


Course Selection Process For Grade 9 At HHS

1. Teachers make recommendations March 4th-9th.
2. Students select courses on the portal March 11th-15th.
3. 8th graders meet with HS counselors to review courses selected on the portal April 3.



The Course Selection Process

- 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.
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Placement Review-Course Recommendation Override


Sometimes parents / students choose to override the teacher recommendation 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.



Placement Review-Course Recommendation Override

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

- 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.
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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 Freshmen (current 8th Graders)

*All students must be registered for at least 30 credits and up to 35 can fit. Please **choose alternates** for your electives.

*PE is required for one semester

*You may select up to 3 elective classes, see the [Grade 9 Worksheet](#)



Elective Course Options

Family Consumer Sciences

- 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!



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FCS: Exploring Fashion 1&2

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



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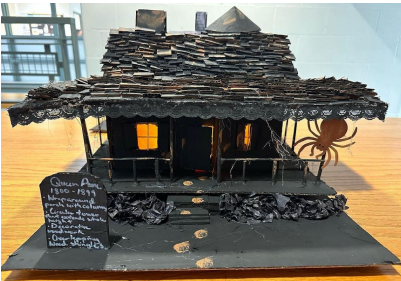
FCS: Interior Design

- All grades, Fall only



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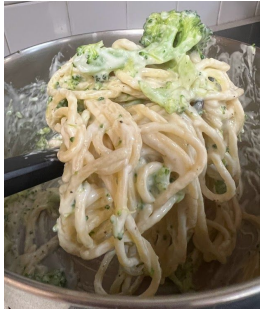
FCS: Foods Courses

- Foods 1- All Grades, Both Fall & Spring



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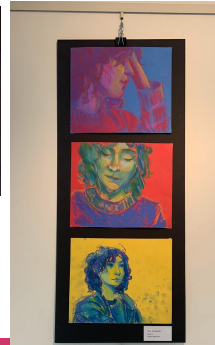


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Music Elective Courses - open to all!

Semester long courses (2.5 credits)

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

- Guitar Lab (new course!)
- Piano Studio - [Video](#)
- Learning to Listen
- Songwriting and Studio - [Video](#)

