

# 9TH GRADE ELECTIVE OFFERINGS FOR 2022-2023

## Scheduling Reminders and Guidance

- Choose wisely, you are not going to have the chance to change your mind. GHS uses year long scheduling, which limits changes.
- You need 3 credits from the Career & Technical Education / Foreign Language / Fine Arts options for graduation. All of these courses are listed on the BACK of this paper.
- Check out your GHS Website for more in-depth information concerning the electives and the course selection process.
- You only have spots for **six** classes in your schedule and **four** of them are taken by the "normal" core classes. The other **two** choices should prepare you for college or at least be something you are interested in.

## ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

All AP courses are taught & evaluated at the college level. **These courses will require 5-10 hours of study per week and the commitment is for the entire school year.** AP Exams will be administered in May with the opportunity to earn college credit. It is the expectation that if you take the course, you take the AP exam. The AP course of study is based on a national curriculum. Most highly selective four-year institutions require between six and twelve AP courses on a student's transcript.

### AP Human Geography:

Study of patterns & processes of human languages, religion, politics, & population. There is a strong emphasis on vocabulary as well as how geography impacts the economic and political development of nations. **Great first course for being introduced to the rigors of the AP Curriculum.**

### AP Environmental Science: 4th year Science!

College level course work that covers ecology, energy resources & conversation, pollution, and biotechnology. This course has a high level of homework and outside labs for students to complete. This is a great option for students that have completed Biology in 8th grade and would like to AP Biology later in their high school career.

**Great course when teamed with AP Human Geography.**

## OTHER ELECTIVE OPTIONS

**Basic Agricultural Science** – This hands on course utilizes our green house as students learn how to maximize the resources of our environment. This is the first course in a new pathway that includes Future Farmers of America (FFA). This course also counts as a Technical Education credit towards graduation.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

*\*Intro to Life Fitness is a pre-requisite for Body Sculpting, Weight Training, and Personal Fitness*

**Personal Fitness & Health:** Each course is a semester course and required courses for graduation; Personal Fitness requires dressing out everyday.

**All students are enrolled for these courses automatically and must Complete BOTH by the end of the 9th grade school year.**

**Body Sculpting\* (Girls only):** Basic instruction on methods to condition the body; Lifting weights & physical fitness training. **PE & Health during the summer are prerequisites for enrollment into this course.**

**Weight Training\* (Boys only):** Focus on building strength & endurance; requires lifting weights & physical fitness training. **PE & Health during the summer are prerequisites for enrollment into this course.**

**Team Sports\*:** Focus on team sports and providing a period to practice these activities. **PE & Health during the summer are prerequisites for enrollment into this course.**

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE

**(Counts as a Foreign Language credit)**

Grayson High School offers four different language pathways: Spanish, French, Latin and German. For 9th graders, space is extremely limited unless a student has already started their language at the middle school level. We will have each of these languages on the course selection sheet, but know that space is very limited.

For students that have successfully completed Spanish 1 or French 1 at the middle school level, your second level course will automatically be put in your schedule.

Please understand that students are not required to take a foreign language to graduate from high school. A very high percentage of four year colleges require a minimum of two consecutive years of a language for admissions.

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## NUTRITION & EDUCATION COURSES (Counts as a Technical Education credit)

**Food, Nutrition and Wellness:** This course leads to the advanced nutrition pathway and develops a knowledge base and skills necessary to select among alternatives in the marketplace.

**Early Childhood Education I:** The Early Childhood Education I course is the foundational course under the Early Childhood Care & Education pathway. This course explores prenatal development as well as the growth and development of infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and middle childhood.

## DRAMA (Counts as a Fine Arts credit)

**Theatre Fundamentals:** Fundamentals of theatre, I / II. Learn the basics of drama in this intro course leading to various options through a student's four years at Grayson High School

## PERFORMING ARTS

### (Counts as a Fine Arts credit)

*\*AUDITION or TEACHER RECOMMENDATION  
required for courses above Beginning*

**Band (Mr. Ancell— Band Room):** Intermediate, Advanced, Intermediate and Advanced Instrumental Ensemble

**Chorus (Mrs. Strabala):** Beginning (Women's and Men's), Intermediate \*, Choral Ensembles

**Orchestra (Dr. Yoo —Orchestra room) -**  
Intermediate, Advanced, or Mastery Chamber

**Dance (Ms. Howel) -**Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced with a focus on all genres.

Fine Arts placement in higher than beginning levels is based on teacher placement and preference.

## ROBOTICS

### (Counts as a Technical Education credit)

**Foundations of Engineering** This course is aimed specifically at students interested in engineering and robotics and the role of automation in our society.  
growing economy.

## MARKETING & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

### (Counts as a Technical Education credit)

**Intro to Digital Technology:** Program robots, Webpage design (HTML & CSS), Programming with Scratch & Alice, create android apps, networking concepts & computer hardware & software. In this course, students are asked to continually produce work and practice the skills learned. This course is extremely popular. We offer this course online as well through Gwinnett Online Campus if we do not have the space to accommodate all requests.

**Marketing Principles:** Open to all students! Learn the basics of bringing products to market, public speaking, trends in the marketplace, problem solving, selling and interview skills. This course is a great fit for students that enjoy collaboration and project based learning activities.

**Intro to Business and Technology:** This course provides an overview of business and technology skills required for today's business environment. Students will master Microsoft Office word processing, spreadsheet, and presentation software. In this course, students are asked to continually produce work and practice the skills learned in the course.

## VISUAL ARTS (Counts as a Fine Arts credit)

**Visual Art I / II** Beginning level class; experience with two & three dimensional art work; Learn basic skills of drawing, painting, clay, & sculpture. This is one of our most popular 9th grade courses and space is often very limited.

## Jr ROTC—Army (Counts as a Technical Education credit)

Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) is a program that teaches students (Cadets) character education, student achievement, wellness, leadership, and diversity. Collectively, these lessons motivate students to be better citizens. In addition to promoting citizenship, JROTC also prepares students for college. **Health and physical fitness requirements are met by completing three years of JROTC instruction.** JROTC is a voluntary elective. Cadets are required to wear the Army Service Uniform one day per week. Cadets must maintain an acceptable standard of academic achievement, maintain an acceptable standard of conduct and must be able to participate in the physical education program. Extra-curricular teams include; Academic, Leadership, Raider, Drill and Color Guard.