

# HASBROUCK HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL

PROGRAM OF STUDIES









## Hasbrouck Heights High School Program of Studies & Scheduling 2020-2021

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

The 2020-2021 course scheduling process has begun! This Program of Studies booklet is to provide you with the necessary information to make informed decisions about your future course of study. In selecting your courses for next year, please keep in mind your interests and your goals. Try to challenge yourself to learn something new and intriguing. This will be our second year running an eight period day which allows you to experience additional courses each year. The number of required graduation credits will be adjusted within our current policy and the projected credit revision is included in this booklet.

Scheduling will officially begin the week of February 27, 2020. The school counselors will be meeting with each student to review the core academic projections and desired elective requests for the next school year. At this meeting, a transcript review will take place to ensure each student is on track to graduate and has taken/scheduled for the appropriate classes to meet the New Jersey State Graduation requirements. Scheduling meetings will take place by grade level beginning with the current juniors, followed by sophomores, freshmen, and then finally the eighth grade. Students will select a date and time that works in their schedule to meet with their counselor, one-on-one, once they have completed the <u>Elective Course Selection Form</u>. Counselors will call students down to finalize their requests once the Elective Course Selection Form is completed.

The Elective Course Selection Form has been designed to increase communication and transparency between parents, students, and counselors. We encourage parents/guardians to sit with their student(s) to make elective requests prior to their individual meetings by completing this form. The Elective Course Selection Form is available by clicking on the hyperlink above. Additionally, the Program of Studies is designed to assist you in making an educated decision on which classes are best suited for your child by providing detailed explanations of requirements and detailed course descriptions. Please keep in mind that course requests, especially elective requests, are not final and/or guaranteed due to a myriad of factors such as prerequisites, class size, and availability.

The 2020-2021 school year will have a variety of new offerings in the following departments; Business, Computer Science, Music, History, and Wellness. We encourage you to challenge yourself where possible. In addition to our honors and Advanced Place level offerings, we will also have Dual Enrollment opportunities for you as early as your sophomore year. These courses allow you to earn college credits during high school at a significantly reduced price compared to traditional college students. Please review the enclosed criteria within the Board of Education policy about qualifications for many of these courses.

Once your scheduling meeting is completed, you will receive a print out of your projected course requests. Once all meetings are completed, we will begin to build the master schedule for the 2020-2021 academic year. We will do our absolute best to accommodate all of your requests; however, from time to time we may not be able to do so and as a result we may need to make reasonable alternative selections. Please note, courses described in this booklet are tentative listings and are subject to change. Although we will try to offer every course listed, it is possible that budgetary considerations or low enrollment due to student selections may necessitate revisions (the booklet is published prior to the final draft of the School District Budget).

| We | hope t | that you ar | e as motivate | ed and ex | cited | as we are t | or t | he upcomi | ing year and | l our new course o | tterings! |
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Respectfully,

Mr. Vincent Aiello and the High School Counseling Team

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### **HHHS Graduation Requirements**

The Hasbrouck Heights School District Board of Education will recognize the successful completion of the secondary school instructional program by awarding a state-endorsed diploma, certifying that the student has met all state and local requirements for high school graduation, which are consistent with state and district goals, objectives, and proficiency standards in accordance with the Board Policy 5460, students are required to complete the following:

- A. A minimum of 40 documented community service hours (prorated at 10 hours per academic year)
- B. A total of 135 credits for high school graduation (Class of 2021):

| Subject Area                    | Total credits to include the following:               |  |  |
|---------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Math                            | Minimum of 15 credits *(Class of 2024-Min 20 credits) |  |  |
|                                 | Must include Algebra I and Geometry                   |  |  |
| English                         | Minimum of 20 credits                                 |  |  |
| Science                         | Minimum of 15 credits                                 |  |  |
|                                 | Must include Biology                                  |  |  |
| Social Studies                  | Minimum of 15 credits                                 |  |  |
|                                 | Must include Early US, Modern US, and World History   |  |  |
| Personal Finance                | Minimum of 2.5 credits                                |  |  |
| World Language                  | Minimum of 5 credits                                  |  |  |
|                                 | (10 or more credits recommended for 4-year college    |  |  |
|                                 | entrance)   |  |  |
| Fine/Practical Performing Arts  | Minimum of 5 credits                                  |  |  |
| 21st Century Life & Careers     | Minimum of 5 credits                                  |  |  |
| Physical Education/Health       | Minimum of 5 credits each year in attendance          |  |  |
| Additional Coursework/Electives | Minimum of 20 credits                                 |  |  |

## **Projected Credit Revision**

| Students Graduating in 2021 | Minimum of 135 Credits |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Students Graduating in 2022 | Minimum of 140 Credits |
| Students Graduating in 2023 | Minimum of 145 Credits |

## **Weighted Grading Scale (Per Credit)**

|    | Standard (CP) | Honors | College Level (AP/DE) |
|----|---------------|--------|-----------------------|
| A+ | 4.6           | 5.0    | 5.3                   |
| Α  | 4.3           | 4.7    | 5.0                   |
| A- | 4.0           | 4.4    | 4.7                   |
| B+ | 3.6           | 4.0    | 4.3                   |
| В  | 3.3           | 3.7    | 4.0                   |
| B- | 3.0           | 3.4    | 3.7                   |
| C+ | 2.6           | 3.0    | 3.3                   |
| С  | 2.3           | 2.7    | 3.0                   |
| C- | 2.0           | 2.4    | 2.7                   |
| D  | 1.3           | 1.7    | 2.0                   |
| F  | 0.0           | 0.0    | 0.0                   |

## NJ Department of Education Graduation Assessment Requirements

Please click on the link below to view the most current Graduation Assessment Requirements from the NJ Department of Education for the Class of 2021.

NJ Department of Education Graduation Assessment Requirements

## **Course Descriptions**

## **Visual and Performing Arts Courses**

Art Appreciation Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)
Prerequisite: None Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

This course will introduce students to a variety of different types of Art. Students will explore many diverse art techniques and approaches as ways of communicating their ideas. The development of technical skills and vocabulary will include all the elements and principles of art. Projects will include drawing, painting, collage, sculpture, and mixed media, with emphasis on critical thinking, craftsmanship, and presentation of artwork. Students are also required to keep a personal sketchbook and study-specific artists, cultures, and art historical movements.

Graphic Design I Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)
Prerequisite: None Grades 10, 11, 12

This course will enable students to develop design skills through commercial art. Studio skills covered will include paste-up and mechanical drawing, as well as hand lettering skills. Students will learn the art of combining text with images focusing on consumer confidence interests. Basic art skills required.

Graphic Design II Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)
Prerequisite: Graphic Design I Grades 11, 12

Graphic Design II continues developing skills in commercial art. Students will learn to use artistic techniques to effectively communicate ideas and information to business and customer audiences via illustration and other forms of digital or printed media. Topics covered may include concept design, layout, paste-up and techniques such as engraving, etching, silkscreen, lithography, offset, drawing and cartooning, painting, collage and computer graphics.

Digital Photography

Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)

Prerequisite: None

Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

This course develops skills of digital photography, such as shooting, editing and enhancing pictures. Students will work with Photoshop and various other programs. Students will have an understanding of photographic media, techniques, and processes. These courses focus on development of photographic compositions through manipulation of the fundamental processes of artistic expression. Students may learn to make meaningful visual statements with an emphasis on personal creative expression to communicate ideas, feelings, or values. Photography courses may also include the history of photography, historic movements, image manipulation, critical analysis, and some creative special effects. Students engage in critiques of their photographic images, the works of other students, and those by professional photographers for the purpose of reflecting on and refining work.

Creative Art Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)
Prerequisite: None Grades 10, 11, 12

This course will have students create, explore an art form and create an individual piece of art. Our high school artists will adapt techniques from other media, discover new materials and develop a multimedia approach that is uniquely

theirs as they alter already published and discarded books. This class will also include a study of art movements and styles.

#### Two Dimensional Art (2d Art)

**Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)** 

**Prerequisite: None** 

Grades 10, 11, 12

This course will explore a variety of two-dimensional techniques. Various drawing and painting techniques will be explored as well as the art of printmaking. The development of technical skills and artistic vocabulary is emphasized as students create artwork.

Studio Art Honors Full Year 5.0 Credits

(honors)

#### Prerequisite: Art Elective, Teacher Recommendation

Grades 11. 12

This course is designed for the highly motivated art student entering 11th - 12th grades, who is interested in qualifying for Advanced Placement Studio Art senior year and interested in developing a portfolio for college.

AP Studio Art Full Year 5.0 Credits

(college)

#### Prerequisite: Art Elective, AP Criteria, Teacher Recommendation

Grades 11, 12

This course is designed for highly motivated students who are committed to the creation and study of art. Using guidelines established by the Advanced Placement College Board, students must prepare a portfolio of their best work to be submitted for discussion and evaluation at the end of the school year. Students will work in both 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional media that focuses on a theme of personal interest to each student. To be successful in this course many of the art projects must be done outside of class. Students must have their portfolio reviewed and the approval of the art department to enroll in Studio Art/AP.

Introduction to Theater Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)
Prerequisite: None Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Introduction to the Theater courses provide an overview of the art, conventions, and history of the theater. Although the courses sometimes include experiential exercises, they emphasize learning about the theater rather than performance. Students learn about one or more of the following topics: basic techniques in acting, major developments in dramatic literature, major playwrights, the formation of theater as a cultural tradition, and critical appreciation of the art.

