Dear Jackson High School Parents and Students:

The young men and women of Jackson High School are provided a plethora of opportunities to enrich their high school experience. The 2020–21 school year is no exception. From the world of academics, to vocational, athletic and club options to their avail, students attending Jackson High School have endless possibilities to explore their interests and passions. The education of our young people is a shared responsibility with our parents and our community. Providing our students the opportunity to learn and develop socially and emotionally, while holding them accountable for their personal choices is essential to their development into young adults.

Our curriculum guide is designed for the following:

- Provision of information that is relevant and assists in educating our students as it relates to proper course selection
Please consider our curriculum guide a reference tool. It provides information that is both important and relevant. Educating our young men and women is a collaborative effort. We, at Jackson High School, are appreciative for the support and efforts from our parents and our community. We anticipate a great year at Jackson High School, continuing to offer opportunities that provide for college and career readiness.

Sincerely,

Monica Pierce

Jackson High School – Principal for Instruction

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REQUIRED CREDITS IN GRADES 9–12

NOTE: Graduation requirements at JHS will meet or exceed those of Michigan High School Curriculum (MMC).

ENGLISH

English 9, English 10, English 11, and a senior level English course are required. English electives may be taken in addition to these specific requirements.

SOCIAL STUDIES

6 credits including 2 credits of U. S. History and Geography, 1 credit of Economics, 2 credits of World History and Geography, 1 credit of American Government.

MATHEMATICS

Four years including Algebra, Geometry, Algebra II, and senior year math electives.

SCIENCE

6 credits including Biology, Chemistry, and one additional credit or MDE-approved Computer Science or CTE program (JACC).

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

2 credits must be taken prior to the student’s sophomore year or 1 credit in Health, 1 credit for district-approved participation in extracurricular athletics or activities involving physical activity.

VISUAL/PERFORMING/APPLIED ARTS (VPAA)

2 credits through the Class of 2022.

WORLD LANGUAGES

4 credits must be earned in World Languages. For graduating classes of 2019 through 2020 only, may partially or fully substitute 1 World Language credit with a MDE-approved CTE program (JACC) or by completing an additional visual or performing arts course.

COMPUTER LITERACY

1 credit. (See your counselor for a list of qualifying courses).

The department charts on the following pages indicate what requirement(s) are met after passing the course. Code interpretations are as followed:

MMC – Michigan Merit Curriculum
NCAA – National Collegiate Athletic Association
CL – Computer Literacy
VPAA – Visual/Performing/Applied Arts
SME – Senior Math Experience

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BEGINNING DRAWING/2D ART  
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12  
**Prerequisite:** None  
This is the basic entry level art class, in which students learn the basic elements (line, shape, form, space, light, color, value, and texture) and principles (balance, rhythm, movement, proportion, emphasis, pattern, unity and variety) of design. Students will experience the various mediums of pencil, charcoal, pastels, oil pastels, colored pencil, pen & ink, collage and watercolor, with drawing projects designed to challenge their progress. Students will study art and artists historically and currently, and be able to identify the different periods and styles of art by finding clues in the work and by writing informed responses to problems presented in class.

BEGINNING DESIGN/3D ART  
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12  
**Prerequisite:** None  
This is an entry level 3-dimensional class in which students learn the use and handling of various materials and tools to create interesting works of art that are viewed from all sides – they have height, width, and depth. They will also learn the elements and principles of design as they apply to 3-dimensional creations. Students may learn the mediums of clay, handmade paper/books, mat board, plaster, and wood, based on historical and current information, as well as the use of various hand and power tools. Written evaluations/critiques are also required.

INTERMEDIATE DRAWING/2D ART  
Grade: 10, 11, 12  
**Prerequisite:** Beginning Drawing/2D Art, with a C+ or better  
A continuation of the use of basic information to successfully complete more complex projects based on previously learned elements and principles of design. Block printing and/or other printmaking techniques will be taught, as well as American architecture and human anatomy. Students will research the information they need, do the assigned project(s) and write responses/critiques on the finished creations.

INTERMEDIATE DESIGN/3D ART  
Grade: 10, 11, 12  
**Prerequisite:** Beginning 3D Design, with a C+ or better  
A continuation of the basic skills learned in the beginning class, with the addition of glass and architecture projects and whatever they were not able to cover in that class.

ADVANCED DRAWING/2D ART  
Grade: 11, 12  
**Prerequisite:** Beginning and Intermediate Drawing/2D Art, with a C+ or better  
Students will be given creative problems to solve and will collaborate with the teacher and fellow classmates to find the best solution, format, media, etc. Other printmaking techniques will be taught and utilized along with retaining all previously learned elements and principles of design. For the serious art student.

ADVANCED DESIGN/3D ART  
Grade: 11, 12  
**Prerequisite:** Beginning and Intermediate 3D Design, with a C+ or better  
Selected areas of previously learned information and long term projects to do further and more in-depth work in, along with historical and written work. For the serious art student.
MULTICULTURAL ART
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: None
We call art, music, drama, and dance cultural arts because they are expressions that help us, as people of a particular society, develop the mind and body, refine feelings, thoughts, and tastes, and reflect and represent our customs and values of that society. As you broaden your exposure to many cultures and their representation through the arts, you become more aware of your own culture (historical and current) and the richness of representation there. Through this exposure you also become better prepared to then understand and appreciate the richness of other cultures' contributions in the world around us. Students in this class will take a multicultural approach to studying and creating art. A variety of cultures' notable artistic inventions and styles will move us through history as lessons concentrate on pieces of creativity that have an essence of a certain cultural theme. Examples: early cave drawings, lettering before the invention of the printing press, African ceremonial masks, etc.

CLAY AND SCULPTURAL FORMS
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: None
The immediacy of handling clay and watching as your hands create a shape from an idea is one of the most ancient of creative endeavors. This is primarily a studio art clay class, though students may be introduced to other sculptural materials. We will explore hand-building, from the simplest of techniques to working toward more complex and accomplished results. There are many steps in the process of building in clay, and new vocabulary to learn (additive process, bone-dry, bisque, etc.). Students will complete both utilitarian items and aesthetically pleasing 3-dimensional objects, and finish the class with many items to cherish for years.

PHOTOGRAPHY
Grade: 11, 12
Prerequisite: None
Students will study the art of photography with emphasis on history of photography along with composition and the elements and principles of design. The students will study how the camera works, lenses, filters, ISO, lighting and so forth. The student will work with rhythm and movement, stills and portraits. Computers and the internet will be used along with PowerPoint, Movie Maker and PhotoShop. Many photo opportunities will be explored. Written critiques and research will be required. Students will visit museums, galleries and zoos when possible, along with photo books, slides and reproduction for examples that will enhance the photo experience.

PAINTING
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: Beginning 2D Art, with at least a C+ or better
Students will review the elements and principles of design and the use, handling and properties of the various paints, then do a project based on color theory in tempera paint; use the techniques of watercolor in a landscape and in an abstract piece; do a study on a painter of choice whose style will be used to create an oil painting; and learn the characteristics of acrylic paint to do a unique piece of student-designed artwork. Time permitting, extra projects may be assigned in one of the paints or combined with other materials, such as collage or encaustics.

PRINTMAKING
Grade: 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: Beginning 2D Art
The Printmaking curriculum will introduce students to the production of multiple images from a single image design (usually in the form of a “plate”). Emphasis is on the initial design & creative use of the materials & techniques in creating the printable surface, whether in the form of etching, carved relief, found object assembly (collagraph or embossment), or monoprints. Students will be asked to focus on problem solving, along with the recognition of sharing a studio lab space (shared print materials and clean work habits).

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BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT
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CAREERS CLUSTER
### CAREERS CLUSTER

**CAREERS**
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12  
Prerequisite: None  
Careers is a one-trimester course designed to help prepare students with college & career decisions. Through a variety of projects and activities, students will develop and demonstrate academic, teamwork, and personal management skills. Self-assessment will allow students to determine their skills, interests, and abilities. Students will participate in group discussions, projects, and presentations.

**GENIUS HOUR**
Grade: 12

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Prerequisite: None
The course was inspired by Google's implementation of a "Genius Hour"--a program designed to increase innovation among their employees. Students choose an area of interest to research throughout the trimester. The project-based course allows students to create portfolios they can use for future post-secondary opportunities (internships, college applications and scholarships, etc.). Reflecting through daily journal entries, mini-presentations, and self-directed initiatives is a large portion of the course.

**INTERNSHIPS (WBL) - Work-Based Learning**
Grade: 11, 12
Prerequisite: None
Internships are for students who would like to have work experience in their Career Pathway. Students are released early to complete the internship for a local company. This course provides an opportunity to gain insight into their career planning, develop employability skills, and gain work experience. Succeeding in this course requires a student who is enthusiastic, responsible, motivated, organized, and able to complete the requirements for the course.

**FINANCE CLUSTER**

**PERSONAL FINANCE (A & B)**
Grade: 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: None
Jackson College embedded credits are available
In this course, students will be exposed to strategies for money management. The first trimester of the class focuses on earning money, paying taxes and budgeting finances. The second portion of class gives students an insight to various forms of saving opportunities and credit management. Students will also learn about purchasing a car, risk management/insurance and home mortgages.

**ACCOUNTING (A & B)**
Grade: 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: None
Accounting is a two-trimester course designed to introduce students to the basic principles of accounting. Throughout the course, students will apply accounting knowledge using computer-based and handwritten exercises. The course challenges the student with its use of college-level accounting skills. Students will learn how to set up a sole proprietorship and financially manage a business. Students will also focus on accounting for a merchandising business organized as a corporation.

**MARKETING CLUSTER**

**MARKETING I (A & B)**
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: None - Class qualifies for DECA participation
Students will be exposed to basic marketing concepts in a two-trimester format. Trimester 1 content includes an introduction to business principles, the marketing concept and marketing mix, and analyzing consumer and competition behaviors. Trimester 2 content involves a more in-depth study of product development, pricing, promotion, distribution, selling and business operations. Many of the concepts learned will be applied in a project-based learning environment. Students will have the opportunity to compete in DECA, a nationwide student organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management.

