, CAMERAS OR COMPUTERS IS REQUIRED FOR THE INTRO COURSES

#### GRAPHIC DESIGN I PHOTOGRAPHY I



#### **GRAPHIC DESIGN II** PHOTOGRAPHY II

ANY COMBINATION OF THREE COURSES





Technology Engineering **Technical Drawing Engineering and Robotics** Woodworking **Advanced Woodworking Power Technology** 

**Automotive Engineering** 

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### Pathways Programs (5 mins)

- Global Citizenship Program
- Arts Pathway
- Technology Engineering Pathway



## What is GCP?

- The Global Citizenship Program emphasizes global education and exploration here are HHS
- Members are encouraged to advance global consciousness through club activities, monthly events, meetings, and travel requirements

#### GCP is split into two clubs!

- 1. The GCP Club is open to all HHS students who are looking for an educational way to advance their global studies
- 2. The GCP Certificate Program is a more rigorous, application-based program with monthly requirements

## Why should you join?

- Opportunities to learn more about different cultures and global issues
- Collaborate with peers
- Travel opportunities!
- GCP pushes you to discover new interests and passions
- Immerse yourself into the global community

## How to apply:

- For more information, visit <u>https://hhsgcp.weebly.com/</u>
- Rising sophomores and juniors are invited to apply
- Applications for the GCP Certificate Program can be downloaded from the website and submitted to the main office

## Arts Pathway Program and Tech Engineering Pathway Programs

These two programs are modeled after GCP run similarly to GCP with a club version and more rigorous certificate version.

Why you should join?

- Opportunities for hands-on project based learning
- Opportunities to connect with teachers/students with similar interests
- Opportunities to connect with resources that will prepare you for a college or career experience that includes arts or tech/engineerings

To learn more reach out to: Mr. Cincotta and Mrs. Papuga (ARTS) Mr. Malerbi (TECH ENGINEERING)

### Remember Earl's Message

 Have a PURPOSE
 Find your PASSION
 Be a PART of something bigger than yourself



