



Elkhorn High School

Curriculum Planning for 8th Graders

- **Registration Form/Course selections on the back**
- **Letter to parents**
- **Optional Summer School Contract**
- **Parent email includes curriculum guide and summer school contract**

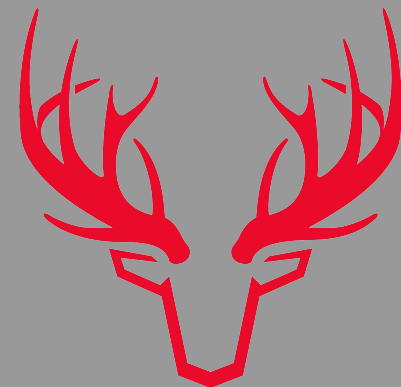
Counseling Staff

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- Theresa Crnkovich: H-O
- Megan Scobie: P-Z
- Tracy Frevert: Counseling Secretary



How are the recommendations on the registration sheet made?

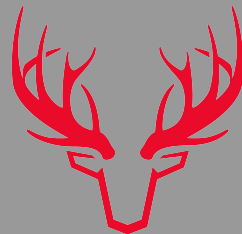
- **Honors English**
 - Multiple standardized test scores/Grades
 - High school administrator input
 - **Maps scores will be re-evaluated at the end of the year**
- **Math:** based on current math class
 - **Must pass** 8th grade class to move forward
- **Spanish:** based on current Spanish class
 - **Must pass** 8th grade class to move forward



Special Programs

Support Classes--cannot be changed

- **ESLA:** Essential Skills of Language Arts – Current placement and multiple standardized scores/grades through the end of year
- **ESAT:** Essential Skills of Algebra Topics – Current placement and multiple standardized scores/grades through the end of year
- **Study Hall:** Current grades
- **Resource Study Hall:** Special Education Services recommendation



9th Grade Curriculum Choices

A class with * at the end is a semester class

9th Grade Course Selection		*=Semester Class	Indented=Has Prerequisite <input type="checkbox"/> ▶
ENGLISH (See Placement)		ART	JOURNALISM
<input type="checkbox"/>	English 9	<input type="checkbox"/>	Art I*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Honors English 9		<i>(Art 1 required for all remaining art classes)</i>
		<input type="checkbox"/> ▶	-Art II*
		<input type="checkbox"/> ▶	-Ceramics*
		<input type="checkbox"/> ▶	-Comp Graphics Photoshop*
		<input type="checkbox"/> ▶	-Comp Graphics Illustrator*
			<input type="checkbox"/> ▶
			-Photojournalism*
MATHEMATICS (See Placement)		MUSIC	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Algebra I		Band
<input type="checkbox"/>	Honors Geometry		Choir
<input type="checkbox"/>	Honors Algebra II		
		BUSINESS	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Fundamentals*
		<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Fundamentals* Online (Summer)
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Programmng*
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Personal Finance/Careers*
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Personal Finance/Careers Online (Summer)*
SCIENCE		PERFORMING ARTS	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Physical Science		Acting *
			Speech and Debate*
			Advanced Acting*
			Stagecraft*
SOCIAL STUDIES		FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Civics*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Housing & Interior Design*
<input type="checkbox"/>	World Geography*	<input type="checkbox"/>	Textiles /Clothing Design*
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Child Development*
WORLD LANGUAGE		STUDY HALL	
			Study Hall (Sem 1)*(no credit)
			Study Hall (Sem 2)*(no credit)
			Tech Team-replaces study hall (Either) (1/2 credit)
<input type="checkbox"/>	French I		<i>Could lead to a technology certification.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Japanese I		<i>(There is an interview process.)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spanish I		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spanish II		
		Skilled and Technical Sciences	
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Woods I*
		<input type="checkbox"/> ▶	-Woods II Furniture*
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Intro to Engineering /Architecture*
		<input type="checkbox"/> ▶	-Architecture I*
		<input type="checkbox"/> ▶	-Engineering I*
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Small Engines I* (Sem 1)
		<input type="checkbox"/> ▶	-Small Engines II* (Sem 2)
PHYSICAL EDUCATION			
<input type="checkbox"/>	PE & Health*		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Summer PE & Health*		

9th Grade Year Long Electives

Band

Freshman Chorus

Foreign Language

**French
Japanese
Spanish**



There are many different college requirements for foreign language. We encourage students to have two years of the same foreign language by graduation.