**SPORTS/ENTERTAINMENT MARKETING**
Grade: 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: Marketing I recommended - Class qualifies for DECA participation
This course allows students to learn Marketing concepts, strategies, and vocabulary using the sports and entertainment industry as a platform. The curriculum features operating a Virtual Sports Business team to help learn concepts such as Franchising, Ticket Pricing, Event Promotions, Public Relations/Media, Parking Logistics, Sponsorships, Licensing, and Endorsements. Students will utilize current events, case studies, and hands on projects to learn about the sports and entertainment industries. Sports and Entertainment careers will be explored along with possible field trips to sport and entertainment venues.

**ENTREPRENEURSHIP**
PREREQUISITE: None
GRADE: 9, 10, 11, 12

WEB DESIGN
Students will learn how to create charts and calculations using formulas in spreadsheets. How technology impacts presentations that pop and documents that are used in business (brochures, press releases, business cards, flyers).

APPS II is an advanced course that will focus on more complex software skills. Students will learn how to make effective presentations that pop and documents that are used in business (brochures, press releases, business cards, flyers). Students will learn how to create charts and calculations using formulas in spreadsheets. How technology impacts students and society, along with their college and career plans, will be a focus of the course.

WEB DESIGN
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: None
Students will how to write HTML code to generate web sites using Notepad along with a basic understanding of Cascading Style Sheets. After mastering basic html, students will transition to using Adobe Dreamweaver, a web editor, to create their web pages. Emphasis will also be placed on learning graphic design skills using programs such as Adobe Fireworks and Photoshop. The trimester will end with a comprehensive web site project which will encompass the skills and strategies obtained throughout the course.

**ADVANCED WEB DESIGN**

**Grade:** 11, 12  
**Prerequisite:** Basic Web Design

Advanced Web Design allows students to continue the methods and strategies learned in Basic Web Design. The beginning of the term will focus on reviewing html, CSS, Javascript, Dreamweaver, Fireworks, and the Flash skills acquired in Basic Web Design. After reviewing and mastering prior skills, students will begin to explore deeper into the web building programs and languages to create more dynamic and interactive web content. A majority of the curriculum requires learning program skills and applying within a project.

**DIGITAL SCRAPBOOKING I**

**Grade:** 9, 10, 11, 12  
**Prerequisite:** None

Looks into the latest trend of creating digital memory pages. Students will learn photo editing, page layout and design techniques, digital photography and graphic creation/manipulation through the use of a variety of software programs.

**DIGITAL SCRAPBOOKING II**

**Grade:** 9, 10, 11, 12  
**Prerequisite:** Digital Scrapbooking I

A continued look at the trend of digital scrapbooking. Students will use a variety of software packages in order to create their own backgrounds, embellishments (beads, brads, eyelets, fibers, photo corners, punches, stickers, etc.) and brushes. Students will delve further into photo editing, page layout and design techniques. Students will be introduced to the use of templates and hybrid scrapbooking.

**PHOTOSHOP**

**Grade:** 10, 11, 12

A look into the trend of photo editing and animation. Students will use Photoshop in order to modify digital photos while learning how to eliminate backgrounds, insert photos into other photos, insert photos into text, replace colors/patterns/styles, retouch photos, colorize photos, load and create brushes, as well as investigate the numerous built-in filters. Furthermore, the class will create short animated movies that manipulate an object’s position, opacity and style.

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

**Grade:** 10, 11, 12

This course looks into the world of social media and how your actions, decisions, and interests online can affect you. Students will choose a platform, research, and write about it on a classroom-based website. Topics covered include cyberbullying, ethics, reliable resources, the best way to gain responses from a business standpoint, individual decision making on social media, creating surveys on social media issues, and other learning tools online.

**GRAPHIC DESIGN**

**Grade:** 10, 11, 12  
**Prerequisite:** None

Welcome to the world of design! Students will learn how to create professional graphic compositions using Adobe Photoshop for digital and print applications. Students will also learn the fundamentals of animation along with using Adobe Flash to create animation productions. Finally, a portion of the class is dedicated to learning CSS3 to learn the latest trends in design.

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**ENGLISH CORE**

**GENERAL ENGLISH 9**
Grade: 9 - three trimesters
Prerequisite: None
General English 9 incorporates all content expectations of the Common Core Curriculum and State of Michigan Standards. It is designed to provide supplemental instruction for students who experience difficulty in an English curriculum.

**ENGLISH 9 HONORS**
Grade: 9 - three trimesters
Prerequisite: Successful Completion of English 8, 9th Grade or above reading level
This course is designed for students who are reading at or above 9th grade level. It strives to improve listening skills, increase vocabulary, grammar usage and mechanics, strengthen writing skills, and develop literary appreciation.

**GENERAL ENGLISH 10**
Grade: 10 - three trimesters
**Prerequisite: Successful completion of English 9**
Building on English 9, General English 10 incorporates all content expectations of the Common Core Curriculum and State of Michigan Standards. It is designed to expand the student’s experiences in reading, writing, speaking, and listening with progressively more challenging materials and activities. This class is suited to students who are still challenged by the English curriculum. Writing is focused on basic elements of a strong essay and persuasive writing.

**HONORS ENGLISH 10**
Grade: 10 - three trimesters
**Prerequisite: Successful completion of English 9**
Building on English 9, English 10 is designed to expand the student’s experiences in reading, writing, speaking, and listening with progressively more challenging materials and activities. While each class may vary in pace and depth, it is expected that all students will participate in the suggested activities at a pace suitable to their ability. This class differs from English 10 in that the pace is accelerated. Writing exposure is focused on moving beyond the five paragraph essay with a persuasive emphasis and more independent writing activities.

**GENERAL ENGLISH 11**
Grade: 11 - three trimesters
**Prerequisite: Successful completion of English 10**
Basic English 11 incorporates all content expectations of the Common Core Curriculum and State of Michigan Standards. Building on General English 10, this is an American Literature class designed to expand the student’s experiences in reading, writing, and listening with progressively more challenging materials and activities. This class is designed to provide supplemental instruction to students who still feel English is an area of weakness for them. Students also work on grammar, reading comprehension and writing skills to better prepare for the ACT and MME.

**HONORS ENGLISH 11**
Grade: 11 - three trimesters
**Prerequisite: Successful completion of English 10**
Pre-AP English is an American literature course that examines selections in all genres by major American writers from the Colonial period to the present, centering around the theme of transformational thinking. It engages students in becoming skilled readers of prose written in a variety of periods, disciplines, and rhetorical contexts, and in becoming skilled writers who compose for a variety of purposes. Both their writing and their reading should make students aware of the interactions among a writer's purposes, audience, expectations, and subjects as well as the way generic conventions and the resources of language contribute to effectiveness in writing. These students transition to analysis during the second part in order to prepare for Advanced Placement English Literature. Students also work on grammar, reading comprehension and writing skills to better prepare for the ACT and MME.

**GENERAL ENGLISH 12**
Grade: 12 - three trimesters
**Prerequisite: Successful completion of English 11**
Students will be reading material from Old English and Medieval Periods to Postmodern and beyond. There is a great deal of historical content relevant to the reading material and the textbook is aligned with the Common Core Standards.

**ENGLISH 12 HONORS**
Grade: 12 - three trimesters
**Prerequisite: Successful completion of English 11**
Students will be reading material from Old English and Medieval Periods to Postmodern and beyond. There is a great deal of historical content relevant to the reading material and the textbook is aligned with the Common Core Standards.

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) ENGLISH LANGUAGE**
Grade: 11 - three trimesters
**Prerequisite: Honors English 10 & Department Approval**
The AP Language & Composition course is a College-Level class that introduces students to a wide range of prose – mostly non-fiction. In order to strengthen the scope of Rhetorical ideas and broaden the awareness of the effectiveness of language, students will be placed into a variety contexts to assess their ability to communicate with diverse methods of composition. Also, students’ habits of mind, communication, academic collaboration, and professional inquiry are facilitated and monitored throughout the class. All in all, students should expect to devote time toward their abilities to learn about meaningful methods of communication and meticulous introspection.

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) ENGLISH LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION**
Grade: 12 – three trimesters
Prerequisite: Honors English 11 & Department Approval
As a yearlong class, AP English prepares the students for the Language and Composition test. The emphasis includes AP Composition and the close analysis of complex literary texts, poetry, and non-fiction pieces joined in a thematic nature. Students begin the course with an intensive six week “Boot Camp” which allows the instructor to closely examine their writing ability through weekly short analysis essays based on increasingly complex short stories. Part of the emphasis of the course is on the writing process and includes writing refinements such as concise expression, complicated mechanics, essay, and structure. In addition, students learn MLA style citations, which is necessary for source documentation in college writing. Entering students are expected to know the rudiments of the writing process, the review of which is the beginning point of class. From there, students progress to the writing of different types of essays and the exploration of organization, development and style. It is an elective credit.

**ENGLISH ELECTIVES**

**BASIC SPEECH**
Grades: 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: None
Speech communication is both theory and skill based. Students will study speech communication theories in intrapersonal, interpersonal, nonverbal, small group, and mass communication. Students will deliver a variety of informational, persuasive, and interpretive speeches. Research projects may include first amendment issues, communication-based careers, and media and propaganda.

**CREATIVE WRITING**
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: None
Creative Writing offers students the chance to learn or advance their skills and appreciation in such forms as the short story, the vignette essay and various types of poetry. Techniques such as creating characters, writing dialogue, creating atmosphere and plot progression will be studied and practiced. Individuals should plan on experimenting with each of these forms during the trimester.

**POETRY APPRECIATION**
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: None
Students will read, write, analyze, and discuss grade appropriate poetry from past and modern authors. Students will recite poetry, create hands-on projects, research poets, and write essays about the poems and the authors from various time periods.

**COLLEGE WRITING**
Grade: 12
Prerequisite: None
Students are exposed to a variety of writing types with the focus on process writing, annotated bibliography, and MLA formatting. A portfolio is created, edited, and handed in at the end of the course as a final project. This course is designed for the college bound student looking to improve their writing skills and strengthen their current writing skills to be better prepared for their freshman college writing course experience.