#### **Theater Arts Performance and Production**

Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)

**Prerequisite: None** 

Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

This course focuses on the study and performance of drama, including musical theater. The course focuses on a range of performance and stagecraft skills inherent to the production of the High School Play, which takes place in the spring semester.

## **Computer Science Courses**

**Exploring Computer Science** 

**Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)** 

Prerequisite: None Grades 9, 10

In this course students are presented with the conceptual underpinnings of computer science through an exploration of human computer interaction, web design, computer programming, data modeling, and robotics. While these courses include programming, the focus is on the computational practices associated with doing computer science, rather than just a narrow focus on coding, syntax, or tools. This course will teach students the computational practices of algorithm design, problem solving, and programming within a context that is relevant to their lives.

**Java Programming** 

Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)

**Prerequisite: None** 

Grades 10, 11, 12

This computer science elective provides students with the opportunity to gain expertise in computer programs using the Java language. As with more general computer programming courses, the emphasis is on how to structure and document computer programs, using problem-solving techniques. Topics covered in the course include syntax, I/O classes, string manipulation, and recursion.

#### **Computer Gaming and Design**

Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)

**Prerequisite: None** 

Grades 10, 11, 12

This course prepares students to design computer games by studying design, animation, artistic concepts, digital imaging, coding, scripting, multimedia production, and game play strategies. Advanced course topics include, but are not limited to, level design, environment and 3D modeling, scene and set design, motion capture, and texture mapping.

**AP Computer Science** 

**Full Year 5.0 Credits (college)** 

**Prerequisite: AP Criteria** 

Grades 11, 12

Following the College Board's suggested curriculum designed to mirror college-level computer science courses, AP Computer Science courses provide students with the logical, mathematical, and problem- solving skills needed to design structured, well-documented computer programs that provide solutions to real-world problems. These courses cover such topics as programming methodology, features, and procedures; algorithms; data structures; computer systems; and programmer responsibilities.

## **English/Language Art Courses**

English/Language Arts 9 Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)

Prerequisite: None Grades 9

This course introduces students to the various genres of literature: short story, poetry, drama, nonfiction, and the novel. Students are guided to interpret and analyze the various components of literature. Students come to know literary devices and compare and contrast the styles, themes, etc. employed by others. The curriculum includes plays such as *Romeo and Juliet*. Students are taught three forms of discourse. They will complete a career/college-ready portfolio.

English 9 Honors Full Year 5.0 Credits (honors)

**Prerequisite: Honors Criteria** 

**Grades 9** 

This course introduces students to the various genres of literature: short story, poetry, drama, nonfiction, and the novel. Students will explore the terms and skills to be mastered in future AP English courses. Students are guided to interpret and analyze the various components of literature. Students come to know literary devices and compare and contrast the styles, themes, etc. employed by others. They will employ plays such as *Romeo and Juliet*. Students are taught three forms of discourse, proper mechanics in composition, introduced to the research paper, and create a career college-ready portfolio.

**English/Language Arts 10** 

**Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)** 

Prerequisite: English/Language Arts 9

Grades 10

This course introduces the student to American Literature. Students begin with the study of authors of the Colonial Period, the Revolutionary and the Renaissance Periods. Students also study prominent authors of fiction, drama, and poetry (F. Scott Fitzgerald, Arthur Miller, and Emily Dickinson). In addition, students will study contemporary writers in various genres. The tenth-grade student continues developing composition skills and will write a detailed research paper.

English 10 Honors Full Year 5.0 Credits (honors)

**Prerequisite: Honors Criteria** 

Grades 10

This course provides the student with extensive experience in the study of American Literature. Students will continue to explore the concepts and skills to be mastered in future AP English courses. Students begin with an in-depth study of authors of the Colonial Period, the Revolutionary and the Renaissance Periods. Students also study prominent authors of fiction, such as F. Scott Fitzgerald, and non-fiction, such as Henry Thoreau. In addition, students study drama and contemporary writers in various genres. The tenth-grade student continues developing composition skills and develops a more in-depth research paper.

Study Skills Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)

#### Prerequisite: Administrative Criteria, Recommendation

Grades 9, 10

This course is designed to assist students learn, understand, and reinforce concepts and/or assignments presented in the general curriculum. Students have the opportunity to develop and strengthen good study habits and learning strategies through various instructional methods and strategies.

English/Language Arts 11

**Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)** 

Prerequisite: English/Language Arts 10

Grades 11

This course introduces the student to major British authors beginning with the Anglo-Saxon Period and culminating with twentieth-century authors. Works such as the epic of Beowulf, Morte D'Arthur, and *Brave New World*, as well as selections from authors such as Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare, and William Wordsworth are studied in-depth. Students study the development of the English language and the historical background of the significant literary periods. The eleventh-grade student further develops composition skills with special emphasis on the expository and persuasive essay. An extensive career and college research paper that demonstrates the student's technical writing skills is the concluding project for this course.

English 11 Honors Full Year 5.0 Credits (honors)

Prerequisite: Honors Criteria Grades 11

This course introduces the student to major British authors and writing movements, beginning with the Anglo-Saxon Period and culminating with twentieth-century authors and movements. Major British writers such as Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare, and William Wordsworth and their important works are studied in-depth. Students also study the development of the English language and the historical background of the significant literary periods, focusing on close reading of poetry. The honors student further develops composition skills with special emphasis on the expository and persuasive essay and prepares for college-level work through extensive development of vocabulary and the language of textual analysis. The research paper requires the student to refine formal writing and citation skills. Each student is required to research a British poet; the movement, style or group of writers their author is associated with; and select and analyze a poem that possesses the characteristics of the movement or style.

English/Language Arts 12

**Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)** 

Grades 12

Prerequisite: English/Language Arts 11

This course introduces the student to foundational and contemporary works in World Literature. Works such as Homer's *Odyssey, Oedipus Rex,* and *Hamlet* will be studied for their archetypal themes and their contributions to our global literary heritage. Modern writers such as Elie Wiesel and Arthur Miller will also be included to create an awareness of the enduring connections between the past and the present. The writing in the course is geared toward college and careers, beginning with personal narratives that will be developed into college application essays.

## College Composition and Literary Studies Prerequisite: English/Language Arts 11

**Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)** 

Grades 12

This course is designed for seniors to build upon previous writing skills. Reinforcing the logic and critical- thinking skills that accompany good writing, this course emphasizes word choice, usage, and writing mechanics—provides continued and advanced instruction in writing for a variety of purposes and audiences. A literary study is included as an additional component in which students analyze examples of several genres.

English 12 Honors Full Year 5.0 Credits (honors)

**Prerequisite: Honors Criteria** 

**Grades 12** 

This course engages the student in a more careful reading of foundational and contemporary works of World Literature. Works from the English 12 curriculum will be read with greater emphasis on both their literal and contextual meanings, past and present. Additional readings will include archetypal myths and legends from various world cultures, and modern short stories and poems from writers such as Kafka, Faulkner, and Atwood. Through this reading and their own writing, students will practice critical analysis, learning to understand and employ the many resources language writers can command, including diction, syntax, irony, and tone. The writing assignments in this course will be longer and more complex and will focus on the skills students need for college and careers.

## AP English Language and Composition Prerequisite: AP Criteria

Full Year 5.0 Credits (college)

Grades 13

This course has the rigor of the college freshman composition course it is intended to replace, and students in this course can earn college credit by taking the AP Exam. Students will read and write primarily non-fiction, reading closely and writing thoughtfully to identify audience, purpose, subject and the resources of language employed by skilled communicators. They will read many different types of writing, and learn to synthesize multiple texts into their own expository, analytical, and argumentative writing, citing sources completely and correctly. Students will prepare for the AP test in Language and Composition, but more importantly, they will learn to read and write effectively across the curriculum at the level necessary for college and career success. Students enrolled in this course will be prepared and expected to take the Advanced Placement test in May.

#### **AP English Literature and Composition**

Full Year 5.0 Credits (college)

**Prerequisite: AP Criteria** Grades 12

This course engages students in the careful reading of literary works. Critical standards are developed for the appreciation of literature. To achieve these goals, students study individual work, language, character, action, and themes. Emphasis is placed on structure and meaning. Through the experience of their own writing, students learn the resources of their language, e.g., irony, syntax, tone, and focus on critical analysis. Students can earn college credit with successful completion of the Advanced Placement exam in the spring. Students enrolled in this course will be prepared and expected to take the Advanced Placement test in May.

**Creative Writing Prerequisite: None**  **Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)** Grades 10. 11. 12

In a workshop environment, students will progress at their own pace and receive feedback through individualized teacher conferencing and by engaging in peer and self-evaluation. Students use group discussions to analyze elements of effective writing and then apply these features to their own work. The course focuses on creative expression where the skills mastered easily transfer to the academic class settings as student writing becomes more focused and descriptive in nature and the student writer develops an awareness of the role of language in communication.

#### **English as a Second Language**

Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)

Prerequisite: Administrative Criteria, Recommendation

Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

English as a Second Language (ESL) courses are designed for the rapid mastery of the English language, focusing on reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. ESL courses usually begin with extensive listening and speaking practice, building on auditory and oral skills, and then move on to reading and writing. These courses provide an explanation of basic structures of the English language, enabling students to progress from an elementary understanding of English words and verb tenses to a more comprehensive grasp of various formal and informal styles and then to advance to "regular" English courses. ESL classes may also include an orientation to the customs and culture of the diverse population in the United States.

