

## ***Required Electives***

### **815-845 Physical Education (.25 Cr.)**

**Grade 9–12**

Through a variety of indoor and outdoor games, sports, and other athletic activities, students are provided with experiences which promote physical fitness, growth, and development.

### **110 PASS – Pathway to Academic Student Success (.25 Cr.)**

**Grade 9**

This quarter course is designed to provide students with A. an understanding of Google Drive, including Docs, Sheets, Slides, Forms, Drawings, and Sites B. introduce the correct planning process C. communicate skills to ensure success throughout all of high school, strengthen study skills, and understand academic assistance. **All freshmen are required to take this course.**

### **210 Research & Writing Skills (.25 Cr.)**

**Grade 9**

This quarter course introduces students to the basic types of skills needed to research information in most reference materials including the state research data base, POWER LIBRARY. The students will then produce a formal research paper.

**All freshmen are required to take this course.**

### **710 Music Appreciation (.25 Cr.)**

**Grade 9**

Beginning with basic fundamentals, this class is designed to allow students to develop the necessary skill to listen carefully, identify the building blocks of all music, and understand how music is related to human culture today. Basic notation, instrument families, various music styles and genres, Western and non-Western music, and time periods of music will be discussed. **All freshmen are required to take this course**

### **220 Standardized Test Prep Course (STPC) (.125 Cr.)**

**Grade 10**

This course, being offered by the Math and English Departments, will help students develop the skills and test taking strategies needed to prepare for standardized testing, focusing on the PSAT and SAT tests. A calculator will be required for the Math classroom days. **All sophomores are required to take this course.**

### **820 Drivers' Education Theory (.25 Cr.)**

**Grade 10**

This course consists of 30 hours of classroom theory according to the PA Dept of Ed. The content will provide students with the knowledge and skills that should enable them to become safe and informed members of the Highway Transportation System. The attainment of this expectation will allow students to safely use this system with greater confidence and higher skill levels. Students will receive a certificate of participation if they meet the classroom requirements.

**All Sophomores are required to take this course.**

### **823 Health (Boys) (.25 Cr.) 824 Health (Girls) (.25 Cr.)**

**Grade 10**

This course covers the topics of general health, mental health, stress, stages within our life cycle, the reproductive system, communicable diseases with an emphasis on sexually transmitted diseases, nutrition, tobacco, alcohol, and illegal drugs.

### **230 Speech Communication (.25 Cr.)**

**Grade 11**

This course will stress the impact of communication on one's life and the significance of one's role as a communicator. Speech communication will help students develop their listening and speaking skills by introducing them to communication theory, a variety of public-speaking categories, and peer critiques. **All Juniors are required to take this course.**

### **130 Career and Financial Management (.5 Cr.)**

**Grade 11**

This course will offer students an opportunity to evaluate themselves in decisions regarding life after high school. Students will evaluate the cost of planned career goals and cost of education to pursue it. Job applications, resumes and interviewing will be reviewed along with payroll and taxes. Bank services, savings and investment opportunities, budgeting, proper credit usage and available insurances for health, auto, life, etc. will be reviewed.

**All Juniors are required to take this course.**

### **240 Research Paper (.25 Cr)**

**Grade 12**

Through a guided, systematic approach to research and writing, the student gains the skills and hands-on experience necessary to produce a five-to-seven page research paper. This is accomplished by using library research resources and writing a research paper in MLA and APA formats, and a designated research format appropriately. In addition, concepts such as narrowing a topic, developing a thesis statement, collecting and documenting sources, and taking notes effectively will be addressed.

**All seniors will be required to take this course.**