**COLLEGE WRITING HONORS**
Grade: 12
Prerequisite: None
Students are exposed to a variety of writing types with the focus on process writing, annotated bibliography, and MLA formatting. A portfolio is created, edited, and handed in at the end of the course as a final project. This course is...
designed for the college bound student looking to improve their writing skills and strengthen their current writing skills to be better prepared for their freshman college writing course experience.

**JOURNALISM/LITERATURE**  
Grade: 9, 10  
**Prerequisite: None**  
This class is designed for students interested in writing for the newspaper. Students will learn the ins and outs of journalistic writing and the process for writing several different types of articles, from hard news to feature stories. This is a great class for students with an interest in writing for the school newspaper, The Reflector.

**MYTHOLOGY**  
Grade: 11, 12  
**Prerequisite: None**  
Mythology is a system of plots and stories told by a given culture. In addition to being a good story, myth has a high purpose. Myth is the distilled essence of human experience, expressed in metaphorical terms or narrative. It deals with vital mysteries that confront and challenge all of us. Focus on Norse and Celtic mythology. It is an elective credit.

**MYTHOLOGY II**  
Grade: 11, 12  
**Prerequisite: None**  
Mythology is a system of plots and stories told by a given culture. In addition to being a good story, myth has a high purpose. Myth is the distilled essence of human experience, expressed in metaphorical terms or narrative. It deals with vital mysteries that confront and challenge all of us. Focus on Norse and Celtic mythology. It is an elective credit.

**NEWSPAPER**  
Grade: 10, 11, 12  
**Prerequisite: Permission of Instructor**  
Newspaper Publication is the class that publishes the monthly, tabloid-sized Reflector News. To be on staff, students should have successfully completed one semester of Journalistic Writing. Because of the scope of the monthly schedule of publication, this class will demand extra time from the student. Students receive elective credit in English. Newspaper Publication offers a high level of freedom in attaining whatever level of individual involvement and excellence is desired. The greatest personal growth, however, comes from mastering required skills in communication and the various kinds of scholastic journalism, developing graphic skills, placing personal convictions in review, and building mature work habits through acceptance of responsibility.

**YEARBOOK**  
Grade: 10, 11, and 12  
**Prerequisite: Approval of Advisor**  
Yearbook is a laboratory course in journalism and photography, with a touch of business management thrown in. Class members will photograph, write about, edit, and otherwise prepare the history of the current school year for publication. Students have the opportunity to demonstrate outstanding photographic, literary, and artistic talents in the production of the current volume. This course will satisfy the Fine Arts requirement for graduation; it will NOT serve as a substitute for any required English class.

**NOVELS**  
**Prerequisite: None**  
The student will have the opportunity to read independent novels of their choosing and class novels. Students will examine elements of the novel such as characters, plot, setting, and conflict. Writing assignments, class discussions, and independent projects will assess the students' understanding of the reading material. Students will receive assistance with choosing appropriate high interest grade level material in addition to reading class novels.
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ALGEBRA I
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: None
The following course is an inquiry based learning that supports the Common Core State Standards. The course covers the following topics: Equations and Inequalities, Functions, Extensions of Linear Concepts, Exponents, Radicals, Polynomials, Quadratic Functions, and Probability and Statistics. The class also brings in the technology of the Texas Instrument Nspire calculators. The course is taught over a 3-trimester time period.

ALGEBRA I HONORS
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: None
The following course is an inquiry based learning that supports the Common Core State Standards. The course covers the following topics: Equations and Inequalities, Functions, Extensions of Linear Concepts, Exponents, Radicals, Polynomials, Quadratic Functions, and Probability and Statistics. The class also brings in the technology of the Texas Instrument Nspire calculators. The course goes beyond the Common Core Standards, and involves a more in-depth study of Algebra I. The course is taught over a 3-trimester time period.

GEOMETRY
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: Algebra I
The following course is an inquiry based learning that supports the Common Core State Standards. The course covers the following topics: Proofs, Parallel and Perpendicular Lines, Transformations, Triangles, and Quadrilaterals, Similarity and Trigonometry, Circles, Coordinates, and Constructions, Extending Two Dimensions to Three Dimensions, and Probability. The class also brings in the technology of the Texas Instrument Nspire calculators. The course is taught over 3 trimesters.

GEOMETRY HONORS
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: Algebra I
The following course is an inquiry based learning that supports the Common Core State Standards. The course covers the following topics: Proofs, Parallel and Perpendicular Lines, Transformations, Triangles, and Quadrilaterals, Similarity and Trigonometry, Circles, Coordinates, and Constructions, Extending Two Dimensions to Three Dimensions, and Probability. The class also brings in the technology of the Texas Instrument Nspire calculators. The course goes beyond the Common Core Standards, and involves a more in-depth study of Geometry. The course is taught over a 2-trimester time period.

ALGEBRA II
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: Algebra I and Geometry
The following course is an inquiry based learning that supports the Common Core State Standards. The course covers the following topics: Equations, Inequalities, and Functions, Quadratic Functions, Polynomials, Series, Exponential, and Logarithmic Functions, Radical and Rational Functions, Trigonometry, and Probability and Statistics. The class also brings in the technology of the Texas Instrument Nspire calculators. The course is taught over a 3 or 4 trimester time period.

ALGEBRA II HONORS
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: Algebra I and Geometry
The following course is an inquiry based learning that supports the Common Core State Standards. The course covers the following topics: Equations, Inequalities, and Functions, Quadratic Functions, Polynomials, Series, Exponential, and Logarithmic Functions, Radical and Rational Functions, Trigonometry, and Probability and Statistics. The class also brings in the technology of the Texas Instrument Nspire calculators. The course goes beyond the Common Core Standards, and involves a more in-depth study of Algebra II. The course is taught over a 2-trimester time period.
PRE-CALCULUS
Grade: 11, 12
Prerequisite: Algebra 2, Instructor Approval
The course covers the following topics: Functions and Their Graphs, Polynomial and Rational Functions, Exponential and Logarithmic Functions, Trigonometry, Analytic Trigonometry, Addition Topics in Trigonometry, Systems of Equations and Inequalities, Matrices and Determinants, Sequences, Series, and Probability, Topics in Analytic Geometry, Analytic Geometry in Three Dimensions, and Limits and an Introduction to Calculus.

AP CALCULUS
Grade: 11, 12
Prerequisite: Pre-Calculus, Instructor Approval
The course covers the following topics: Limits and Their Properties, Differentiation, Applications of Differentiation, Integration, Logarithmic, Exponential and Others Transcendental Functions, Differential Equations, Applications with Integration, Integration Techniques, L'Hopital's Rules and Improper Integrals, Infinite Series and Conics, Parametric Equations and Polar Coordinates. The course also incorporates the technology of the Texas Instrument Inspire calculators. At the end of the course, students will have an opportunity to take the Advanced Placement Test. This course is taught over a 3-trimester period.

STATISTICS
Grade: 12
Prerequisite: Algebra II
Throughout the year, students will be exposed to four broad conceptual themes, Exploring Data, Planning A Study, Anticipating Patterns, and Statistical Inference. The course requires a “mathematical maturity” and interpretive and reasoning skills which the students may not have fostered as much in previous math courses.

AP STATISTICS
Grade: 12
Prerequisite: Algebra II
Throughout the year, students will be exposed to four broad conceptual themes, Exploring Data, Planning A Study, Anticipating Patterns, and Statistical Inference. The course requires a “mathematical maturity” and interpretive and reasoning skills which the students may not have fostered as much in previous math courses. The course goes beyond the Common Core Standards, and involves a more in-depth study of Statistics. At the end of the course, students will have an opportunity to take the Advanced Placement Test.

JC (JACKSON COLLEGE) MATH
Grade: 12
Prerequisite: Algebra II
From the Jackson College 2018-19 course catalog:
1st Semester - September–December
MAT 030 FOUNDATIONS OF MATH (4 CR) This course is designed to prepare non-STEM major students for MAT 130, Quantitative Reasoning. Cultivates student skills in interpreting, understanding, and using quantitative information. Develops facility with numeracy, problem solving strategies, proportional and statistical reasoning through a quantitative literacy lens. Fosters skills in reading and writing quantitative information. Emphasizes critical thinking and the use of multiple strategies in applied contexts.

2nd Semester - January–May
MAT 130 QUANTITATIVE REASONING (4 CR) Quantitative reasoning develops student skills in analyzing, synthesizing and communicating quantitative information. Cultivates algebraic reasoning and modeling skills through a quantitative literacy lens. Emphasizes critical thinking and the use of multiple strategies in applied contexts. Topics include proportional and statistical reasoning, probability, and evaluation of bias and validity. Corequisite: MAT 040 OR Prerequisite: MAT 030* or MAT 040*

JC (JACKSON COLLEGE) CALCULUS II/CALCULUS III
Grade: 12
Prerequisite: AP Calculus
From the Jackson College 2018-19 course catalog:
MAT 154 CALCULUS II (5 CR)
(Formerly MTH 154)
This course explores the following topics: methods and applications of the derivative and integral for inverse trigonometric and hyperbolic functions, indeterminate forms, series and polar/parametric representation of functions. Graphing calculator required. The mathematics department recommends the prerequisite not be more than two years
old. If the prerequisite is more than two years old, the recommendation is the course placement exam be taken or the prerequisite be retaken to ensure the success of the student.

**MAT 251 CALCULUS III (4 CR)**
(Formerly MTH 251)
Solid analytical geometry is integrated throughout this course covering the calculus of vector valued functions, multivariable functions, and vector fields with applications. Graphing calculator required. The mathematics department recommends that the prerequisite not be more than two years old. If the prerequisite is more than two years old then the recommendation is that the course placement exam be taken or the prerequisite be retaken to ensure the success of the student.

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INTRODUCTION TO MUSIC TECHNOLOGY
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: None
This is a one-trimester course designed as an introduction to music technology. Students will be involved in exploring current trends in electronic music as well as learning the basics of keyboard performance. Alfred music theory individualized instruction as well as the Bastien Adult Piano Course materials will be used.

CLASS PERCUSSION/ADVANCED PERCUSSION
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: Placement by audition and/or approval of instructor
Course is designed to offer instrument specific instruction to percussionists. This course is usually offered to those students who wish to build individual skills and knowledge in rudimental drumming, drum set, keyboard, timpani and other percussion instruments.