#### **Mathematics Courses**

Pre-Algebra Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)

Prerequisite: None Grades 9

The study of properties of rational numbers, ratio, proportion, and estimation, exponents and radicals, the rectangular coordinate system, sets and logic, formulas, and solving first degree equations and inequalities are focused upon.

Algebra I Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)

Prerequisite: None Grades 9

Algebra I provides a formal development of the algebraic skills and concepts necessary for students to succeed in advanced courses. In particular, the instructional program in this course provides for the use of algebraic skills in a wide range of problem-solving situations. The concept of function is emphasized throughout the course. Topics include operations with real numbers, linear equations and inequalities, relations and functions, polynomials, algebraic fractions, and nonlinear equations.

Algebra I Honors Full Year 5.0 Credits (honors)

Prerequisite: Honors Criteria Grades 9

Algebra I provides a formal development of the algebraic skills and concepts necessary for students to succeed in advanced courses. In particular, the instructional program in this course provides for the use of algebraic skills in a wide range of problem-solving situations. The concept of function is emphasized throughout the course. Topics include operations with real numbers, linear equations and inequalities, relations and functions, polynomials, algebraic fractions, and nonlinear equations. Honors Mathematics courses are intended to be more challenging than standard courses and provide multiple opportunities for students to take greater responsibility for their learning. Honors Mathematics courses should be distinguished by a difference in the quality of the work expected rather than merely by the quantity of the work required.

Geometry Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)

Prerequisite: Algebra I

Grades 9, 10

This course teaches students the technique of logical deduction from hypotheses to conclusions. Current approaches and strategies in mathematical education including problem-solving, technology, reasoning, applications and data analysis are included in the curriculum. The concepts of geometric structures and their relationships and exercises in extensive problem solving are also included in the curriculum.

Geometry Honors Full Year 5.0 Credits (honors)

#### Prerequisite: Algebra I, Honors Criteria

Grades 9, 10

This course teaches students the technique of logical deduction from hypotheses to conclusions. Current approaches and strategies in mathematical education including problem-solving, technology, reasoning, applications and data analysis are included in the curriculum. The concepts of geometric structures and their relationships and exercises in extensive problem solving are also included in the curriculum. Honors Mathematics courses are intended to be more challenging than standard courses and provide multiple opportunities for students to take greater responsibility for their learning. Honors Mathematics courses should be distinguished by a difference in the quality of the work expected rather than merely by the quantity of the work required.

Algebra II Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)

Prerequisite: Geometry Grades 10, 11, 12

II continues with the study of advanced algebraic concepts including functions, polynomials, rational expressions, and systems of functions and inequalities. Students will be expected to describe and translate among graphic, algebraic, numeric, tabular, and verbal representations of relations and use those representations to solve problems. Emphasis will

be placed on practical applications and modeling. Appropriate technology, from manipulatives to calculators will be used regularly for instruction and assessment.

**Algebra II Honors** Full Year 5.0 Credits

(honors)

**Prerequisite: Honors Criteria** Grades 10, 11

Algebra II continues with the study of advanced algebraic concepts including functions, polynomials, rational expressions, and systems of functions and inequalities. Students will be expected to describe and translate among graphic, algebraic, numeric, tabular, and verbal representations of relations and use those representations to solve problems. Emphasis will be placed on practical applications and modeling. Appropriate technology, from manipulatives to calculators will be used regularly for instruction and assessment. This course is intended to be more challenging than the standard course and provides multiple opportunities for students to take greater responsibility for their learning. Extended algebraic concepts are addressed.

Math Analysis: Foundations of Math

**Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)** 

**Prerequisite: Geometry** 

Grades 11, 12

This course touches base on a wide variety of topics that a first-year college student would typically encounter in a College Algebra course. In addition to reviewing some basic algebra skills, we will be studying functions in great detail including linear functions, quadratics, polynomials, radical functions, rational functions, exponential and logarithmic functions. If time permits, we will also take a look at sequences and series. Another major goal of the course is to get you familiar with the TI-84 Plus graphing calculator as this is a required piece of equipment for a college student.

**Pre-Calculus** Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)

Prerequisite: Algebra II

Grade 11

This course emphasizes the use of elementary functions and their graphs. Algebraic skills are used to further develop concepts in Exponential, Logarithmic, Logistic, Trigonometric and Inverse Trigonometric functions from numerical, graphical, and algebraic approaches. Additional topics to be investigated include Sequences, Series, Polar-Coordinate System. A foundation for the study of calculus is provided through the successful completion of this course.

**Pre-Calculus Honors Full Year 5.0 Credits (honors) Prerequisite: Honors Criteria Grades 11, 12** 

This course focuses on the extensive development of the concepts studied in mathematical analysis is the major focus of this course. Emphasis is on multi-step problem-solving exercises utilizing the graphing calculator and/or the computer. Successful completion of this course provides an excellent foundation for the study of advanced placement calculus. The course is valuable for those students who are interested in a scientific and mathematical career. Honors Mathematics courses are intended to be more challenging than standard courses and provide multiple opportunities for students to take greater responsibility for their learning. Honors Mathematics courses should be distinguished by a difference in the quality of the work expected rather than merely by the quantity of the work required.

**Calculus** Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)

**Prerequisite: Pre-Calculus** 

Grade 12

This course includes the study of derivatives, differentiation, integration, the definite and indefinite integral, and applications of calculus. Typically, students have previously attained knowledge of pre- calculus topics (some combination of trigonometry, elementary functions, analytic geometry, and math analysis).

**AP Calculus AB** Full Year 6.0 Credits

(college)

Prerequisite: AP Criteria

This course focuses on the study of Calculus and related topics at the same level as a first-semester course in colleges and universities. It is expected that students who take an AP course in calculus will seek college credit or placement, or

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both, from institutions of higher learning. Students enrolled in this course will be prepared and expected to take the Advanced Placement test in May.

Statistics Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)

#### Prerequisite: Math Analysis: Foundations of Math/Algebra II

**Grade 11, 12** 

This course will introduce students to the major concepts and tools for collecting, analyzing, and drawing conclusions from data. Students are exposed to four broad conceptual themes: exploring data, observing patterns and departures from patterns; planning a study, deciding what and how to measure; anticipating patterns, producing models using probability theory and simulation; and statistical inference, confirming models.

Statistics Honors Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)

**Prerequisite: Honors Criteria** 

Grade 11,12

This course focuses on descriptive statistics, with an introduction to inferential statistics. Topics include event probability, normal probability distribution, collection and description of data, frequency tables and graphs, measures of central tendency and variability, random variables, and random sampling. Course topics may also include covariance and correlation, central limit theorem, confidence intervals, and hypothesis testing.

AP Statistics Full Year 6.0 Credits

(college)

Prerequisite:AP Criteria Grade 12

This course involves the study of four main areas: exploratory analysis; planning a study; probability; and statistical inference. According to the College Board, upon entering this course, students are expected to have mathematical maturity and quantitative reasoning ability. Mathematical maturity could be defined as a complete working knowledge of the graphical and algebraic concepts through Math Analysis, including linear, quadratic, exponential, and logarithmic functions. This AP Statistics course is taught as an activity-based course in which students actively explore and construct their own understanding of the concepts and techniques of statistics. Students enrolled in this course will be prepared and expected to take the Advanced Placement test in May.

#### **Music Courses**

Band Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)
Prerequisite: None Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

This course is a full year, 5 credit course and is open to all instrumental students in grades 9-12. Students will participate in three performances during the school year. These performances include our annual Holiday, "Pops" and spring concerts. Grades will be based on student performance, musical achievement and positive participation throughout the school year. Students will be scheduled to attend one weekly small group, individual lesson, which will be in addition to the regularly scheduled full band rehearsals.

Jazz Ensemble Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)
Prerequisite: None Grades 10, 11, 12

course will serve as an introduction to the rich history of jazz music. Through ensemble rehearsal, individual practice, and a variety of performance opportunities, the student will gain an understanding and appreciation for this great art form. Emphasis will be placed on not just performance technique, but also rudimentary improvisational skills, musicianship, and a sense of personal accountability. This ensemble is a skilled effort in which each student is expected to show technical and musical growth throughout this course

Rock and Roll History

Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)

Prerequisite: None

Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

This course surveys different musical styles of rock and roll with the intent of increasing students' understanding of music and its importance in relation to the human experience and music's influence of culture. This course may focus on how various styles of music apply musical elements to create an expressive or aesthetic impact. Students also have the ability for informal music performance and creation within the classroom. Students will study the Origins of Rock and Roll; Jazz; the 1950s; Surf Rock and the British Invasion; Motown, Soul, and R&B; and rock of today.

Choir Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)
Prerequisite: None Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

This course provides students with the opportunity to sing a variety of choral literature styles and voices and are designed to develop vocal techniques and the ability to perform.

Music Theory Honors Full Year 5.0 Credits

(honors)

Prerequisite: Music Elective, Teacher Recommendation

Grades 11, 12

This course is designed for the serious student of music who want to gain an in-depth understanding of how music is written and functions in western culture. It is also a prerequisite to acceptance into the AP Music Theory course. This course will introduce the principles of harmony in music beginning with the construction of major and minor scales, the circle of fifths, interval training, triad construction, basic chord recognition, musical notation, rhythmic counting, seventh chords, and basic four-part writing. Music history and technology will be included.