Study Hall

(can be for one semester or full year)



Graduation requirements can be easily reached if a student takes a study hall each semester and passes all of their classes.

9th Grade Semester Electives

Art (must take Art 1 before all others)

- Art I
- Art II
- Ceramics
- Computer Graphics Illustrator
- Computer Graphics Photoshop

FACS

- Child Development
- Housing & Interior Design
- Textiles, Clothing & Design

Journalism

- Journalism (must take before Photojournalism)
- Photojournalism

Theatre Arts

- Acting
- Adv Acting
- Stagecraft
- Speech and Debate

Skilled and Tech Sciences

- Wood/Tech I
- Woods II Furniture
- Intro to Engineering/Architecture
- Engineering I
- Architecture I
- Small Engines I & II

Business

- IT Fundamentals
- Programming
- Personal Finance and Careers

Study Hall

(can be for one semester or full year)

Optional Summer School – PE/Health

- Approx May 27 to June 19 (M-F) 8 am to noon
- Very strict attendance (only 2 excused absences allowed)
- Goes through curriculum very quickly with a lot of classroom reading every day
- Need to be able to keep up with the fast pace of the class

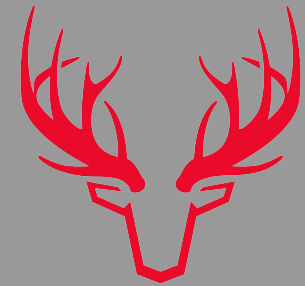
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- **Can take Summer PE and IT Fundamentals or Personal Finance Online in the summer.**
 - **If you are interested, contracts are due: March 4th.**

Optional Summer School – Personal Finance and Careers **OR** IT Fundamentals Online

- Web based—Complete work at home and take tests at school (approx 6 test dates)
- Need to be an independent, motivated student with strong mathematical and computer skills
- There will be a parent meeting in May to go over expectations and answer questions
- Generally offered in June/July

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- ***Only One ONLINE Class Per Summer***
 - **If you are interested, contracts are due March 4th.**

Course Registration Sheet



Requests

Course Number	Course Name	Credit Hours
0212	Algebra I	1
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0410	Civics	1
0016	English 9	1
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0800	PE	.5
0321	Physical Science	1
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0411	World Geog	1

Can only do one PE class in 9th grade.

Credit Hours Requested: 8.5

Above is a listing of recommended courses for the upcoming school year. Please see the chart below to finalize your elective choices (if any). Electives may have been recommended for you. Examples include Spanish II, Study Hall, ESLA 9 or ESAT. Required courses are listed in the box below. Additional choices are listed on the back of this sheet. Please note if an elective is yearlong or one semester to properly complete the registration.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION 42 Credits:

- 8 semesters English
- 6 semesters Science
- 6 semesters Mathematics
- 6 semesters Social Studies (2 American History, 1 Civics or AP US Government and Politics)
- 2 semesters Physical Education
- 1 semester Financial Literacy (Personal Finance and Careers)
- 1 semester Computer Science/Technology (IT Fundamentals, Programming, or AP Computer Science)
- 12 semesters Electives

	First Semester	Second Semester
English	See Above	See Above
Math	See Above	See Above
Science	Physical Science 9	Physical Science 9
Social Studies	Civics	World Geography
PE/Elective	PE 9/Health	
ELECTIVE		
ELECTIVE		
ALTERNATE		

Please CIRCLE the summer classes you are interested in taking next summer:

- Summer IT Fundamentals
- Summer Personal Finance Online
- 9th Grade Summer PE

If you circled 9th Grade Summer PE, what semester elective will replace it? _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please select
electives and
alternates

If we can't get your first choice to work and you don't pick an alternate, we will pick one for you.

Please circle optional summer classes if you are interested. If you choose summer PE, please write in the replacement elective.

Reminders:



9th Grade Registration Night:

- Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at EHS
 - Music starts at 5:40, Presentation at 6:00 pm
 - Bring your completed registration sheet
 - Bring your completed optional summer school form if interested. (Due March 4th at the latest)
 - If you know you are not attending EHS next year, please see one of us before you leave the lunch room.
- **You will be able to attend a 9th grade orientation/open house in August and you can tour the school at that time.**

Looking forward to seeing you in August!