CADET BAND
Grade: 9
Prerequisite: Placement by audition and/or approval of instructor
Course is designed as an introduction to music learning and performing at the high school level. Group performs repertoire appropriate to instrumentation and proficiency. Other classroom literature includes *Treasury of Scales* (L. Smith, 1952) and *Concert Selections for Winds and Percussion* (C. Azzara, 1995). All students are encouraged to participate in the M.S.B.O.A. Solo and Ensemble Festival as well as perform at M.S.B.O.A. Band Festival. The group performs at all scheduled formal concerts during the school year. Students may participate in extracurricular performing groups such as Pep Band and the Viking Marching Band.

CLASS GUITAR I
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: Placement by audition and/or approval of instructor
This course is designed to offer instrument specific instruction to guitarists. The focus of this course is twofold. First, the rudiments of basic guitar technique are studied in both the melodic and harmonic musical dimensions. Second, this course maintains a focus on the creative aspects of music making. Music improvisation and composition are lifelong skills that can travel with a student throughout their entire lives. Other activities include: analysis of musicians and musical styles, music reading, music writing, and care and maintenance of the instruments.

CLASS GUITAR II and III
Grade: 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: Pass Guitar I with a C- or better. It is also open to those students that can demonstrate the necessary skills and knowledge covered in Class Guitar.
Advanced techniques will include: slide playing, jazz chord theory, accompaniment styles, and polyphonic composition. Music improvisation and composition remain a primary focus of the course. Other activities include: advanced analysis of musicians and musical styles, advanced music reading and writing.

VARSITY BAND
Grade: 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: Placement by audition
Course is designed as a traditional concert band performing at the M.S.B.O.A. Class C level. All students are encouraged to participate in the M.S.B.O.A. Solo and Ensemble Festival as well as perform at M.S.B.O.A. Band Festival. The group performs at all scheduled formal concerts during the school year. Students may participate in extracurricular performing groups such as Pep Band or the Viking Marching Band.
VARIELY WIND ENSEMBLE
Grade: 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: Placement by audition and/or approval of instructor
Course is designed as an advanced performing ensemble with specific instrumentation requirements. The VWE performs at M.S.B.O.A. Class B level. All members are encouraged to participate in the M.S.B.O.A. Solo and Ensemble Festival as well as perform at M.S.B.O.A. Band Festival. The group performs at all scheduled formal concepts during the school year.

SYMPHONY BAND
Grade: 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: Placement by audition and/or approval of instructor
Course is designed as an advanced performing ensemble with limited instrumentation. The Symphony Band performs at M.S.B.O.A. Class A level. All students are encouraged to participate in the M.S.B.O.A. Solo and Ensemble Festival as well as perform at M.S.B.O.A. Band Festival. The group performs at all scheduled formal concepts during the school year.

ORCHESTRA
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: Placement by audition and/or approval of instructor
Course is designed to enhance skills in string performance. Repertoire is selected based on instrumentation and performers’ proficiency. Ensemble presents no less than three performances per year. All students are encouraged to participate in the M.S.B.O.A. Solo and Ensemble Festival as well as perform at M.S.B.O.A. Orchestra Festival. The group performs at all scheduled formal concepts during the school year.

JAZZ BAND (after school)
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: Placement by audition and/or approval of instructor
Course is designed as a training ensemble for jazz improvisation. Skills include: playing by ear, memorization skills and improvisation. All students are encouraged to participate in the M.S.B.O.A. Solo and Ensemble Festival as well as perform at M.S.B.O.A. Jazz Festival. The group performs at all scheduled formal concepts during the school year.

JAZZ ENSEMBLE (after school)
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: Placement by audition
Course is designed as an advanced performing ensemble. Students demonstrating skills and knowledge in jazz styles and improvisation are challenged with performance opportunities in a variety of instrumental combinations, including regional and state M.S.B.O.A. Jazz Festivals.

AP MUSIC THEORY
Grade: 11, 12
Prerequisite: Acceptance by instructor
This is an advanced Music Theory Course designed for the music student wishing to do an in-depth study of music. The students will be using the Text and Workbook for Total Harmony by Kostka and Payne (2000). It is expected that the students will participate in the AP Testing cycle and/or create a project following completion of the course.

VARSITY CHOIR
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: Placement by audition and/or approval of instructor
Formerly Cadet Choir, this course is designed to offer a performing ensemble for students who have auditioned at a proficient level for the high school, but are not yet ready to perform in the Euphony Choir. Repertoire is selected at an appropriate level for singers’ proficiency. Students are encouraged to participate in M.S.V.M.A. Solo and Ensemble Festival and are required to perform at the District and State M.S.V.M.A. Choir Festival.

EUPHONY CHOIR
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: Placement by audition and/or approval of instructor
Euphony Choir members demonstrate the highest level of vocal performance at Jackson High School. The primary focus of the course is in the study of outstanding choral music literature and refining the skills of vocal technique and choral singing. Students are required to participate in M.S.V.M.A. Solo and Ensemble Festival and perform at the District and State M.S.V.M.A. Choir Festival.

MUSIC APPRECIATION
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: None
Music Appreciation is a survey of a wide variety of musical styles and musicians, as selected by the students and the instructor. Students will record notes daily from class discussions and listening. Students will complete weekly
Students will prepare a short presentation regarding their favorite musical topic. The final exam will include a selection of quiz questions from the trimester, and a prepared essay.

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION CORE

BASIC PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: None
This introductory physical education class teaches the student the how, what and why of physical education and physical activity. A variety of exercise programs are introduced; each is designed to fill the specific needs of the students. Emphasis is placed on testing for self-assessment in many areas of fitness. The selection of activities either corresponds to the concepts being taught or serves a recreational and leisure time purpose appropriate for co-educational activity. This class is a requirement for graduation and is a prerequisite for all other PE classes. Activities include but are not limited to: invasion games, striking/fielding games, outdoor pursuits, rhythmic activities, target games, net/wall games, aquatics and health related fitness.

HEALTH
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: None
The goal of health class is to build a foundation of knowledge and the resources available to help students make healthy decisions throughout their lifetimes. The emphasis of these topics is to use knowledge to promote responsible decision–making and an understanding of the consequences of one’s choices and actions. Students will build this knowledge base through discussion of the issues, reflections on stories from real life situations, scientific and medical facts and current research. Several different learning tools will be employed throughout the course, including but not limited to: lecture, internet research, group discussion, guest speakers, and influence of media, homework, text, current events, role play, story development, student presentations and varieties of assessments. This course will focus on the topics: healthy lifestyles, health skills, character development, physical activity for life, nutrition, tobacco, alcohol, medicines, drugs, endocrine system, reproductive systems, STIs, AIDS, HIV, prenatal development and birth.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION ELECTIVES

ADVANCED HEALTH
Grade: 11, 12
Prerequisite: Basic PE and Health
Advanced Health is a course that covers content and skill work in various areas of Health Education. The course will build, develop and implement students’ life-long health skills in many areas such as: Health careers/Health care, current events, sexuality, money/time management, life skills, divorce/family dynamics, and service learning. The student learns to relate to all aspects of life. This course will better prepare students for life after high school through awareness, assessment and application of Health skills.

ADVANCED PE
Grade: 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: Basic PE and Health
Advanced physical education is an extension of Basic Physical education with an emphasis on competition and testing for self-assessment in all areas of physical fitness. Activities include but are not limited to: invasion games, striking/fielding games, outdoor pursuits, rhythmic activities, target games, net/wall games, aquatics and health related fitness.

GYM & SWIM
Grade: 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: Basic PE and Health
Gym and Swim will divide student’s instruction and participation time between the pool and the gymnasium. This will provide the opportunity for students to learn different aquatic activities, then compare and contrast them to their land based equivalents. The course will introduce a variety of activities that will engage students in life-long sport and recreational opportunities. Units will include, but are not limited to: fitness activities, volleyball, team handball, water polo, aerobic dance and synchronized swimming. Assessments will include physical fitness testing, skill/task analysis, and sports related writing assignments.

ATHLETIC WEIGHT TRAINING
Grade: 10, 11, 12
**Prerequisite: Basic PE and Health**
Weight training seeks to increase total body strength through the systematic execution of the Bigger, Faster, Stronger total program. An understanding of how and why strength improvement is stressed. Each student has an individualized program based on their physical tests and personal goals. The class includes strength training, cardiovascular conditioning, isometrics, plyometrics, speed and agility training among others.

**WEIGHT TRAINING**
Grade: 10, 11, 12
**Prerequisite: Basic PE**
The course seeks to increase total body strength through the systematic execution of the Bigger, Faster, Stronger total program. An understanding of how and why strength improvement is stressed. Each student has an individualized program based on their physical tests, and personal goals. The class includes strength training, cardiovascular conditioning, isometrics, plyometrics, speed and agility training among others.

**FITNESS FOR LIFE**
Grade: 10, 11, 12
**Prerequisite: Basic PE and Health**
Fitness for Life is designed to provide students with an opportunity to interact with health and fitness content in a meaningful way and provide a rich learning environment. Concepts are introduced using individual and team activities in conjunction with health and fitness activities. These concepts are reinforced with hands-on experiences. Each activity includes three parts; a concept, a hands-on activity and an evaluation. The knowledge building concepts provide definitions and information to build understanding about the heart, health and fitness. The hands-on activity is meant to reinforce the concept. The evaluation provides open ended questions for higher order thinking to take place and assist students in making connections and increasing understanding. Concepts to be covered: knowledge of the heart, skills based fitness components, cardiovascular fitness, muscular strength and endurance, flexibility/body composition, goal setting, functional and circuit training, core strength, stability, agility, reaction time, speed training, acceleration, deceleration, and power.
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**SCIENCE CORE**

**BIOLOGY**
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: None
This course is a comprehensive biology course reflecting basic biology concepts. All major topics outlined by the State of Michigan’s High School Biology Content Expectations will be covered. Topics included in this Biology HSCE are: the organization and development of living systems, the interdependence of living systems and the environment, genetics, evolution, and biodiversity. There will be many demonstrations, dissections, labs, model construction, opportunities for hands-on projects, and team/partner collaboration. *Common Core State Standards and the Next Generation Science Standards will be reflected as they become finalized.