AP Music Theory Full Year 5.0 Credits

(college)

Prerequisite: AP Criteria Grades 11, 12

The AP Music Theory Development Committee has sought the advice of both high school and college faculties to define the scope of work that would be equivalent to first-year college courses in music theory. The foundation of knowledge Back to Table of Contents

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presented in the yearlong AP Music Theory course during high school provides students with the opportunity to develop, practice and master music theory skills essential to success in post-secondary music theory course work.

## **Physical Education/Health Courses**

Physical Education/Health Prerequisite: None

Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard) Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

The High School Core Physical Education course provides a foundation for students to develop and improve skills in order to participate successfully in a variety of activities. The course is a balance of team and individual activities that students are likely to participate in beyond high school. Team sports may include basketball, soccer, slow-pitch softball and volleyball. Individual sports may include badminton, bowling, golf, and tennis. A dance unit is also included. Students are expected to improve their level of skill and knowledge, as well as understand and implement more advanced strategies for each sport. A major focus in the Personal Fitness unit is for students to acquire knowledge about the components of fitness, learn about the benefits of exercise, and participate in fitness activities. The use of heart rate monitors as a measurement of fitness and personal growth may be included.

<u>The Freshman Health course</u> provides students with opportunities to explore health-related concepts and factors such as nutrition, physical fitness, substance abuse, human development, preventing disease, and community health and safety. This is a course designed to provide students with a base of health-related knowledge to be built upon in later years in order to promote healthy decisions and inspire a life of wellness. This course will help students to become lifelong successful learners in making good choices about healthy living.

<u>The Sophomore Driver Education course</u> is designed to develop safe, courteous, and knowledgeable drivers. The program emphasizes defensive driving, driver safety and responsibility, and awareness of laws and regulations. Students will gain an awareness of the driving task and the responsibilities that accompany it. The course will raise student's level of awareness about driver impairment and that when driving impaired they may not be able to drive safely. Students will develop an understanding of the impact that natural forces have concerning driving.

<u>The Junior Health course</u> will provide students will opportunities to develop deeper into previously covered health-related concepts, as well as inspire students to explore new ideas and utilize critical thinking. Students will be asked to examine the effectiveness of new technologies and concepts surrounding topics such as social and emotional health, nutrition, physical fitness, drug and alcohol abuse, human sexuality, injury prevention, and treatment. This course will help students to become lifelong successful learners in making good choices about healthy living.

<u>The Senior Health course</u> will cover aspects of mental, emotional, and physical health. Emphasis is placed on knowledge for the development of attitude, understanding, and practice of a preventive lifestyle for healthy living and optimal wellness. Specific instructional areas include chronic diseases, physical activity, nutrition, weight management, birth control methods, human sexuality, alcohol, tobacco, and illicit chemical use, stress, and factors that contribute to wellness and longevity.

Nutrition and Wellness Prerequisite: None

Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard) Grade 9, 10, 11, 12

This course focuses on how physical, mental, social, psychological, and emotional wellness are related to food, food selection, and health. Topics typically include dietary needs across one's lifespan, stress management, special dietary issues, and eating disorders as well as societal and genetic health issues that are addressed through the prevention

education component of the class. Other topics covered range from healthy food selection, label reading, and diet analysis to understanding additives, making wise food choices, and dealing with food allergies.

#### **Science Courses**

Biology Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)
Prerequisite: None Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

This course is designed so that the chemical basis and structure of living organisms is learned through the study of cells, tissues, organs, organisms, populations, and communities. The conceptual development and insight into the thinking processes behind scientific discovery are stressed. Much emphasis is placed on laboratory work and problem-solving. Students gain firsthand experience with the learning processes and skills such as observing, classifying, identifying, measuring, inferring, interpreting and predicting. This course is required of all students who have not yet had a biology course.

Biology Honors Full Year 5.0 Credits

(honors)

Prerequisite: Honors Criteria Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Students will investigate the topics studied in the Biology course in greater depth and will be required to function at higher levels of cognition in classwork, laboratory work and on tests. More extensive, open-ended laboratory experiments and research is done in this course. A major term paper and project are a requirement of this course.

AP Biology Full Year 5.0 Credits

(college)

Prerequisite: AP Criteria Grades 11, 12

This course is designed to prepare students for the College Board Advanced Placement Biology exam. The course is designed to be the equivalent of a two-semester college introductory biology course taken by biology majors and covers the topics of molecules and cells, heredity and evolution, organisms and populations. The first semester will focus on the chemistry of life, cells, heredity, molecular genetics, and evolutionary biology. The second semester will focus on the diversity of organisms, the structure and function of plants and animals, and ecology. Class activities will include discussion, problem-solving and expanded projects. Extensive practice in essay writing and in understanding and responding to multiple-choice questions are an integral part of the class. Students enrolled in this course will be prepared and expected to take the Advanced Placement test in May.

Chemistry Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)

Prerequisite: Biology Grades 10, 11, 12

This course offers students an opportunity to learn the latest hypotheses, theories, laws, and principles of chemistry. It does so by providing for the student extensive laboratory experiences that emphasize techniques as well as the gathering of data and making predictions. Emphasis is placed on chemical principles and the mathematical analysis of chemical reactions.

Chemistry Honors Full Year 5.0 Credits

(honors)

Prerequisite: Honors Criteria Grade 10, 11, 12

This course will have students involved in experimentation and greater mathematical analysis than in College Prep Chemistry. Students are exposed to more complex levels of problem solving and analysis of chemical reactions. This course is recommended for those students who plan to pursue a career in a scientific or mathematical field.

AP Chemistry Full Year 5.0 Credits

(college)

Prerequisite: AP Criteria Grades 11, 12

This course utilizes a college-level text and emphasizes chemical calculations and the mathematical formulation of principles. This course is recommended for those students who plan to pursue a career in a scientific or mathematical field. There is a strong emphasis on the mathematical aspects of chemistry with a goal of preparation for the Advanced Placement test. Students enrolled in this course will be required to take the Advanced Placement test in May. Students do college-level laboratory experiments and their laboratory experiences are emphasized in their evaluation. Students enrolled in this course will be prepared and expected to take the Advanced Placement test in May.

Physics Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)

Prerequisite: Chemistry Grade 11, 12

This course involves an in depth study of the forces and laws of nature affecting matters, such as equilibrium, motion, momentum, and the relationships between matter and energy. It includes the examination of sound, light, and magnetic and electric phenomena.

Physics Honors Full Year 5.0 Credits

(honors)

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Prerequisite: Honors Criteria Grade 11, 12

This course involves an in-depth study of the forces and laws of nature affecting matters, such as equilibrium, motion, momentum, and the relationships between matter and energy. It includes the examination of sound, light, and magnetic and electric phenomena.

AP Physics Full Year 5.0 Credits (college)

Prerequisite: AP Criteria Grades 11, 12

This course requires the student a quantitative treatment of mechanics, wave phenomena, energy, and modern physics. Emphasis is placed on laboratory experiences and a high level of analysis of physical phenomena. Students enrolled in this course will be prepared and expected to take the Advanced Placement test in May.

Environmental Science Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)

Prerequisite: None Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

This course examines the mutual relationships between organisms and their environment. In studying the interrelationships among plants, animals, and humans, these courses usually cover the following subjects: photosynthesis, recycling and regeneration, ecosystems, population and growth studies, pollution, and conservation of natural resources.

Earth Science Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)

Prerequisite: Biology Grades 10, 11, 12

This course offers insight into the environment on Earth and the Earth's environment in space. While presenting the concepts and principles essential to students' understanding of the dynamics and history of the Earth, these courses usually explore oceanography, geology, astronomy, meteorology, and geography. It is a Problem Based Learning course focusing on four major projects in a year.

Forensic Science Full Year 5.0 Credits (Standard)

Prerequisite: None Grades 11, 12

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This course is a standards-based introduction to the topics of Criminology within the field of forensic science. Forensic Science is the application of science to those criminal and civil laws that are enforced by agencies in the criminal justice system. It applies the knowledge and technology of science for the definition and enforcement of such laws. Students will be required to apply principles and techniques from the areas of chemistry, physics, biology, and geology to analyze the many different types of physical evidence that may be recovered during a criminal investigation. Students are required to prepare formal criminal investigation reports and give oral reports on their findings.

#### \*\*Anatomy and Physiology (DE)

**Prerequisite: None** 

Full Year 5.0 Credits (college)

Grad

Grades 11, 12

This course is the study of the structure and function of mammals. This course follows a sequential development of the major body systems in an organized and structured curriculum. This course is designed to give the student a selective overview of the anatomical structure and brief analysis of physiological principles.

#### **Social Studies Courses**

Early U.S. History Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)
Prerequisite: None Grades 9

This course covers the major historical events from the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century through the New Deal. This includes Life at the Turn of the Century, The Progressive Era, Urbanization, Imperialism, Women's Suffrage, WWI, The Roaring 20's. Students will engage in reading using historical thinking skills such as sourcing and close reading of primary and secondary sources. Students will conduct short research projects using the Media Center databases that culminate in the enhancement of argumentative and/or narrative writing assignments.