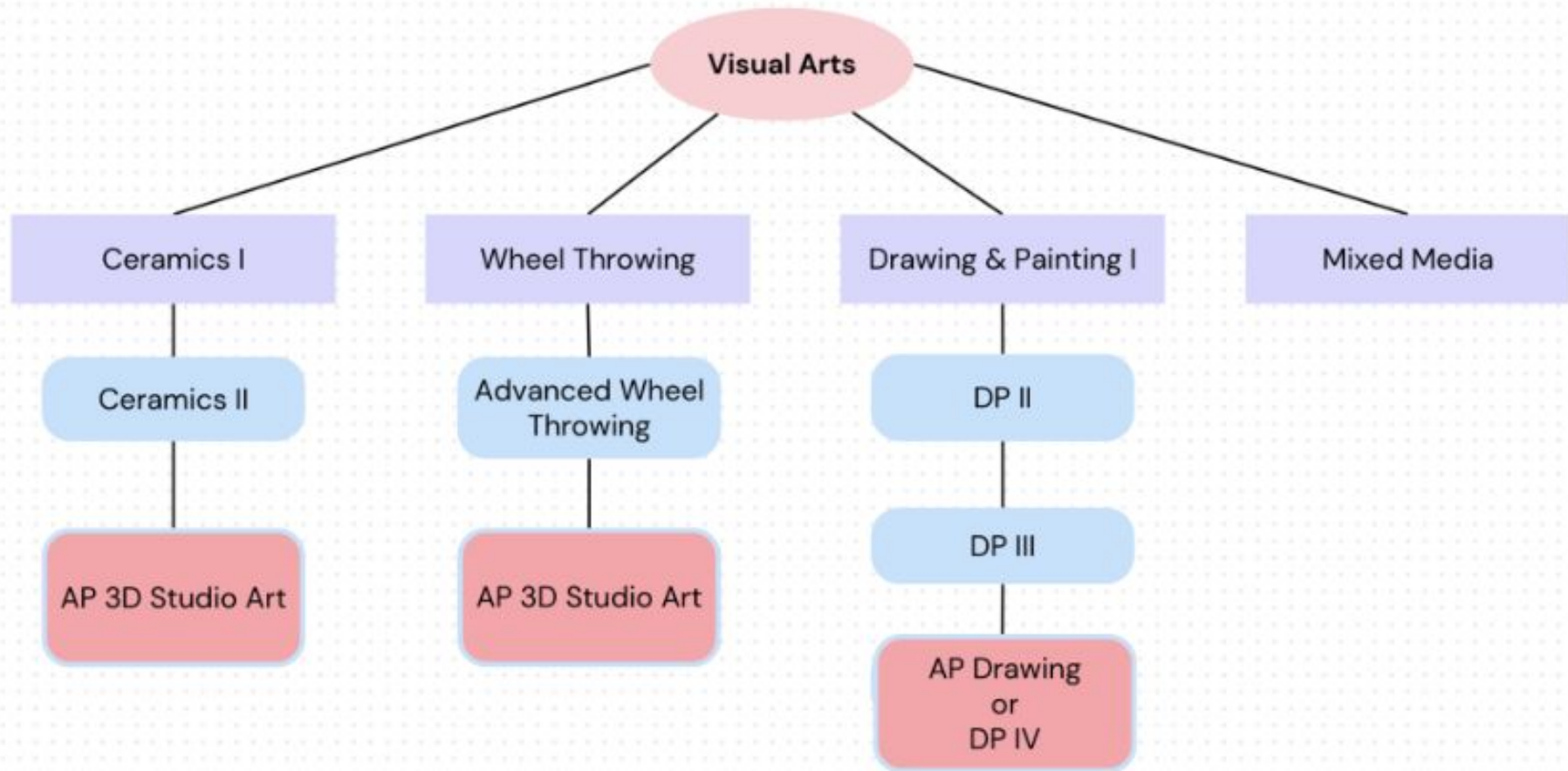


Music Elective Courses, Continued

Full year courses (5 credits)

- Concert Band and Wind Ensemble
- Freshman Orchestra and Orchestra
- Concert Chorale





Drama

Semester long courses (2.5 credits), no experience required

- Acting and Improvisation
- Acting and Improvisation Continued

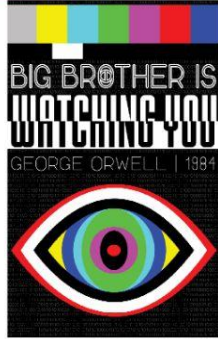
Even if you don't want to be onstage, these could still be great classes for you! Acting courses cover not only acting/improv, but also teach about backstage/tech/crew roles and techniques as well.

After School Productions, open to all

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



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



GRAPHIC DESIGN & PHOTOGRAPHY III
FULL YEAR COURSE

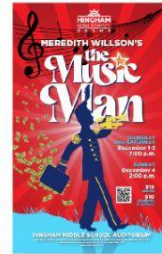
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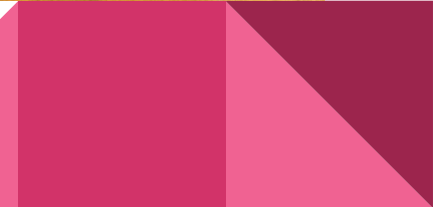
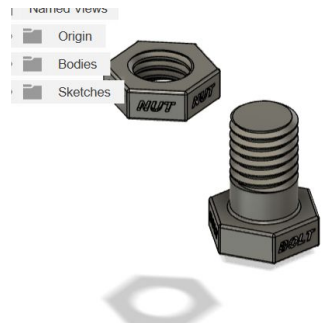
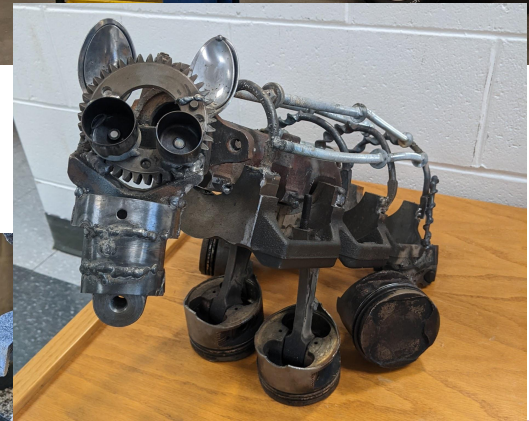
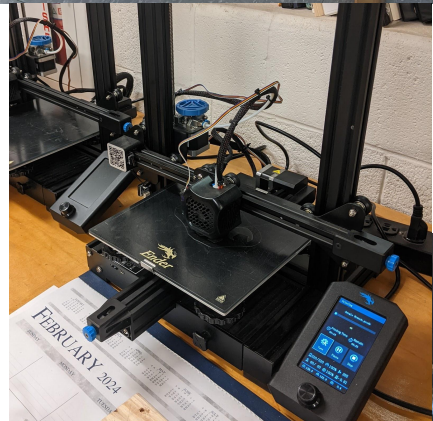
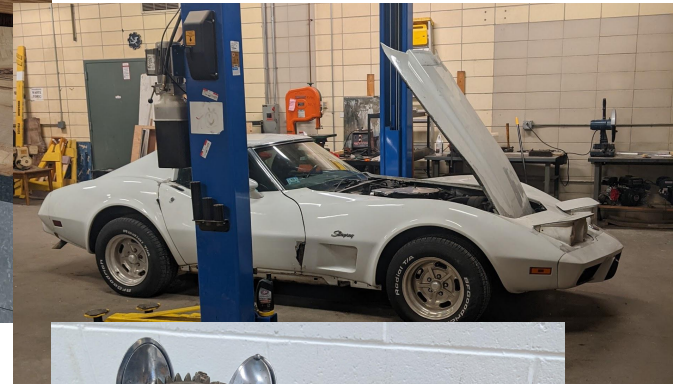
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Technology Engineering
Technical Drawing
Engineering and Robotics
Woodworking
TRACES-upper grades



Pathways Programs

- Global Citizenship Program
- Arts Pathway
- Technology Engineering Pathway



Pick Your Classes:

1. Have a PURPOSE
2. Find your PASSION
3. Be a PART of something bigger than yourself