**BIOLOGY HONORS**
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: None
This course is a comprehensive biology course that provides curriculum which includes basic biological principles and introduces the diversity of organisms. This is also a preparatory course for those students with the ability and interest to pursue further study in Advanced Placement Biology in high school and beyond. All major topics outlined by the State of Michigan’s High School Biology Content Expectations will be covered. Topics included in this Biology HSCE are: the organization and development of living systems, the interdependence of living systems and the environment, genetics, evolution, and biodiversity. There will be many demonstrations, dissections, labs, model construction, opportunities for hands on projects, and team/partner collaboration. *Common Core State Standards and the Next Generation Science Standards will be reflected as they become finalized.

**CHEMISTRY**
Grade: 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: Biology
This course is the study of how chemistry relates to the student's day-to-day life experiences. This laboratory filled course covers units of measurement, classifications of matter, elements and their structures, chemical reactions, chemical bonding, solutions, acids and bases, structure of the atom, classification of formulas, nomenclature of compounds, and matter and energy. In addition, Earth and Life Science concepts will be reviewed and all Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements for Chemistry will be met. Success in this course will prepare the student for many other science courses in the future.

**CHEMISTRY HONORS**
Grade: 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: Biology
Chemistry is the study of all those things that we can see, touch, and smell. Basically, Chemistry is the study of everything that exists. Lectures, demonstrations, and laboratory activities are used to study the structure, properties, and energy content of substances as diverse as fuels, minerals, vitamins, metals, and foods. This is an excellent preparatory course for those students with the ability and interest to pursue further study in Advanced Placement Chemistry or other upper level science courses. This college preparatory class meets all of the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements and the State of Michigan’s High School Content Expectations. Successful completion facilitates readiness for Advanced Placement Chemistry in either the student’s Junior or Senior year.

**SCIENCE ELECTIVES**

**OCEANOGRAPHY**
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12  
Prerequisite: None
The study of Oceanography provides students with an understanding of the scientific questions, complexities, and uncertainties involved in ocean use. It also demonstrates the role and importance of the ocean in nurturing and sustaining life on the planet. An emphasis is placed on the interdisciplinary nature of marine science, stressing its links to biology, chemistry, geology, physics, meteorology, astronomy, ecology, history, and economics.

**PHYSIOLOGY**
Grade: 10 w/approval, 11, 12  
Prerequisite: Biology
Physiology is an introductory course into the human body. It is designed for students that are preparing for a career in human health, but also for everyone interested in how their own body functions. It surveys the levels of organization from the conception cell to tissues, organs, and organ systems. The course has a strong laboratory component including the dissection of lungs, hearts, kidneys, vascular structures, and eyes.

**EVERYDAY PHYSICS**
Grade: 11, 12  
Prerequisite: None
This course is an introduction to the laws of physics and their important role in everyday living. This course is best suited for the non-science major or the student who enjoys science but is intimidated by the math required in a traditional physics course. Students will explore how their world works in the areas of communication, transportation, and home using their curiosity as their guide.

**ASTRONOMY**
Grade: 10, 11, 12  
Prerequisite: Chemistry, Algebra
Astronomy is the study of the universe in which we live. This one-trimester course will cover topics regarding the structure, formation, and origins of the bodies that make up the cosmos. Stars, planets, nebula, gravitation, cosmology, mapping, telescopes, light, and galaxies will all be covered.

**PHYSICS HONORS**
Grade: 11, 12  
Prerequisite: Chemistry, Geometry
Physics is a study of how things work. Curiosity and the desire to explain observations is what makes Physics interesting. Topics covered include motion, forces, energy, waves, light, electricity, and magnetism. The ability to reason and apply mathematical relationships is necessary to learn physics. There will be many examples, demonstrations, laboratory activities, and practice problems to help clarify the concepts covered in class.

**FORENSICS**
Grade: 11, 12  
Prerequisite: None
Forensic Science is the application of science to the field of law. Our Forensic Science course offers an innovative way of learning science which develops critical thinking and problem-solving skills. With many labs including fingerprinting, DNA electrophoresis, hair analysis, and the measurement of bones and skeletons students will learn a great deal about themselves and their fellow humans. Forensic Science involves those areas of Chemistry, Biology, Physics, and Geology that are useful for determining the value of the evidence found at the crime scene as well as other related evidence. Major topics included in this course will be Fingerprinting, DNA Analysis & Electrophoresis, Bullet Microscopy, Forensic Toxicology, Entomology, Odontology, and Anthropology.
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: None
Environmental Science is a middle level science course for students that have acquired background knowledge in both Earth Science and Biology. The course covers a variety of nature topics with an emphasis in the areas of Earth Science and Ecology. Concepts will be developed in a hands-on manner through a combination of lectures, labs, and outdoor studies where students will learn and apply their knowledge to real world environmental problems. Topics will include evaluating local aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems, studying nutrient cycling through various ecosystems, land use, and the impact of humans on the environment.

ADVANCED SCIENCE EXPLORATIONS
Grade: 11, 12
Prerequisite: 6 credits of science (9th-10th graders must receive instructor approval)
This advanced STEM course will be both teacher-led and student-directed. The course will explore major fields and themes in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. It will use a rotating sequence of major topics that will allow students to take a full year of Advanced STEM without concern for repeating content. Students will be encouraged to develop their own individualized research and investigations in STEM fields that they find particularly engaging or suited towards their future career goals. Plan on a hands-on lab oriented exploration of the physical world where everything in science and engineering is fair game.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) CHEMISTRY
Grade: 11, 12
Prerequisite: Chemistry
Microbiology is an extension of the Biology and Honors Biology programs. The program is designed to last two trimesters and cover the following topics: Microbiology Laboratory Skills and Safety, Microbial Growth, Microscopy and Staining of Organisms, Selective Media, Differential Tests, Medical and Food Microbiology, Microbial Genetics, and Identifying Unknowns. Daily activities are designed around hands-on laboratory experiences, brief lectures and demonstrations. Students will be required to keep a written laboratory notebook of all class exercises. Evaluation will be based upon successful completion of various activities and instructor observations. Trimester 1 Final will be a written exam and Trimester 2 will be evaluated upon successful identification of an unknown organism.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) BIOLOGY
Grade: 11, 12
Prerequisite/Concurrent: Chemistry and Physiology
The Advanced Placement Biology course is designed to be the equivalent of a college introductory Biology course usually taken by Biology majors during their first year of college. AP Biology includes those topics covered in a college Biology course. AP Biology differs from Honors Biology with respect to the kind of textbook used, the range and depth of topics covered, the kind of laboratory work done by students, and the time and effort required of students. At the end of the AP Biology year, students are encouraged to take the AP Biology college board exam which may allow for the acquisition of college credit (score of 3, 4 or 5). Students who have enrolled in the AP program must have successfully completed Biology and Chemistry. AP Biology goals are to provide students with the conceptual framework, factual knowledge, and analytical skills necessary to deal with the rapidly changing science of Biology. The AP Biology curriculum focuses on Four Big Ideas and Seven Science Practices, as assessed on the AP College Board Exam.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) PHYSICS
Grade: 11, 12
Prerequisite: Honors Physics, Pre-Calculus
The Advanced Placement Physics course will be taught on a level of difficulty equal to that of the college freshman, Calculus-based, Physics course. The topics covered will include only Mechanics, Electricity, and Magnetism since this is what the AP Physics C Exam will test. Laboratory experiments will be performed using the same technology found in colleges around the country.

COMPUTER SCIENCE PRINCIPLES
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: Algebra I
Computer Science Principles (CSP) curriculum is a rigorous, entry-level course that introduces high school students to the foundations of modern computing. The course covers a broad range of topics such as programming, algorithms, the Internet, big data, digital privacy and security, and the societal impacts of computing.

**ROBOTICS AND ENGINEERING**

Grade: 11, 12  
**Prerequisite:** 6 credits of science (9th-10th graders must receive instructor approval)

This course is designed to introduce students to the high-demand fields of Robotics and Engineering. Students will engage in the Engineering Design Process as they plan, design, build, and endlessly iterate their designs while they construct a wide variety of engineering projects, electronics, and robotics. The students will investigate many different STEM fields, including civil, mechanical, electrical, mechatronic, marine, and aerospace engineering as they design and build a large number of robots, ROV's, and drones. Students in the Robotics and Engineering course will form the core of our Viking Robotics teams and help us lift our participation in the many various robotic competitions.

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### SOCIAL SCIENCE CORE

**AMERICAN GOVERNMENT**

*Grade:* 11, 12  
*Prerequisite:* None

This course is designed to provide the student with information and activities that will generate an interest in becoming an active citizen of the United States. Each class will emphasize the study of all major topics outlined by Michigan’s High School Social Science American Government Expectations for college and career readiness. Text and materials will be used to evaluate the current domestic and foreign affairs of our American Government.

**AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HONORS**

*Grade:* 11, 12  
*Prerequisite:* None

This course is designed to provide the student with information and activities that will generate an interest in becoming an active citizen of the United States. Each class will emphasize the study of all major topics outlined by Michigan’s High School Social Science American Government Expectations for college and career readiness. This course offers a more in depth study into the American Government curriculum and will allow them to have an excellent background toward pursuing further study in advanced American government or beyond. Text and materials will be used to evaluate the current domestic and foreign affairs of our American Government.
ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) U.S. GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
Grade: 11, 12
Prerequisite: None
The American Government courses are designed to provide the student with information and activities that will generate an interest in becoming an active citizen of the United States. Each class includes the basic core program and individual teachers will follow the core program and provide for advanced assignments as the course demands. Text and materials will be used to help students evaluate the current domestic and foreign affairs of our American Government. Phase 4 (Advanced Placement American Government) provides instruction directed at students reading above grade level. This course is designed to prepare the student for the Advanced Placement Exam.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) U.S. HISTORY
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: US History or Instructor Approval
This course in United States History is designed for qualified students who wish to complete studies in secondary school equivalent to a college introductory course in U.S. history. The course is designed to provide students with the analytic skills and factual knowledge necessary to deal critically with the problems and materials in United States history. The program prepares students for the Advanced Placement United States History Examination, which is given in May.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) WORLD HISTORY
Grade: 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: None
The purpose of the Advanced Placement (AP) course in World History is to prepare qualified students in understanding the evolution of global processes and contacts, in interaction with different types of human societies. This understanding is advanced through a combination of selective factual knowledge and appropriate analytical skills. Focused primarily on the past thousand years of the global experience, the course builds on an understanding of cultural, institutional, and technological precedents that, along with geography, have set the stage for the world of the 21st Century. The program prepares students for the mandatory Advanced Placement World History Examination and the mandatory Advanced Placement European History Examination, which are both given in May. Students who perform satisfactorily on either one or both of the exams are granted college credits and/or advanced placement by more than 2900 colleges and universities worldwide.