#### **Early U.S. History Honors**

**Full Year 5.0 Credits (honors)** 

**Prerequisite: Honors Criteria** 

**Grades 9** 

This course covers the major historical events from the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century through the New Deal. This includes Life at the Turn of the Century, The Progressive Era, Urbanization, Imperialism, Women's Suffrage, WWI, The Roaring 20's. Students will engage in reading using historical thinking skills such as sourcing and close reading of primary and secondary sources. Students will conduct short research projects using the Media Center databases that culminate in the enhancement of argumentative and/or narrative writing assignments. Honors Social Studies courses are intended to be more challenging than standard courses and provide multiple opportunities for students to take greater responsibility for their learning. Honors Social Studies courses should be distinguished by a difference in the quality of the work expected rather than merely by the quantity of the work required.

## Modern U.S History

Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)

Grades 10

Prerequisite: Early U.S. History
This course covers the major historical events

This course covers the major historical events from the New Deal in the 1930s through the early 21st century. This includes WWII, Korean War, Domestic & Foreign Policy of the 1950s-60s, Civil Rights Movement, Turmoil of the 1970s, New Conservatism of the 1980s, and Globalization. Students will engage in reading using historical thinking skills such as sourcing and close reading of primary and secondary sources. Students will conduct short research projects using the Media Center databases that culminate in the enhancement of argumentative and/or narrative writing assignments.

#### \*\*Modern U.S. History Honors (DE)

Full Year 5.0 Credits (college)

**Prerequisite: Honors Criteria** 

Grades 10

This course covers the major historical events from the New Deal in the 1930s through the early 21<sup>st</sup> century. This includes WWII, Korean War, Domestic & Foreign Policy of the 1950s-60s, Civil Rights Movement, Turmoil of the 1970s, New Conservatism of the 1980s, and Globalization. Students will engage in reading using historical thinking skills such as sourcing and close reading of primary and secondary sources. Students will conduct short research projects using the

Media Center databases that culminate in the enhancement of argumentative and/or narrative writing assignments. Honors Social Studies courses are intended to be more challenging than standard courses and provide multiple opportunities for students to take greater responsibility for their learning. Honors Social Studies courses should be distinguished by a difference in the quality of the work expected rather than merely by the quantity of the work required.

World History
Prerequisite: Modern U.S. History

**Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)** 

Grade 11

This course provides students with an overview of the history of human society from early civilization to the contemporary period, examining political, economic, social, religious, military, scientific, and cultural developments. World History—Overview courses may include geographical studies, but often these components are not as explicitly taught as geography.

**World History Honors** 

**Full Year 5.0 Credits (honors)** 

**Prerequisite: Honors Criteria** 

Grades 11

This course provides students with an overview of the history of human society from early civilization to the contemporary period, examining political, economic, social, religious, military, scientific, and cultural developments. World History—Overview courses may include geographical studies, but often these components are not as explicitly taught as geography. Honors Social Studies courses are intended to be more challenging than standard courses and provide multiple opportunities for students to take greater responsibility for their learning. Honors Social Studies courses should be distinguished by a difference in the quality of the work expected rather than merely by the quantity of the work required.

## **US Contemporary Issues (Pilot Log)**

**Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)** 

**Prerequisite: None** 

Grades 10, 11, 12

This course explores people and society. It examines our social institutions; our families, the state and social relationships like gender and ethnicity, to help make sense of how we both see and interpret our rapidly changing world. The course will focus on current issues through multimedia projects, presentations, and primary source analysis. Students will work closely with news outlets, online sources, databases, and newspapers, and magazines. Students will also be a part of the creation of the *Pilot's Log* and will utilize journalistic practices and skills.

Sociology

Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)

**Prerequisite: None** 

Grades 10, 11, 12

In this course students are introduced to the study of human behavior in society. In this class students will study sociological perspectives, cultural and social structures, social inequality, social institutions, and social change.

**Psychology** 

Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)

**Prerequisite: None** 

Grade 10, 11, 12

This course is an experimental science based on observation and analysis. Psychology (from the Greek word, psyche, for soul and mind) attempts to organize impressions and observations in order to discover patterns, draw conclusions, and create useful models about how our minds work and how we behave. It is used to help people with personal and relationship problems ranging from stress to complex psychological disorders. This course introduces students to the scientific study of behavior and mental processes of humans and other animals. Topics that may be explored include research methods, biological basis of behavior, psychological disorders and their treatment, sensation, and perception, states of consciousness, memory, thinking, language, learning, intelligence, motivation, emotion, personality, human development, and social psychology.

**Particular Topics in Psychology** 

Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)

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Prerequisite: Psychology Grade 11, 12

This course examines particular topics in psychology in depth. It provides a more comprehensive overview of the field. This course will focus on abnormal psych, the study of the criminal mind, developmental psych, and personality.

AP Psychology Full Year 5.0 Credits

(college)

Prerequisite: AP Criteria Grade 12

This course is a challenging one-year study of psychology. It is designed for the highly mature and motivated academic student who is interested in a systematic and scientific study of human behavior and mental processes. Students will be exposed to psychological facts, principles, and phenomena associated with each of the major subfields of psychology. Topics of study include the biological bases of behavior, sensation, and perception, states of consciousness, learning, cognition, motivation, and emotion, development, personality, abnormal behavior, and its treatment, and social psychology. Students enrolled in this course will be prepared and expected to take the Advanced Placement test in May.

Wellness of the Mind Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)

Prerequisite: None Grade 10, 11, 12

This course will help students to understand the dimensions of wellness, the various factors affecting each dimension, and how dimensions are interrelated. A focus will be placed on understanding the relationship between personal behaviors and lifelong health and wellness. Students will assess their own levels of health and wellness and understand how these levels impact their quality of life. Students will also identify and implement strategies to improve their wellness.

Humanities: History Through Film

Prerequisite: None

Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)

Grade 10, 11, 12

This course will have students use historical thinking skills (chronological thinking, historical comprehension, historical analysis, historical research, historical decision making) to examine the way that historical events have been portrayed in major films. Thematic topics may include; wars, civil rights, innovations, minorities, courage, etc. The class will be examined chronologically, allowing students to learn about events that may not have been covered in their traditional history course. Students will examine the films through the lens of historiography and how different periods in time allow for / determine how a film is produced and accepted.

Civics Semester 2.5 Credits (Honors)

Prerequisite: None Grade 10

In this course students will explore digital citizenship through the lens of privacy and security, relationships and communication, cyberbullying, digital drama, and hate speech, and news and media literacy. The goal of this work is to provide students with the tools necessary to become educated in using technology and media in a safe and effective way. This will also assist students in the next phase of the course incorporating research and a culminating project involving media. Students will acquire the skills needed to be active, informed citizens who value diversity and promote cultural understanding by working collaboratively to address the challenges that are inherent in living in an interconnected world. Through research, students will develop projects that show an in-depth understanding of a global topic.

Publication/Production - Yearbook Full Year 5.0 Credits (Standard)
Prerequisite: None Grade 11, 12

Yearbook is a year-long course and a year-long commitment. As a member of the yearbook staff you will learn many skills that will help you in your high school career and later in life, including the following: interviewing, writing, editing, peer tutoring, peer evaluation, marketing, budgeting, advertising, public relations, keyboarding, computer graphics, graphic design, photography, time management, and cooperative learning. Staff member responsibilities include the areas of Advertising Sales (Business Ads, Senior

Ads), Photography (Photos at school functions, photos during school, photos afterschool), Copy Writing and Copy Editing, and Public Relations. Fundraising is also a part of the yearbook, which is why we sell ads. The Yearbook staff needs to raise approximately \$30,000 in five months. All five aspects work together to complete our yearbook. Your efforts have a direct effect on the quality of our high school's yearbook. Yearbooks have several purposes. They document history -- of the school, of the sports and activities, of the students, of the community. Yearbooks stop time. They remind people of what things were like in high school. Yearbooks make people feel important when they see their own pictures or names. Yearbooks also promote school spirit. In order for our yearbook to serve all of these purposes, dedication, cooperation and time are needed. Although much of the work for the Yearbook will be done in class, you will be required to spend time outside of class as well. All tasks must be completed and all deadlines must be met, regardless if they fit into the period we are allotted. All Staff members are responsible for content and completion of the yearbook. Staff is to be responsible for all duties listed in the class syllabus and any not listed but deemed necessary by the adviser.

## Design Thinking Honors Prerequisite: None

Semester 2.5 Credits (Honors)
Grade 11, 12

The Hasbrouck Heights School Design Thinking Program is an innovative effort to foster creative and innovative design thinking at the high school level. The course for juniors and seniors, *Design Thinking, Innovating for the 21st Century,* is modeled after the design thinking program at Stanford University's d. School. The course teaches students the design thinking methodology pioneered by innovator David Kelley, CEO of the IDEO Corporation and Director of the Stanford Design School. During the first part of the semester, a group of about twenty students learn the design thinking methodology and critical design "mindsets" that foster breakthrough innovation. Following this intensive training phase, the students are presented with a real-world design challenge provided by a corporate partner. The responsibility of the corporate partner is to provide the students with an open-ended, real-world problem facing the company. The "design challenge" is typically presented to the student innovation team at the company headquarters where initial background and data are provided. During the next several weeks, the students work through the design process at the Hasbrouck Heights Design Lab where they ultimately produce critical insights, prototypes, and innovative solutions related to the company's "challenge." The students make their final presentation at the company headquarters at the end of the semester. Other school districts that have offered this course have reported that the experience has been tremendously beneficial and empowering for the students, and the insights and solutions produced by these young innovators have been a valuable asset for our industry partners.