UNITED STATES HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY
Grade: 9
Prerequisite: None
This course begins with the history of World War I, and will cover material up to the present time. This course will help students become aware of the legacy of hope bequeathed to them by previous generations of Americans, a legacy that is theirs to preserve and build on. The course meets the State of Michigan’s High School Social Science United States History expectations for college and career readiness. Most work will be completed in class with the textbook presenting the story of the American nation in a basic and simplified language.

UNITED STATES HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY HONORS
Grade: 9
Prerequisite: None
This course begins with the history of World War I, and will cover material up to the present time. This course will help students become aware of the legacy of hope bequeathed to them by previous generations of Americans, a legacy that is theirs to preserve and build on. The course meets the State of Michigan’s High School Social Science United States History expectations for college and career readiness and will allow them to have an excellent background toward pursuing further study in advanced history or beyond.

WORLD HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY
Grade: 10
Prerequisite: None
This course is designed to teach students the urban, economic, historical, cultural, and physical aspects of world history and geography. Emphasis will be on the study of all major topics outlined by Michigan’s High School Social Science World History and Geography Content Expectations for college and career readiness. Text and materials will include a strong technological component.

WORLD HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY HONORS
Grade: 10
Prerequisite: None
This course is designed to teach students the urban, economic, historical, cultural and physical aspects of world history and geography. Emphasis will be on the study of all major topics outlined by Michigan’s High School Social Science World History and Geography Content Expectations for college and career readiness. This course offers a more in depth study into the World History-Geography curriculum and will allow them to have an excellent background toward pursuing further study in advanced world history and geography or beyond. This course emphasizes critical thinking skills, and an awareness of process in addition to memorization of facts. Text and material will include a strong technological component.

ECONOMICS
Grade: 11
Prerequisite: None
This course deals with the study of how society, using limited resources, goes about producing, distributing, and consuming goods in order to satisfy their unlimited wants. Each class will emphasize the study of all major topics outlined by Michigan’s High School Social Science Economic expectations for college and career readiness. When available, students will participate in a Computer Economic simulation against students from throughout Michigan.

ECONOMICS HONORS
Grade: 11
Prerequisite: None
This course deals with the study of how society, using limited resources, goes about producing, distributing, and consuming goods in order to satisfy their unlimited wants. Each class will emphasize the study of all major topics outlined by Michigan’s High School Social Science Economic Expectations for college and career readiness. This course offers a more in depth study into the Economic curriculum, and will allow them to have an excellent background into advanced economics or beyond. When available, students will participate in a Computer Economic Simulation in competition against students from throughout Michigan.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) MACRO/MICRO ECONOMICS
Grade: 11, 12
Prerequisite: None
The Economics courses are designed for the students who will continue their education in college or technical studies. Economics deals with the study of how society, using limited resources, goes about producing, distributing, and consuming goods and services in order to satisfy their unlimited wants. Each class includes the basic core program and individual teachers will follow the core program and provide for advanced assignments as the course demands. Students will participate in a Computer Economic Simulation in competition against students from throughout Michigan. Phase 4 advanced placement Economics provides instruction for students who read above grade level. This course is intended to prepare the student for the AP Exam.

SOCIAL SCIENCE ELECTIVES

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY I
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: None
This course will bring the history of African-American experiences to life and will invite students to explore the rich culture that African-Americans have nurtured throughout their history. It examines the many faceted quest of African-Americans for freedom, and uses audio features, such as “African-American Voices” that will draw students in, and keep them involved in the study of history. It begins with an overview of African history, and focuses on African-American history from 6000 B.C.E. to 1865.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY II
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: None
This course will bring the history of African-American experiences to life and will invite students to explore the rich culture that African-Americans have nurtured throughout their history. It examines the many faceted quest of African-Americans for freedom, and uses audio features, such as “African-American Voices” that will draw students in,
and keep them involved in the study of history. It focuses on African-American history from reconstruction to the present.

**MICHIGAN HISTORY**
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: None
Michigan History is the study of the state of Michigan from prehistoric times to the present. It includes a study of the industry, resources and variety of interests and activities within the state. It also includes a study of geography as well as a study of Jackson County.

**PHILOSOPHY & WORLD RELIGION**
Grade: 11, 12
Prerequisite: None
This course will introduce the student to the five major world religions, Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, also included will be a brief study of select groups or movements that have appeared in the American religious scene: Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Science and other groups as time permits.

**CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LAW I**
Grade: 11, 12
Prerequisite: None
Criminal and Civil Law intends to provide students with a practical understanding of law and the legal system that they use in their everyday lives. Students will research and discuss the human values underlying the legal system and the concept of rights and responsibilities. Students will explore in depth, the law and the legal system, with emphasis in the area of criminal justice. Text and primary resources will be used for the course. Students may participate in statewide mock trial competitions.

**CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LAW II**
Grade: 11, 12
Prerequisite: Criminal Civil Law I or Instructor approval
Students will explore in depth the law and the legal system, with emphasis in the area of criminal justice. Emphasis will also be on the range of protection for citizens reflected in the body of contract and consumer laws. The focus also will be on mock court trials, trial procedure, Supreme Court cases and participation in student court and conflict resolution. Text and primary resources will be used for this course. Students may participate in statewide mock trial competitions.

**HISTORY THROUGH MOVIES & MUSIC**

**PSYCHOLOGY**
Grade: 11, 12
Prerequisite: None
This is a class designed for students considering pursuing a college education and will present the physiological and psychological development of man from birth through old age. The various psychological stages through which man passes are presented through a textbook, recent research articles relating to human behavior, films exploring specialized areas of psychology, and activities designed to allow students to apply concepts learned. An average or above reading level is required for satisfactory comprehension of assigned materials.

**SOCIOLOGY**
Grade: 11, 12
Prerequisite: None
Sociology is the science that studies human society and social behavior. Its main interest is how people relate to one another and influence each other’s behavior. Areas of emphasis include cultural values, development of self, defiance and crime, class system, discrimination, status and roles, the family, school, church, and collective behavior and social movement.

**WOMEN IN WORLD HISTORY**
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: None
This course is a comprehensive study of women throughout history and the contributions they have made throughout time. Students will learn that women played important roles while ruling nations, fighting in wars, contributing to the economies of the world, and researching and developing advancements in the sciences. This course will illustrate to students that women were important players.

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) PSYCHOLOGY**

Grade: 12

**Prerequisite: None**

The goal of the AP Psychology course is to provide the student with a learning experience that mirrors must college introductory psychology courses. Students will gain knowledge of key theories and concepts of the many subfields within psychology, and they will apply skills in understanding and critiquing psychological research. Emphasis will be made on the development of critical psychological reasoning skills that challenge students to think, as well as improving communicative skills.

**ANCIENT WORLD HISTORY**

**CURRENT EVENTS**

Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12

**Prerequisite: None**

This course emphasizes reading comprehension, critical thinking, problem solving, oral expression, and media literacy in a social study setting. The curriculum for this course will not focus on specific facts and dates, but rather a project based evaluation. The class will offer ideal opportunities to become informed citizens and learn to become lifelong news readers. Students will focus on such areas of study as national events, state events, local events, and foreign events.

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**FRENCH I A**

Grade: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

**Prerequisite: None, but a GPA of a C or higher is recommended.**
This course provides an introduction to French language and culture. Students will develop a proficiency in all four of the skill areas, listening, speaking, reading and writing, commensurate with their level. Student outcomes include, demonstrating communicative competency in using the present and near future tense of the regular –er verbs and the irregular verbs avoir and être; negation of verbs; common adverbial phrases; possessive and descriptive adjectives. Basic vocabulary study includes the following: numbers, family, class objects, pets, time, likes & dislikes; common activities. Cultural study includes the following: The 24 hour clock; French-speaking countries of the World; school life; family structure; Geography of North Central France. The course is student centered, giving the students the opportunity to use the language in both interpersonal and presentational contexts.

**FRENCH I B**
Grade: 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

**Prerequisite: Passing grade in French 1A**
This course continues the introduction to French language and culture. Students will continue to develop a proficiency in all four of the skill areas, listening, speaking, reading and writing, commensurate with their level. Student outcomes include, demonstrating communicative competency in using the present and near future tense of the irregular verbs aller, faire, boire, prendre, mettre, vouloir and common reflexive verbs; the recent past; and question formation. Basic vocabulary study includes the following: sports & hobbies; places in town, weather expressions days of the week, months of the year; foods; rooms of the house; household chores; and clothing. Cultural study includes the following: Teenage pastimes; organized sports; use of the metric system for weather & clothing; Northern vs. Southern Hemispheres; restaurant ordering & etiquette; Geography of Southwestern France & French-speaking Africa. The course is student centered, giving the students the opportunity to use the language in both interpersonal and presentational contexts.

**FRENCH II A**
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12

**Prerequisite: Passing grades in both French 1A and French 1B**
This course reviews the grammatical structures, verbs and vocabulary learned in French 1A and French 1B. New student outcomes include demonstrating proficiency in using the present tense of regular and irregular –ir verbs; regular and irregular –re verbs; passé compose of all regular verb groups. More complex vocabulary study includes: personality traits; professions; nationality; school locations; city locations; personal care items; celebrations & holidays; fruits & vegetables; cooking & restaurants. Cultural themes from the first level are expanded in a correlative context. Audio-lingual competencies are further developed and reinforced with reading, listening, speaking and writing activities.

**FRENCH II B**
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12

**Prerequisite: Passing grade in French 2A**
This course continues the grammatical structures, verbs and vocabulary studied in French 2A. New student outcomes include demonstrating proficiency in using the imperfect, future and conditional tenses of regular and irregular –ir verbs; contrasting the usage of the passé composé and the imperfect tenses; comparative and superlative structures. More complex vocabulary study includes: country life vs. city life; farm animals; childhood activities; camping and nature; wild animals; parts of the body & health; technology. Cultural themes from the first level are expanded in a correlative context. Audio-lingual competencies are further developed and reinforced with reading, listening, speaking and writing activities.

**FRENCH III/IV A**
Grade: 10, 11, 12

**Prerequisite: Passing grades in French 2A and French 2B**
This course provides in-depth study of structures introduced in French 1 and French 2. Grammar structures examined are the following: the present tense and infinitive constructions; the passé composé vs. the imperfect tenses; reflexive verbs; the future tense; the conditional mood and “si” clauses. In-depth vocabulary themes include: school subjects and materials; after school activities; summertime activities; places in town and country; professions and services. Functions include: talking about likes and dislikes, future plans, frequency of activities; description of past events; making polite requests. Literature selection: *Le Comte de Monte Cristo*.

**FRENCH III/IV B**
Grade: 10, 11, 12

**Prerequisite: Passing grades in French 2A and French 2B**
This course provides in-depth study of structures introduced in French 1 and French 2. Grammar structures examined are the following: The passé simple; relative pronouns; adjective placement; the past perfect tense; the conditional perfect; the future perfect; sequence of tenses in multi-clause sentences; the past infinitive. In-depth vocabulary themes include: fairy tales & legends; historical accounts; government conflicts. Functions include: setting the scene of a story; relating a sequence of events; talking about what someone else said/did. Literature selection: *Le Petit Prince*.
FRENCH III/IV C
Grade: 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: Passing grades in French 2A and French 2B
This course provides in-depth study of structures introduced in French 1 and French 2. Grammar structures examined are the following: comparative and superlative structures; the passive voice; use of prepositions; usage of quand/lorsque/dès that; present tense subjunctive forms; usage of subjunctive after conjunctions & with doubt/uncertainty. In-depth vocabulary themes include: Natural phenomena; environmental issues; the news media. Functions include: expressing caution; giving reasons; making predictions and assumptions; expressing certainty, possibility, doubt and disbelief. Literature selection: Voyage au Centre de la Terre

FRENCH III/IV D
Grade: 11, 12
Prerequisite: Passing grades in French 2A and French 2B
This course provides in-depth study of structures introduced in French 1 and French 2. Grammar structures examined are the following: Inverted questions; present participles as adjectives; demonstrative pronouns; savoir vs. connaitre. In-depth vocabulary themes include: fine art genres; music; performing arts. Functions include: giving opinions; changing the subject in a conversation; making suggestions. Literature selection: Lancelot

GERMAN I A
Grade: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: None, but a GPA of a C or higher is recommended.
German 1A introduces the German language and the cultures of the German speaking countries. Effective communication and confidence in using and understanding basic vocabulary and sentence structure is emphasized. The course objectives are for the students to be able to possess a broad basic vocabulary including numbers, colors, months, seasons, days of the week, family, possessive and descriptive adjectives, classroom objects, pets, time, and likes and dislikes. Students are introduced to the present tense of the verbs to have, to be, to be named, to live, to be able to, and to like. Students will formulate questions on familiar topics, use negation, and interact with some fundamental components of the German culture related to the topics stated. Students listen and speak German daily, take regular written and oral quizzes and exams, develop projects, write short sentences in the target language, and perform short dialogues for the teacher or small peer group. Literature: Fritz in Amerika

GERMAN I B
Grade: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: Passing grade in German 1A
German 1B continues an introduction to the German language and the cultures of the German speaking countries. Effective communication and confidence using the language is emphasized. The course objectives are for the students to be able to converse utilizing the present tense, to possess a broad basic vocabulary including weather, sports and hobbies, places in town, rooms of the house, chores, clothing, and food. Students learn the present tense of the rest of the modals and other irregular verbs. Students will learn to talk about someone/something in the third person, and to interact with some fundamental components of the German culture related to the topics stated. Students listen and speak German daily, take regular written and oral quizzes and exams, develop projects, write short sentences in the target language, and perform short dialogues for the teacher or small peer groups. Literature: Geld oder Liebe

GERMAN II A
Grade: 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: Passing grades in German 1A and German 1B
German 2A continues to present the German language and cultures of the German speaking countries. This course reviews the grammatical structures, verbs and vocabulary learned in German 1A and German 1B. The course objectives are for the students to be able to converse utilizing the present tense, recognizing and using the written and spoken forms of the past tense. Students will continue to broaden their vocabulary and use their reading and writing skills to explore contemporary life of German speaking people. Students will listen and speak German daily, take regular written and oral quizzes and exams, develop projects, write paragraphs in the target language, and perform short dialogues/oral presentations for the class. Themes covered in this course include professions, personality traits, celebrations and holidays. Literature: Oh wie schön ist Panama

GERMAN II B
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12

**Prerequisite: Passing grade in German 2A**

German 2B continues to present the German language and cultures of the German speaking countries. This course reviews the grammatical structures, verbs and vocabulary learned in German 2A. The course objectives are for the students to be able to write/converse utilizing the present tense as well as written and spoken forms of the past tense, reflexive verbs and using verbs plus infinitive. Students will continue to broaden their vocabulary and use their reading and writing skills to explore contemporary life of German speaking people. Students will listen and speak German daily, take regular written and oral quizzes and exams, develop projects, write paragraphs and stories in the target language, and perform short skits for the class. Themes covered in this course include friendship and relationships, traveling with a group, outdoor activities, lifestyles, and eating out/shopping. This course is student centered, giving the students the opportunity to use the language in both interpersonal and presentational scenarios. Literature: Grimms Märchen

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**GERMAN III/IV A**

Grade: 10, 11, 12

**Prerequisite: Passing grades in German 2A and German 2B**

3/4 A is a trimester course which begins with a review of essential basic knowledge of grammar concepts and vocabulary introduced in German 1 and 2. Emphasis is on communicating in German through speaking, listening, reading, and writing in various aspects of time. Students will be introduced to a higher level vocabulary and complex grammar structures such as da/wo compounds, coordinating and subordinating conjunctions, and the dative case. Students will read articles from newspapers and magazines and different literature genres. In addition, students will watch/listen to and discuss authentic videos/podcasts. All materials in this unit will introduce students to the vocabulary and themes of contemporary daily life and family and communities. At all times, the primary focus will be to increase the students' ability to comprehend and communicate in German with ease and confidence. In this class students will listen and speak German daily, take regular written and oral quizzes and exams, develop projects, write 5 paragraph essay in the target language, and perform thorough oral presentation and Internet projects such as blogging, animoto, PowerPoint/prezi. Literature: Die Ilse ist weg

**GERMAN III/IV B**

Grade: 10, 11, 12

**Prerequisite: Passing grades in German 2A and German 2B**

German 3/4 B is a trimester course in which students are expected to converse and write about various topics in the target language. Contemporary publications, historical texts, music, and original works of literature are studied and used as the substance of classroom discussion. In addition, students will watch/listen to and discuss authentic videos/podcasts. All materials in this unit will introduce students to the vocabulary and themes of science and technology and environmental issues. Advanced grammar topics are covered including, the genitive case, and adverbial phrases, and verbs plus infinitives. Students are expected to build on their previous three years of study and begin expanding their language through emails, essays, conversations, and speeches in German. Literature: Leseprobe: Beta

**GERMAN III/IV C**

Grade: 10, 11, 12

**Prerequisite: Passing grades in German 2A and German 2B**

German 3/4C is a trimester course which begins with a review of essential basic knowledge of grammar concepts and vocabulary introduced in German 1 and 2. Emphasis is on communicating in German through speaking, listening, reading, and writing in various aspects of time. Students will be introduced to a higher level vocabulary and complex grammar such as the past perfect tense and the subjunctive II. They will be exposed to articles from newspapers and magazines, and different literature genres. In addition, students will watch/listen to and discuss authentic videos/podcasts. All materials in this unit will introduce students to the vocabulary and themes of contemporary life, specifically professions and the work training and innovation and technology in the family and on the job. At all times, the primary focus will be to increase the students' ability to comprehend and communicate in German with ease and confidence. In this class students will listen and speak German daily, take regular written and oral quizzes and exams,
develop projects, write 5 paragraph essays in the target language, and perform thorough oral presentations. Literature: Leseprobe Mein Leben, die Liebe und der ganze Rest von Conni

**GERMAN III/IV D**
Grade: 10, 11, 12
**Prerequisite: Passing grades in German 2A and German 2B**
German 3/4 B or 3/4D is a trimester course in which students are expected to converse and write about various topics in the target language. Contemporary publications, historical texts, music, and original works of literature are studied and used as the substance of classroom discussion. In addition, students will watch/listen to and discuss authentic videos/podcasts. All materials in this unit will introduce students to the vocabulary and themes of multiculturalism and beauty and aesthetics. An appreciation of music, art and other cultural aspects of countries is developed and studied through the target language. Advanced grammar topics are covered, and students are expected to build on their previous three years of study and begin expanding their language through emails, essays, conversations, and speeches in German. Literature: Spaghetti für zwei, Der Panther, Der Erlkönig

**AP GERMAN LANGUAGE**
Grade: 11, 12
**Prerequisite: Approval**
This year-long AP course is designed to provide students with a learning experience equivalent to that of a third-year college course. It is intended for students who wish to develop proficiency and integrate their language skills, using authentic materials and sources. This course will help prepare students to demonstrate their level of German proficiency across three communicative modes: Interpersonal (interactive communication), Interpretive (receptive communication), and Presentational (productive communication), and the five goal areas outlined in the Standards for Foreign Language Learning (Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons, and Communities). During the course students will be exposed to authentic materials that revolve around the six AP Themes of Contemporary Life, Family and Communities, Personal and Public Identities, Beauty and Aesthetics, Globalization, and Science and Technology and will participate in practice to prepare for the test. Students enrolled in this course are encouraged to take the AP German Language and Culture Exam during third trimester.