#### **Business Courses**

Personal Finance Semester 2.5 Credits (standard)

Prerequisite: None Grade 10, 11, 12

The purpose of Personal Finance is to give students an understanding of our economic system. This will be accomplished through a study of the American economy and of the major areas in which consumers need help in making money management decisions: using credit, banking services, buying goods and services, evaluating advertising and using labels and brands as buying guides. This course presents the basic aspects of personal financial decision-making. Students will be able to explore a broad range of today's' assets/investment alternatives, including stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and savings instruments. Students will learn about important financial topics such as different retirement plan options, avoiding identity theft, etc. Technology will be integrated throughout the curriculum to assist the students with researching and preparing course materials.

#### \*\*Introduction to Accounting (DE)

Full Year 5.0 Credits

(college)

Prerequisite: None Grade 10, 11, 12

This course prepares the student for initial jobs in accounting departments. It will serve as a basis for college accounting, for keeping records in small businesses, for performing the separate function in a large accounting office and to provide many of the general concepts of business operations essential to all business workers, including computerized accounting. It is hoped that through knowledge of accounting practices, the students will show increased competence in managing their personal affairs.

#### \*\*Entrepreneurship (DE)

Full Year 5.0 Credits

(college)

Prerequisite: None Grade 10, 11, 12

This course acquaints students with the knowledge and skills necessary to own and operate their own businesses. Topics from several fields typically form the course content: economics, marketing principles, human relations and psychology, business and labor law, legal rights and responsibilities of ownership, business and financial planning, finance and accounting, and communication.

Business Law Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)

Prerequisite: None Grade 10, 11, 12

This course emphasizes legal concepts that are relevant to business and business organizations. Topics examined in this course include contracts, buying/renting property, installment buying, insurance, buyer/seller relationships, negotiable instruments, employment, taxes, insurance, commercial papers, legal organizational structures, and consumer liabilities.

Finance Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)

Prerequisite: None Grade 10, 11, 12

In this course students will learn about the world of finance. This course addresses how businesses raise, distribute, and use financial resources while managing risk. Course content involves modeling financial decisions (such as borrowing, selling equity or stock, lending or investing) typically undertaken by businesses.

#### Business Management

Semester 2.5 Credits (standard)

Prerequisite: None Grade 10, 11, 12

This course is designed to provide students with an understanding of the U.S. business system, its organizations, and its management. This course examines the various leadership and management styles of a variety of successful business organizations, large and small.

#### **Sports and Entertainment Marketing**

Semester 2.5 Credits (standard)

**Prerequisite: None** 

Grade 10, 11, 12

This course provides students with a thorough understanding of fundamental marketing and management concepts and theories as they relate to the sports and entertainment industries. Students will study the promotion of sports/events, licensing, sponsorship and endorsements, branding, marketing research, product development, pricing and distribution strategies, sales, event planning, and the role of existing and emerging technologies. This course will also encourage students to develop job skills and explore career options.

Economics Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)
Prerequisite: None Grade 10, 11, 12

This course provides students with an overview of economics with a primary emphasis on the principles of microeconomics and the U.S. economic system. This course also covers topics such as principles of macroeconomics, international economics, and comparative economics. Economic principles may be presented in formal theoretical contexts, applied contexts, or both.

Teaching Profession Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)
Prerequisite: None Grade 10, 11, 12

This course introduces students to the principles underlying teaching and learning, the responsibilities and duties of teachers, and the techniques of imparting knowledge and information. This course exposes students to and trains them in classroom management, student behavior, leadership and human relations skills, assessment of student progress, teaching strategies, and various career opportunities in the field of education.

## **World Language Courses**

Spanish I Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)

Prerequisite: None Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

This course is designed to develop initial skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing, which are essential to all students. Additional emphasis is placed upon understanding and appreciating the Spanish people, their culture, language and institutions throughout the world. This study is enriched by the use of tapes, records, filmstrips, transparencies, dittos, magazines, and newspapers.

Spanish I Honors Full Year 5.0 Credits

(honors)

**Prerequisite: Honors Criteria** 

Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

This course is designed to develop initial skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing, which are essential to all students. This course is more comprehensive than Spanish I and moves at a faster pace while emphasizing the Spanish people, their culture, language and institutions throughout the world. A cultural research project is a component of the program.

Spanish II Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)
Prerequisite: Spanish I Grades 10, 11, 12

This course puts a continuing and special emphasis upon comprehension in reading, accuracy in writing, fluency in speaking and discrimination in listening. Daily classroom activities include vocabulary and basic grammatical skills, question and answer sessions, discussions, dialogues, dictation, and short readings. Audio-visual materials stimulate and enhance the study of our Spanish neighbors.

Spanish II Honors Full Year 5.0 Credits

(honors)

Prerequisite: Honors Criteria Grades 10, 11, 12

This course puts a continuing and special emphasis upon comprehension in reading, accuracy in writing, fluency in speaking and discrimination in listening. Daily classroom activities include vocabulary and basic grammatical skills, question and answer sessions, discussions, dialogues, dictation, and short readings. Audio-visual materials stimulate and enhance the study of our Spanish neighbors. This course is more comprehensive than Spanish II and moves at a faster pace. A research project is a component of this program.

Spanish III Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)

Prerequisite: Spanish II Grades 11, 12

This course commences with an intense grammatical review and subsequently attempts to improve the students' skills by stressing the finer points of pronunciation and intonation. There are readings from various genres of Hispanic literature, followed by discussions and tests to check comprehension and mode of expression. Audio-visual materials, lectures, and discussions of the history, geography, and culture of Spain, Central America, and South America are vital elements of this course.

Spanish III Honors Full Year 5.0 Credits

(honors)

Prerequisite: Honors Criteria Grades 11, 12

This course commences with an intense grammatical review and subsequently attempts to improve the students' skills by stressing the finer points of pronunciation and intonation. There are readings from various genres of Hispanic literature, followed by discussions and tests to check comprehension and mode of expression. Audio-visual materials,

lectures, and discussions of the history, geography, and culture of Spain, Central America, and South America are vital elements of this course. This course is more comprehensive than Spanish III and moves at a faster pace. A research project is a component of this program.

\*\*Spanish IV (DE)

Full Year 5.0 Credits (college)

**Prerequisite: Spanish III** 

**Grades 11, 12** 

This course enables students to continue to refine their skills utilizing a broader selection of activities. A close study is made of the various periods and masters of Hispanic literature. This is sometimes accomplished by independent study followed by group discussion. Much emphasis is placed on composition, writing, and conversation. Grammatical elements are reviewed individually whenever a student confronts a problem. A close look at current Hispanic culture throughout the world is presented by way of individual reports based on recent publications.

AP Spanish Full Year 5.0 Credits (college)

**Prerequisite: AP Criteria** 

Grades 11, 12

This course offers intensive development of listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. Readings include novels, plays, short stories, and newspaper and magazine articles. These readings serve as the basis for class discussions and for written work. Grammar study may be pointed or arise during literary analysis and interpretation. Such a study is then reinforced through correction and subsequent rewriting of student compositions. Students communicate almost exclusively in the target language in the classroom. Course content follows The College Board's Advanced Placement curricula in a foreign language. Students enrolled in this course will be prepared and expected to take the Advanced Placement test in May.

Italian I Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)

**Prerequisite: None** 

Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

This course introduces students to the Italian language and culture. Italian I emphasize basic grammar and syntax, simple vocabulary and the spoken accent so that students can read, write, speak, and understand the language at a basic level within predictable areas of need, using customary courtesies and conventions. Italian culture is introduced through the art, literature, customs, and history of the Italian- speaking people.

Italian II Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)

Prerequisite: Italian I

Grades 10, 11, 12

This course continues to stress the four skills. The goal is achieved through new vocabulary words, idiomatic expressions, and grammatical structure. Conversation and a variety of activities are centered on the student's life and natural situation. Extra activities and outside reading are encouraged throughout the course.

Italian III Full Year 5.0 Credits (standard)

Prerequisite: Italian II

**Grades 11, 12** 

The course continues to reinforce the four skills. The course covers different fields such as history, geography, culture, family experience, and politics. Mastery of the language is demonstrated through different activities and a variety of approaches. Activities include oral reports, composition, short stories, plays, cooking, independent reading, and projects. Grammar is reviewed and pronunciation is refined whenever it is necessary.

\*\*Italian IV (DE) Full Year 5.0 Credits

(college)

Prerequisite: Italian III

Grades 11. 12

This course will continue to improve the skills needed to read, write, comprehend and speak the Italian language. This goal is achieved with a wider choice of materials and with different activities. Emphasis is put on different kinds of

writing, a variety of readings, and a deeper appreciation of the language. Students will be enlightened and encouraged to develop an interest in the language beyond the secondary level.

AP Italian Full Year 5.0 Credits

(college)

Prerequisite: AP Criteria Grades 11, 12

This course offers intensive development of listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. Readings include novels, plays, short stories, and newspaper and magazine articles. These readings serve as the basis for class discussions and for written work. Grammar study may be pointed or arise during literary analysis and interpretation. Such a study is then reinforced through correction and subsequent rewriting of student compositions. Students communicate almost exclusively in the target language in the classroom. Course content follows The College Board's Advanced Placement curricula in a foreign language. Students enrolled in this course will be prepared and expected to take the AP test in May.

American Sign Language (Not Running 2020-2021 School Year) (standard)

**Full Year 5.0 Credits** 

Prerequisite: None Grades 9, 10, 11, 12

In this course, students are introduced to American Sign Language language and culture. This course prepares students to be able to communicate authentically in American Sign Language by interpreting (reading/viewing), exchanging (signing and reading), and presenting (signing) information on a variety of topics. Students are introduced to the relationship between the practices, perspectives, and cultures of deaf people and communities.

<sup>\*\*</sup> DE class pending approval from partnering colleges

## **Dual Enrollment (DE) Courses**

A dual enrollment course is a class sponsored by a college or university, which is taken by a high school student for college credits. Upon completion, students receive credit from a sponsoring institution and can apply to transfer these credits to whatever college or university they attend. Tuition is minimal. Hasbrouck Heights currently has a relationship with the following colleges. Please visit their websites to view the colleges that accept their courses.

#### **Dual Enrollment Partnerships:**

Bergen Community College: <a href="http://www.bergen.edu/pages1/pages/Home.aspx">http://www.bergen.edu/pages1/pages/Home.aspx</a>

Fairleigh Dickinson University (Middle College): <a href="http://view.fdu.edu/default.aspx?id=2748">http://view.fdu.edu/default.aspx?id=2748</a>

Seton Hall University (Project Acceleration): <a href="http://www.shu.edu/academics/artsci/project/project-acceleration/">http://www.shu.edu/academics/artsci/project/project-acceleration/</a>

Syracuse University: <a href="http://supa.syr.edu">http://supa.syr.edu</a>

#### **Projected Dual Enrollment Courses for 2020-2021:**

Anatomy and Physiology

Entrepreneurship (Small Business Management)

Introduction to Accounting

Italian IV

Modern US Honors

Spanish IV

### **Advanced Placement (AP) Courses**

An Advanced Placement Course is a class sponsored by the College Board. It enables a high school student to earn college credit in accordance with the guidelines of each college. Students enrolled in an AP course will be expected to take the Advanced Placement test in May (cost minimal). The Board of Education will reimburse 100% of your cost for a test score of a '4' or '5' and reimburse 50% of your costs for a test score of '3'.

#### **Projected AP Courses for 2020-2021:**

AP Biology

AP Italian

AP Physics

AP Music Theory

• AP Computer Science

AP Calculus AB

AP Chemistry

AP Studio Art

AP Psychology

• AP English Literature and Composition

AP Statistics

• AP Spanish

AP Language and Composition

If you have additional questions, please contact your school counselor.

#### 2624.1 - HIGH SCHOOL AP/HONORS: ACADEMIC STANDARDS, ACADEMIC ASSESSMENTS, and ACCOUNTABILITY

#### **QUALIFYING CRITERIA**

Honors Criteria - Students need to meet 2 of the 3 following criteria to qualify for Honors courses:

- 1: a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in a current honors course OR a minimum semester 1 average of 92 in a current college preparatory course. Semester 1 averages will be inclusive of homework, classwork, and midterm examination grades.
- 2: a 4/5 on the NJSLA (NJ Student Learning Assessment),
- 3: a minimum score of 480 or higher on the most current administration of the PSAT/SAT (section(s) pending course requirements).

Starting SY 20-21, students must have a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in a current honors course OR a minimum semester 1 average of 92 in a current college preparatory course. In addition, students must have 1 of the 2 following criteria:

- 1: a score of 4 or 5 on the most current NJSLA (NJ Student Learning Assessment) (required section(s) depending on subject area)
- 2: a minimum score of 480 or higher on the most current administration of the PSAT/SAT (required section(s) depending on subject area)

#### AP Criteria – Students must have both:

- 1: a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in a current honors prerequisite course OR a minimum semester 1 average of 92 in a current college preparatory prerequisite course
- 2: a minimum score of 550 on the most current ELA and/or mathematics PSAT/SAT sections, required section(s) depending on the subject area. Exceptions: For Art, Computer Science, Music, and World Language, please see the specific AP course description below.

All students who enroll in an AP course will take the AP test at the end of the course, or take a school-administered Final Assessment. When taking the AP test, a score of 4 or 5 will result in a 100% reimbursement of the test fee. (A score of 3 will result in 50% reimbursement)

<u>Transfer Students</u> - Placement in honors classes will be based on past academic records and required pre-requisites that have been achieved. A test may be given for a student to qualify into an Honors class where transcripts do not match with our course progression/program.

#### **APPEALS**

Students who do not meet the criteria for Honors or AP placement may appeal to the High School Principal if their semester 2 average or subsequent test score meets the qualifying criteria.

#### **Criteria for Science Courses**

<u>Honors Biology -</u> Student attains 2 of the following 3: a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in 8<sup>th</sup> grade Earth Science Honors OR a minimum semester 1 average of a 92 in 8<sup>th</sup> grade Earth Science-, a 4 or 5 on the NJSLA (both ELA & Math), and/or a minimum score of a 480 or higher on the most current administration of the PSAT (both ELA & Math).

Starting SY 20-21: Students must attain a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in 8<sup>th</sup> grade Earth Science Honors OR a minimum semester 1 average of a 92 in 8<sup>th</sup> grade Earth Science. Additionally, the student must attain 1 of the following 2: a 4 or 5 on the NJSLA (both ELA & Math), or a minimum score of 480 or higher on the most current administration of the PSAT (both ELA & Math).

<u>Honors Chemistry</u> - Student attains 2 of the following 3: a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in Honors Biology OR a minimum semester 1 average of 92 in Biology, a 4 or 5 on the NJSLA (both ELA & Math), and/or a minimum score of a 480 or higher on the most current administration of the PSAT (both ELA & Math).

Starting SY 20-21: Students must attain a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in Honors Biology OR a minimum semester 1 average of a 92 in Biology. Additionally, the student must attain 1 of the following 2: a 4 or 5 on the NJSLA (both ELA & Math), or a minimum score of 480 or higher on the most current administration of the PSAT (both ELA & Math).

<u>Honors Physics</u> - Student attains 2 of the following 3: a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in Honors Chemistry OR a minimum semester 1 average of 92 in Chemistry, a 4 or 5 on the NJSLA (both ELA & Math), and/or a minimum score of a 480 or higher on the most current administration of the PSAT (both ELA & Math).

Starting SY 20-21: Students must attain a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in Honors Chemistry OR a minimum semester 1 average of a 92 in Chemistry. Additionally, the student must attain 1 of the following 2: a 4 or 5 on the NJSLA (both ELA & Math), or a minimum score of 480 or higher on the most current administration of the PSAT (both ELA & Math).

<u>AP Biology</u> - Student attains a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in Honors Biology and a minimum score of 550 on both the most current ELA and mathematics sections of the PSAT/SAT OR student attains a minimum semester 1 average of 92 in Biology and a minimum score of 550 on both the most current ELA and mathematics sections of the PSAT/SAT.

\*PSAT and SAT score criteria are subject to change based on new high school proficiency requirements to be set by the state of New Jersey.

<u>AP Chemistry - Student attains a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in Honors Chemistry and a minimum score of 550 on both the most current ELA and mathematics sections of the PSAT/SAT OR student attains a minimum semester 1 average of 92 in Chemistry and a minimum score of 550 on both the most current ELA and mathematics sections of the PSAT/SAT.</u>

\*PSAT and SAT score criteria are subject to change based on new high school proficiency requirements to be set by the state of New Jersey.

<u>AP Physics -</u> Student attains a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in Honors Physics and a minimum score of 550 on both the most current ELA and mathematics sections of the PSAT/SAT OR student attains a minimum semester 1 average of 92 in Physics and a minimum score of 550 on both the most current ELA and mathematics sections of the PSAT/SAT.

\*PSAT and SAT score criteria are subject to change based on new high school proficiency requirements to be set by the state of New Jersey.

#### **Criteria for Social Studies Courses**

<u>Honors Early US History (US I)</u> - Student attains 2 of the following 3: a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in 8th grade Social Studies Honors OR a minimum semester 1 average of 92 in 8th grade Social Studies, a 4 or 5 on ELA NJSLA, and/or a minimum score of 480 or higher on the most current administration of the PSAT (ELA section).

Starting SY 20-21: Students must attain a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies Honors OR a minimum semester 1 average of a 92 in 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies. Additionally, the student must attain 1 of the following 2: a 4 or 5 on the NJSLA (ELA section), or a minimum score of 480 or higher on the most current administration of the PSAT (ELA section).

<u>Honors Modern US History (US II)</u> - Student attains 2 of the following 3: a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in Honors Early US History I or a minimum semester 1 average of 92 in Early US History I, a 4 or 5 on ELA NJSLA, and/or a minimum score of 480 or higher on the most current administration of the PSAT (ELA section).

Starting SY 20-21: Students must attain a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in Honors Early US History OR a minimum semester 1 average of a 92 in Early US History. Additionally, the student must attain 1 of the following 2: a 4 or 5 on the NJSLA (ELA section), or a minimum score of 480 or higher on the most current administration of the PSAT (ELA section).

<u>Honors World History</u> - Student attains 2 of the following 3: a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in Honors Modern US History II or a minimum semester 1 average of 92 in Modern US History II, a 4 or 5 on ELA NJSLA, and/or a minimum score of 480 or higher on the most current administration of the PSAT (ELA section).