**SPANISH I A**
Grade: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
**Prerequisite: None, but a GPA of a C or higher is recommended.**
This course provides an introduction to the language and culture of Spanish-speaking areas of the World. Students will develop a proficiency in all four of the skill areas, listening, speaking, reading and writing, commensurate with their level. Student outcomes include, demonstrating communicative competency in using the present and near future tense of the regular –ar verbs and the irregular verbs ser, estar and tener; negation of verbs; common adverbial phrases; possessive and descriptive adjectives; the use of gustar. Basic vocabulary study includes the following: numbers, family, class objects, pets, time, likes & dislikes; common activities. Cultural study includes the following: The 24 hour clock; Spanish-speaking countries of the World; school life; family structure; Geography of Costa Rica, Chile & the Dominican Republic. The course is student centered, giving the students the opportunity to use the language in both interpersonal and presentational contexts.

**SPANISH I B**
Grade: 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
**Prerequisite: Passing grade in Spanish 1A**
This course continues the introduction to the language and culture of Spanish-speaking areas of the World. Students will develop a proficiency in all four of the skill areas, listening, speaking, reading and writing, commensurate with their level. Student outcomes include, demonstrating communicative competency in using the present and near future tense of the regular –er & -ir verbs and the irregular verbs ir and venir; question formation; present tense of reflexive verbs. Basic vocabulary study includes the following: sports & hobbies; places in town; prepositions of place; weather; days of the week; months of the year; household chores; rooms of the house & clothing. Cultural study includes the following: Teenage activities; metric system usage; Northern vs. southern hemispheres; restaurant ordering & etiquette;
geography of Puerto Rico, Argentina & Mexico. The course is student centered, giving the students the opportunity to use the language in both interpersonal and presentational contexts.

**SPANISH II A**
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: Passing grades in both Spanish 1A and Spanish 1B
This course reviews the grammatical structures, verbs and vocabulary learned in Spanish 1A and Spanish 1B. New student outcomes include demonstrating proficiency in using the present tense of regular and irregular verbs; preterite tense of all regular and irregular verb groups. More complex vocabulary study includes: personality traits; professions; nationality; school locations; city locations; personal care items; celebrations & holidays; fruits & vegetables; cooking & restaurants. Cultural themes from the first level are expanded in a correlative contest. Audio-lingual competencies are further developed and reinforced with reading, listening, speaking and writing activities.

**SPANISH II B**
Grade: 9, 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: Passing grade in Spanish 2A
This course continues the grammatical structures, verbs and vocabulary studied in Spanish 2A. New student outcomes include demonstrating proficiency in using the imperfect, future and conditional tenses of regular and irregular verbs; contrasting the usage of the preterite and the imperfect tenses; comparative and superlative structures. More complex vocabulary study includes: country life vs. city life; farm animals; childhood activities; camping and nature; wild animals; parts of the body & health; technology. Cultural themes from the first level are expanded in a correlative contest. Audio-lingual competencies are further developed and reinforced with reading, listening, speaking and writing activities.

**SPANISH III/IV A**
Grade: 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: Passing grades in Spanish 2A and Spanish 2B
This course provides in-depth study of structures introduced in Spanish 1 and Spanish 2. Grammar structures examined are the following: the usage of ser & estar; the preterite vs. the imperfect; the past progressive; usage of “se” and indirect object pronouns. In-depth vocabulary themes include: vacation activities; weather expressions; pastimes; sports; invitations; foods. Functions include: talking about likes and dislikes, frequency of activities; description of past events. Literature selection: El Secuestro

**SPANISH III/IV B**
Grade: 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: Passing grades in Spanish 2A and Spanish 2B
This course provides in-depth study of structures introduced in Spanish 1 and Spanish 2. Grammar structures examined are the following: the comparative and superlative; negative expressions; the future tense; the conditional tense; the passive & impersonal “se”; the passive voice. In-depth vocabulary themes include: Leisure time activities; relationships & advice; apologies; art & architecture. Functions include: talking about relationships & giving advice; making apologies; talking about future plans; making polite requests. Literature selection: Don Quixote

**SPANISH III/IV C**
Grade: 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: Passing grades in Spanish 2A and Spanish 2B
This course provides in-depth study of structures introduced in Spanish 1 and Spanish 2. Grammar structures examined are the following: the preterite vs. the imperfect tenses; negative expressions; using “desde” & “desde hace”. In-depth vocabulary themes include: Social activities; physical activities & sports; time expressions; vacation destinations; natural phenomena. Functions include: talking when things happen; making invitations; describing places and weather events. Literature selection: El Ojo de Agua

**SPANISH III/IV D**
Grade: 10, 11, 12
Prerequisite: Passing grades in Spanish 2A and Spanish 2B
This course provides in-depth study of structures introduced in Spanish 1 and Spanish 2. Grammar structures examined are the following: the present tense subjunctive forms; the use of the subjunctive after wishes, will, emotions & doubt; the present perfect subjunctive form. In-depth vocabulary themes include: chores & household equipment; medical problems. Functions include: offering & asking for help; expressing emotions & doubt. Literature selection: El Cid

**AP SPANISH**
Grade: 11, 12
Prerequisite: Approval
This year-long AP course is designed to provide students with a learning experience equivalent to that of a third-year college course. It is intended for students who wish to develop proficiency and integrate their language skills, using authentic materials and sources. This course will help prepare students to demonstrate their level of German proficiency across three communicative modes: Interpersonal (interactive communication), Interpretive (receptive communication), and Presentational (productive communication), and the five goal areas outlined in the Standards for Foreign Language Learning (Communication, Cultures, Connections, Comparisons, and Communities). During the course students will be exposed to authentic materials that revolve around the six AP Themes of Contemporary Life, Family and Communities, Personal and Public Identities, Beauty and Aesthetics, Globalization, and Science and Technology and will participate in practice to prepare for the test. Students enrolled in this course are encouraged to take the AP Spanish Language and Culture Exam during third trimester.

**ADDITIONAL COURSE OPPORTUNITIES**

Please see your grade counselor for more information on the course opportunities below.

**TEST PREPARATION ELECTIVE – SAT PREP (1 credit)**

Grade: 11  
Prerequisite: None

**JACKSON AREA CAREER CENTER**

“The Career Center provides more than 1,200 Jackson and participating Hillsdale county students from all districts with advanced CTE (career and technical education) programming in 22 areas of study, complete with educational resources, career skill training, transferable high school and college credit, and high-tech environment that otherwise would not be available at their local schools. The Career Center is a service of the Jackson County Intermediate School District.

If you are interested in getting more information for this program, you can visit the website: [https://www.jcisd.org/JCEC](https://www.jcisd.org/JCEC)

**JACKSON EARLY/MIDDLE COLLEGE**

Jackson High School students now have an opportunity to enroll in the Early Middle College program at Jackson College. This program enables students to continue being a high school student through their 13th year while earning college credits. Students who meet all of the requirements enroll in the program in the spring and follow through with program requirements throughout the summer. Students will work with their JHS counselor to meet graduation requirements and their JC advisor to take classes that will meet their needs. This is a great opportunity to earn college credits at little to no costs to the student and their family. It is recommended that students who are entering into the Early College program work with the colleges/universities in which they intend to transfer to plan the best route.

If you are interested in getting more information for this program, you can visit the website: [https://www.jcisd.org/JCEC](https://www.jcisd.org/JCEC)

**DUAL ENROLLMENT**

Effective April 1, 1996, Public Act 160 (HB–4643) created the Post–Secondary Enrollment Options Act (PSEO), otherwise known as dual enrollment. This Act enables students to enroll in college courses when the content of those courses is not offered by their high school.

Students who would like to dual enroll must meet with their counselor and gain approval from the Principal of Instruction. Students may take certain classes at colleges and universities paid for by the district with State aid (up to one half of their foundation allowance). These courses may be taken for high school credit, college credit or both. Students must notify both the high school and the college of their intent. Other eligibility requirements include:

1. Students must be enrolled in at least one high school class at JHS as a student of JHS.
2. Students must be enrolled in the district and enrolled at a college during the high school’s regular academic year.
3. Students must select college courses that are **NOT** available at JHS. They may also elect classes that are offered at JHS, but it is determined by the Board of Education that it would not be possible to take the course from the high school due to scheduling conflicts beyond the student’s control. Important Note: **Elective course conflicts**
are not considered “conflicts beyond the student’s control.” A student must receive permission from the Principal for Instruction in order to enroll in a college course. Students should also take advantage of the admissions counseling services for high school students provided by colleges or universities. The college or university will notify eligible students of an estimated amount of charges to be billed to the district and notify the district that the students have enrolled. Tuition and fees will then be paid directly to the college or university up to one half of the student's state funding allowance. Charges in excess of the amount to be paid by the district will be billed directly to the student. Books, activity fees, private lessons, transportation and parking costs are the responsibility of the student. If for ANY reason, a student fails to earn credit in the dual-enrollment class, JHS will not pay for the student to retake the course.

**ONLINE COURSES**
Online courses are available. For more information, please see your appropriate grade counselor about the qualifications and requirements.

**INDEPENDENT STUDY**
An Independent Study Program is an opportunity to foster independent self-motivated learning. This form of study is designed to allow a student to study an area above and beyond the JHS curriculum. A packet to be completed by the student and the receiving teacher may be picked up in the counseling office or main office. This packet is to be reviewed and approved by the Principal for Instruction before an independent study can take place. It is the policy of Jackson High School not to grant independent study requests if the class is offered in the regular curriculum.

**TEST-OUT**
The state of Michigan requires that high schools allow students the opportunity to “test out” of high school courses. A student may test out prior to enrolling in a course, by attaining a grade of 80% or higher on the test out exam. The credit granted will appear on the transcript with a grade of “P” (pass), but will not be included in computation of the grade point average. Once a credit is earned, a student may not receive credit thereafter for a course lower in course sequence concerning the same subject area. Test out opportunities will be provided at the end of each trimester as well as during the months of June/August.

Test Out Procedure:
- Students may obtain a test out form in Room 102.
- The test out form must be completed two weeks prior to the test out date.
- Specific dates and times will be posted in the Guidance Office.
- Students will be notified of the results within two weeks.
- A student may attempt to test out for credit recovery provided they are not currently enrolled in the course.