Starting SY 20-21: Students must attain a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in Honors Modern US History OR a minimum semester 1 average of a 92 in Modern US History. Additionally, the student must attain 1 of the following 2: a 4 or 5 on the NJSLA (ELA section), or a minimum score of 480 or higher on the most current administration of the PSAT (ELA section).

AP US History /AP Human Geography/AP US Government and Politics/AP Government/AP World History - Student attains a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in Modern US History II and a minimum score of 550 on the most current ELA section of the PSAT/SAT OR student attains a minimum semester 1 average of 92 in Modern US History II and a minimum score of 550 on the most current ELA section of the PSAT/SAT.

\*PSAT and SAT score criteria are subject to change based on new high school proficiency requirements to be set by the state of New Jersey.

<u>AP Psychology</u> - Student attains a minimum semester 1 average of 92 in psychology, developmental psychology or particular topics in psychology and a minimum score of 550 on the most current ELA section of the PSAT/SAT.

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#### **Criteria for World Language Courses**

<u>Spanish I Honors</u> – Students must be on honors track or referral from teacher.

<u>Spanish II & III Honors/IV(DE)</u> – Student attains a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in the prior Spanish Honors course or a 92 in the prior Spanish course. Additionally, the student must earn an 85 or better on the Spanish Honors (II, III, IV) Midterm OR student must earn an 88 on the Spanish (II, III, IV) Midterm.

<u>AP Spanish</u> - Student attains a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in Spanish III Honors OR a minimum semester 1 average of 92 in Spanish III.

AP Italian - Student attains a minimum semester 1 average of 92 in Italian III.

#### **Criteria for Art and Music Courses**

<u>Studio Art Honors / Music Theory Honors</u>- Students must successfully complete a subject specific elective and obtain a teacher recommendation.

<u>AP Art / AP Music</u> - A teacher recommendation must be provided in order for a student to take an AP Art or AP Music course.

#### **Criteria for Language Arts Courses**

<u>Honors English 9</u> - Student attains 2 of the following 3: a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in Honors 8<sup>th</sup> Grade English or a minimum semester 1 average of 92 in regular 8<sup>th</sup> grade English, a 4 or 5 on ELA NJSLA, and/or a minimum score of 480 or higher on the most current administration of the PSAT (ELA section).

Starting SY 20-21: Students must attain a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in 8<sup>th</sup> grade English Honors OR a minimum semester 1 average of a 92 in 8<sup>th</sup> grade English. Additionally, the student must attain 1 of the following 2: a 4 or 5 on the NJSLA (ELA section), or a minimum score of 480 or higher on the most current administration of the PSAT (ELA section).

<u>Honors English 10</u> - Student attains 2 of the following 3: a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in Honors English 9 or a minimum semester 1 average of 92 in English 9, a 4 or 5 on ELA NJSLA, and/or a minimum score of 480 or higher on the most current administration of the PSAT (ELA section).

Starting SY 20-21: Students must attain a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in Honors English 9 OR a minimum semester 1 average of a 92 in English 9. Additionally, the student must attain 1 of the following 2: a 4 or 5 on the NJSLA (ELA section), or a minimum score of 480 or higher on the most current administration of the PSAT (ELA section).

<u>Honors English</u> - Student attains 2 of the following 3: a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in Honors English 10 or a minimum semester 1 average of 92 in English 10, a 4 or 5 on ELA NJSLA, and/or a minimum score of 480 or higher on the most current administration of the PSAT (ELA section).

Starting SY 20-21: Students must attain a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in Honors English 10 OR a minimum semester 1 average of a 92 in English 10. Additionally, the student must attain 1 of the following 2: a 4 or 5 on the NJSLA (ELA section), or a minimum score of 480 or higher on the most current administration of the PSAT (ELA section).

<u>Honors English 12</u> - Student attains 2 of the following 3: a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in Honors English 11 or a minimum semester 1 average of 92 in English 11, a 4 or 5 on ELA NJSLA, and/or a minimum score of 480 or higher on the most current administration of the PSAT (ELA section).

Starting SY 20-21: Students must attain a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in Honors English 11 OR a minimum semester 1 average of a 92 in English 11. Additionally, the student must attain 1 of the following 2: a 4 or 5 on the NJSLA (ELA section), or a minimum score of 480 or higher on the most current administration of the PSAT (ELA section).

<u>AP English Language and Composition</u> - Student attains a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in Honors English 10 and a minimum score of 550 on the most current ELA section of the PSAT/SAT OR student attains a minimum semester 1 average of 92 in English 10 and a minimum score of 550 on the most current ELA section of the PSAT/SAT.

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<u>AP English Literature and Composition</u> - Student attains a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in Honors English 11 or AP Language and Composition and a minimum score of 550 on the most current ELA section of the PSAT/SAT OR student attains a minimum semester 1 average of 92 in English 11 and a minimum score of 550 on the most current ELA section of the PSAT/SAT.

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#### **Criteria for Mathematics Courses**

<u>Algebra 1 Honors -</u> Student attains 2 of the following 3: a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in 8th-grade Mathematics or a minimum semester 1 average of 92 in regular 8<sup>th</sup> grade Mathematics, a 4 or 5 on the NJSLA (Math section), and/or a minimum score of 480 or higher on the most current administration of the PSAT (Math section).

Starting SY 20-21: Students must attain a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in 8<sup>th</sup> grade Honors Mathematics OR a minimum semester 1 average of a 92 in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mathematics. Additionally, the student must attain 1 of the following 2: a 4 or 5 on the NJSLA (Math section), or a minimum score of a 480 or higher on the most current administration of the PSAT (Math section).

<u>Geometry Honors</u> - Student attains 2 of the following 3: a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in Algebra 1 Honors or a minimum semester 1 average of 92 in Algebra 1, a 4 or 5 on the NJSLA (Math section), and/or a minimum score of 480 or higher on the most current administration of the PSAT (Math section).

Starting SY 20-21: Student must attains a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in Algebra I Honors OR a minimum semester 1 average of a 92 in Algebra I. Additionally student must attain 1 of the following 2: a 4 or 5 on the NJSLA (Math section), or a minimum score of a 480 or higher on the most current administration of the PSAT/SAT (Math section).

<u>Algebra II Honors</u> - Student attains 2 of the following 3: a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in Geometry Honors or a minimum semester 1 average of 92 in Geometry, a 4 or 5 on the NJSLA (Math section), and/or a minimum score of 480 or higher on the most current administration of the PSAT/SAT (Math section).

Starting SY 20-21: Students must attain a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in Geometry Honors OR a minimum semester 1 average of a 92 in Geometry. Additionally, the student must attain 1 of the following 2: a 4 or 5 on the NJSLA (Math section), or a minimum score of 480 or higher on the most current administration of the PSAT/SAT (Math section).

<u>Pre-Calculus Honors/ Trigonometry Honors</u> - Student attains 2 of the following 3: a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in Algebra 2 Honors or a minimum semester 1 average of 92 in Algebra 2, a 4 or 5 on the NJSLA (Math section), and/or a minimum score of 480 or higher on the most current administration of the PSAT/SAT (Math section).

Starting SY 20-21: Students must attain a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in Algebra II Honors OR a minimum semester 1 average of a 92 in Algebra II. Additionally, the student must attain 1 of the following 2: a 4 or 5 on the NJSLA (Math section), or a minimum score of a 480 or higher on the most current administration of the PSAT (Math section).

<u>AP Calculus</u> - Student attains a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in Pre-Calculus Honors and a minimum score of 550 on the most current Math section of the PSAT/SAT OR student attains a minimum semester 1 average of 92 in Pre-Calculus and a minimum score of 550 on the most current Math section of the PSAT/SAT.

\*PSAT and SAT score criteria are subject to change based on new high school proficiency requirements to be set by the

state of New Jersey.

#### **Statistics Honors-**

Starting SY 20-21:Student attains a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in Algebra II Honors or Pre-Calculus Honors and a minimum score of 550 on the most current Math section of the PSAT/SAT OR student attains a minimum semester 1 average of 92 in Pre-Calculus and a minimum score of 550 on the most current Math section of the PSAT/SAT.

\*PSAT and SAT score criteria are subject to change based on new high school proficiency requirements to be set by the state of New Jersey.

<u>AP Statistics</u> - Student attains a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in Pre-Calculus Honors and a minimum score of 550 on the most current Math section of the PSAT/SAT OR student attains a minimum semester 1 average of 92 in Pre-Calculus and a minimum score of 550 on the most current Math section of the PSAT/SAT.

\*PSAT and SAT score criteria are subject to change based on new high school proficiency requirements to be set by the state of New Jersey.

#### **Criteria for Business Courses**

<u>AP Macroeconomics/AP Microeconomics/AP Economics</u> - Student attains a minimum semester 1 average of 85 in honors math and language arts and a minimum score of 550 on the most current ELA and mathematics section of the PSAT/SAT OR student attains a minimum semester 1 average of 92 in math and language arts and a minimum score of 550 on the most current ELA and mathematics sections of the PSAT/SAT.

\*PSAT and SAT score criteria are subject to change based on new high school proficiency requirements to be set by the state of New Jersey.

#### **Criteria for Computer Science Courses**

<u>AP Computer Science</u> - Student attains a minimum score of 580 on the ELA and Mathematics sections of the most current PSAT/SAT.

\*PSAT and SAT score criteria are subject to change based on new high school proficiency requirements to be set by the state of New Jersey.